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THE HOLY SCRIPTURES OF THE OLD Testament: WITH ANNOTATIONS AND Parallel Scriptures.

GENESIS.

The ARGUMENT.

THE Holy Scriptures as they were written To the Church (being committed to her Custody, Psal. 147.19. Rom. 9. 4.) *and For the Church, for her Instruction,* (Rom. 14. 4.) *So the Historical part thereof contains chiefly an Account of the Affairs of the Church. And accordingly this first Book of Scripture relates the Original of the Church, by God's Creating Man in his own Image, with Ability to Know, Love, Serve, and Worship him. And here his Church-State or Membership did consist (as I take it) in his worshiping God according to his known Will. But this Ability being built upon a slippery Foundation,* viz. *the Fickleness of his own Will, he soon made defection from God, and set up for himself, going about to establish and exalt his own Wisdom, instead of depending upon God. For Remedy whereof, God builds his Church a second time upon a surer Foundation,* viz. *the Covenant of Grace in Christ, who became the Surety of the Covenant,* (Heb. 7. 22.) *to undertake in the behalf of Man that he should perform the Conditions of it. Then* Moses *shews the state of Religion, both as to its Purity and Corruption: How the Church was preserv'd in the Ark when the whole World was drown'd: How it was confin'd to one Family, (which afterwards became a great Nation) distinguisht from the World by a peculiar Mark or Badge of Circumcision; and how it fared with 'em afterwards for many Generations; in all about* 2369 *Years,* viz. *from the beginning of the World to the Death of* Joseph.

CHAP. I.

1 *The Creation of Heaven and Earth, &c.* 26 *Of man in the image of God.* 29 *The appointment of food.*

* Psal. 33. 6. & 136. 5. Acts 14. 15. & 17. 24. Hebr. 11. 3.

IN * the [1] beginning [2] God [3] created the [4] heaven and the [5] earth.

[1] *Joh.* 1. 1. *viz.* of their Being. Here *Moses* shews how this whole Visible World, which we behold with our Eyes, came to have a Beginning, *q. d.* the World had a Beginning; and when it first began to Be, it was after this manner, *viz.* by Creation. [2] The Father, by the Son (*Eph.* 3. 9. *Heb.* 1. 10. See on *Joh.* 1. 3. *n.* 9.) and by the Holy Ghost, *Job* 26. 13. & 33. 4. *Psal.* 36. 6. & 104. 30. [3] *Heb.* 11. 3. *Act.* 17. 24. *Jer.* 51. 15. [4] The purer, thinner, and more refined, *viz.* the Etherial, and Aerial parts: called *Heaven* here by way of Anticipation. See *n.* 23. [5] The thicker and grosser, *viz.* the Watry, and Earthy parts. Thus I take this Verse to be only a Summary of the first days work, concerning the Common Matter of the World.

2 And the [6] earth was [7] without form and [8] void, and darkness *was* [9] upon the face of the [9] deep: and the [10] Spirit of God [11] moved upon the face of the [12] waters.

[6] The lower and grosser part of the World, (distinguish'd afterwards into *dry Land, and Water,* v. 9.) [7] Destitute of all Beauty; having neither Shape, nor Order; but all blended together in a confused heap. [8] Destitute of all those Ornaments, Furniture, and Inhabitants, which were afterwards bestow'd upon it. [9] Overspread all that vast Body, or bulk of thin Matter, (the proper subject of Light and Darkness) reaching from the thicker part, *i.e.* the watry Earth to the highest Heavens. [10] The Third Person in the Trinity, (to whom all the Works of God towards the Creatures are most properly ascribed, *Psal.* 104. 30. *Job* 26. 13.) [11] Communicated a cherishing, quickning vertue to 'em, (as a Hen to her Eggs) and in which he was now working to bring 'em into Order and Use. [12] That confused heap of watry Earth, (distinguish'd from the *Deep*. See *n.* 9.) out of which was afterwards produced all sorts of Creatures, both Vegetative, Sensitive, and the Humane Body. And this, probably may be the reason, why 'tis said here, *the Spirit of God moved upon the Face of the Waters*; but it's not said so of the Deep, that

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he moved upon the Face of That, becauſe out of that thinner part (tho' unconceivably the vaſter) yet nothing was produced; (except we ſhould ſay, the Light on the firſt day was made out of it) but even the Birds (the Inhabitants of the Air) were made out of the Waters (*v.*-21.) and Earth, *Ch.* 2.19. For, as for the Sun and Stars, I preſume they were made out of the Light that God created the firſt day.

* 2 Cor. 4. 6.

3 And God [13] ſaid, * Let there be [14] light, and there was light.

[13] *Pſal.* 33. 6,9. 2 *Cor.* 4. 6. Produced by his Son, his Eſſential Word (*Joh.* 1. 1.) and Power, (1 *Cor.* 1. 24.) by whom He made all things, *Joh.* 1. 3. [14] A bright, ſhining Body (out of which the Sun and Stars were afterwards made.)

4 And God [15] ſaw the light, that *it was* [16] good: and God [17] divided † the light from the darkneſs.

† Heb. *between the light and between the darkneſs.*

[15] Obſerved with Approbation. [16] *Ver.* 10,12,18,21,25, 31. (See there.) Perfect in its kind, and delightful (*Eccl.* 11. 7.) and uſeful to that End for which God deſign'd it. [17] Made one Hemiſphere, or half of the Air about the Earth, Light, while the other remain'd dark, by cauſing the Light to move about the Earth, and ſo to diſtinguiſh the Day from the Night, in the ſeveral parts of it.

5 And God [18] called the light Day, and the darkneſs he called Night: ‖ and the [19] evening and the [19] morning were the firſt day.

‖ Heb. *And the evening was, and the morning was*, &c.

[18] Ordain'd that it ſhould be ſo called. [19] The Night, or dark part of the Day, and the light part of it, (which did not ſucceed one another (as to the whole) but did exiſt both together; one in one half of the Globe, the other in the other: So that neither of 'em was firſt properly; for tho there was a Negative Darkneſs before, yet not a Privative.)

* Pſal. 136. 5. Jerem. 10. 12. & 51. 15.

6 ¶ And God ſaid, * [20] Let there be a ‖ [21] firmament in the midſt of the waters, and [22] let it divide the waters from the waters.

‖ Heb. *expanſion.*

[20] *Job* 37. 18. *Pſal.* 136. 5. *Jer.* 10.-12. & 51. 15. [21] The Air from the Earth up to the higheſt Heavens, *v.* 14. compared with *v.*-20. [22] Let part of the Waters aſcend (in Vapors) above part of the Air.

7 And God [23] made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* [24] under the firmament, from the waters which *were* [25] above the firmament: and it was ſo.

[23] More perfectly diſtinguiſh'd, and exactly ſeparated the thinner and more refined parts from the groſſer; which before might be partly blended together, as afterwards he divided between the Earth, and the Waters, (*v.* 9.) and ſo made it a diſtinct Body; and alſo built it into ſeveral Stories (*Am.* 9. 6.) between which, probably, there is a great difference in reſpect of their thinneſs and fineneſs. (And in this Senſe the word [*made*] is to be taken generally in this firſt Chapter, *i. e.* made them ſuch and ſuch diſtinct Beings as they were not afore.) [24] In the Sea, Rivers, *&c.* [25] *Pſal.* 148.-4. in the Clouds (called Waters, *Pſal.* 18. 11.) which hang in the Air, and are above part of it.

8 And God called the [26] firmament Heaven: and the [19] evening and the [19] morning were the ſecond day.

[26] *i. e.* the Air wherein the Birds fly, the Clouds gather, and the Stars move; which are the ſeveral Stories of Heaven, *Am.* 9. 6.

* Job 38. 8. Pſal. 33. 7. & 136. 6.

9 ¶ And God ſaid, * [27] Let the waters under the Heaven be [28] gathered together unto one place, and let the [29] dry-land appear: and it was ſo.

[27] *Job* 26. 10. & 38. 8. *Pſal.* 33. 7. & 104. 9. & 136. 6. *Prov.* 8. 29. *Jer.* 5. 22. [28] *Pſal.* 104. 8. [29] 2 *Pet.* 3. 5.

10 And God called the dry-land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called he ſeas: and God ſaw that *it was* [30] good.

[30] See *n.* 16. This Clauſe is not added to the ſecond Day's Work, becauſe the Work began then (*viz.* the Separation of the Waters) was not perfected till now.

11 And God ſaid, Let the earth [31] bring forth * [32] graſs, the herb yielding ſeed, *and* the fruit-tree yielding fruit [33] after his kind, [34] whoſe ſeed *is* in it ſelf, upon the earth: and it was ſo.

* Heb. *tender graſs.*

[31] Receive power and vertue to bring forth, both now at preſent, and for time to come. [32] Such Herbage as grows without being ſown. [33] According to the ſeveral kinds of Fruits. [34] Which has power, either in Root, Branch, Leaf, Fruit, or Bud, to propagate its kind.

12 And the earth brought forth graſs, *and* herb yielding ſeed [33] after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit [34], whoſe ſeed *was* in it ſelf [35] after his kind: and God ſaw that *it was* [35] good.

13 And the [19] evening and the [19] morning were the third day.

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[35] See *n.* 16. all of 'em uſeful in ſome kind or other; (tho' ſome of 'em may be hurtful now, ſince the Fall; which is the fruit of Sin.)

14 ¶ And God ſaid, Let there be * [36] lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide † [37] the day from the night: and let them be for [38] ſigns, and for [39] ſeaſons, and for [40] days, and [40] years.

* Deut. 4. 19. Pſal. 136. 7.

† Heb. *between the day and between the night.*

[36] *Deut.* 4. 19. *Pſal.* 74. 16. & 136. 7, 8, 9. more glorious than that created the firſt day. See *n.* 14. [37] The Light part of the Day from the Dark part, *v.* 18. [38] *Viz.* (1.) Of the Quality of the Weather, by the manner of their riſing or ſetting; (*Matth.* 16. 2, 3.) by their Eclipſes, Conjunctions, *&c.* (which yet we muſt not be afraid of, *Jer.* 10. 2.) (2.) Sometimes to be Forerunners of great Calamities, and remarkable Events in the courſe of Humane Affairs; by their ſtrange Appearances, unuſual Conjunctions, *&c.* *Luk.* 21. 25, 26. *Act.* 2. 19. 20. [39] *Pſal.* 104. 19. to produce and diſtinguiſh, (by their Motion and Influence) the ſeveral Seaſons of the Year (*v.* 8. 22.) Summer, *&c.* and conſequently to ſhew the fit and proper times for the diſpoſing both of Civil, and Eccleſiaſtical Affairs, *Eccl.* 3. 1. [40] By their ſeveral Motions, and ſorts of Motion, to make the Days longer and ſhorter; and to diſtinguiſh between Day and Day, Month and Month, Year and Year; and to ſhew us how to compute Time accordingly.

15 And let them be for [41] lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth: and it was ſo.

[41] And therewith to convey Influence.

16 And God made two [42] great lights; the greater light † to [43] rule the day, and the leſſer light to [43] rule the night: *he made* the ſtars alſo.

† Heb. *for the rule of the day*, &c.

17 And God ſet them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth.

18 And to * [43] rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkneſs: and God ſaw that *it was* [16] good.

* Jer. 31. 35.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

[42] *Viz.* in reſpect of their Light they give to the Earth, (*v.* 15.) and of their Influence and Uſe above other Stars. [43] *Jer.* 31. 35. to diſpoſe of the time of Light and Darkneſs, as to the Beginning, Progreſs, and End thereof; according to which we may govern our ſeveral Affairs and Occaſions, *Pſal.* 104. 20.-23.

20 And God ſaid, * Let the [44] waters bring forth abundantly the † moving creature that hath ‖ life, and fowl *that* may flie above the earth in the * open firmament of heaven.

* 2 Eſd. 6. 47. † Or, *creeping.* ‖ Heb. *Soul.* * Heb. *face of the firmament of heaven.*

[44] *Viz.* together with the Earth, *Ch.* 2. 19. (as ſome Fowls live upon the Waters, ſome on the Earth.)

21 And God [45] created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the [44] waters brought forth abundantly after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God ſaw that *it was* [16] good.

[45] Made out of matter wholly indiſpos'd thereto; (which requires as great a Power as to make out of Nothing)

22 And God bleſſed them, ſaying, * [46] Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the ſeas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

* Chap. 8. 17. & 9. 1.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

[46] *Ch.* 9. 1. *i. e.* I beſtow this Bleſſing and Power upon you to multiply your Kind; *Pſal.* 1. 28. 3, 4. compar'd.

24 ¶ And God ſaid, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, [47] cattel and creeping thing and [48] beaſt of the earth after his kind: and it was ſo.

25 And God made the beaſt of the earth after his kind, and cattel after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God ſaw that *it was* [16] good.

[47] Tame Creatures for the uſe of Man. [48] Wild Beaſts which range about the Earth at their pleaſure.

* Chap. 5. 1. & 9. 6. Wiſd. 2. 23. 1 Cor. 11. 7. Eph. 4. 24. Col. 3. 10.

26 ¶ And God ſaid, * Let [50] us make man [51] in our image, [51] after our likeneſs: and let them have [52] dominion over the fiſh of the ſea, and

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and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattel, and over [53] all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

[50] *Ch.* 3.22.& 11.7. *Iſa.*6.-8. *Job* 35. 10. *Pſal.* 149. 2. the Three Perſons of the Trinity, implying, That Man was the moſt excellent Creature of all this viſible World; and the Maſterpiece of God's Workmanſhip. [51] *Ch.* 5.-1. & 9.-6. 1 *Cor.*11.7. *Jam.*3.-9. with a Body made after the Pattern of that Body the Second Perſon is to aſſume, (*as our glorious Bodies ſhall be faſhion'd like his*,(Phil.3.21.) *that in all things he may have the Preheminence*, Col. 1.-18.) and with a Soul endued with ſuch natural Faculties of Underſtanding, Will, and Power, and ſuch Moral Perfections of Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs (*Eph.* 4. 24. *Col.* 3. 10.) as may reſemble us in thoſe things. (oppoſed to Man's Image, (*Ch.*5.1,3. comp.) *i.e.*the Humane Nature depraved by Sin.) [52] *Ch.*9.2. *Pſal.*8.6. Authority and Power to rule over 'em in love and mercy, and to make uſe of them as he has occaſion. [53] The Fruits thereof, and the Earth it ſelf, for the dreſſing of it, *v.* 28.

27 So God created man in his own image,
* Mat. 19. 4. in the image of God created he him: * [54] male and female created he [55] them.

[54] *Ch.* 5.1. *Matth.*2.15. *Matth.* 19.4. *Mar.* 10.6. [55] Both were made this day, (*Ch.*5.-2.) tho' the manner of the Woman's creation be more fully related, *Ch.* 2. 18. *&c.*

28 And God bleſſed them, and God ſaid unto
* Chap. 9. 1. them, * [46] Be fruitful, and multiply, and repleniſh the earth, and [56] ſubdue it: and have dominion over the fiſh of the ſea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing
† Heb. *creepeth* that † moveth upon the earth.

[56] *V.* 26. Dreſs and manage it, ſo as to make it fruitful.

29 ¶ And God ſaid, Behold, I have given you
* Heb. *ſeeding ſeed.* every herb * bearing ſeed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the
‖ Chap. 9.3. which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding ſeed; ‖ to you it ſhall be for [57] meat.

[57] *Ch.* 9. 3. which includes Phyſick too. But beſides this, probably they did eat Fleſh too; becauſe they offered nothing to God in Sacrifice, but what was for Food; and ſome Sacrifices were to be eaten of by the Offerer.

30 And to every [58] beaſt of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that
‖ Heb. *a living ſoul.* creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* ‖ life, *I have given* every [59] green herb for meat: and it was ſo.

[58] *Pſal.* 104. 14. [59] But after the Fall, Beaſts and Birds of Prey, and Fiſhes, did eat and devour one another.

* Eccl. 39. 16. 31 And * God ſaw every thing that he had made, and behold, *it was* [60] very good. And the evening and the morning were the ſixth day.

[60] *Mar.* 7. 37. Exactly fitted for the Uſe and End for which they were deſign'd; and adorn'd with ſuch Perfections as were ſuitable to their Natures; and all conducing to the Glory of God, *Pſal.* 19. 1, 2.

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1 *The firſt Sabbath.* 8 *The garden of Eden.* 17 *The forbidden fruit.* 19 *The creatures named.* 21 *The woman made, and marriage inſtituted.*

THus the heavens and the earth were finiſhed, and all the [1] hoſt of them.

[1] *Deut.* 4. 19. & 17. 3. *Pſal.* 33. 6.

* Exod. 20.11. & 31. 17. Deut.5.14. Hebr. 4.4. 2 * And on the ſeventh day God [2] ended his work which he had made: and he [3] reſted on the ſeventh day from all his work which he had made.

[2] Had ended. [3] *Exod.* 20. 11. & 31. 17. *Deut.* 5. 14. *Heb.* 4.-4. *viz.* from the Work of Creation, not Providence, (*Joh.* 5. 17. *Eſa.* 40.48.) which he did, to teach us to reſt from our Works on that day, *Exod.* 20. 11.

3 And God [4] bleſſed the ſeventh day, and [5] ſanctified it: becauſe that in it he had [3] reſted
† Heb. *created to make.* from all his work, which God * created, and [6] made.

[4] By ſanctifying it, and appointing it to be a day wherein He'd beſtow the choiceſt Bleſſings upon his Servants, in the uſe of his Holy Ordinances. [5] Set it apart from Worldly Employments, to be ſpent in holy Exerciſes. [6] Brought to perfection.

4 ¶ Theſe *are* the [7] generations of the hea- Chap. 2.
vens and of the earth, when they were created; in the [8] day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

[7] A Narrative of the Manner of their Beginning. [8] Time, as *v.* 17.

5 And every plant of the field, [9] before it was in the Earth, and every herb of the field, [9] before it grew: [10] for the LORD God [11] had not cauſed it to rain upon the earth, and there *was* not a man to till the ground.

[9] *i. e.* God created the Plants and Herbs before the Earth could bring 'em forth: It did not bring 'em forth of it ſelf. [10] *q. d.* The Original of theſe things muſt be aſcribed to God's Power alone, ſeeing there was no Natural Cauſe to produce 'em. [11] *Job* 38. 28.

6 But ‖ there went up a miſt from the earth, ‖ Or, *a miſt which went up from*, &c.
and [12] watered the whole face of the ground.

[12] *Viz.* Being turn'd into rain, and ſo falling down upon the earth again.

7 And the LORD God [13] formed [14] man † *of* † Heb. *duſt of*
[15] the * duſt of the ground, and [16] breathed in- *the ground.*
to his noſtrils the breath of [17] life; and ‖ man * Eccl. 17. 1. 1 Cor.15.47.
became [18] a living ſoul. ‖ 1 Cor.15.45.

[13] *Iſa.*64.8. *Rom.*9.20. With moſt exquiſite Art and Skill. *Pſal.*139. 14,15. [14] The humane Body. [15] 1 *Cor.* 15.47. *Job* 4. 19. This is an humbling conſideration. [16] *Job* 33.4. *Eccl.*5. 21. infuſed into his lifeleſs Body a living Soul, which quicken'd it, and diſcover'd it ſelf by the Breath in his Noſtrils. And it is obſervable, that Man's Body and Soul were made diſtinct (which they were not in other Creatures) to ſhew that his Soul is of a different Original from the Body: being the immediate work of God, *Zech.* 12.-1. *Eccl.* 12.-7. *Num.* 16. 22. & 27. 16. *Job* 27. 3. *Heb.* 12. 9. [17] Hebr. *of Lives*, *i. e.* which enables him to exerciſe the functions of all ſorts of life; both of Plants, Brutes, and Men. [18] 1 *Cor.* 15. 45. See there. A perſon living a natural, and more excellent Life than any other Creature here below.

8 ¶ And the LORD God [19] planted a [20] gar-
den eaſt-ward in Eden; and there he [21] put the man whom he had formed.

[19] *Viz.* On the third day. [20] *Ch.* 13.-10. a Figure of Heaven, *Luk.* 23.43. 2 *Cor.*12.4. [21] Man's Admiſſion into Paradiſe, even in innocency, was of Free-grace.

9 And out of the [22] ground [23] made the LORD God to grow [24] every tree that is pleaſant to the ſight, and good for food: the tree [25] of life alſo in the midſt of the garden, and the tree [26] of knowledge of good and evil.

[22] *Viz.* Of that Garden. [23] Had made, *viz.* on the third day. [24] *i. e.* Every ſort of tree. [25] *Prov.*3.18. *Rev.* 2. 7. A Type of Chriſt, *Rev.*22.2. So called, becauſe it was a natural means of preſerving man's Life, and freeing him from all Infirmities, and decays during his abode on Earth: (*Ch.*3.-22.) and alſo a Sacramental Pledg of his continuance in that Life, upon condition of his perfect Obedience. [26] *i. e.* By eating whereof man came to know experimentally the vaſt difference between good and evil; and the greatneſs of that good he formerly enjoy'd, by the loſs of it, and the greatneſs of that evil he had now brought upon himſelf by the feeling of it. And this was another Sacramental Pledg, which ſealed Death and Damnation in caſe of Diſobedience.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the firſt *is* † Piſon: that *is* † Eccl.24.25.
it which compaſſeth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold.

12 And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx-ſtone.

13 And the name of the ſecond river *is* Gihon: the ſame *is* it that compaſſeth the whole land of
* Ethiopia. * Heb. *Cuſh.*

14 And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth * towards the eaſt * Or, *eaſtward to Aſſyria.*
of Aſſyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

15 And the LORD God took † the man, † Or, *Adam.*
and put him into the garden of Eden, to dreſs it and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the [27]
man, ſaying, Of every tree of the garden * thou * Heb. *eating thou ſhalt eat.*
mayeſt freely eat.

[27] Including the Woman alſo, *Ch.* 3.3.

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17 But of the tree of the [26] knowledge of good and evil, thou ſhalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eateſt thereof * thou ſhalt ſurely [28] die.

* Heb. *dying thou ſhalt die.*

[27] Including the Woman alſo, *Ch.*3.3. [28] Become liable to all ſorts of Evils, both in this World and the other, which ſhall immediately, and by degrees ſeize upon thee.

18 ¶ And the LORD God [29] ſaid, *It is* [30] not good that the man ſhould be alone: I will make him an help * [31] meet for him.

* Heb. *as before him.*

[29] Foreſaw it in his Wiſdom, and brought *Adam*, by ſurveying all the Creatures, to become ſenſible of it. [30] *Ruth.*3. 1. *Prov.* 18. 22. *Eccl.* 4. 9-12. [31] Suitable to his Nature, acceptable to his Perſon, and uſeful upon all occaſions.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God [32] formed every beaſt of the field, and every [33] fowl of the air, and [34] brought *them* unto * Adam to ſee what he would call them: and whatſoever Adam called every living Creature, that *was* the name thereof.

* Or, *the man.*

[32] Had formed. [33] See on *Ch.* 1.20. [34] So *Ch.* 7, 8, 9.

20 And Adam * gave names to all cattel and to the fowl of the air, and to every beaſt of the field: but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

* Heb. *called.*

21 And the LORD God cauſed a deep ſleep to fall upon Adam, and he ſlept: and he took one of his [35] ribs, and cloſed up the fleſh in ſtead thereof.

[35] Together with the fleſh, *v.* 23. To note, the wifes equality with her husband, and that ſhe is his Companion, and to be treated with kindneſs and affection, *Eph.*5.28,29,31.

22 And the rib which the LORD God had taken from man, † made he a woman, and [36] brought her unto the man.

† Heb. *builded.*

[36] Gave her to him to be his Wife. And thus ſhould Parents provide Matches for their Children, and Children own their Parents Authority over them herein.

23 And Adam ſaid, [37] This *is* now bone of my bones, and fleſh of my fleſh: ſhe ſhall be called Woman, becauſe ſhe was * taken [38] out of man.

* 1 Cor. 11.8.

[37] *q. d.* Now at length I have gotten a Companion like my ſelf. [38] 1 *Cor.*11.8.

24 * [39] Therefore ſhall a man [40] leave his father and his mother, and ſhall cleave unto his [41] Wife: and they ſhall be [42] one fleſh.

* Matth. 19.5. Mark 10. 7. 1 Cor.6.16. Eph. 5.31.

[39] 1 *Cor.*6.16. *Eph.* 5. 31. Becauſe God brought 'em together, *v.* 22. *Matth.* 19. 5,6. Theſe are God's word's (*Matth.* 19.4,5.compar'd)tho' utter'd by *Adam.* [40] See on *Matth.*19. 5. *Pſal.* 45. 10. Chooſe to cohabit with her, rather than with them. [41] This Condemns Adultery. [42] See on 1 *Cor.* 6. 16. Moſt inſeparably united, (during life) and have as intimate communion as if they were but one Perſon. And this condemns both Polygamy and Divorce.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not [43] aſhamed.

[43] Becauſe there was neither Deformity in their Bodies,nor Guilt in their Souls, the cauſe of ſhame.

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1 *The Serpent deceiveth Eve.* 6 *Mans fall.* 15 *The promiſed ſeed.* 16 *Mans puniſhment,* 22 *and loſs of Paradiſe.*

NOw the [1] ſerpent was more ſubtil than any beaſt of the field which the LORD God had made: and [2] he ſaid unto the [3] woman, * [4] Yea, hath God ſaid, Ye ſhall not eat of every tree of the garden?

* Heb. *Yea,becauſe,*&c.

[1] All Serpents in general have a natural ſubtilty above other Creatures: (*Matth.* 10.-16.) but this Serpent had an extraordinary meaſure of it, as being acted and aſſiſted by the Devil, 2 *Cor.* 11. 3. [2] *Numb.*22. 28. probably the principal Devil, in and by the Serpent. [3] The weaker Veſſel; and probably now alone. [4] *q. d.* Sure, it can't poſſibly be that God,who is the Supream Good, and your moſt bountiful Benefactor, ſhould in good earneſt forbid you the uſe of this Tree.

2 And the woman ſaid unto the ſerpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midſt of the garden, God hath ſaid, Ye ſhall not eat of it, neither ſhall ye [5] touch it, leſt ye die.

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[5] *Viz.* In order to the eating of it.

4 † And the ſerpent ſaid unto the woman, [6] Ye ſhall not ſurely die.

† 2 Cor. 11.3. 1 Tim.2. 14.

[6] *i. e.* 'Tis not Sure you ſhall dye: God's words may have ſome other meaning.

5 For [7] God doth know, that in the day ye eat thereof, then [8] your eyes ſhall be opened: and ye ſhall be [9] as Gods, knowing good and evil.

[7] *q. d.* God knows it will be very profitable for you; and therefore 'tis not likely that He (being ſo good) ſhould abſolutely forbid it you. [8] You ſhall attain ſuch a large, yea divine meaſure of Knowledge, that in compariſon thereof your preſent Knowledge is but Blindneſs. [9] Here the Devil tempts man to ſet up for himſelf, and caſt off his dependence upon God.

6 And when the woman [10] ſaw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* ‖ [11] pleaſant to the eyes, and a tree to be deſired to make *one* wiſe; ſhe [12] took of the fruit thereof, * and did [13] eat, and gave alſo unto her husband with her, and he did [14] eat.

‖ Heb. *a deſire.*

* Eccl. 25. 24. 1 Tim.2. 14.

[10] *Joſh.* 7. 21. *Judg.* 16. 2. 1 *Joh.* 2. 16. [11] *Viz.* Beyond the reſt of the Trees. [12] 1 *Tim.* 2. 14. [13] *Rom.*5.12. 15-19. 1 *Cor.* 15. 22. [14] Thro' her perſwaſion, *v.*17.

7 And the [15] eyes of them both [15] were opened, and they [16] knew that they *were* naked: and they ſewed fig-leaves together, and made themſelves † [17] aprons.

† Or, *things to gird about.*

[15] Their Conſciences were touched with a ſenſe of the heinouſneſs of their Sin, whereby they had defiled their Souls; and of the greatneſs of the Miſery they had brought upon themſelves, and their Poſterity. [16] Began to be ſenſible and aſham'd of their Nakedneſs; which now they found to be an occaſion of ſinful Motions and Affections. [17] To cover thoſe Parts whereby the corruption of Nature is propagated: and therefore it pleaſed God to make a deeper impreſſion of ſhame (the fruit of Sin) upon thoſe parts, than upon any of the reſt. Hence alſo Circumciſion (the Sacrament of Regeneration, and Mortification of Corruption) was applied to that part of the Body.

8 And they heard the [18] voice of the [19] LORD God [19] walking in the garden in the * cool of the day: And Adam and his wife [20] hid themſelves from the preſence of the LORD God amongſt the trees of the garden.

* Heb. *wind.*

[18] Some unuſual noiſe in the air; a ſign of the Divine Preſence; as 1 *King.* 19. 22. *Act.* 2. 2. [19] Who appeared in humane ſhape, (as frequently afterwards) as a Preſage of the Incarnation of the Second Perſon of the Trinity. [20] *Job* 34. 22. *Am.* 9. 3. *Rom.* 2.-15. *Pſal.* 139. 7.-9. *Prov.* 15. 3. *Jer.* 23. 24. Thro' ſenſe of Guilt, and dread of Judgment.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and ſaid unto him, [21] Where *art* thou?

[21] *Ch.* 4. 9. and 11. 5. Thus ſhould Judges examine Offenders, and inquire into the Offence, before they paſs Sentence.

10 And he ſaid, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, becauſe I *was* naked; and I hid my ſelf.

11 And he ſaid, Who told thee that thou *waſt* naked? Haſt thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee, that thou ſhouldeſt not eat?

12 And the man ſaid, [22] The woman, whom thou gaveſt *to be* with me, ſhe gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God ſaid unto the woman, [23] What *is* this *that* thou haſt done? And the woman ſaid, [24] The ſerpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

[22] *Job* 31. 33. *Prov.*19. 3. [23] How heinous an offence? (as *Ch.* 44. 15.) [24] Tho' the Serpent was only the Inſtrument here, yet he is curſed, to ſhew God's deteſtation of Sin. So *v.* 17. and *Ch.* 6. 5, 7. *Exod.* 21. 28, 29. and 32. 20. *Lev.* 20. 15, 16.

14 And the LORD God ſaid unto the [24] ſerpent, Becauſe [25] thou haſt done this, thou *art* curſed above all cattel, and above every beaſt of the field: [26] upon thy belly ſhalt thou go, and [27] duſt ſhalt thou eat all [28] the days of thy life.

[25] Thou

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[25] Thou Serpent, as the Inſtrument; and thou Devil, as the principal Agent. [26] Which, probably, he did not afore, but moved upon the hinder part of his Body, with his head, breaſt, and belly upright. (For he is numbred among the Beaſts, *v.* 1. which are diſtinguiſht from creeping things, *Ch.* 1. 25.) [27] *Iſa.* 65. 25. *Mic.* 7. 17. When the Serpent moved more uprightly, probably he fed upon Plants, and Herbs, like other Beaſts, *Ch.* 1. 30. but now that he creeps with his very mouth upon the Earth, he muſt neceſſarily take his food out of the duſt, and ſo lick in ſome of the duſt with it. Now theſe two paſſages, as they relate to the Devil, may ſignifie a further degree of his caſting down from his noble ſtate, and a deeper debaſement, ignominy and contempt, without all hope, or poſſibility of relief; as alſo his delight in the vileſt Perſons and things. [28] Thou and all thy kind hereafter to the World's end.

15 And I will [29] put [30] enmity between [30] thee and the [30] woman, and between [31] thy ſeed and [32] her ſeed: [33] it ſhall bruiſe [34] thy head, and thou ſhalt [35] bruiſe his [36] heel.

[29] Infuſe into the hearts of the holy ſeed: and permit it in others; and order it to mine own glory. This part of the Speech tends chiefly to the Inſtruction, and Conſolation of the Man and Woman, as containing the Promiſe of the Meſſiah. [30] A natural Antipathy between Mankind and Serpents: a greater, between Mankind and the Devil, ſo far as he is known to be ſo: and a holy, irreconcileable hatred between the Godly, and Wicked. *Prov.* 29. 27. [31] All wicked men. *Joh.* 8. 44. *Act.* 13. 10. 1 *Joh.* 3. 8. 10. [32] Chriſt as the Head, and all the Godly as his Members. [33] Chriſt principally, by his own Power; and all the Godly, by ſtrength derived from Him. [34] *Luke* 10. 18, 19. *Joh.* 12. 31. *Col.* 2. 15. *Rom.* 16. 20. *Pſal.* 91. 13. 1 *Joh.* 2. 13, 14. The Power, Policy, and Works of the Devil. 1 *John* 3. 8. 1 *Pet.* 5. 9. [35] Aſſault by Temptations, and variouſly afflict by divers kinds of Sufferings, and frequently draw the godly into Sin. [36] *Ch.* 49. 17. 2 *Cor.* 13. 4. 1 *Pet.* 3. 17. The humane Nature of Chriſt (whereby he trod upon the Earth) and all his Members which are upon the Earth.

16 Unto the woman he ſaid, I will greatly multiply thy ſorrow [37] and thy conception [38]; in ſorrow thou ſhalt bring forth children: and

* Or, *ſubject to thy husband.* † 1 Cor. 14. 34.

[39] thy deſire *ſhall be* * to thy husband, and he ſhall † [40] rule over thee.

[37] Or, *even* [pain of] *thy Child-bearing.* [38] 1 *Tim.* 2. 15. [39] *c.* 4. 7. Thou ſhalt be obliged to ſuch Subjection, as ſhall be many times unwilling, and uneaſie to thee. [40] 1 *Cor.* 14. 34. 1 *Tim.* 2. 12. *Tit.* 2. 5. 1 *Pet.* 3. 6. *Viz.* In a more ſtrict and ſevere manner than hitherto.

17 And unto Adam he ſaid, Becauſe thou haſt hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and haſt eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not eat of it: [41] curſed *is* the ground [42] for thy ſake; [43] in ſorrow ſhalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life.

[41] *Ch.* 5. 29. *Rom.* 8. 20, 21, 22. *Iſa.* 24. 5, 6. Diſabled from bringing forth ſo much, and ſo good fruit, and with ſuch eaſe, as before. [42] For thy Sin, which makes thee unworthy of any Bleſſing; and for thy Puniſhment, who art to be ſuſtained with the Fruits of the Earth. [43] *Pſal.* 127. 2. *Prov.* 22. 10. Hard labour, cauſing wearineſs, and pain and grief thereby.

* Heb. *cauſe to bud.*

18 [44] Thorns alſo and thiſtles ſhall it * bring forth to thee: and thou ſhalt eat the [45] herb of the field.

[44] *Job* 31. 40. *Heb.* 6. 8. *Jer.* 12. 13. All manner of unprofitable hurtful Weeds. [45] *Ch.* 1. 29. Inſtead of thoſe generous, and delicious Fruits of Paradiſe thou haſt hitherto fed upon.

19 In the [46] ſweat of thy face ſhalt thou [47] eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it waſt thou taken: for [48] duſt thou *art*, and unto duſt ſhalt thou [49] return.

[46] 1 *Theſſ.* 3. 10. *Eph.* 4. 28. Labor, either of Body or Brain, (*Eccl.* 1. 13.) and vexation of Mind. [47] Get thy livelihood. [48] *Ch.* 18. 27. *Job* 1. 21. *Pſal.* 103. 14. *Eccl.* 12. 7. [49] *Job* 34. 15. *Pſal.* 104. 29. and 146. 4. *Eccl.* 12. 7.

* Heb. *Chavah.*

20 And Adam called his wives name * Eve, becauſe ſhe was the mother of all [50] living.

[50] All that live, not only a Natural, but a Spiritual life, by Faith in the promiſed Seed: and the Mother of the promiſed Seed alſo, who was the Reſtorer of life Temporal (forfeited by ſin) and the Author of life Spiritual, and Eternal.

21 Unto Adam alſo and to his wife did the LORD God [51] make coats of ſkins, and clothed them.

[51] Taught 'em how to make.

22 ¶ And the LORD God ſaid, [52] Behold the man is become [53] as one of [54] us, to know good and evil. And now leſt he put forth his hand, and take alſo of the tree of life, and eat, and [55] live for ever:

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[52] A holy ſcoff at Man's vain credulity of Satan's promiſe: the falſhood and folly whereof they now found by bitter Experience. [53] Moſt unlike. [54] Perſons of the Trinity. See on *Ch.* 1. 26. *n.* 50. [55] This alſo is ſpoken in deriſion of any ſuch hope or expectation.

23 Therefore the LORD God ſent him forth from the garden of Eden, [56] to till the ground from whence he was taken.

[56] *Eccl.* 5. 9. *Viz.* with toil and ſweat, *v.* 17.

24 So he [57] drove out the man: and he placed at the eaſt of the garden of Eden, [58] Cherubims and a flaming [59] ſword which [60] turned every way, [61] to keep the way of the tree of life.

[57] 1 *Pet.* 2. 11. *Heb.* 9. 12. *Joh.* 14. 6. He lingred perhaps after God's firſt command, *v.* 23. [58] Angels. [59] 1 *Chron.* 21. 16, 27. *Num.* 22. 23. *Joſh.* 5. 13. [60] Was brandiſh't about every way by the Cherubims. [61] Rom. 3. 20.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The birth of Cain and Abel.* 8 *The murder of Abel.* 11 *The curſe of Cain.* 19 *Lamech and his two wives.*

AND Adam [1] knew Eve his wife: and ſhe conceived, and bare Cain, and ſaid, I have gotten a man [2] from the LORD.

[1] *V.* 17, 25. *Ch.* 19. 8. and 24. 16. *Num.* 31. 17. [2] *Ch.* 33. 5. *Pſal.* 127. 3. As his Gift, and the fruit of his Bleſſing, *Ch.* 1. 28.

2 And ſhe again bare his brother * [3] Abel. And Abel was a † keeper of ſheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

* Heb. *Hebel.* † Heb. *a feeder.*

[3] *i. e.* Vanity: *Pſal.* 39. 5. as preſaging his untimely death.

3 And * in proceſs of time it came to paſs, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an [4] offering unto the LORD.

* Heb. *at the end of days.*

[4] Called, a Sacrifice. *Heb.* 11. 4. Several particulars of the Moſaical Inſtitutions were practis'd before the giving of the Law; as, the Diſtinction between Clean and Unclean Beaſts and Fowls, *Ch.* 7. 2. Prieſts, Altars, Burnt-offerings, and Drink-offerings, *Ch.* 8. 20. and 14. 18. and 22. 13. and 35. 14. Abſtinence from Blood, *Ch.* 9. 4. Oil for Conſecration, *Ch.* 28. 18. and 35. 14. Marrying the Brother's Widow, *Ch.* 38. 8, 9, 26.

4 And Abel, he alſo brought of the [5] firſtlings of his * flock, and of the [6] fat thereof. And the LORD had † [7] reſpect unto Abel, and to his offering:

* Heb. *ſheep, or, goats.* † Heb. 11. 4.

[5] *Prov.* 3. 9. This was an act of Faith in the promiſed Meſſia, *Heb.* 11. 4. and therefore no Will-worſhip; but muſt have a word of God for its warrant; which probably was a Command of God to *Adam*, and by him taught his Poſterity. [6] *Exod.* 29. 13, 22, 25. *Lev.* 3. 3. *&c.* the beſt. [7] *Lev.* 9. 24. *Jud.* 6. 21. 1 *Kin.* 18. 38. 1 *Chron.* 21. 26. 2 *Chron.* 7. 1. *Pſal.* 20. 3. Which he manifeſted by ſome viſible token (probably by fire from Heaven conſuming the Sacrifice, as *Lev.* 9. 24. *&c.*) ſo as that *Cain* diſcerned it.

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had [8] not reſpect. And Cain was very [9] wroth, and [10] his countenance fell.

[8] For want of faith and ſincerity, 1 *Joh.* 3. 12. [9] *Matth.* 20. 15. *Viz.* At God and his Brother both. [10] He laid aſide that cheerfulneſs, and pleaſantneſs, which argues well-pleaſedneſs; and betraid his anger and diſcontent, by his ſour, dejected, envious looks.

6 And the LORD [11] ſaid unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

[11] To bring him to a ſenſe of his ſin, and repentance for it.

7 [12] If thou doeſt well ſhalt thou not * be accepted? and if thou doeſt not well, [13] ſin [14] lieth at the door. And † [15] unto thee *ſhall be* his deſire, and [15] thou ſhalt rule over him.

* Or, *have the excellency.* † Or, *ſubject unto thee.*

[12] *q. d.* If thou art not accepted thou maiſt thank thy ſelf for it: and therefore amend what is amiſs, and thou ſhalt be accepted. [13] Puniſhment, (as *Ch.* 19. 15.) [14] *Jam.* 5. 9. Is ready to ſeiſe upon thee. [15] *Ch.* 3. 16. *q. d.* Tho' I have prefer'd

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prefer'd him before thee in Spiritual reſpects, yet in all civil Affairs hee'l ſtill own thee for his Superior; and therefore thou needſt not envy him. Here God conſtitutes a Principality in one Man over divers Families; and ſo laid a Foundation for Political Government.

8 And Cain [16] talked with Abel his brother: and it came to paſs when they were in the field, that Cain roſe up againſt Abel his brother, and * [17] ſlew him.

* Wiſd. 10. 3. Matth. 23. 35. 1 John 3. 12. Jude 11.

[16] *Pſal.* 55. 21. [17] *Matth.* 23. 35. 1 *Joh.* 3. 12. *Jude* 11.

9 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Cain, [18] Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he ſaid, [19] I know not: [20] *Am* I my brothers keeper?

[18] *Ch.* 3. 9. 11. *Pſal.* 9. 12. [19] *Joh.* 8. 44. [20] Didſt thou ever give me any Charge of him?

10 And he ſaid, What haſt thou done? the voice of thy brothers * bloud [21] crieth unto me from the ground.

* Heb. *bloods.*

11 And now *art* thou [22] curſed from the earth, which hath [23] opened her mouth to receive thy brothers bloud from thy hand.

[21] *Ch.* 18. 20, *Heb.* 12. 24. *Rev.* 6. 10. [22] Devoted to Deſtruction, and to be cut off from the face of the Earth; and in the mean while plagued by its barrenneſs, *v.* 12. [23] *Rev.* 12. 16.

12 When thou tilleſt the ground, it ſhall not henceforth yield unto thee her [24] ſtrength. [25] A fugitive and a [26] vagabond ſhalt thou be in the earth.

[24] *Viz.* So freely as hitherto. [25] Caſt out from God's Preſence and the Communion of the Church, and the Society of thy Kindred and Acquaintance, (*v.* 14, 16.) and wandring from one Country to another by reaſon of thy trouble and perplexity of Conſcience. [26] *Pſal.* 109. 10.

* Or, *mine iniquity is greater, than that it may be forgiven.*

13 And Cain ſaid unto the LORD, * My puniſhment *is* greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou haſt driven me out this day from the face of the [27] earth: and [28] from thy face ſhall I be hid, and I ſhall be [25] a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth, and it ſhall come to paſs, that every one that findeth me ſhall [29] ſlay me.

[27] My Native Soil, where I now dwell with my Parents and Kindred. [28] *q. d.* I ſhall be always hiding my ſelf from thee, and ſkulking in Holes and Corners by reaſon of my guilty Conſcience. [29] *Job* 15. 20, 21. *Lev.* 26. 17, 36. as the public Enemy of Mankind, and one devoted by Thee to Deſtruction.

15 And the LORD ſaid unto him, [30] Therefore whoſoever ſlayeth Cain, vengeance ſhall be taken on him ſeven-fold. And the LORD ſet [31] a mark upon Cain, leſt any finding him ſhould kill him.

[30] *q. d.* To prevent this, I ordain, that whoſoever— [31] *Pſal.* 59. 11. Some viſible Token (either the Pulſie, or a ghaſtly Look, or the Like) to make him a living Monument of his Wrath againſt Murder.

16 ¶ And Cain [32] went out from the preſence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of [33] Nod, on the eaſt of Eden.

[32] Was baniſh'd; or forſook the place of God's public Worſhip, where he viſibly appear'd. [33] So called, becauſe *Cain* wandred up and down in it.

* Heb. *Chanoch.*

17 And Cain [1] knew his wife, and ſhe conceived and bare * Enoch: and he [34] builded a city, and called the name of the city [35] after the name of his ſon, Enoch.

[34] Wicked Men ſeek to quiet their troubled Minds by carnal Diverſions. [35] *Pſal.* 49. 11.

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methuſael: and Methuſael begat * Lamech.

* Heb. *Lemech.*

19 ¶ And [36] Lamech took unto him [37] two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

[36] One of *Cain's* Poſterity was the firſt that corrupted Marriage by Polygamy. [37] Contrary to the firſt Inſtitution of Marriage, (*Ch.* 2. 24. *Mal.* 2. 15.) yet tolerated by God under the Old Teſtament, and priſtin'd by God's choiceſt Servants, they not being convinc'd of the evil of it, and being biaſs'd by the power of Cuſtom; but Chriſt fully laid open the ſinfulneſs thereof, (*Matth.* 19. 8.) and reſtor'd Marriage to its firſt Inſtitution.

20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the [38] father of ſuch as dwell in tents, and [39] *of ſuch as have* cattel.

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[38] The firſt Inventer of Tent-making. [39] Of the Art of tending and ordering Cattel.

21 And his brothers name *was* Jubal: he was the father of all ſuch as handle the [40] harp and organ.

[40] Muſic, and Muſical Inſtruments.

22 And Zillah, ſhe alſo bare Tubal-cain, an * inſtructer of every artificer in braſs and iron: and the ſiſter of Tubal-cain *was* Naamah.

* Heb. *whetter.*

23 And Lamech ſaid unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my ſpeech: for * [41] I have ſlain a man to my wounding, and a young man † to my hurt.

* Or, *I would ſlay a man in my wound,* &c.
† Or, *in my hurt.*

[41] Or, *I would ſlay, q.d.* Tho I have wrong'd others, yet you need not be concerned for me: I'll warrant you I'll deal well enough with 'em.

24 [42] If Cain ſhall be avenged ſeven fold, truly Lamech ſeventy and ſeven-fold.

[42] *q. d.* And ſure no body will offer to meddle with me, not only for fear of what I ſhould do to them, (*v.* 23.) but for fear of a more dreadful Vengeance from God: For if God threaten'd to puniſh ſo ſeverely him that ſhould ſlay *Cain*, whoſe Crime was ſo horrid, much more ſeverely will he puniſh any one that ſhall ſlay me, who have not ſin'd at ſuch a rate as he did: and therefore let every one be cautious.

25 ¶ And Adam [1] knew his wife again, and ſhe bare a ſon, and called his name * Seth: For God, *ſaid ſhe*, hath appointed me [43] another ſeed inſtead of Abel, whom Cain ſlew.

* Heb. *Sheth.*

[43] One inſtead of *Abel*, who ſhall be the Root of that holy Family in which the Church ſhall be eſtabliſh'd.

26 And to Seth, to him alſo there was born a ſon; and he called his name * [44] Enos: then † began men [45] to call upon the name of the LORD.

* Heb. *Enoſh.*
† Or, *to call themſelves by the name of the* LORD.

[44] *i.e.* Sorrowful, miſerable: to note the ſadneſs of thoſe times by reaſon of the wickedneſs thereof, *Ch.* 6. 2, 3, 5. [45] To ſeparate themſelves from the profane Society of the wicked, and to worſhip God in a more public, ſolemn, and pure manner than had been done by *Cain*, and his profane Poſterity. And here began the diſtinction of the Sons of God, and Sons and Daughters of Men, *Ch.* 6. 2.

CHAP. V.

1 *The genealogy, age, and death of the patriarchs from Adam unto Noah.* 24 *The godlineſs and tranſlation of Enoch.*

THis *is* the * [1] book of the generations of Adam: In the day that God created man, in the † [2] likeneſs of God made he him:

* 1 Chr. 1. 1.
† Wiſd. 2. 23.

[1] The Hiſtory of *Adam's* Creation, and the Catalogue of his Poſterity till the Flood, which were the Progenitors of Chriſt. [2] See on *Ch.* 1. 26.

2 Male and female created he them; and [3] bleſſed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

3 ¶ And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a ſon* in his [4] own likeneſs, after his image; and called his name Seth.

[3] *See* on *Ch.* 1. 22. [4] *Pſal.* 51. 7. *Eph.* 2. 3. not in the likeneſs of God, wherein he was made, (*v.* 1.) but defiled and depraved (as appears by the oppoſition, 1 *Cor.* 15. 49.) For *Job* 14. 4. *Seth*, a good Man, and *Cain* a bad, differ not in reſpect of the Nature they receive from *Adam*, but of the Grace beſtowed on them by God.

4 * And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat ſons and daughters.

* 1 Chr. 1. 1. &c.

5 And all the days that Adam lived were [5] nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

[5] They lived longer then, for the more plentiful encreaſe of Mankind, and the more effectual propagation of true Religion, and other uſeful Knowledg to the World.

6 ¶ And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos.

7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and ſeven years, and begat ſons and daughters.

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8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

9 ¶ And Enos lived ninety years, and begat
* Heb. *Kenan.* * Cainan.

10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat ſons and daughters.

11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

12 ¶ And Cainan lived ſeventy years, and
* Gr. *Maleleel.* begat * Mahalaleel.

13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat ſons and daughters.

14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

15 ¶ And Mahalaleel lived ſixty and five
* Heb. *Jered.* years, and begat * Jared.

16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat ſons and daughters.

17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

18 ¶ And Jared lived an hundred ſixty and two years, and he begat Enoch.

19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat ſons and daughters.

20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred ſixty and two years: and he died.

21 ¶ And Enoch lived ſixty and five years,
Gr. *Mathuſala.* and begat * Methuſelah.

22 And * Enoch † walked with God after he begat Methuſelah three hundred years, † and begat ſons and daughters.

† The uſe of a Conjugal Life in it's purity may ſtand with the ſtricteſt rules of Holineſs.

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred ſixty and five years.

* Eccluſ 44. 16. Hebr. 11. 5.

24 And * [6] Enoch [7] walked with God, and he [8] *was* not: for God [9] took him.

[6] *Jude* 14, 15. [7] *Ch.* 6. 9. & 24. 40. *Pſal.* 16. 8. & 116. 9. *Mic.* 6. 8. *Deut.* 13. 4. lived in ſweet Communion with God; God manifeſting himſelf to him, and he having a lively ſenſe of God's Preſence always upon his Spirit, and ſeeking to approve himſelf to God in all things [8] *Viz.* Any longer on Earth, in this World. [9] 2 *King.* 2. 11. tranſlated him from Earth to Heaven, (*Heb.* 11. 5.) both in Body and Soul; to be a Teſtimony of the Immortality of both.

25 ¶ And Methuſelah lived an hundred
*Heb. *Lemech.* eighty and ſevenyears, and begat * [10] Lamech.

[10] Not that *Lamech*, *Ch.* 4. 23. for he was one of *Cain*'s Poſterity, *Ch.* 3. 17, 18. but this was one of *Seth*'s, *v.* 3.

26 And Methuſelah lived after he begat Lamech ſeven hundred eighty and two years, and begat ſons and daughters.

27 And all the days of Methuſelah were nine hundred ſixty and nine years: and he died.

28 ¶ And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a ſon.

29 And he called his name
* Gr. *Noe.* * [11] Noah, ſaying, This ſame ſhall [12] comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, becauſe of the ground which the Lord hath curſed.

[11] *i. e.* Reſt, or Refreſhing; becauſe by building the Ark he brought Refreſhing, Comfort, and Reſt to the World, for in the Ark reſted the Seminary both of the Church, and of the World. [12] Free us from a great deal of Toil, by inventing or improving the Art of Husbandry, and ſuch Inſtruments as made it more eaſie, *Ch.* 9. 20.

30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat ſons and daughters.

31 And all the days of Lamech were ſeven hundred ſeventy and ſeven years: and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah [13] begat [14] Shem, Ham, and Japhet.

[13] *i. e.* Began to beget: as *Ch.* 11. 26. [14] *Japhet* was the eldeſt, *Ch.* 10. 21. and *Ham* the youngeſt, *Ch.* 9. 24. but *Shem* is put firſt, becauſe he was one of Chriſt's Forefathers: And becauſe his Progeny is the principal Subject of this Hiſtory.

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1 *The wickedneſs of the world cauſeth the floud.* 8 *Noah findeth grace.* 14 *The order, form, and end of the Ark.*

AND it came to paſs, when [1] men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and [2] daughters were born unto them.

[1] The Poſterity of *Cain*. [2] They are particularly mentioned, becauſe they were the occaſion both of the Corruption and Calamity, ſet forth in the enſuing Story.

2 That the [3] ſons of God [4] ſaw the daughters [5] of men, that they *were* [6] fair; and they [7] took them wives of all which they [8] choſe.

[3] *Deut.* 14. 1. 2 *Cor.* 6. 18. (See on *Ch.* 4. 26. *n.* 44) The Poſterity of *Seth*, who were Members of the Church, and Profeſſors of the true Religion, but began to degenerate. [4] *Judg.* 14. 1. *Joſh.* 7. 21. Gazed upon with wanton, luſtful Eyes, (2 *Pet.* 2. 14.) and Deſires; *Matth.* 5. 28. [5] *Mal.* 2. 11. *Cain*'s Poſterity, who were excluded from the Church, and had little or nothing of God in 'em: And of the ſame temper were their Daughters too. Such unequal Matches are every where condemned in Scripture; *Ch.* 26. 35. 1 *King.* 11. 2, 3. *Ezr.* 9. 12. *Neh.* 13. 23, &c. *Mal.* 2. 11. 1 *Cor.* 7. 39. 2 *Cor.* 6. 14. [6] They look'd more to Outward Beauty than Inward, and to carnal Conſiderations, than holy Qualifications. [7] *Ch.* 26. 34, 35. & 28. 8, 9. *Deut.* 7. 3, 4. [8] Liked.

3 And the LORD ſaid, [9] My ſpirit ſhall not always [10] ſtrive with man, for that [11] he alſo *is* fleſh; [13] yet [14] his days ſhall be an hundred and twenty years.

[9] 1 *Pet.* 3. 18. 19. *q. d.* I have now laboured a long time to reclaim this wicked Generation, but all to no purpoſe; and therefore I'le no longer trouble my ſelf with 'em. [10] By good Motions, Checks of Conſcience, good Counſel and Warnings from thoſe few good Men that then lived, (*Neh.* 9. 30.) and eſpecially from *Noah*, 2 *Pet.* 2. 5. 1 *Pet.* 3. 18. 19. [11] All Mankind, (*v.* 12.) and among them, even my People alſo, are corrupt, and wholly carnal, (*Jude* 19. *Rom.* 8. 8, 9. *Gal.* 5. 16, 17.) and that not only in the condition of their Natures, but in the Corruption of their Hearts and Lives. [13] *q. d.* Tho he deſerves a ſpeedy Deſtruction, yet— [14] The ſpace allotted him to repent and ſo to prevent his Ruin: (to which they were called by *Noah*'s Preaching, and building the Ark, 1 *Pet.* 3. 19, 20.)

4 There were [15] Giants in the earth in thoſe days; and alſo [16] after that, when the ſons of God [17] came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the ſame *became* mighty men, which *were* [18] of old, [19] men of renown.

[15] Men, who in the pride and confidence of their bodily Stature, became Deſpiſers of God and Goodneſs, and Oppreſſors of Men, *v.* 11, 13. [16] After that they were warned to repent, and threatned with Deſtruction if they perſiſted. [17] *Ch.* 16. 2. [18] Among the Men of that firſt and wicked World. [19] Much admired, and applauded for their Stature and Strength.

5 ¶ And GOD ſaw that the wickedneſs of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* * [20] every imagination of the thoughts of his || heart *was* only evil † continually.

[20] *Ch.* 8. 21. 1 *Chron.* 28. 9. & 28. 19. *Matth.* 15. 19. all the Motions and Inclinations of his Soul.

6 And it [21] repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it [21] grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD ſaid, I will deſtroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth, * both man and beaſt, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air: for it [21] repenteth me that I have made them.

[21] He dealt as Men do when they repent, who alter the courſe of their Actions, ſo God changed (not his own Counſels and Purpoſes within himſelf, but) the method of his Proceedings, and the Diſpoſal of Affairs and Events without himſelf, *v.* 7. A Word ſuited to our Capacity, to note God's Deteſtation of Sin, and reſolution to puniſh it, after that Man had made himſelf quite another thing than God made him.

* Or, *the whole imagination.* The Hebrew word ſignifieth not only *the imagination*, but alſo *the purpoſes and deſires.* || Chap. 8. 21. Matth. 15. 19. † Heb. *every day.* * Heb. *from man unto beaſt.*

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8 But Noah found [22] grace in the eyes of the LORD.

[22] *Ch.*19.19. *Exod.*33.-12,13. *Luk.*1-30. *Act.*7.46. 2 *Tim.* 1.18. *Heb.*4.-16. Favor to be preserved from the common Deſtruction, not for his own Worthineſs, but of Free Grace.

* Eccluſ. 44. 17. 2 Pet. 2. 5. ‖ Or, *upright.*

9 ¶ Theſe *are* the [23] generations of Noah: * Noah was [24] a juſt man, *and* ‖ [25] perfect [26] in his generations, *and* Noah [27] walked with God.

[23] His Poſterity, *v.*10. and the Events that befel him and them. [24] *Viz.* By Faith, *Heb.*11.7. *Rom.*1.17. [25] *Deut.*18.13. *Matth.*5.48. 2 *Cor.* 13. 11. & 3.9. *Heb.* 13. 21. 1 *Pet.* 5. 10. 2 *Tim.*3.17. *Eph.*4.12,13. *Col.*1.28. *Rev.* 3.2. *Luk.* 8. 14. Upright and ſincere (*Job* 1. 8. *Pſal.*37.37. *Prov.*2.21.) in Heart, (*Iſa.* 38.3.) in the belief of the Promiſes, and unblameable in the courſe of his Life, (Pſal.119.1.) in whom Sin had not Dominion, *Pſal.*19.13. [26] *Phil.*2.15. 2*Pet.*2.5. *i.e.* (1.) Among the Men of the Age wherein he lived. (2.) In compariſon of them. And (3.) Notwithſtanding their evil Counſels and Examples. [27] See on *Ch.* 5. 24.

10 And Noah begat three ſons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The Earth alſo was [28] corrupt [29] before God; and the earth was filled with violence.

[28] Defiled with many great Sins. [29] Sinning openly and preſumptuouſly without any fear of God, *Ch.* 10.9. & 13.13.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt: for all fleſh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God ſaid unto Noah, [30] The end of all fleſh is come [31] before me; for the earth is * Or, *from the earth.* filled with violence [32] through them: and behold, I will deſtroy them * with [33] the earth.

[30] The time of their Deſtruction is at hand, as *Jer.*51. 13. *Ezek.*7.2,3,6. *Am.*8.2. [31] In my Purpoſe and Decree. [32] By their means. [33] The Beaſts and Fruits of the Earth, and all things for Man's Uſe, *v.* 17.

‖ Heb. *reſts.*

14 ¶ Make thee [34] an ark of Gopher-wood: ‖ rooms ſhalt thou make in the ark, and ſhalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

[34] A Type of the Church, out of which there is no Salvation, 1 *Pet.* 3. 20.

15 And this *is the faſhion* which thou ſhalt make it *of*: The length of the ark *ſhall be* † three hundred cubits, the breadth of it *a* fifty cubits, and the height of it *b* thirty cubits.

† Five hundred forty ſeven Feet ſix Inches: Or, an hundred eighty two yards and a half. *a* Thirty Yards and fifteen Inches. *b* Eighteen Yards and a Quarter.

16 A window ſhalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit ſhalt thou finiſh [35] it above; and the door of the ark ſhalt thou ſet in the ſide thereof: *with* lower, ſecond, and third *ſtories* ſhalt thou make it.

17 And behold, [36] I, even I do bring a floud of waters upon the earth, to deſtroy all fleſh, wherein *is* the breath of life from under heaven: *and* every thing that *is* in the earth ſhall [37] die.

[35] The Ark. [36] *Pſal.* 29.10. [37] *Rom.*7.23. *Pſal.* 107.34.

18 But with thee will I [38] eſtabliſh my [39] covenant: and thou ſhalt come into the ark; thou, and thy ſons, and thy wife, and thy ſons wives with thee.

[38] Make and perform. [39] Promiſe for thy preſervation.

19 And [40] of every living thing of all fleſh, [41] two of every *ſort* ſhalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee: they ſhall be male and female.

[40] *Pſal.* 36.-6. [41] *Viz.* at the leaſt; but of the clean, more, *Ch.* 7.2.

20 Of fowls [42] after their kind, and of cattel after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind: two of every *ſort* ſhall [43] come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

[42] *Ch.*1.24. [43] *Ch.* 2.19. & 7. 9. *Joh.* 5. 40. *Jer.* 8. 7.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou ſhalt gather *it* to thee; and it ſhall be for food for thee and for them.

* Heb. 11. 7. 22 * [44] Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, ſo did he.

[44] *Ch.*7.5. *Heb.*11.7. *Exod.*40. 16. Notwithſtanding all the Scoffs he met withal for his pains.

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1 *Noah enters the ark.* 17 *The beginning, increaſe, and continuance of the floud.*

AND the * LORD ſaid unto Noah, [1] Come thou, and [2] all thy houſe [3] into the ark: for thee have I ſeen [4] righteous [4] before me [4] in this generation. * 2 Pet. 2. 5.

[1] *Iſa.* 26.20. be ready to come in at the end of ſeven days, *v.* 4. [2] *V.* 13. *Ch.*6.18. 1 *Pet.*3.20. *Act.*2.39. [3] *Matth.* 24. 38. *Luk.*17.27. 2 *Pet.*2.5. [4] See on *Ch.* 6. 9.

2 Of every [5] clean beaſt thou ſhalt take to thee by * [6] ſevens, the male and his female: * Heb. *ſeven* and of beaſts that *are* not clean by two, the *ſeven.* male and his female.

[5] Such as God had appointed for Sacrifice, and Food. [6] Seven Couples of a ſort, *v.*9.16. that ſome might be for Food and Sacrifice, (*Ch.* 8. 20.) others for Breed.

3 Of [7] fowls alſo of the air by ſevens, the male and the female; to keep ſeed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet ſeven days, and [8] I will cauſe it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights: and every living ſubſtance that I have made, will I * deſtroy from off the face of the * Heb. *blot out.* earth.

5 And [9] Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

[7] *Viz.* Clean. [8] *Ch.* 6. 17. & 2.5. *Iſa.* 5.-6. *Am.* 4. 7. [9] *Ch.* 6. 22. This is here repeated, becauſe it was an eminent Inſtance of his Faith and Obedience.

6 And Noah *was* ſix hundred years old when the floud of waters was upon the earth.

7 ¶ And Noah [10] went in, and his ſons, and his wife, and his ſons wives with him, into the ark, becauſe of the waters of the floud.

8 Of clean beaſts, and of beaſts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There [11] went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to paſs * after ſeven days, * Or, *on the* that the [12] waters of the floud were upon the *ſeventh day.* earth.

[10] *Prov.* 22. 3. [11] As *Ch.* 2. 19. & 6. 20. [12] *Job* 22. 16.

11 ¶ In the ſix hundredth year of Noahs life, in the ſecond Month, the ſeventeenth day of the month, the ſame day were all the fountains of the [13] great deep [14] broken up, and the * [15] windows of heaven were opened. * Or, *floud-gates.*

[13] Waters kept in Store-houſes under the Earth, *Pſal.* 33. -7. [14] *Pſal.*74.15. Guſht out in great abundance; (and not only in ſmall quantities as at other times.) [15] *Ch.*1.7. 2 *King.* 7. 2, 19. *Iſa.* 24.18. *Mal.*3.10. *Pſal.*78.23. the rain fell violently down from the Clouds.

12 And the rain was upon the earth [16] forty days and [16] forty nights.

[16] God by this gradual proceeding both awakened 'em to repent, and gave 'em ſpace for it.

13 In the ſelf-ſame day entred Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the ſons of Noah, and Noahs wife, and the three wives of his ſons with them, into the ark:

14 They, and every beaſt after his kind, and all the cattel after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every * ſort. * Heb. *wing.*

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, [17] two and two of all fleſh, wherein *is* the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all fleſh, as God had commanded him, and the LORD [18] ſhut him in.

17 And

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[17] *Isa.* 11. 6. [18] Closed the Ark by some special providence, (besides what he did himself to fasten the door within).

17 And [19] the flood was forty days upon the earth: and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth: and the ark [20] went upon the face of the waters.

[19] That rain, *v.* 12. [20] *Exod.* 14. 28, 29.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 ‖ Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the [21] mountains were covered.

* Wisd. 10. 4. 21 * And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattel, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and [22] every man.

‖ Twenty seven feet nine Inches, or nine Yards and a quarter. [21] *Jer.* 3. 23. [22] *Psal.* 104. 6.

* Heb. *the breath of the spirit of life.* 22 [23] All in whose nostrils *was* * the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry land, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed, which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattel, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and * [24] Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

* Wisd. 10. 4. 2 Pet. 2. 5.

[23] *Luke* 17. 27. *Job* 22. 16. [24] *Prov.* 11. 4. 2 *Pet.* 2. 9.

24 And the waters [25] prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

[25] Either encreased or continued in their full strength.

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1 *The waters asswage.* 18 *Noah goes forth of the Ark;* 20 *builds an altar, and offers Sacrifice.* 21 *God's promise to curse the earth no more.*

AND God [1] remembred Noah, and every living thing, and all the [2] cattel that *was* with him in the ark: And God made [3] a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged.

[1] *Ch.* 19. 29. and 30. 22. *Exod.* 32. 13. *Neh.* 13. 14.-22. *Job* 14.-13. *Psal.* 132. 1. Shewed himself careful of Noah and the Creatures, by providing for their deliverance out of this evil, according to his promise, *Ch.* 6. 18. [2] *Psal.* 36.-6. *Jon.* 4.-11. [3] As *Exod.* 14. 21.

2 [4] The fountains also of the deep, and [4] the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was [5] restrained.

[4] See on *Ch.* 7. 11. [5] *Job* 38.-37. *Matth.* 8.-26.

3 And the waters returned from off the earth † Heb. *in going and returning.* † continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 ¶ And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

† Heb. *were in going and decreasing.* 5 And the waters † decreased continually, until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 ¶ And it came to pass [6] at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.

[6] *Viz.* After the tops of the Mountains were first seen.

† Heb. *in going forth and returning.* 7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth † [7] to and fro, [8] until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

[7] Came back to the Ark, but not into it. [8] *i.e.* never returned: as 2 *Sam.* 6. 23. *Matth.* 1. 25.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground.

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark: for the waters *were* on the face of the whole [9] earth. Then he put forth his hand, and took her, and * pulled her in unto him into the ark.

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* Heb. *caused her to come.*

10 And he [10] stayed yet other seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark.

[9] The Plains thereabouts; (for the tops of the Mountains were seen afore, *v.* 5.) [10] *Psal.* 40. 1. *Isa.* 26. 8.

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening, and lo, in her mouth *was* an olive-leaf pluckt off: So Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

13 ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was [11] dry.

[11] Free from waters, (yet soft and muddy).

14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth [12] dried.

[12] Grown hard and fit for use.

15 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattel, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Noah [13] went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons wives with him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their † kinds, went forth out of the ark.

† Heb. *families.*

20 ¶ And Noah builded an [14] altar unto the LORD, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered [15] burnt-offerings on the altar.

[13] *Psal.* 121. 8. [14] *Ch.* 12. 7, 8. and 13.-18. and 26. 25. and 35. 7. *Exod.* 17. 15. A Type of Christ, *Heb.* 13. 10, 15. [15] See on *Lev.* 1. 3.

21 And the Lord smelled * [16] a sweet savour, and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again † curse the ground any more for mans sake; [17] for the † [18] imagination of mans heart is evil [19] from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

* Heb. *a savour of rest.*

† Chap. 6. 5. Matth. 15. 19.

[16] *Eph.* 5. 2. *Lev.* 26. 31. *Am.* 5. 21. Graciously accepted it (as 1 *Sam.* 26. 19. text and margin compar'd) as a thing pleasing and delightful to him, being a fruit of his Faith and Thankfulness. † *Viz.* With such a universal Deluge. [17] This, in part, moved God to destroy the World, (*Ch.* 6. 5, 6.) yet is brought in here as a motive to mercy. So *Psal.* 103, 13, 14. A like Plea *David* makes, *Psal.* 25. 11. and God himself, *Isa.* 48. 8, 9. [18] *Ch.* 6. 5. *Matth.* 15. 19. [19] *Isa.* 48.-8. *Psal.* 51. 5. and 58. 3.

22 † [20] While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall [21] not cease.

† Heb. *as yet all the days of the earth.*

[20] God here obliges himself not to overthrow the general course of Nature all the World over any more, (tho' particular places may suffer, as 1 *King.* 17. 1.) [21] So neither shall the grace of the new Covenant, *Jer.* 33, 20, 21.

CHAP. IX.

1 *God blesseth Noah.* 4 *Blood and murder are forbidden.* 8 *Gods covenant* 13 *by the rain-bow.* 21 *Noah is drunken,* 25 *curseth Canaan,* 29 *and dieth.*

AND God [1] blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, † [2] Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth.

† Chap. 1. 28. and 8. 17.

Chap. 9.

[1] *Psal.* 128. 3, 4. Renewed the blessing made before.
[2] *v.* 7. *Ch.* 1. 28. and 8. 17.

2 And [3] the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

[3] *Psal.* 8. 6. &c. and 104. 20.-23. So as that you shall be able to tame, or at least to overawe the wildest, fiercest, or strongest of 'em, either by force or cunning. *Jam.* 3. 7. Here the remainder of Soveraignty which man enjoyed since the Fall, is confirmed to Noah, and his Posterity.

3 Every moving thing [4] that liveth [5] shall be
† Chap. 1. 29. meat for you; even [6] as the † green herb have I given you all things:

[4] *Exod.* 22. 31. *Lev.* 22. 8. [5] *i. e.* You may freely eat of any of the Creatures fit for your use, either as Food or Physic. [6] *Ch.* 1. 29, 30.

† Lev. 17. 14. 4 † But flesh with the life thereof, [7] *which is* the blood thereof, shall you [8] not eat.

[7] *i. e.* Which life or soul hath the seat in, and support from, the blood, and the spirits contained in it. [8] *Lev.* 3. 17. and 17. 11, 14. *Deut.* 12. 23. *Acts* 15, 20. (31) Because it was to be offer'd as a ransom for man's life, and instead thereof, which he had forfeited to God's justice. *Lev.* 17. 11. *Heb.* 9. 22. (2.) To make 'em more fearful of shedding man's blood, (as the next words shew).

5 And surely your blood of your lives will [9] I require: at the hand of every [10] beast will I require it; and at the hand of man, at the hand of every mans brother will I require the life of man.

[9] *Psal.* 9. 12. Take vengeance for the shedding of it; either by the Magistrate, or by my own hand, in case he neglect his duty. [10] *Exod.* 21. 28.

*Matth. 26. 52. Rev. 13. 10. † Chap. 1. 27. 6 * Whoso [11] sheddeth mans blood, [12] by man shall his blood be shed: † for in [13] the image of God made he man.

[11] *Num.* 35. 30. *Rom.* 13. 4. *Matth.* 26. 52. *Rev.* 13. 10. *Viz.* wilfully, and unjustly, (for *Numb.* 35. 11. *Exod.* 21. 12. *Lev.* 24. 17.) [12] The Magistrate whose Office is here instituted. [13] *Gen.* 1. 27. And therefore such an injury to Man, is a high affront to God, whose image he bears.

7 And you, [2] be ye fruitful, and multiply, bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold I [14] establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10 And with [15] every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattel, and of every beast of the earth with you, from all that go out of the ark, to [16] every beast of the earth.

[14] Make and perform. *Ch.* 6. 18. [15] *Psal.* 145. 9. To secure them also from such a general destruction. [16] *Viz.* Which shall hereafter be in the earth.

† Isa. 54. 9. 11 And † I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a [17] flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This *is* the [18] token of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:

[17] *Ch.* 8. 21, 22. See there. *Isa.* 54. 9. [18] A sensible sign and seal or pledge to assure you that I will perform this promise: and tho' according to the course of Nature it be a sign of rain, yet it shall become an assurance that there shall be no more such overflowing rain as has been.

13 [19] I do set [20] my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

[19] I now appoint it for this end. [20] *Ezek.* 1. 28. Ordain'd by me to this use.

† Eccluf. 43. 11, 12. 14 † And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will [21] remember my covenant which *is* between me, and you, and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

[21] Make it appear that I do so.

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16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the [22] everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

[22] Made with all succeeding generations of Men and Beasts.

17 And God said unto Noah, [23] This *is* the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

[23] This is so often repeated for the strengthening the faith of all men, and especially of Noah and his Sons; whom the remembrance of that dreadful deluge had made too apprehensive of the like again.

18 ¶ And the sons of Noah that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham *is* the father of † Canaan. † Heb. *Chenaan.*

19 These *are* the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began *to be* an husband-man, and he planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine, and was [24] drunken, and he was [25] uncovered within his tent.

22 And [26] Ham the Father of Canaan saw the nakedness of his father, and [27] told his two brethren without.

[24] *Ch.* 9. 1 *Cor.* 10. 12. [25] *Prov.* 20. 1. [26] Being told it by *Canaan*, who probably first saw it, and therefore is only mentioned in the curse, *v.* 25. [27] *Prov.* 30. 17. *Gal.* 6. 1. In derision and contempt of his Father, *v.* 24.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their fathers nakedness.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he [28] said, [29] Cursed *be* [30] Canaan; [31] a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

[28] By Divine Inspiration. [29] Hateful to God, abhorred by men, and miserable in his Person and Posterity. [30] From whom the Curse both ascended to his Father *Ham*, and descended to his Posterity, the Canaanites. [31] *Josh.* 9. 21.

26 And he said, [32] Blessed *be* the LORD God [33] of Shem; and Canaan shall be his † servant. † Or, *servant to them.*

[32] When he curses *Canaan* he curses him in his own Person, because the Root of his wickedness was in himself: but being delighted with the Piety of *Shem* he blesses God for it, as being the fruit of his special grace. *Psal.* 115. 1. [33] In covenant with him, (which he foresaw by the Spirit of Prophecy he would be).

27 God shall † [34] enlarge Japheth, and he shall † Or, *perswade*, [35] dwell in the [36] tents of [35] Shem; and [37] Canaan shall be [38] his servant.

[34] Increase his Posterity and inlarge his Territories; and so 'tis (literally) a promise of temporal blessings: or, *perswade, i. e.* bring to faith and obedience; and so 'tis (mystically) a Prophecy of the Calling of the Gentiles, the Posterity of *Japhet*. [35] *Eph.* 3. 6. and 2. 14, 19. Become Members of the Church (then confin'd to *Shem*'s family) and admitted into the Society of the People of God. [36] *Heb.* 11. 9, 10. [37] The Posterity of *Canaan* are excluded from having any share in this Propherical Benediction of being called to be Members of the Church: and therefore it seems to me from hence, that that part of the Gentiles shall not be generally converted, (tho' some particular Persons, or Nations may for a while). [38] Accomplish'd *Dan.* 5. 31.

28 ¶ And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

CHAP. X.

1 Noahs generations. 2 The sons of Japheth. 6 and Ham. 8 Nimrod the first monarch. 21 The sons of Shem.

NOw these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 * [1] The

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† 1 Chr. 1. 5.

2 † [1] The ſons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meſhech, and Tiras.

3 And the ſons of Gomer, Aſhkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the ſons of Javan; Eliſhah, and Tarſhiſh, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 By theſe were the [2] iſles of the Gentiles divided in their lands, [3] every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

[1] 1 *Chron.* 1. 5. [2] Countries of *Europe*; (called Iſles, becauſe ſeparated from *Judea* by the Sea.) *i. e.* the Poſterity of *Japheth* after the Confuſion of Languages planted themſelves in ſeveral Countries of *Europe*. [3] *q. d.* At the dividing of Tongues, God by his Providence ſo order'd it, that all of a Family or Nation ſpake the ſame Language, and ſo ſetled themſelves all together accordingly, in ſuch and ſuch places.

‖ 1 Chr. 1. 8.

6 ¶ ‖ And the ſons of Ham; Cuſh, and [4] Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

7 And the ſons of Cuſh; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the ſons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

8 And Cuſh begat Nimrod: he began to be [5] a mighty one in the earth.

[4] *Pſal.* 105. 27 [5] To affect and uſurp a Tyrannical Government, and to enlarge his Dominions.

9 He was [6] a mighty hunter [7] before the LORD: [8] wherefore it is ſaid, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

[6] He made himſelf popular by hunting and killing of wild Beaſts which did much infeſt 'em; and at laſt uſurp'd the Government, and became a cruel Perſecutor, Oppreſſor, and Tyrant, as *Jer.* 16.-16. *Ezek.* 13.-18. *Lam.* 4. 18. [7] 1 *Sam.* 2. 17. openly and without fear of God, as *Ch.* 6. 11. [8] His Cruelty and Tyranny was ſo notorious, that it became a Proverb of reproach, concerning a tyrannical Perſon, *He's a very* Nimrod.

† Gr. *Babylon.*

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was † Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

† Or, *he went out* into *Aſſyria.*

‖ Or, *the ſtreets of the city.*

11 Out of that land † went forth Aſher, and builded Nineveh, and ‖ the city Rehoboth, and Calah.

12 And Reſen between Nineveh and Calah: the ſame *is* a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14 And Pathruſim, and Caſluhim (out of whom came Philiſtim) and Caphtorim.

† Heb. *Tzidon.*

15 ¶ And Canaan begat † Sidon his firſt-born, and Heth.

16 And the Jebuſite, and the Emorite, and the Girgaſite,

17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterwards were the families of the Canaanites ſpread abroad.

† Heb. *Azzah.*

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comeſt to Gerar, unto † Gaza; as thou goeſt unto Sodom and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Laſhah.

20 Theſe *are* the ſons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shem alſo the [9] father of all the children of [10] Eber, the brother of Japheth the [11] elder, even to him were *children* born.

[9] *i. e.* Both the natural Father, through whoſe Loins the Promiſe was conveyed down to his Poſterity; and alſo an eminent Pattern of Holineſs to 'em. [10] From whom his Poſterity were called Hebrews; and therefore his name is particularly mention'd. [11] *i. e.* Which *Japheth* was elder Brother to *Shem.*

† 1 Chr. 1. 17. ‖ Heb. *Arpachſhad.*

22 The † children of Shem; Elam, and Aſher, and ‖ Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Maſh.

† Heb. *Shelah.*

24 And Arphaxad begat † Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

25 † And unto Eber were born two ſons: the name of one *was* Peleg, for [12] in his days was the earth [13] divided; and his brothers name *was* Joktan.

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† 1 Chr. 1. 19.

[12] *i. e.* About the time of his Birth it happened that the Inhabitants of the Earth were divided, firſt in Language, then in Habitation.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah.

27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all theſe *were* the ſons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Meſha, as thou goeſt unto Sephar a mount of the eaſt.

31 Theſe *are* the ſons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 Theſe *are* the families of the ſons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by theſe were the nations divided in the earth after the floud.

CHAP. XI.

1 *One language in the world.* 3 *Babel built.* 5 *Languages confounded.* 10 *The generations of Shem.*

† Heb. *Lip.* ‖ Heb. *words.*

AND [1] the whole earth was of † [1] one [2] language, and of one ‖ [2] ſpeech.

[1] This Chapter, in order of Story, goes before *Ch.* 10. for from *Babel* they were ſcatter'd, *v.* 8. [2] Which probably was the Hebrew.

2 And it came to paſs as [3] they journyed from the Eaſt, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

† Heb. *a man ſaid to his neighbor.* ‖ Heb. *burn them to a burning.*

3 And † they ſaid one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and ‖ burn them throughly. And they had brick for ſtone, and ſlime had they for morter.

4 And they ſaid, Go to, let us build us a city and a towre, whoſe top *may reach* unto heaven, and let us make us a [4] name, leſt we be ſcattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

[3] *Nimrod* and his Company; not the Godly. [4] A laſting Monument to eternize the fame of our Wealth and Magnificence.

5 And the LORD [5] came down to ſee the city and the towre which the [6] children of men builded.

[5] Made it appear, by the ſequel, that he took notice of this their proud, vain-glorious attempt, to puniſh it. [6] Not the Poſterity of *Shem* (who therefore retain'd their ancient Language) but thoſe mentioned *v.* 2.

6 And the LORD ſaid, [7] Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be reſtrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, [8] let us go down, and there [9] confound their language, that they may not underſtand one anothers ſpeech.

[7] Spoken by way of Scorn, as *Ch.* 3. 22. [8] Signifying the greatneſs and certainty of their Puniſhment. [9] *Job* 12. 20. *Pſal.* 33. 10. By making 'em forget their former Language, and imprinting ſeveral Languages in the Minds of ſeveral Nations. See *Ch.* 10. *n.* 3.

8 So the LORD [10] ſcattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they [11] left off to build the city.

[10] *Prov.* 10. 24. [11] But the Church was built by the contrary Miracle, the Gift of Tongues, *Act.* 2. 4, 6, 11.

† That is, *confuſion.* ‖ Wiſd. 10. 5.

9 Therefore is the name of it called † Babel, becauſe the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence ‖ did the LORD ſcatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

† 1 Chr. 1. 17.

10 ¶ † Theſe *are* the [12] generations of Shem:

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Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood.

[12] 1 *Chron.* 1. 17. Those who were the Seminary of the Church, and the Progenitors of Christ.

11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah.

13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber.

15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

† 1 Chr. 1. 19. ‖ Called Luke 3. 35. *Phalec.*

16 † And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat ‖ Peleg.

17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu.

19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and

† Luke 3. 35. *Saruch.*

begat † Serug.

21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor.

23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24 And [13] Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat † Terah.

† Luke 3. 34. *Thara.*

[13] The first Patriarch that fell to Idolatry, *Josh.* 24. 2.

25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

† Josh. 24. 2. 1 Chr. 1. 26.

26 And Terah lived seventy years, and † begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 ¶ Now these *are* the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

28 And Haran died before his father Terah, in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Caldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abrams wife *was* [14] Sarai; and the name of Nahors wife Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

30 But Sarai was [15] barren; she had no child.

31 And [16] Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his sons son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abrams wife; and [17] they went forth [18] with them from † Ur of the

† Neh. 9. 7. Judith 5. 7. Acts 7. 4.

Caldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

[14] *Ch.* 17. 15. [15] *Ch.* 16. 1. 2. [16] Here begin the 430 years at the end whereof *Israel* came out of *Egypt*, *Exod.* 12. 41. *Gal.* 3. 17. [17] *Neh.* 9. 7. *Act.* 7. 2.-4. *Heb.* 11. 8. *i. e. Lot* and *Sarai.* [18] With *Terah* and *Abram.*

CHAP. XII.

1 God blesseth Abram with a promise of Christ. 7 Canaan promis'd him. 11. He feigns his wife to be his Sister.

‖ Acts 7. 3.

NOw the ‖LORD had said unto Abram, [1] Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy fathers house, unto a land that I will [2] shew thee.

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[1] *Psal.* 45. 11. *Luk.* 14. 26. 1 *Cor.* 6. 17. *Rev.* 18. 4. lest thou be infected with Idolatry. [2] *Heb.* 11. 8. *Isa.* 41. 2.

2 And I will make of thee [3] a great nation, and I will [4] bless thee, and make thy name [5] great; and thou shalt be [6] a blessing.

[3] Chiefly in respect of thy Spiritual Seed, *Rom.* 4. 11. *Gal.* 3. 7. [4] *Gal.* 3. 14. [5] 2 *Sam.* 7. 9. [6] A means of conveying Blessedness, (1.) To thy Posterity; who shall be blessed for thy sake. (2.) To thy Friends, and Servants; who shall be blessed by thy Instruction and Example. (3.) To all the World; by being the Progenitor of Christ, and an eminent Pattern of Faith and Holiness to all.

3 And I will [7] bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: [8] and † in thee shall [9] all families of the earth be blessed.

† Chap. 18. 18. & 22. 18. Acts 3. 25. Gal. 3. 8.

[7] *Ch.* 27. 29. *Numb.* 24. 9. [8] *Ch.* 18. 18. and 26. 4. *Act.* 3. 26. *Gal.* 3. 8. *i.e.* in thy Seed, Christ, *Ch.* 22. 18. *Act.* 3. 25. *Gal.* 3. 16. [9] Believers of all Nations: all that are blessed shall be blessed by this means, and no other way.

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brothers son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the Souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the [10] land of Canaan, and into the [10] land of Canaan they came.

6 ¶ And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the [11] Canaanite *was* then in the land.

[10] *Heb.* 11. 9. A Type of Heaven, *Deut.* 8. 7, 8, 9. [11] *Zech.* 14. 21. *q.d.* Tho at the present it was possess'd by the *Canaanite*, yet *Abram* look'd upon it by Faith as his own.

7 And the LORD [12] appeared unto Abram, and said, †[13] Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he [14] an ‖altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

† Chap. 13. 15. ‖ Chap. 13. 4.

[12] *Viz.* By a new Revelation, to strengthen his Faith now that he saw all the Land possess'd before him by the *Canaanite*. *Abram* is the first Person to whom God is said in Scripture to have appear'd. [13] *Ch.* 13. 15. and 15. 18. and 17. 8. and 24. 7. and 26. 3. *Deut.* 34. 4. [14] *Ch.* 13. 4. for Sacrifice and Thanksgiving, (as *Ch.* 8. 20.) for this Mercy, and to keep them close to the Worship of the true God.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, *having* Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded [14] an altar unto the LORD, and [15] called upon the name of the LORD.

[15] Worship'd God by Prayer, and Preaching to his Family, (*Ch.* 18. 19.) and offering Sacrifice.

9 And Abram [16] journyed, † going on still toward the south.

† Heb. *In going and journeying.*

10 ¶ And there was [17] a famine in the land; and Abram went down [18] into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine *was* grievous in the land.

[16] *Heb.* 13. 14. [17] *Psal.* 107. 34. *Act.* 14. 22. *Psal.* 34. 19. a new Trial of *Abram's* Faith. [18] *Psal.* 105. 13.

11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now I know that thou *art* [19] a fair woman to look upon.

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This *is* his wife: and they will [20] kill me, but they will save thee alive.

[19] Tho now above sixty years old. [20] 1 *Sam.* 27. 1. *Prov.* 29. 25.

13 [21] Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my [22] sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

[21] *Ch.* 9. 21. *Prov.* 20. 9. [22] Tho this was true in some sense, (*Ch.* 20. 12.) yet not as they understood it, and so he expos'd her to danger, contrary to his duty.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, that when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians [23] beheld the woman, and that she *was* very fair.

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15 The Princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was [24] taken into Pharaohs house.

[23] *Ch.* 39. 7. [24] Probably in order to his marrying of her, *v.* 19.

16 And he intreated Abram well for her sake: and [25] he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels.

[25] *Viz.* By *Pharaoh*'s gift, besides what he had of his own.

17 And the LORD [26] plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues, [27] because of Sarai Abrams wife.

[26] *Ch.* 20.18. *Psal.*105.14. 1 *Chron.*21.-7. *Heb.* 13. 4. Probably with some such Distemper as did both chastise him for, and hinder him from the executing of his lust. [27] For their intention of uncleanness with her.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What *is* this *that* thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not tell me that she *was* [28] thy wife?

[28] Which he might understand by *Sarai*'s confession upon further enquiry.

19 Why saidst thou, She *is* my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore, behold thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way.

20 And Pharaoh commanded *his* men [29] concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

[29] That they should not offer him any injury, but shew him all manner of kindness.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Abram and Lot return out of Egypt.* 7 *By disagreement they part asunder.* 14 *Gods promise renewed to Abram.*

AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the [1] south.

2 And Abram *was* very [2] rich in cattel, in silver, and in gold.

[1] *Ch.* 12.-9. [2] *Ch.*24.35. *Prov.*10.22. *Matth.* 6.33. 1 *Tim.* 4. 8.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south, even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai;

* Chap.12.7.

4 Unto the * place of the [3] altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram [3] called on the name of the LORD.

5 ¶ And Lot also which went with Abram had flocks, and herds, and [4] tents.

[3] See on *Ch.* 12. 8. [4] Servants dwelling in Tents, as *Jer.* 49. 29.

6 And the land was not able to [5] bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

[5] Afford feeding enough for so many flocks and herds.

7 And there was a [6] strife between the herdmen of Abrams cattel, and the herdmen of Lots cattel: And the [7] Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the [8] land.

[6] *Ch.* 21. 25. [7] See on *Ch.* 12.-6. Who were not to be scandaliz'd by any difference between Abram and Lot. *Neh.* 5.-9. [8] And so took up the best pasturage.

8 And Abram [9] said unto Lot, Let there be [9] no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen: for we *be* * [10] brethren.

* Heb. *men brethren.*

[9] 1 *Cor.* 6. 7. [10] Both by Nature and Religion.

9 *Is* not the whole land before thee? Separate thy self, I pray thee, from me. [11] If *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, *even* as the [12] garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

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[11] *Heb.*12.14. *Psal.*120.7. [12] *Isa.* 51. 3. *Ezek.* 28. 13. and 31. 8.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom *were* [13] wicked, and [13] sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

[13] *Ch.*19.5. 1 *Sam.* 15. 18. *Ezek.* 16. 49. *Matth.* 9. 10. *Joh.* 9.-24,31. Lot thinking to get a Paradise, found a Hell.

14 ¶ And the LORD [14] said unto Abram, [14] after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, north-ward, and south-ward, and east-ward, and west-ward.

[14] To comfort him after *Lot*'s departure.

15 For all the land which thou [15] seest, * [16] to thee will I give [17] it, and to [18] thy seed for [19] ever.

* Chap.12.7. and 26. 4. Deut.34.4.

[15] And all the rest also, *v.* 17. [16] *Ch.* 12. 7. See there. [17] The right and title to it. [18] *Psal.*69.36. and 102.28. *Isa.* 65. 9. As a pledge of the heavenly Country for thy spiritual Seed, *Rom.*9.6.-8. *Gal.*4.22,23. [19] *Ch.*17.8. *Isa.*60.21. *Heb.* 9.-15. 2 *Pet.*1.-11. For a long time to thy natural seed, and the heavenly *Canaan* for ever to thy spiritual seed.

16 And I will make thy seed as the [20] dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbred.

[20] *Ch.*15.5. and 22.17. and 32.12. *Numb.*23.10. *Heb.*11.12.

17 Arise, walk through the land, in [21] the length of it, and in the [21] breadth of it: for I will give it unto thee.

[21] This Survey was to strengthen *Abram*'s faith, who under this earthly land did view a heavenly.

18 Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt in the * plain of Mamre which *is* in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

† Heb. *plains.*

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The battel of the kings.* 12 *Lot taken,* 14 *is rescued by Abram.* 18 *Melchizedek blesseth Abram,* 20 *who giveth tithes.*

AND it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of [1] nations;

[1] A people gather'd out of divers Countries, who put themselves under his government.

2 *That these* made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the King of Bela which is Zoar.

3 All these were joyned together in the vale of Siddim, which is the [2] salt-sea.

[2] *Josh.*3.16. *i. e.* Which was turned afterwards into a salt Sea, *viz.* when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrha.

4 Twelve years they [3] served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

[3] According to that *Ch.* 9. 36.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in * Shaveh Kiriathaim.

* Or, *the plain of Kiriathaim.*

6 And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto * El-paran, which *is* by the wilderness.

* Or, *the plain of Paran.*

7 And they returned and came to Enmishpat which *is* Kadesh, and smote all the countrey of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar.

8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and

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and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the ſame *is* Zoar) and they joyned battel with them in the vale of Siddim.

9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellaſar: four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Siddim *was full of* ſlime-pits; and the [4] kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there: and they that remained, fled to the mountain.

[4] Their Armies, (for the King of *Sodom* eſcap'd, *v.* 17.)

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their [5] victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took [6] Lot, Abrams brothers ſon (who dwelt in Sodom) and his goods, and departed.

[5] The fruit of the Land. [6] *Rev.*18.4. *Numb.*16.26. The godly are many times plagued with the wicked; and therefore their company and neighbourhood is dangerous.

13 And there came one that had eſcaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eſhcol, and brother of Aner: and theſe *were* confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his [7] brother was taken captive, he * armed his † trained *ſervants*, born in his own houſe, three hundred and eighteen, and purſued *them* unto Dan.

* Or, *led forth.* † Or, *inſtructed.*

15 And he divided himſelf againſt them, he and his ſervants by night, and [8] ſmote them, and purſued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of Damaſcus.

16 And he [9] brought back all the goods, and alſo brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women alſo, and the people.

[7] *i. e.* Nephew, *v.* 12. *Ch.* 11.-27. [8] *Iſa.*41. 2,3. [9] So 1 *Sam.* 30.18.

17 ¶ And the King of Sodom went out to meet him, (after his return from the ſlaughter of Chedorlaomer and of the kings that *were* with him) at the valley of Shaveh, which is the * [10] kings dale.

* 2Sam.18.18.

18 And * [11] Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth [12] bread and [12] wine: and he *was* the prieſt of the moſt high God.

* Heb. 7.1.

[10] 2 *Sam.* 18.18. [11] *Pſal.* 110. 4. *Heb.* 7. 1. See there. [12] *Joh.*6.35. 2 *Sam.*17.27.-29. Proviſion to refreſh Abram and his Army, *Deut.* 23. 3, 4. *Judg.* 8. 5. 1 *Sam.* 17. 17. [13] 1 *Sam.* 2. 20. As a Prieſt, *Numb.*6.23,27. 1 *Chron.*23.13. *Heb.* 7. 6, 7.

19 And he [13] bleſſed him and ſaid, Bleſſed *be* Abram of the moſt high God, poſſeſſour of heaven and earth:

20 And bleſſed *be* the moſt high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he [14] gave him * tithes of all.

* Heb.7.4.

21 And the king of Sodom ſaid unto Abram, Give me the * perſons, and take the goods to thy ſelf.

* Heb. *ſouls.*

22 And Abram ſaid to the king of Sodom, I have [15] lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the moſt high God, the poſſeſſour of heaven and earth,

23 That I will not take from a threed even to a ſhoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, [16] leſt thou ſhouldeſt ſay, I have made Abram rich:

[14] *Heb.*7.4. *Rom.*15.10. [15] Sworn. *Deut.* 32.40. *Dan.* 12. 7. *Rev.*10.5,6. [16] *Eſth.*9.-15,16.

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eſhcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

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1 *Abram is encouraged.* 4 *A ſon is promiſed.* 6 *He is juſtified by faith.* 7 *Canaan is promiſed again.*

AFter theſe things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a [1] viſion, ſaying, [2] Fear not Abram: I *am* thy [3] ſhield, *and* thy [4] exceeding * great reward.

* Pſal.16.5.

[1] *Numb.* 12. 6. 1 *Sam.* 9. 9. *Acts* 10.-10. 2 *Cor.* 12. 2. See there. By night, *v.* 5. yet waking, *v.* 9, 10. [2] *Dan.* 10. 7. *Viz.* exceſſively; as *Matth.* 28. 5. with *Mar.* 16.6. *Pſal.*5.12. and 115.9.-11. [3] *Pſal.* 3.3. and 5.12. and 84. 11. and 91.4. [4] *Pſal.* 16. 5. *Prov.* 11. 18. *i. e.* I'll abundantly recompence thee for all thy Piety, by beſtowing my ſelf upon thee.

2 And Abram ſaid, LORD God, [5] what wilt thou give me, ſeeing I go childleſs, and the [6] ſteward of my houſe *is* this Eliezer of Damaſcus?

[5] *q. d.* What is there that I care for ſo long as I don't ſee the fulfilling of thy promiſe, touching my Seed whence the Meſſiah is to proceed. [6] The chief next to my ſelf; I having no heir.

3 And Abram ſaid, Behold, to me thou haſt given no ſeed: and lo, one [7] born in my houſe is mine heir.

4 And behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, ſaying, This ſhall not be thine heir, but he that ſhall come forth out of thine [8] own bowels ſhall be thine heir.

[7] *Ch.*14.14.*Eccl.*2.7. [8] *Ch.*35.11. 2 *Sam.* 7.12. 2 *Chro.*6.9.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and ſaid, Look now toward heaven, and tell the [9] ſtars, if thou be able to number them: And he ſaid unto him, * [10] So ſhall thy ſeed be.

* Rom.4.18.

[9] *Ch.* 13. 16. and 22. 17. 1 *Kings* 4. 20. [10] *Deut.* 1. 10. and 10. 22. 1 *Chron.*27.23. *Rom.* 4.8. Innumerable, *Jer.* 33. 22. eſpecially counting his ſpiritual Seed. *Rom.*4.11.-13. and 9. 8. *Gal.*3.7,29.

6 And he * [11] believed in the LORD; and he [11] counted it to him for righteouſneſs.

* Rom.4.3. Gal. 3.6. Jam. 2.23.

7 And he ſaid unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of [12] Ur of the Caldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

[11] *Rom.*4.3. See there. Grew ſtrong in his faith. [12] *Ch.*12.1.

8 And he ſaid, Lord GOD, [13] whereby ſhall I know that I ſhall inherit it?

[13] *Judg.*6.17. 2 *King.*20.8. *Iſa.*7.11. *Luke* 1. 18. This he asks (by Divine inſtinct, doubtleſs) for the ſtrengthening of his faith.

9 And he ſaid unto him, [14] Take me an heifer of three years old, and a ſhe-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all theſe, and [15] divided them in the midſt, and laid each piece [16] one againſt another: but the birds [17] divided he not.

[14] *i. e.* Take and offer unto me. [15] (1) To repreſent the torn and diſtracted condition in which his Seed was to lye for a ſeaſon. (2) To ratifie the Covenant with Abram and his Seed. *Jer.*34.18. [16] (1) To ſhew that God would in his own time put thoſe parts together again: as *Ezek.* 37.7, 11, 14. (2) That the Perſons covenanting might paſs between 'em. [17] *Lev.* 1. 17.

11 And when the [18] fowls came down upon the carcaſes, Abram [19] drove them away.

[18] *Ezek.*17.3,7,12. Noting the Egyptians and other enemies which ſhould ſeek to devour and deſtroy his Poſterity. [19] Repreſenting his conqueſt over 'em by Faith and Prayer.

12 And when the Sun was going down, [20] a deep ſleep fell upon Abram; and lo, an [21] horror of great darkneſs fell upon him.

[20] An Extaſie, or Trance; as *Ch.*2.21. [21] *Pſal.* 55.3.-5. *Dan.*10.8,9. Noting the great diſtreſs his Poſterity ſhould have by the vexation of their enemies.

13 And he ſaid unto Abram, Know of a ſurety * that thy ſeed ſhall be a ſtranger in a land *that is* [22] not theirs, and ſhall ſerve them, and they ſhall afflict them [23] four hundred years.

* Acts 7. 6.

[22] *Acts* 7.9. Chiefly, in *Egypt.* [23] *Acts* 7.6. See there.

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14 And also that nation whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with [24] great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to [25] thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a [26] good old age.

[24] *Exod.*12.35,36. [25] Into the state of the dead, whither all thy Fathers before thee are gone. [26] *Ch.* 25.8. *Job* 5.26. *Josh.*8.32. By a seasonable and natural death.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet [27] full.

[27] *Jer.* 51.13. *Dan.*8.23. *Joel* 3.12. *Matth.* 23.32. 1 *Thess.* 2.16.

17 And it came to pass, that when the sun went down and it was dark, behold a [28] smoking furnace, and a *[29] burning lamp that [30] passed between those pieces.

*Heb. *a lamp of fire.*

[28] This may represent *Abram's* Seed afflicted in *Egypt*, *Deut.*4.20. *Jer.*11.4. [29] Noting the Covenant between God and *Abram*, and their future deliverance, *Judg.* 6.21. *Isa.* 62.1. *Zech.* 12.6. [30] To note the ratification of the Covenant between God and his People.

18 In that same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‖ [31] Unto thy seed have I given this land, [32] from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

‖ Chap.12.7. & 13.15. & 26.4. Deut.34.4.

[31] *Ch.* 12.7. See there. [32] So far did the Countries become Tributary in *David's* and *Solomon's* days, 1 *King.*4.21. 2 *Sam.*8.3. *&c.* 2 *Chron.*9.26.

19 The Kenites, and Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Sarai giveth Hagar to Abram, 6 who flying from her mistress, 9 is sent back by an angel. 15 Ishmael is born.

NOw Sarai Abrams wife bare him no children: and she had an [1] hand-maid an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar.

[1] Or Bond-maid, (*Ch.*21.10,12.) opposed to a Free-woman, *Gal.*4.22.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold, now the LORD hath [2] restrained me from bearing: I pray thee go in unto my maid; it may be that I may † [3] obtain children by her: and Abram [4] hearkned to the voice of Sarai.

†Heb. *be builded by her.*

[2] *Ch.*20.18. and 30.22. [3] *Ch.* 30.3,6,9. *Ex.*21.4. [4] *Ch.* 3.6. not consulting with God, as he should have done.

3 And Sarai Abrams wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his [5] wife.

4 ¶ And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was [6] despised in her eyes.

[5] Concubine, *Ch.*25.6. [6] *Prov.* 30.21. 23. [a] Punishment for her Fault.

5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* [7] upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD [8] judge between me and thee.

[7] Imputed to thee, since thou takest no course to remedy it. [8] 1 *Sam.* 24.15. plead my Cause, and vindicate my Innocency, since thou wilt not do it. By these Quarrels in the Family, God was pleased to correct both *Abram* and *Sarai*, for seeking Children by such an unwarrantable way.

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold thy maid *is* [9] in thy hand; do to her † as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai ‖ dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

† Heb. that which is *good in thine eyes.*
‖ Heb. *afflicted her.*

7 ¶ And the [10] angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

[9] *Ch.*24.10. and 39.4,6,8. *Prov.*15.1. 1 *Pet.*3.7. [10] God, (*v.*10,13.) or Christ, (as *Exod.* 14.19. *Isa.*63.9.) appearing in a humane Shape.

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8 And he said, Hagar, [11] Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

[11] He puts her in mind of her relation, to make her sensible of her fault.

9 And the Angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and [12] submit thy self under her hands.

10 And the Angel of the LORD said unto her, I will [13] multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbred for multitude.

11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name † Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard [14] thy affliction.

† That is, *God shall hear.*

[12] *Tit.*2.9. 1 *Pet.*2.18. [13] *Ch.* 25.13. &c. [14] *Exod.* 3.7. thy Prayers made in thy affliction.

12 And [15] he will be [16] a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every mans hand against him: † and he shall dwell [17] in the presence of all his brethren.

† Chap.25.18.

[15] Both in his Person, and Posterity. [16] *Ch.* 21.20. and 37.25. warlike and violent; exercising himself in hunting Beasts, and oppressing men. [17] *Ch.* 25.18. near unto them, and that in spight of all their attempts against him.

13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God [18] seest me: for she said, Have I also [19] here [20] looked after him [18] that seeth me?

[18] Hast taken care of me, and graciously manifested thy self to me. [19] Even in this Desart, as well as in my Master's Family, and that notwithstanding my misbehaviour of my self. [20] *Ch.* 32.30. had a comfortable sight of him, and been enabled to look after him.

14 Wherefore the well was called, † ‖ Beer-lahai-roi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

† Chap.24.62.
‖ That is, *the well of him that liveth and seeth me.*

15 ¶ And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his sons name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

16 ¶ And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The Covenant is renewed. 5 Abram's name is changed. 10 Circumcision instituted. 15 Sarai's name changed. 16 Isaac promis'd.

AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; ‖ walk [1] before me, and be thou † [2] perfect.

‖ Chap.5.22.
† Or, *upright*; or, *sincere.*

[1] *Ch.*5.22. and 48.15. 1 *King.* 2.4. and 3.6. *Psal* 116.9. as always in my Presence. [2] See on *Ch.* 6.9.

2 And I will [3] make my covenant between me and thee, and will [4] multiply thee exceedingly.

[3] Renew, inlarge, and confirm it with a Sacrament. [4] *Ch.* 12.2.

3 And Abram [5] fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

[5] *V.*17. *Lev.*9.24. *Numb.* 22.31. *Josh.*5.14. *Jude* 13.20. *Ezek.*1.28. and 3.23. and 9.8. and 43.3. *Dan.*8.17. *Matth.* 17.6. *Rev.*1.17. in token of Fear and Reverence, as being afraid to look on God, *Exod.*3.6.

4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be [6] a father of † [7] many nations.

† Heb. *multitude of nations.*

[6] *Rom.*4.16,17. The great Example and Teacher of that Faith by which all are saved, and the Head of the Covenant, by and through whom the Covenant-right was conveyed to all his natural Seed, and after to the spiritual Seed, all Gentile Believers. [7] All Believers following his Example, *Gal.*3.28,29.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram; but thy name shall be [8] Abraham; † for a father of many nations have I made thee.

† Rom.4.17.

[8] See

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[8] See on *Ch.*32.28. *Neh.*9.-7. *Isa.*62.2. *Rev.* 2.17. *Abram* signifies, *A High Father*; and *Abraham*, *A High Father of a Multitude.*

6 And I will make thee exceeding [9] fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and [10] kings shall come out of thee.

[9] *Ch.*35.11. [10] This was true in a litteral Sense; but chiefly in a Spiritual, in respect of the *Messia*, who is King of Kings.

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and [11] thy seed after thee, in their generations, for [12] an everlasting covenant; to be [13] a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

[11] Specially *Isaac*, *v.* 19. & *Ch.*21.-12. and thy Spiritual Seed, *Rom.*9.7,8. [12] *Luk.* 1.72,73. of long continuance in respect of the outward Ceremony of Circumcision, but for the Spiritual part, literally everlasting in Christ, *Heb.*13.-20. 1 *Pet.*1.4. [13] *Lev.*26.12. *Heb.* 8.-10. *Psal.*33.12. and 144.-15. *Jer.* 31.-33 to employ all my Perfections for thy Protection, Consolation, and Salvation.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land † wherein thou art [14] a stranger, all the land of Canaan for an [15] everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

† Heb. *of thy sojournings.*

9 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep [16] my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee, in their generations.

[14] *Act.*7.5. *Heb.*11.9. [15] See on *Ch.*13.15. *n.*19. [16] The Token of my Covenant, (*v.*11.) and seal of it, (*Rom.*4.11.) both on God's part, that He'd give 'em Christ the promised Seed out of the Loins of *Abraham*, and in him accept of 'em for his peculiar People, pardon their Sins, and cleanse 'em from their natural corruption, (signified by the cutting off of their Foreskins) and on their parts, that they'd believe in this *Messia*, and put off the Old Man, and serve him as New Creatures.

10 This *is* [16] my covenant, which ye shall keep between me, and you, and thy seed after thee; † Every [17] man-child among you shall be [18] circumcised.

† Act. 7. 8.

[17] They only were circumcised, because the beginning of Generation, and consequently, of natural Corruption, is from that Sex: yet the Females also are included, and interested in the Covenant. [18] *Act.* 7.8. noting the Mortification of Corruption, *Deut.*10.16. and 30.6. *Rom.* 2.29. *Phil.*3.3. *Col.*2.11. *Jer.*4.4.

11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your [19] foreskin, and it shall be † [20] a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

† Act. 7. 8. Rom. 4.11.

[19] This part God singled out for this Ordinance, because it is a great Instrument in the Commission of actual Sins, and in the Propagation of Original Sin; and therefore it was very proper to apply to it the Seal of God's Covenant for the remission of Sins past, and the extirpation of Sin for the future. [20] A Sign, Evidence, and Assurance both of the Blessing promis'd by God, and of Man's Obligation to the Duties required.

12 And † he that is [21] eight days old ‖ shall be circumcised among you, every man-child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with mony of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.

† Heb. *a son of eight days.* ‖ Lev.12.3. Luke 2.21. John 7.22.

[21] Young Creatures were not to be offer'd to God till then, (*Exod.*22.30.) because of their Weakness, Imperfection, and Impurity.

13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy mony, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for [22] an everlasting covenant.

[22] A Sign of that everlasting Covenant I made with you: (for tho the outward sign was changeable, yet the Covenant was the same.)

14 And the [23] uncircumcised man-child whose flesh of his fore-skin is not circumcised, that soul shall be [24] cut off from his people: he hath [25] broken my covenant.

[23] *Viz.* Being grown up, and then wilfully or unnecessarily neglects it. [24] *Exod.*12.15.19. and 30.33, 38. and 31.-14. *Lev.*7.20,21, 25,27. and 17.4,9, 10,14. and 18.29. and 19.8. and 20.3,5,6,17,18. and 22.3. *Num.*9.13. and 15.30, 31. and 19.13,20. *viz.* from the Church, and not esteemed one of my People, and many times cut off by Death, as *Exod.* 31.14. *Lev.*17.4. and 20.2.-5. [25] By his neglect and contempt of the Condition required on his part, has forfeited the Blessing promis'd on my part.

15 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name [26] Sarai, but [20] Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

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[26] Changing the Letter [*i*] into [*h*] signifies the multiplication of her Children.

16 And I will [27] bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and † she shall be *a mother* of [28] nations; [10] kings of people shall be of her.

† Heb. *she shall become nations.*

[27] *Ch.* 1.28. [28] 1 *Pet.*3.6. *Gal.* 4.-26.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and [29] laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah that is ninety years old, bear?

[29] In token of his inward joy and satisfaction at this news, *Rom.*4.19,20. *Joh.*8.56.

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live [30] before thee.

[30] In thy favor, and not be cast off by Thee, tho I have another Son to inherit the Blessing.

19 And God said, † Sarah thy wife shall [31] bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name [32] Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for [12] an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

† Chap.18.10. & 21.2.

[31] *Ch.*18.10. and 21.2. [32] *Ch.* 21.6. see there.

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly: † twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

† Chap.25.16.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God [33] went up from Abraham.

[33] Withdrew the Tokens of his special Presence, and disappear'd.

23 ¶ And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his mony, every male among the men of Abrahams house; and circumcised the flesh of their fore-skin, in the self-same day, as God had said unto him.

24 And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine when he was circumcised in the flesh of his fore-skin.

25 And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his fore-skin.

26 In the self-same day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with mony of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Abraham entertaineth three angels.* 9 *Sarahs laughter.* 17 *Sodoms destruction revealed to Abraham* 23 *His intercession.*

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent-door in the heat of the day.

2 † And he lift up his eyes and looked, and lo, [1] three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he [2] ran to meet them from the tent-door, and [3] bowed himself toward the ground.

† Heb. 13.2.

[1] Angels in humane shape, *Heb.* 13.2. one of which was God, *v.*13. *&c.* and judge of all, *v.* 25. *i. e.* Christ, *Joh.* 5.22. [2] *Rom.*12.-13. [3] *Ch.* 23.7.

3 And said, [4] My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant.

[4] He addresses himself to one of them especially, who appear'd to be the chief.

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and [5] wash your feet, and rest your selves under the tree.

[5] *Ch.*19.2. and 24.32. *Jud.*19.21. 2 *Sam.* 11.8. 1 *Tim.* 5.10.

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10. for Men uſed to go bare-foot, or with Sandals, in thoſe parts, becauſe of the great heat.

5 And I will fetch a morſel of bread, and * comfort ye your hearts; after that, you ſhall paſs on: for [6] therefore † are ye come to your ſervant. And they ſaid, So do as thou haſt ſaid.

* Heb. *ſtay.*
† Heb. *you have paſſed.*

[6] *Ch.*19.-8. and 33.10. *q. d.* Since it is ſo come to paſs that you are come hither, let it be thus.

6 And Abraham haſtened into the tent unto Sarah, and ſaid, * Make ready quickly three meaſures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

* Heb. *haſten.*

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he haſted to dreſs it.

8 And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dreſſed, and ſet *it* before them; and he [7] ſtood by them under the tree, and they did [8] eat.

[7] To miniſter unto them, *Neh.* 12. 44. *Gal.* 5.-13. [8] *Ch.* 19.-3.

9 ¶ And they ſaid unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he ſaid, Behold, in the tent.

10 And [9] he ſaid, I will certainly [10] return unto thee [11] according to the time of life; and lo,

* Chap.17.19. and 21. 2.

* Sarah thy wife ſhall have [12] a ſon. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent-door, which *was* behind him.

[9] Jehovah, *v.*13. [10] Bring it about by my Providence, for the accompliſhment of my Promiſe. *Ch.*21.1. [11] 2 *King.* 4. 16, 17. *Rom.* 9. 9. That according to the uſual ſeaſon between Conception, and Delivery. [12] *Rom.* 9. 9.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah *were* [13] old, *and* well ſtricken in age: *and* it ceaſed to be with Sarah after the [14] manner of women.

[13] *Ch.* 17. 17. *Heb.* 11. 11. [14] *Ch.* 31. 35. *Rom.* 4.-19.

12 Therefore Sarah [15] laughed within her ſelf, ſaying, After I am waxed [16] old, ſhall I have [17] pleaſure, [18] my * lord being old alſo?

* 1 Pet. 3. 6.

[15] *Ch.* 17. 17. Secretly derided it at firſt hearing, thro' weakneſs of faith; but afterwards ſhe recollected her ſelf, and believed, (*Heb.* 11. 11.) and then laughed for joy. *Ch.*21. 6. [16] *Luke* 1. 18. [17] In the education and fruition of a Child. [18] 1 *Pet.* 3. 6.

13 And the LORD ſaid unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, ſaying, Shall I of a ſurety bear a child, which am old?

14 [19] Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time [20] appointed [21] will I return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah ſhall have a ſon.

[19] *Jer.*32.-17. *Luke* 1.37. [20] *Ch.*17.21. [21] *Mich.* 7. 18. *Luke* 1. 13.

15 Then Sarah denied, ſaying, I laughed not: for ſhe was afraid. And he ſaid, Nay, but thou didſt laugh.

16 ¶ And the men roſe up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them [22] to bring them on the way.

[22] *Acts* 2. 38. and 21. 5. *Rom.* 15. 24. 1 *Cor.* 16. 11.

17 And the LORD ſaid, Shall I [23] hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

[23] *Am.* 3. 7. *Pſal.* 25. 14. 2 *Chron.* 20.-7. *Joh.* 15.15.

18 [24] Seeing that Abraham ſhall ſurely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth ſhall be * bleſſed in [25] him?

* Chap.12.3. and 22.18. Acts 3.25. Galat.3.8.

[24] *q. d.* Since I have promis'd to do greater matters for him than this, why ſhould I hide this from him, which is leſs? [25] *Ch.* 12.-3. See there.

19 [26] For I [27] know him, that he will [28] command his children and his houſhold after him, and they ſhall keep the way of the LORD, to do juſtice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath ſpoken of him.

[26] *q. d.* I ſhall not acquaint him with this in vain; for what he has learn'd himſelf hee'l teach his children. [27] *Pſal.* 1.6. 2 *Tim.*2.19. [28] *Deut.*6.7. and 32.-46. *Prov.*6.20.

20 And the LORD ſaid, Becauſe the [29] cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and becauſe their ſin is very grievous;

21 I will [30] go down now, and ſee whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will [31] know.

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[29] *Ch.*4.10. and 19.13. *Jam.*5.4. [30] *Ch.* 11. 5. *Exod.* 3. 8. *Mich.*1.3. Inquire into the truth of the thing. [31] *Exod.*33.-5.

22 And [32] the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham [33] ſtood yet before the LORD.

[32] Two of the three; which were Angels. *Ch.* 19. 1.
[33] *Jer.*5.1. and 15.1.

23 ¶ And Abraham [34] drew near, and ſaid, Wilt thou alſo deſtroy the righteous with the wicked?

[34] Set himſelf to pray unto God. 1 *Sam.*14.36. *Pſal.*73.28. *Iſa.*29.13. *Heb.*7.19. and 10.22. *Jam.*4.8.

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou alſo deſtroy, and not ſpare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, [35] to ſlay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous ſhould be as the wicked, that be far from thee: [36] Shall not the Judge of all the earth [37] do right?

[35] Yet ſometimes they are taken away in public Calamities, but then 'tis in mercy to them [36] *Job* 8.3. and 34. 17. *Rom.*3.-5,6. [37] Deal in that moderate and equitable way, which God is pleas'd to uſe with the ſons of men.

26 And the LORD ſaid, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the City, then I will ſpare [38] all the place for their ſakes.

[38] *Iſa.* 65. 8. *Jer.* 5. 1. *Ezek.* 22. 30.

27 And Abraham anſwered and ſaid, Behold now, I have taken upon me to ſpeak unto the Lord, which *am but* [39] duſt and aſhes.

[39] *Ch.*3.19. *Job* 4.19. *Eccl* 12.7. The nearer we approach to God, the more ſenſible we are of our own meanneſs and vileneſs.

28 Peradventure there ſhall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou deſtroy all the city for *lack of* five? And he ſaid, If I find there forty and five, I will not deſtroy *it*.

29 And he ſpake unto him [40] yet again, and ſaid, Peradventure there ſhall be forty found there. And he ſaid, I will not do *it* for forties ſake.

30 And he ſaid *unto him*, † Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will ſpeak: Peradventure there ſhall thirty be found there. And he ſaid, I will not do *it* if I find thirty there.

31 And he ſaid, Behold now, I have [41] taken upon me to ſpeak unto the Lord: Peradventure there ſhall be twenty found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy *it* for twenties ſake.

[40] *Heb.* 4. 16. *Eph.* 6. 18. † *Judg.* 6. 39. [41] *Luke* 18.1. and 11. 8.

32 And he ſaid, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will ſpeak yet but this once: Peradventure [42] ten ſhall be found there. And he ſaid, [43] I will not deſtroy *it* for tens ſake.

[42] *Jer.* 5. 1. *Iſa.* 65. 8. If God condeſcended ſo low for the wicked Sodomites, what will he do for his own people?
[43] *Jam.*5.-16. *Matth.* 7. 7.

33 And the LORD went his way, aſſoon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Lot entertains two Angels.* 4 *The Sodomites ſmitten with blindneſs.* 18 *Lot obtains Zoar.* 24 *Sodom and Gomorrah deſtroyed.* 26 *Lots wife is a pillar of ſalt.*

AND there came [1] two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot ſat in the [2] gate of Sodom: and Lot ſeeing *them*, roſe up to meet them; and he bowed himſelf with his face toward the ground;

[1] Thoſe two that departed from *Abraham*, *Ch.*18.22. (the third ſtaying and communing with him). [2] *Ch.* 18. 1.

2 And he ſaid, Behold now my lords, turn in

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* Chap. 18. 4.

3 And he [4] preſſed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entred into his houſe: and he made them a feaſt, and did bake [5] unleavened bread, and they did eat.

[3] *Luke* 24. 28. [4] Acts 16. 15. [5] *Ch.* 18. 6. For haſte; as *Exod.* 12. 39.

4 ¶ But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compaſſed the houſe round, both [6] old and [6] young, all the people from every quarter.

5 And they [7] called unto Lot, and ſaid unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may [8] know them.

[6] *Exod.* 16. 2. and 23. 2. [7] *Iſa.* 3. 9. [8] *Judg.* 19. 22. *Rom.* 1. 27. *Jude* 7. *Lev.* 18. 22. and 20. 13. Likely the rare Beauty of the two men (Angels) being noted, occaſioned this.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and ſhut the door after him,

7 And ſaid, I pray you, [9] brethren, do not ſo wickedly.

[9] *Ch.* 29. 4. 1 *Sam.* 30. 23. *Iſa.* 58. 7. *Acts* 17. 26.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, [10] bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto theſe men do nothing; for [11] therefore came they under the ſhadow of my roof.

9 And they ſaid, [12] Stand back. And they ſaid *again*, This one *fellow* came in to ſojourn, and he will needs be a judge: Now will we deal worſe with thee, then with them. And they preſſed ſore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

[10] *Ch.* 42. 37. *Judg.* 19. 24. [11] *Viz.* To be ſafe and free from violence. [12] *Iſa.* 65. 5.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the houſe to them, and ſhut to the door.

* Wiſd. 19. 17.

11 And they ſmote the men * *that* were at the door of the houſe with [13] blindneſs, both ſmall and great: ſo that they wearied themſelves to find the door.

[13] As 2 *King.* 6. 18. *Acts* 13. 11. A great dimneſs and confuſion of ſight, or dazling of their eyes; like that *Mark* 8. 24. *Luke* 24. 16.

12 ¶ And the men ſaid unto Lot, Haſt thou here any beſides? ſon in law, and thy ſons, and thy daughters, and whatſoever thou haſt in the city, [14] bring *them* out of this place.

13 For we will deſtroy this place: becauſe the * cry of [15] them is waxen great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD hath ſent us to deſtroy it.

* Chap. 18. 20.

[14] *Ch.* 7. 1. [15] *Chap.* 18. 10. Their ſins.

14 And Lot went out, and ſpake unto his ſons in law, which [16] married his daughters, and ſaid, Up, [17] get ye out of this place; for the LORD will deſtroy this city: but he ſeemed as one that [18] mocked unto his ſons in law.

[16] Were betrothed to them: (for they were Virgins, *v.* 8.) or elſe they were ſome other daughters beſides thoſe which periſh'd with the Sodomites: and ſo much is cloſely implied, *v.* 15. [17] *Exod.* 12. 31. [18] 1 *Theſſ.* 5. 3.

15 ¶ And when the morning aroſe, then the angels haſtened Lot, ſaying, Ariſe, take thy wife, and thy two daughters which * are here; leſt thou be conſumed in the [19] † iniquity of the city.

* Heb. *are found.*
† Or, *puniſhment.*

16 And * while he lingred, the men [20] laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and ſet him without the city.

* Wiſd. 10. 6.

[19] *Rev.* 18. 4. Puniſhment. [20] *John* 6. 44.

17 And it came to paſs, when they had brought them forth abroad, that [21] he ſaid, Eſcape for [22] thy life; [23] look not behind thee, neither ſtay thou in all the plain: [24] eſcape to the [25] mountain, leſt thou be conſumed.

[21] The Lord; (*Ch.* 18.-22.) who was now parted from *Abram*, and come to *Sodom*. [22] 1 *King.* 19. 3. [23] *Luk.* 9. 62. *Phil.* 3. 13, 14. *Matth.* 24. 16.-18. Be not ſorry, neither thou nor any of thy Company, to depart from that rich Country, and full of wicked Pleaſures. [24] Humane means are not to be contemned, tho' the deliverance be of Divine grace. *Acts* 27. 31. [25] *Matth.* 24. 16.

18 And Lot ſaid unto them, Oh [26] not ſo, my Lord.

19 Behold now, thy ſervant hath found grace in thy ſight, and thou haſt magnified thy mercy, which thou haſt ſhewed unto me in ſaving my life: and I [27] cannot eſcape to the mountain, leſt ſome evil [28] take me, and I die.

[26] *Acts* 10. 14. [27] Can't have time to fly ſo far before the Judgment overtake me. [28] *Viz.* In my paſſage thither.

20 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it *is* [29] a little one: Oh let me eſcape thither, (*is* it not a little one?) and my ſoul ſhall live.

[29] And therefore, as it's Inhabitants, ſo it's Sins are fewer, and it will not be an eminent Example of thy vengeance, as the other places will be.

21 And he ſaid unto him, See, I have [30] accepted * thee concerning this thing alſo, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou haſt ſpoken.

* Heb. *thy face.*

[30] *Pſal.* 145. 19. Granted thy requeſt.

22 Haſte thee, eſcape thither; for [31] I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither: therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 ¶ The ſun was * [32] riſen upon the earth when Lot entred into Zoar.

* Heb. *gone forth.*

[31] *Ch.* 32. 26. *Exod.* 32. 10. *Deut.* 9. 14. *Mark* 6. 5. [32] *Iſa.* 47. 11.

24 Then * the [33] LORD rained upon [34] Sodom and upon [34] Gomorrah [35] brimſtone and [35] fire [36] from the LORD out of heaven.

* Deut. 29. 23. Luke 17. 29. Iſa. 13. 19. Jer. 50. 40. Amos 4. 11. Jude 7.

[33] The Son of God. [34] And the two other Cities, *Admah*, and *Zeboim*. *Deut.* 29. 23. [35] *Luke* 17. 28.-30. As a reſemblance of their eternal Sufferings. *Jude* 7. 2 *Pet.* 2. 6. *Rev.* 19. 20. and 21. 8. [36] From the Father, who works by the Son, *Joh.* 5. 19.

25 And he [37] overthrew thoſe cities, and all the [38] plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

[37] *Deut.* 29. 23. *Iſa.* 13. 19. *Jer.* 20. 16. and 50. 40. *Lam.* 4. 6. *Ezek.* 16. 49. *Am.* 4. 11. *Luke* 17. 29. 2 *Pet.* 2. 6. *Jude* 7. [38] The Vale of *Siddim*, which became afterwards a Salt Sea. *Ch.* 14. 3.

26 ¶ But his wife [39] looked back from behind him, and ſhe became [40] a pillar of ſalt.

[39] Out of Curioſity, Unbelief, and a covetous deſire of what ſhe left behind: from whence we ſhould take warning againſt Apoſtacy and Unbelief. *Luke* 17. 32. [40] A laſting Monument of God's diſpleaſure, and her own diſobedience; 23 *Num.* 18. 19.

27 ¶ And Abraham gat up early in the morning, to the place where he [41] ſtood before the LORD.

[41] *Ch.* 18.-22. [42] *Rev.* 18. 18. and 19. 3. *Pſal.* 107. 34.

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and lo, the [42] ſmoke of the country went up, as the ſmoke of a furnace.

29 ¶ And it came to paſs, when God deſtroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembred [43] Abraham, and ſent Lot out of the midſt of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt.

[43] His Interceſſion (*ch.* 18. 23.) and the Promiſe made to him, (*ch.* 12. 3.) and *Lot*'s Relation to him, *ch.* 14. 14, 16.

30 ¶ And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt

Chap. 20. dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he [44] feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

[44] Leaſt the People of that place ſhould fall upon him, as the cauſe of the deſtruction of Sodom.

31 ¶ And the firſt-born ſaid unto the younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is* [45] not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth.

[45] *V.*-28. *Mark* 9. 6. *q. d.* Here we live in a Cave without the Society of any but our ſelves, and it's all one to us as if there were not a man upon the face of the earth.

32 Come, let us make our father [46] drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preſerve ſeed of our father.

33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firſt-born went in, and lay with her father; and he [47] perceived not when ſhe lay down, nor when ſhe aroſe.

[46] *Ch.* 9.21. 1 *Cor.* 11.1. [47] Drunkenneſs drowns the Underſtanding, Senſes, Conſcience and all.

34 And it came to paſs on the morrow, that the firſt-born ſaid unto the younger, Behold, I lay yeſternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night alſo; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preſerve ſeed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night alſo: and the younger aroſe and lay with him; and he perceived not when ſhe lay down, nor when ſhe aroſe.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the firſt-born bare a ſon, and called his name Moab: the ſame *is* the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38 And the younger, ſhe alſo bare a ſon, and called his name Ben-ammi: the ſame *is* the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Abraham denieth his wife, and loſeth her.* 14 *Abimelech reſtoreth her.*

AND Abraham journeyed from [1] thence toward the ſouth-country, and dwelled between Kadeſh and Shur, and ſojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham ſaid of Sarah his wife, She *is* my [2] ſiſter: And Abimelech king of Gerar ſent, and took Sarah.

[1] *Ch.* 18. 1. [2] *Ch.* 12. 13. See there. *Prov.* 24. 16. He falls into the ſame ſin the ſecond time: So *Jehoſaphat*, in joyning with *Ahab*, and after with *Ahaz*; tho' reprov'd both times. 2 *Chron.* 19. 2. and 20. 37.

3 But [3] God came to Abimelech in a [4] dream by night, and ſaid to him, Behold, thou *art but* a [5] dead man, for the woman which thou haſt taken: for ſhe *is* * a mans wife.

* Heb. *married to an huſband.*

[3] *Pſal.* 105. 14. [4] *Ch.* 31. 24. and 40. 8. and 41. 1. 1 *Kings* 3. 5. *Jer.* 23. 25, 28, 32. *Dan.* 2. 1. and 4, 2. [5] *Viz.* If thou reſtore her not, *v.* 7. So *Ezek.* 33. 14, 15. *Jon.* 3. 4.

4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he ſaid, LORD, wilt thou [6] ſlay alſo a [7] righteous nation?

[6] People often ſuffer for the ſins of their Rulers, 2 *Sam.* 24. 17. 1 *Chron.* 21. 14, 17. [7] *Ch.* 34. 24. 2 *Sam.* 4. 11. Innocent as to this point, *v.* 5.

5 Said he not unto me, She *is* my ſiſter? and ſhe, even ſhe her ſelf ſaid, He *is* my brother: in the * [8] integrity of my heart, and [9] innocency of my hands have I done this.

* Or, *ſimplicity*, or *ſincerity.*

[8] 1 *Kings* 9. 4. 1 *Chron.* 29. 17. *Pſal.* 24. 4. and 73. 13. and 78. 2. *q. d.* I had no adulterous deſign in the leaſt in it: I meant nothing but what was honeſt. [9] Without any force: but by her own conſent.

6 And God ſaid unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didſt this in the integrity of thy heart; for I alſo [10] withheld thee from ſinning [11] againſt me: therefore [12] ſuffered I thee not to touch her. Chap. 21.

[10] *Ch.* 31.-7. and 35.5. *Exod.* 34. 24. 1 *Sam.* 25. 26. *Prov.* 21.1. [11] *Ch.* 39. 9. *Pſal.* 51. 4. *Lev.* 6. 2. [12] *Pſal.* 81.12. 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 7.

7 Now therefore reſtore the man *his* wife; for he *is* a [13] prophet, and he ſhall [14] pray for thee, and thou ſhalt live: and if thou reſtore *her* not, know thou that thou ſhalt ſurely die, thou, and [15] all that *are* thine.

[13] *Pſal.* 105.15. An interpreter of God's Will, (*Exod.* 7.-1.) to whom I freely and familiarly reveal my ſelf. [14] 1 *Kings* 13. 6. *Jer.* 14.11. and 15.1. and 27.18. [15] 2 *Sam.* 24.17.

8 Therefore Abimelech roſe early in the morning, and called all his ſervants, and told all theſe things in their ears: and the men were ſore afraid.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and ſaid unto him, [16] What haſt thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou haſt brought on me and on my kingdom a [17] great ſin? thou haſt done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

[16] *Ch.* 26. 10. How great a danger haſt thou expos'd us to? [17] *Lev.* 20. 10. 2 *Sam.* 12.10,11.

10 And Abimelech ſaid unto Abraham, What ſaweſt thou, that thou haſt done this thing?

11 And Abraham ſaid, Becauſe I thought, Surely the [18] fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will ſlay me for my wives ſake.

[18] *Ch.* 42.-18. *Prov.* 16.6. *Rom.* 3.11. The fear of God is a holy Affection, or gracious Habit wrought in the Soul by God, (*Jer.* 32.40.) whereby it is inclin'd and enabled to obey all God's Commandments, (*Eccl.* 12.13.) even the moſt difficult, (*Gen.* 22.12.) and to hate (*Prov.* 8.13.) and to avoid evil. *Prov.* 16.-6. *Gen.* 39.9. *Neh.* 5.15. *Job* 1.3.

12 And yet [19] indeed *ſhe is* my ſiſter; ſhe *is* the [20] daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother: and ſhe became my wife.

[19] See on *Ch.* 12.13. *n.* 22. [20] Grand-daughter.

13 And it came to paſs, when God cauſed me to wander from my fathers houſe, that I ſaid unto her, This *is* thy kindneſs which thou ſhalt ſhew unto me; At every place whether we ſhall come, * ſay of me, He *is* my brother. * Chap. 12.13.

14 And Abimelech took ſheep, and oxen, and men-ſervants, and women-ſervants, and gave *them* unto Abraham, and reſtored him Sarah his wife.

15 And Abimelech ſaid, Behold, my land *is* [21] before thee: dwell * where it pleaſeth thee. * Heb. *as is good in thine eyes.*

16 And unto Sarah he ſaid, Behold, I have given thy [22] brother a [23] thouſand *pieces* of ſilver: behold, he *is* to thee a [24] covering of the eyes, unto all that *are* with thee, and with all *other*: thus ſhe was reproved.

[21] *Ch.* 13.9. [23] As thou calleſt him, *v.* 5. A ſecret Check. [23] About 125 *l.* [24] A defence of thy Chaſtity, to ſecure thee from the Eyes and Luſt of all others: and therefore own him hereafter.

17 ¶ So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-ſervants; and they bare *children.*

18 For the LORD had [25] faſt cloſed up all the wombs of the houſe of Abimelech, becauſe of Sarah Abrahams wife.

[25] Rendred both men and women unfit for Conjugal Society.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Iſaac is born.* 9 *Hagar and Iſhmael are caſt forth.* 22 *Abimelechs covenant with Abraham.*

AND the LORD [1] viſited Sarah as he had ſaid, and the Lord did unto Sarah † as he had [2] ſpoken. † Chap. 17.19. and 18.10.

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[1] *Vid.* In a way of mercy, as *Ch.*50.24. *Exod.*4.31. *Ruth.* 1.6. 1 *Sam.*2.21. *Job* 10.12. *Luk.*1.68. [2] *Ch.*17.19. and 18.10. *Psal.*126.

† Acts 7.8. Galat.4.22. Hebr.11.11.

2 For Sarah † [3] conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the [4] set time of which God had spoken to him.

[3] *Heb.*11.11. *Act.*7.8. *Gal.*4.22. [4] *Ch.* 18.10. hereupon *Isaac* is said to be born by Promise, *Gal.*4.23,28.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, [5] Isaac.

[5] *Ch.* 17.19. because of the joy he had in him.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, being [6] eight days old, † as God had commanded him.

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5 And Abraham was an [7] hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

6 ¶ And Sarah said, God hath made me to [8] laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.

[6] *Ch.*17.12. [7] *Ch.* 17.17. [8] *Isa.*54.1. rejoyce for his Birth.

7 And she said, [9] Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children [10] suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age.

[9] *Isa.*49.21. [10] Mothers, tho never so great, should nurse their Children themselves.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the *same* day that Isaac was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, [11] mocking.

[11] *Neh.*2.19. and 4.1. jeering him in some malignant, bitter way, as their young Master, and he that, forsooth, must be Heir of all; which made *Paul* call it Persecution, *Gal.*4.29.

10 Wherefore she [12] said unto Abraham, † [13] Cast out this bond-woman, and her son: for the son of this bond-woman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac.

† Galat. 4. 30.

[12] By the Spirit of God. [13] Gal. 4.21-30. *Prov.*26.11. *Joh.*8.35. Cast 'em quite off, so as never to own 'em again: (which was not a passionate, but a Prophetical Speech, approved by God, *v.*12.)

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abrahams sight, [14] because of his son.

12 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight, because of the lad, and because of thy bond-woman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice: for [15] in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

[14] *Ch.*17.18. [15] *Rom.*9.7,8. See there. *Heb.*11.18. *Isaac*, as Heir to thy House, shall bear and propagate thy name: and the promis'd Seed, and Spiritual Prerogatives shall be entailed upon him.

13 And also of the son of the bond-woman will I make [16] a nation, because he *is* thy seed.

14 And Abraham rose up [17] early in the morning, and took [18] bread, and a bottle of [18] water, and gave *it* unto Hagar (putting *it* on her shoulder) and the child, and [19] sent her away, and she departed, and wandred in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

[16] *Ch.*17.20. [17] *Psal.*119.60. [18] All necessary Provision for their Journey. [19] True Faith renounces all natural affection in order to Obedience.

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

16 And she went, and sat her down over against *him*, a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, let me not see [20] the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lift up her voice, and wept.

[20] *Prov.*21.16. God hereby corrects 'em for their former Insolence: So *Luke* 15.14,17.

17 And God [21] heard the voice of the lad: and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.

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[21] *Ch*16.11. *Exod*.22.23,27. 2 *King*.13.4. *Matth.*15.32.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand: for I will make him a great nation.

19 And God [22] opened her eyes, and she saw a [23] well of water: and she went and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

[22] *Numb.*22.31. which were with-held before from seeing it by grief, or some other cause, as *Luke* 24.16,31. 2 *King.* 6.17,18,20. Except God open our Eyes, we can neither see, nor use the means that are before us. [23] *Isa.*35.6. which was there before, tho she saw it not.

20 And God was [24] with the lad, and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an [25] archer.

[24] Blessed him in temporal things, *Ch.*17.20. [25] *Ch.* 16. 12. a skilful Hunter of Beasts, and Warrier with Men.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his [26] mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech, and Phichol the chief captain of his host [27] spake unto Abraham, saying, [28] God *is* with thee in all that thou doest.

[26] *Ch.*24.4. and 28.2. *Judg.*14.2. 1 *Cor.*7.38. [27] 1 *Sam.* 2.30. *Deut.*28.13. [28] *Ch.* 39.3. *Josh.*3.7. 2 *Chron.* 1.1.

23 Now therefore [29] swear unto me here by God, † that thou wilt not deal falsly with me, nor with my son, nor with my sons son: *but* according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

† Heb. *if thou shalt lie unto me.*

24 And Abraham said, [30] I will swear.

25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a [31] well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

[29] 1 *Sam.* 30.15. 2 *Cor.* 1.23. [30] *Heb.*6.16. [31] *Ch.* 26. 18.20,21. *Judg.*1.15.

26 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I *of it* but to day.

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech: and both of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham set seven ew-lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean those seven ew-lambs, which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For *those* seven ew-lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a [32] witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he called that place † Beer-sheba; because there they sware both of them.

† That is, *the well of the oath.*

32 Thus they made a [33] covenant at Beer-sheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

33 ¶ And *Abraham* planted a † [34] grove in Beer-sheba, and [35] called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

† Or, *tree.*

[32] *Ch.*21.46,48. [33] *Ch.* 31.44. [34] This practice was afterwards abused to Superstition and Idolatry, and therefore forbidden, *Deut.* 16.21. See on *Exod.* 34.13. [35] Worship'd God.

34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines land many days.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Abraham offering Isaac,* 11 *is stayed by an angel.* 15 *He is blessed again.* 20 *The Generations of Nahor.*

AND it came to pass [1] after these things, that † God did [2] tempt Abraham, and said

† Hebr.11.17.

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said unto him, Abraham. And he said, ‖ Behold, [3] *here* I *am*.

† Heb. *behold me.*

[1] That God had given him a Son, according to his promise. [2] *Deut.* 8. 2. and 13. 3. *Judg.* 2. 22. 2 *Chron.* 32. 31. *Psal.* 139. 23, 24. 1 *Cor.* 10. 13. tried the strength of his Faith and Obedience, that it might be the better known both to himself and others, *Exod.* 15. 25. and 16. 4. [3] *Jam.* 1. 19. 1 *Sam.* 3. 4, 6.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine [4] only *son* Isaac, whom [5] thou lovest, and get thee into the land of [6] Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

[4] *Heb.* 11. 17. *viz.* by the free-woman; and *Ishmael* was now quite cast off, *Ch.* 21. 14. [5] *Rom.* 8. 32. [6] 2 *Chron.* 3. 1.

3 ¶ And Abraham rose up [7] early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the [8] third day Abraham lift up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

[7] *Ch.* 21. 14. *Psal.* 119. 60. *Heb.* 11. 19. [8] A Type of Christ's Resurrection on the third day: for from the time that God commanded him to be offered he was but a dead man, but on the third day he was releas'd from Death.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide you here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and [9] come again to you.

[9] *Heb.* 11. 19. He doubted not but that God would accomplish his Promise, tho he should sacrifice his Son.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and [10] laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, † Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the ‖ lamb for a burnt-offering?

† Heb. *behold me.*

‖ Or, *kid.*

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of, and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order; and [11] bound Isaac his son, and † laid him on the altar upon the wood.

† Jam. 2. 21.

[10] *Job* 19. 17. *Luk.* 14. 27. [11] Who willingly yielded up himself thereto; wherein he was a Type of Christ, (*Mark* 15. 1. *Act.* 8. 32. *Phil.* 2. 8.) and a Pattern for us, *Rom.* 12. 1.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife [12] to slay his son.

11 And the [13] angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here *am* I.

[12] *Heb.* 11. 17. *Jam.* 2. 21, 22, 23. [13] Christ himself, *v.* 12, 16.

12 And he said, [14] Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now [15] I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.

[14] *Heb.* 11. 19. God accepts the Will for the Deed, 2 *Cor.* 8. 12. [15] *i.e.* I have now hereby made known thy Faith, and do approve of this Fact as an evidence and testimony of thy fear of me, and count thee a meet Subject for my choicest Benefits.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, [16] behind *him* a [17] ram caught in a [18] thicket by his horns: And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering, in the stead of his son.

[16] *Isa.* 30. 21. [17] *v.* 8. 1 *Pet.* 1. 19. *Job* 33. 24. moved from the rest of the Flock, and directed hither by God's Providence. [18] *Matth.* 27. 29.

‖ That is, *the* vidence.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place ‖ [19] Jehovah-jireh: as it is said *to* this day, *LORD will see, or provide.*

[19] So *Exod.* 17. 15. *Ezek.* 48. 35. [20] In the greatest Extremities and Distress. [21] *Deut.* 32. 36. *Matth.* 15. 32. God will help and provide for his Church and People, and they shall see it. This word also may have a further respect to those Manifestations of God which should be in this place, when the Temple was built, and Christ was manifested in the Flesh.

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[20] In the mount of the LORD it [21] shall be seen.

15 ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time.

16 And said, † [22] By my self have I sworn, † Psal. 105. 9. Eccluſ. 44. 21. Luke 1. 72. Hebr. 6. 13. saith the LORD, for [23] because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*,

[22] *Heb.* 6. 13, 14. *Psal.* 105. 9. *Luk.* 1. 73. [23] *q. d.* Since hereby thou hast further manifested thy Faith and Obedience, I'le confirm the Promise made before, *Ch.* 12. 2. and 13. 16. and 15. 5. and 17. 2.

17 That in blessing I will [24] bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply [25] thy seed as the [26] stars of the heaven, and as the [26] sand which is upon the sea † shore; and thy seed shall [27] possess the gate of his enemies.

† Heb. *lip.*

[24] *Ch.* 12. 2. See there. [25] *Ch.* 13. 16. and 15. 5. *Isaac's* Posterity, *Ch.* 21. 12. [26] *Ch.* 21. 49. *Josh.* 11. 4. *Judg.* 7. 12. 1 *Sam.* 13. 5. 2 *Sam.* 4. 20, 29. 2 *Chron.* 1. 9. *Job* 22. 24. *Isa.* 48. 19. *Jer.* 15. 8. [27] Have Dominion over them. And this was fulfilled as to the temporal part, in the time of *Joshua, David, &c.* but especially and spiritually in the *Messia*, *Psal.* 2, 8, 9. *Dan.* 2. 44, 45. 1 *Cor.* 15. 57. *Col.* 2. 15.

18 † And [28] in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be [29] blessed: because thou hast obeyed my voice.

† Chap. 12. 3. & 18. 18. Eccluſ. 44. 22. Acts 3. 25. Galat. 3. 8.

[28] Christ, *Gal.* 3. 16, 18. See there. *Psal.* 72. 17. [29] With pardon of their Sins, *Act.* 3. 25.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up, and went together to Beer-sheba, and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

20 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor;

21 Huz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

23 And Bethuel begat † Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor Abrahams brother.

† Called Ro. 9. 10. *Rebecca.*

24 And his [30] concubine whose name *was* Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

[30] Concubines were not full and compleat Wives, not being solemnly betrothed, nor sharing in the Government of the Family, but subject to the lawful Wives, (*ch.* 16. 6, 7. and therefore called Servants, *ch.* 32. 22.) Neither did thir Children usually inherit, (*ch.* 25. 5, 6.) Hence Concubines and Wives are plainly distinguish'd, 1 *King.* 11. 3. yet they were a sort of Wives (and therefore often so called, *ch.* 25. 1, 6. and 30. 4. and 35. 22. *Judg.* 19. 1. 1 *Chron.* 1. 32.) *viz.* in an inferiour degree; or Half-Wives; taken without Dowry, for Propagation: and confin'd to one Man; (and thereby distinguish'd from Whores) and so in a kind of a middle condition between chief Wives and Whores.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Sarahs age and death.* 3 *The purchase of Machpelah.* 19 *Where Sarah was buried.*

AND Sarah was an [1] hundred and seven and twenty years old: *these were* the years of the life of Sarah.

[1] She is the only Woman whose Age is recorded in Scripture.

2 And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to [2] mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

[2] *Ch.* 50. 10. *Deut.* 34. 8. 2 *Sam.* 1. 17. *&c. Job* 11. 35. a note of Honor, *Jer.* 22. 18.

3 ¶ And Abraham stood up from before his dead,

Chap. 23. dead, and spake unto the [3] sons of Heth, saying.

4 I *am* a [4] stranger and a [4] sojourner with you: give me a [5] possession of a [6] burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead [7] out of my sight.

[3] Governors or Elders of the *Hittites*. [4] 1 *Chron.* 29. 15. *Psal.* 39. 13. *Levit.* 25. 23. *Heb.* 11. 13, 14, 16. 1 *Pet.* 2. 11. [5] This he desires as a Pledg and Earnest for the strengthning his Faith concerning the possession of the whole promised Land by his Seed in due time, and of Heaven, figur'd by it. Hence *ch.* 47. 20, 30. and 50. 24, 25. [6] *ch.* 25. 9. and 49. 31. and 50. 13. separated from the other Inhabitants of the Land, because they were Unbelievers. [7] *Eccl.* 12. 7.

5 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him.

6 Hear us, my lord; thou *art* † a mighty prince amongst us; in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead: none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

† Heb. *a prince of God.*

7 And Abraham stood up, and [8] bowed himself to [3] the people of the land, *even* to the children of Heth.

[8] Religion not only allows, but requires Civility, and those Gestures which express it.

8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar;

9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which *is* in the end of his field; for * as much mony as it is worth he shall give it me, for a possession of a burying-place amongst you.

* Heb. *full mony.*

10 And Ephron dwelt amongst the children of Heth. And Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the * audience of the children of Heth, *even* of all that went in at the gates of his city, saying,

* Heb. *ears.*

11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that *is* therein, I give it thee; [9] in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

[9] *V.* 18. *Ruth.* 4-1,4,9,11. *Matth.* 10. 16. *Col.* 4-5.

12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.

13 And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou *wilt give it*, I pray thee hear me: [10] I will give thee mony for the field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,

15 My Lord, hearken unto me: the land *is worth* [11] four hundred shekels of silver; what *is* that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

[10] 2 *Sam.* 24-24. *Phil.* 4. 8. [11] Of our Mony Forty Five pounds Twelve Shillings Six-pence.

16 And Abraham hearkned unto Ephron, and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, [11] four hundred shekels of silver, currant *mony* with the merchant.

17 ¶ And the field of Ephron, which *was* in [12] Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the field and the cave which *was* therein, and all the trees that *were* in the field, that *were* in all the borders round about, were [13] made sure.

[12] *Ch.* 49. 32. [13] A Sign that his Posterity should inherit that Land, as *Jer.* 32. 7, 9, *&c.*

18 Unto Abraham for a possession [9] in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

19 And after this, Abraham [14] buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre: the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan.

[14] So afterwards himself was buried there; and *Isaac* and *Rebeccah*, *Ch.* 25. 9. and *Jacob* and *Leah*, *ch.* 49. 31. and 50. 13.

20 And the field and the cave that *is* therein were made sure unto Abraham, for a [5] possession of a [6] burying-place, by the sons of Heth.

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1 *Abraham sendeth his servant to get a wife for his son Isaac.* 19 *He obtaineth Rebekah.* 62 *Isaac meeteth her.*

AND Abraham was [1] old *and* * well stricken in age: and the LORD had [2] blessed Abraham in all things.

* Heb. *gone into days.*

[1] *Viz.* An hundred and forty years old, *ch.* 25. 20. *Acts* 21. 5. [2] *Ch.* 12. 2. *Prov.* 10. 22.

2 And Abraham said unto his [3] eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, * Put, I pray thee, thy hand [4] under my thigh: * Chap. 47. 29.

[3] *Ch.* 15. 3. [4] In token of subjection. 1 *Chron.* 29. 24. Text and Margin.

3 And I will make thee [5] swear [6] by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that thou shalt [7] not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the [8] Canaanites amongst whom I dwell:

[5] *Ch.* 21. 31. and 26. 31. and 31-53. 1 *Sam.* 20. 17. *Numb.* 5. 21. *Ex.* 22. 11. 1 *King.* 8. 31. 2 *Chro.* 6. 22. [6] *Ch.* 31-53. *Deut.* 6. 13. and 10-20. *Isa.* 45-23. and 65. 16. *Jer.* 12. 16. *Psal.* 63. 11. [7] *Ch.* 27. 46. and 28. 1, 2. *Exod.* 34. 16. *Deut.* 7. 3. *Josh.* 23. 12. *Ezr.* 9. 1, 2, 3. *Neh.* 13. 23, 25. 2 *Cor.* 6. 14, 15. Not perswade, nor oblige him to take. [8] Because they were a curs'd race, (*ch.* 9. 25.) and devoted to destruction.

4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my [9] kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

[9] Because tho' they were Idolaters, yet they worship'd the true God also, *v.* 31, 50.

5 And the servant said unto him, [10] Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

[10] Hee'd be fully informed first of the purport of the Oath, *Jer.* 4. 2. *Prov.* 13. 16.

6 And Abraham said unto him, [11] Beware thou, that thou bring not my son thither again.

[11] Perswade him not to go thither again however.

7 ¶ The LORD God of heaven which [12] took me from my fathers house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, * [13] Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his [14] angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

* Chap. 12. 7. and 13. 15. and 15. 18. and 26. 4.

[12] *Ch.* 12. 1. [13] *Ch.* 12. 7. See there. [14] *Exod.* 23. 20. *Hebr.* 1. 14.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my [15] oath: only bring not my son thither again.

[15] *Josh.* 2. 17. From the obligation of it.

9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

10 ¶ And the servant took ten camels, of the camels of his master, and departed (* for [16] all the goods of his master *were* in his hand:) and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

* Or, *and.*

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city, by a well of water, at the time of the evening, *even* the time * that women go out to draw *water*.

* Heb. *that women which draw* water *go forth.*

12 And he said, [17] O LORD God [18] of my master Abraham, I pray thee [19] send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

[16] *V.* 2, 53. *ch.* 39. 4. [17] *Matth.* 7. 7. [18] 2 *King.* 2. 14. [19] *Psal.* 127. 1. 1 *Thess.* 3. 11.

13 Be-

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13 Behold, * [20] I ſtand *here* by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

* Ver. 43.

14 And [21] let it come to paſs, that the damſel to whom I ſhall ſay, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and ſhe ſhall ſay, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink alſo: *let the ſame be* ſhe *that* thou haſt appointed for thy ſervant Iſaac; and thereby ſhall I know that thou haſt ſhewed kindneſs unto my maſter.

[20] *Pſal.* 37.5. *Lam.* 3.25. [21] This he deſires, not out of Preſumption, or Diſtruſt, but by a ſecret inſtinct of God's Spirit; as *Judg.* 6.17,37. 1 *Sam.* 14.9.

15 ¶ And it came to paſs [22] before he had done ſpeaking, that behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel ſon of Milcah the wife of Nahor Abrahams brother, with her [23] pitcher upon her ſhoulder.

[22] *Pſal.* 145.18. *Iſa.* 65.24. *Dan.* 9.23. [23] *Ch.* 18.6. and 29. 9. *Exod.* 2.16. *Prov.* 31.-27.

† Heb. *good of countenance.*

16 And the damſel *was* * very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and ſhe went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

17 And the ſervant ran to meet her, and ſaid, Let me (I pray thee) drink a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And ſhe ſaid, Drink, my lord: and ſhe haſted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

19 And when ſhe had done giving him drink, ſhe ſaid, I will draw *water* for thy camels alſo, until they have done drinking.

20 And ſhe haſted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man [24] wondring at her, [25] held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey proſperous, or not.

[24] To ſee how all things ſucceeded according to his deſire. [25] *Luke* 2. 19.

22 And it came to paſs as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden

* Or, *jewel for the forehead.*

* [26] ear-ring, of half a ſhekel weight, and two [26] bracelets for her hands, of † ten *ſhekels* weight of gold;

[26] Jewels and ſuch precious things may lawfully be worn, provided (1) That they be ſuitable to the Perſons rank. (2) To their ability. (3) That they be not occaſions of Pride. (4) That the inward adorning be chiefly minded, 1 *Pet.* 3.4. † In value of our mony eighteen pounds five ſhillings.

23 And ſaid, Whoſe daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room *in* thy fathers houſe for us to lodge in?

24 And ſhe ſaid unto him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the ſon of Milcah, which ſhe bare unto Nahor.

25 She ſaid moreover unto him, We have both ſtraw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26 And the man [27] bowed down his head, and [27] worſhipped the LORD.

[27] *V.* 52. *ch.* 22.5. *Exod.* 4.-31. *Judg.* 7.15.

27 And he ſaid, Bleſſed *be* the LORD God of my maſter Abraham, who hath not left deſtitute my maſter of his [28] mercy and his [28] truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the houſe of my maſters [29] brethren.

[28] *Ch.* 32.10. Mercy in promiſing all manner of bleſſings; Truth in performing his Promiſes at this day. [29] Kinſfolk, *v.* 48.

28 And the damſel ran, and told *them of* her [30] mothers houſe theſe things.

[30] *i.e.* Tent (as *v.* 67. *ch.* 31.33.) where the maids abode.

29 ¶ And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

30 And it came to paſs when he ſaw the ear-ring and bracelets upon his ſiſters hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his ſiſter, ſaying, Thus ſpake the man unto me; that he came unto the man, and behold, he ſtood by the camels at the well.

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31 And he ſaid, Come in, thou [31] bleſſed of the LORD, wherefore ſtandeſt thou without? for I have prepared the houſe, and room for the camels.

[31] *Ch.* 26.-29. *Ruth* 3.10. *Pſal.* 115.25. Whom God has ſo eminently favoured, and bleſt.

32 ¶ And the man came into the houſe: and [32] he ungirded his camels, and gave ſtraw and provender for the camels, and water to waſh his [33] feet, and the mens feet that *were* with him.

[32] Laban. [33] *Ch.* 18.4. 1 *Tim.* 5.10. Becauſe in thoſe hot Countries they went either barefoot, or with Sandals.

33 And there was ſet *meat* before him to eat: but he ſaid, [34] I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he ſaid, Speak on.

[34] *Eph.* 6. 5-8. *Job* 23-12.

34 And he ſaid, I *am* Abrahams ſervant.

35 And the LORD hath bleſſed my maſter greatly, and he is become [35] great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and ſilver, and gold, and men-ſervants, and maid-ſervants, and camels, and aſſes.

[35] *Matth.* 6. 33. *Pſal.* 112. 3. 1 *Tim.* 4. 8.

36 And Sarah my maſters wife bare a ſon to my maſter [36] when ſhe was old: and unto him hath he [37] given all that he hath.

[36] By a ſupernatural work of God: and therefore ſomething extraordinary may be expected from him. [37] *Ch.* 25.2. Therein a Type of Chriſt, (*Heb.* 1. 2.) and true Chriſtians. *Rev.* 21. 7.

37 And my maſter made me ſwear, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not take a wife to my ſon of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whoſe land I dwell:

38 But thou ſhalt go unto [9] my fathers houſe, and to my [9] kindred, and take a wife unto my ſon.

39 And I ſaid unto my Maſter, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40 And he ſaid unto me, The LORD [38] before whom I walk, will ſend his angel with thee, and [39] proſper thy way; and thou ſhalt take a wife for my ſon of my kindred, and of my fathers houſe.

[38] *Ch.* 5. 22. and 17.1. 2 *Kings* 20.3. [39] *Pſal.* 1. 3. and 91. 11.

41 Then ſhalt thou be clear from *this* [40] my oath, when thou comeſt to my kindred; and if they give not thee *one*, thou ſhalt be clear from my oath.

[40] And the curſe denounced againſt thee in caſe of the violation thereof.

42 And I came this day unto the well, and ſaid, O LORD God of my maſter Abraham, [41] if now thou do proſper my way which I go: [41] Ezr. 8.-21.

43 * Behold, I ſtand by the well of water; * Ver. 13. and it ſhall come to paſs, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I ſay to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 And ſhe ſay to me, Both, drink thou, and I will alſo draw for thy camels, *let* the ſame *be* the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my maſters ſon.

45 And before I had done ſpeaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her ſhoulder; and ſhe went down unto the well, and drew *water*: and I ſaid unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And ſhe made haſte, and let down her pitcher from her *ſhoulder*, and ſaid, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink alſo: ſo I drank, and ſhe made the camels drink alſo.

47 And

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47 And I asked her, and ſaid, Whoſe daughter *art* thou? And ſhe ſaid, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahors ſon, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the ear-ring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head, and [27] worſhipped the LORD, and bleſſed the LORD God of my maſter Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my maſters brothers daughter unto his ſon.

49 And now if you will deal [42] kindly and [42] truly with my maſter, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may [43] turn to the right hand, or to the left.

[42] *Ch.*32.10. and 47.29. *Joſh.*2.14. 2 *Sam.* 2.6. *Pſal.* 25. 10. and 85.10. *Prov.*3.3. Shew true kindneſs and real friendſhip in giving your daughter to his ſon. [43] *Numb.* 20. 17. and 22. 26. *Deut.*2.27.

50 Then [44] Laban and [44] Bethuel anſwered, and ſaid, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot ſpeak unto the [45] bad or good.

[44] The ſon is put afore the father, becauſe likely, he was imploy'd to manage this affair, (*v.* 55.) the father being old or ſickly. [45] *Ch.*31.24. 2 *Sam.*13.22. Any thing which may hinder thy deſign, or thwart thy deſire, but do fully acquieſce in this ſtrange Providence.

51 Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee, take *her*, and go, and let her be thy maſters ſons wife, as the LORD hath [46] ſpoken.

[46] Directed by his Providence, (as we plainly perceive by the whole carriage of this buſineſs, *v.*15. 2 *Sam.*16.10.)

52 And it came to paſs, that when Abrahams ſervant heard their words, he [27] worſhipped the LORD, *bowing himſelf* to the earth.

† Heb. *veſſels.*

53 And the ſervant brought forth † jewels of ſilver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: He gave alſo to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that *were* with him, and tarried all night: and they roſe up in the morning, and he ſaid, † Send me away unto my maſter.

† ver. 56. and 59.

† Or, *a full year, or ten months.*

55 And her brother and her mother ſaid, Let the damſel abide with us † *a few* days, at the leaſt ten; after that ſhe ſhall go.

56 And he ſaid unto them, Hinder me not, ſeeing the LORD hath proſpered my way: ſend me away, that I may go to my maſter.

57 And they ſaid, We will call the damſel, and enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebekah, and ſaid unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And ſhe ſaid, I will go.

59 And they ſent away Rebekah their ſiſter, and her [47] nurſe, and Abrahams ſervant, and his men.

60 And they [48] bleſſed Rebekah, and ſaid unto her, Thou *art* our ſiſter, be thou *the mother* of thouſands of millions, and let thy ſeed [49] poſſeſs the gate of thoſe which hate them.

[47] *Ch.* 35. 8. [48] *Ruth* 4. 10. [49] Have dominion over them, *ch.*22.17. *Lev.*25.46.

61 ¶ And Rebekah aroſe, and her damſels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the ſervant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62 And Iſaac came from the way of the † well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the ſouth-country.

† Chap.16.14. and 25.11.

† Or, *to pray.*

63 And Iſaac went out † to [50] meditate in the field at the even-tide: and he lift up his eyes, and ſaw, and behold, the camels *were* coming.

[50] *Pſal.*1.2. To converſe with God and himſelf by pious thoughts and ejaculations, and fervent prayer.

64 And Rebekah lift up her eyes, and when ſhe ſaw Iſaac, ſhe lighted off the camel.

65 For ſhe had ſaid unto the ſervant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the ſervant had ſaid, It *is* my maſter: therefore ſhe took [51] a vail and covered her ſelf.

66 And the ſervant told Iſaac all things that he had done.

67 And Iſaac brought her into his mother Sarahs tent, and [52] took Rebekah, and ſhe became his wife; and he loved her: and Iſaac was comforted after his mothers *death.*

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[51] 1 *Cor.* 11. 5, 6. [52] By Solemnity of Marriage.

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1 *The ſons of Abraham by Keturah.* 7 *His age and death.* 24 *The birth of Eſau and Jacob.* 29 *Eſau ſelleth his birth-right.*

THen again Abraham took a [1] wife, and her name *was* Keturah.

[1] Called a Concubine, *v.*6. (See there.) and 1 *Chron.*1.32. See on *ch.*22.24.

2 And ſhe [2] bare him Zimran, and Jokſhan, and Medan, and Midian, and Iſhbak, and Shuah.

[2] That natural ſtrength and vigor, which was renewed in him for the begetting of *Iſaac*, continued ſtill.

3 And † Jokſhan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the ſons of Dedan were Aſhurim, and Letuſhim, and Leummim.

† 1 Chr. 1.32.

4 And the ſons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All theſe *were* the children of Keturah.

5 ¶ And Abraham gave all that he had unto [3] Iſaac.

[3] *Ch.*24.-36. See there. As being his only heir, and child of Promiſe, *ch.*21.12. A figure of Chriſt and Chriſtians, who are heirs of all things by promiſe, *Heb.* 1. 2. *Joh.* 3. 34. *Rev.*21.7. *Gal.*3.29. and 4.28.

6 But unto the ſons of the [4] concubines which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and ſent them away [5] from Iſaac his ſon (while he yet lived) eaſt-ward, unto the eaſt-country.

[4] *Viz.Hagar*, and *Keturah*: for tho' *Sarah* was dead when he married *Keturah*, yet it ſeems ſhe was but a half-wife, becauſe her children did not inherit. [5] Becauſe he was to be heir of *Canaan.*

7 And theſe *are* the days of the years of Abrahams life which he lived, an hundred threeſcore and fifteen years.

8 Then Abraham gave up the ghoſt, and died in [6] a good old age, an old man, and [7] full *of years*; and was [8] gathered to his people.

[6] *Ch.*15.-15. 1 *Chron.*29.28. Free from the infirmities of old age, and falling, like ripe fruit, or a ſhock of Corn, *Job* 5. 26. [7] *Job* 42.-17. Wearied with the toils of this life, and willing to die, and longing for the Reſt of the life to come. [8] *v.*-17. *ch.*15.15. and 35.29. and 49. 29. *Numb.* 20. 24. and 27.13. *Judg.*2.10. 1 *Chron.* 23.1. and 29. 28. *Job* 42. 17. *Jer.*6.-11. His ſoul to the world of Souls, (*Heb.*12-23.) his Body to the Grave, *Eccl.*12.7.

9 And his ſons Iſaac and Iſhmael buried him in the cave of [9] Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the ſon of Zohar the Hittite, which *is* before Mamre;

[9] *Ch.* 23. 17.

10 † The field which Abraham purchaſed of the ſons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and [10] Sarah his wife.

† Chap.23.16.

[10] *ch.* 23. 19. and 49. 29.

11 ¶ And it came to paſs after the death of Abraham, that God [11] bleſſed his ſon Iſaac: and Iſ[AGC] dwelt by the † well Lahai-roi.

† Chap.16.14. and 24.62.

[11] Applying and confirming to him the promiſes made to Abram, *ch.* 12. 2. and 14. 19. and 17.19.

12 ¶ Now theſe *are* the [12] generations of Iſhmael Abrahams ſon, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarahs hand-maid, bare unto Abraham.

13 And * theſe *are* the [13] names of the ſons of Iſhmael, by their names, according to their generations: The firſt-born of Iſhmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Abdeel, and Mibſam,

* 1 Chr. 1.29.

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[25] A Rehearsal of his Offspring, *ch.* 17. 20. [13] 1 *Chron.* 1.29.

14 And Mishmah, and Dumah, and Massa,
15 Hadar, and Tema, Jeter, Naphish, and Kedemah.
16 These *are* the sons of Ishmael, and these *are* their names, by their towns, and by their castles; [14] twelve princes according to their nations.

[14] *Ch.* 17.20. Like the Twelve Sons of *Jacob*.

17 And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died, and was [8] gathered unto his people.
18 And [15] they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that *is* before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: *and* he * died [16] in the presence of all his brethren.

† Heb. *fell.*

[15] *Ishmael's* Sons. [16] *Ch.* 16. 12. they all surviving him, and taking notice of it.

19 ¶ And these *are* the [12] generations of Isaac Abrahams son: Abraham begat Isaac.
20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.
21 And Isaac [17] intreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

[17] 1 *Sam.* 1.10. Prayed fervently, and continually, for near Twenty years together.

22 And the children [18] struggled together within her: and she said, [19] if *it be* so, why *am* I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.

[18] In an unusual and painful manner. A Presage of the Enmity of these two, and their Posterities. [19] If I am with Child, what's the reason of this unusual motion I feel, different from others?

23 And the LORD said unto her, [20] Two nations *are* in thy womb, and [21] two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels: and *the* [22] *one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and ‖ the elder shall [23] serve the younger.

‖ Rom. 9. 12.

[20] Fathers of two Nations, and divers People; *Edomites* and *Israelites*. [21] At Variance one with another, and disagreeing in Religion, Laws, Manners, *&c.* [22] The *Edomites* stronger than the *Israelites*. [23] *Rom.* 9. 12. See there. Fulfill'd literally, 2 *Sam.* 8.14. 2 *Chron.* 25.11, 12. and specially when *Jacob* got the Birth-right, (*ch.* 25. 33.) and Blessing, *ch.* 27. 29, 36.

24 ¶ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb.
25 And the first came out [24] red, [25] all over like an hairy garment: and they called his name [26] Esau.

[24] A Sign of his cruel and bloody Disposition; and of his Posterity's, *ch.* 27. 40, 41. *Obad.* 10. *Ezek.* 25.12. [25] With red hair all over his Body, *ch.* 27.11. [26] Signifying [*made*, or, *perfected*;] as being of a more strong and perfect natural Constitution, than other Children usually are; and being hairy, like a Man full grown.

26 And after that came his brother out, and * his hand [27] took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called [28] Jacob: and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them.

* Hos. 12.3.

[27] See on *Hos.* 12.3. as if he'd put him back that he might be born afore him; or as if he'd overthrow and supplant him. A Divine Presage of what would afterwards come to pass, *v.* 33. [28] *i. e.* The Heel-holder, *ch.* 27.36.

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was [29] a cunning hunter, [30] a man of the field; and Jacob *was* [31] a plain man [32] dwelling in tents.

[29] *Ch.* 10. 9. See there. [30] *Ch.* 16.12. Spending most of his time abroad in the Fields, in hunting and the like Exercises. [31] *Ch.* 6. 9. See there. Living a plain Shepherds Life and being of himself a sincere, plain-dealing man, without Guile: (tho at his Mother's perswasion he used much Deceit, *ch.* 27.) [32] Keeping at home, and minding Houshold Affairs, and the Herds and Flocks of his Father.

28 And Isaac loved Esau because * he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

* Heb. *venison was in his mouth.*

29 ¶ Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* [33] faint.

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30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, * with that same red *pottage*; for I *am* faint: therefore was his name [34] called [35] Edom.

* Heb. *with that red*, with that *red* pottage.

[33] *Prov.* 13.25. [34] Given to him afresh upon this occasion. [35] *i.e.* Red, in regard of his Colour, *v.* 25. but chiefly with respect (by way of Prophecy) to his longing for this Red Broth, and selling his Birth-right for it: And so it was set upon him as a Brand for his Greediness, and Profaneness.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.
32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* * at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

* Heb. *going to die.*

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and * he sold [36] his birthright unto Jacob.

* Heb. 12.16.

[36] *Heb.* 12.16. The Honor of the First-born was great, and many Priviledges belonged to the Birth-right: Chiefly in that it was a special Type of Christ, who was to be a First-born; and of the Church, called God's First-born, *Exod.* 4. 22. And of the great privelidges of the Church; particularly, of Adoption, and Eternal Life, *Heb.* 12.23. and therefore he is called profane, for slighting so glorious and sacred a Priviledg.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did [37] eat, and drink, and rose up, and [38] went his way: thus Esau [39] despised *his* birth-right.

[37] 1 *Cor.* 15.-32. [38] Without shewing any Remorse or Sorrow for his profane Bargain, for his Ingratitude to God, or the Injury he had done himself and all his Posterity. [39] Preferring the present and momentany Satisfaction of his Appetite, before his Father's Blessing, and all the priviledges of the Birth-right.

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1 *Isaac goeth to Gerar.* 2 *God blesseth him.* 26 *Abimelech's covenant with him.* 34 *Esau's wives.*

AND there was a famine in the land, besides the [1] first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistins, unto Gerar.
2 And the LORD [2] appeared unto him, and said, [3] Go not down into Egypt: dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of.

[1] *Ch.* 12.10. [2] *Ch.* 12.1. [3] God directs the ways of his Children.

3 [4] Sojourn in [5] this land, and I will be with thee, and will [6] bless thee: for [7] unto thee and unto [7] thy seed* I will give all these countries, and I will perform the [8] oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father.

* Chap. 13. 15. & 15.18.

[4] *Ch.* 37.1. *Psal.* 37. 3. *Heb.* 11.9. [5] The Land of Promise, and a Type of Heaven. [6] *v.* 12.–14. [7] See on *ch.* 13.15. and 15.18. [8] *Ch.* 22. 16. the Promises confirmed by Oath.

4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the [9] stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries: and in [10] thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be * blessed.

* Chap. 12. 3. & 22.18.

5 [11] Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

[9] *Ch.* 15.5. [10] See on *ch.* 22.18. [11] *Ch.* 22. 16. On man's part there are Conditions required, but it is God that enables him to perform 'em.

6 ¶ And Isaac dwelt in Gerar.
7 And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and he said, She *is* my [12] sister: for he [13] feared to say, *She is* my wife; lest, *said he*, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah, because she *was* fair to look upon.

[12] *Ch.* 12. 13, 19. See there. and 20. 2, 5, 12, 13. [13] *Prov.* 29.25.

8 And it came to pass when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and behold

Chap. 26. behold, Isaac *was* [14] sporting with Rebekah his wife.

[14] *Prov.* 5. 18. using some more free and familiar kind of Carriage than became Brother and Sister.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold of a surety she *is* [15] thy wife: and how saidst thou, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

[15] *Isaac*'s Behaviour was so unblameable, that *Abimelech* never suspected any thing worse, than that she was his Wife.

10 And Abimelech said, [16] What *is* this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

11 And Abimelech charged all *his* people saying, He that [17] toucheth this man or his wife, shall surely be put to death.

[16] *Ch.* 20. 9. [17] *Ch.* 20. 6. *Prov.* 6. 29. hurts, as *v.* 29. *Psal.* 105. 15. *Zach.* 2. 8.

* Heb. *found.* 12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and * received in the same year an [18] hundred fold, and the LORD blessed him.

[18] This notes fruitfulness in Grace, (*Psal.* 67. 6. *Zach.* 8. 12.) and the bountiful Reward we shall reap in Heaven, *Gal.* 6. 7, 8.

* Heb. *went going.* 13 And the man waxed great, and * went forward, and grew until he became very great.

14 For he had [19] possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of * servants. And the Philistines [20] envied him.

* Or, *husbandry.*

[19] *Ch.* 12. 16. [20] *Psal.* 112. 10. *Eccl.* 4. 4. *Job* 5. 2.

15 For all the wells which his fathers servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines [21] had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

[21] Contrary to their Covenant and Oath. *ch.* 21. 30, 31.

16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us: for thou art much mightier than we.

17 ¶ And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of * springing water.

* Heb. *living.*

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaacs herdmen, saying, The water *is* ours: and he called the name of the well * Esek, because they strove with him.

* That is, *contention.*

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it * Sitnah.

* That is, *hatred.*

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it * Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

* That is, *room.*

23 And he went up from thence to Beersheba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I *am* the [22] God of Abraham thy father: [23] fear not, for I *am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for [24] my servant Abrahams sake.

[22] *Ch.* 17. 7. therefore he lives in Soul, *Matth.* 22. 32. [23] *Ch.* 15. 1. *Viz.* These *Philistines*; or any mischief by them. [24] Not for his Merit, but for the Covenants sake made with him.

25 And he [25] builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaacs servants digged a well.

26 ¶ Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

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27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherfore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have [26] sent me away from you?

28 And they said, * [27] We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now [28] an oath betwixt us, *even* betwixt us and thee, and let us make [28] a covenant with thee.

* Heb. *seeing we saw.*

[25] As *ch.* 21. 22. *&c.* [26] *V.* 16. [27] *Ch.* 21. 22. [28] *Ch.* 21. 23.

29 * That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not [17] touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: [29] thou *art* now the blessed of the LORD.

* Heb. *if thou shalt,* &c.

[29] *Ch.* 24. 31. See there. *q. d.* Since God has bless'd thee so abundantly, thou oughtest not to remember the small unkindness shewed thee. An abrupt speech.

30 And he made them [30] a feast, and they did eat and drink.

[30] *Ch.* 31. 54. *Rom.* 12. 18. *Heb.* 12. 14.

31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to pass the same day that Isaacs servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

33 And he called it * Shebah: therefore the name of the city *is* † [31] Beer-sheba, unto this day.

* That is, *an oath.*
† That is, *the well of the oath.*

[31] *Ch.* 21. 31. He renews the Name, which was forgotten.

34 ¶ And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the [32] Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

35 Which * were † [33] a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

* Chap. 27. 46.
† *bitterness of spirit.*

[32] Contrary to the Care and Commands of his Father, Mother, and Grandfather, *v.* 35. and *ch.* 24. 3. and 27. 46. & 28. 1, 6, 8. [33] *Ch.* 27. 46.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Isaac sendeth Esau for venison.* 6 *Jacob instructed by Rebekah, obtaineth the blessing.* 41 *Esau threatneth him.*

AND it came to pass that when Isaac was [1] old, and his eyes were [2] dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: And he said unto him, Behold, *here am* I.

[1] An hundred thirty seven years old. [2] *Ch.* 48. 10. 1 *Sam.* 3. 2. whereby God brought about his own purpose of bestowing the Blessing upon *Jacob.*

2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not [3] the day of my death.

[3] How soon I may die; and I expect it every moment.

3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver, and thy bow, and go out to the field, and * take me *some* venison.

* Heb. *hunt.*

4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may † eat; that my soul may [5] bless [6] thee before I die.

† And so may be refreshed and cheered thereby, and made fitter to give thee my Blessing, as 2 *King.* 3. 15. [5] *v.* 27, 29, 39, 40. and *ch.* 28. 3, 4 and 48. 15. *&c.* and 49. 28. So *Deut.* 33. 1. bestow my solemn, extraordinary, and Prophetical Blessing, whereby I declare and constitute thee my Heir apparent of all the Blessings bestowed by God upon me and my Fathers. [6] *Isaac* out of his fond affection to *Esau*, proceeding from a carnal, sensual Principle, endeavours to entail the Blessing upon him, being unmindful of the Oracle, *ch.* 25. 23. but God by *Rebekah*'s means, disappoints his purpose.

5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son: And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison, and to bring *it.*

6 ¶ And

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6 ¶ And Rebekah ſpake unto Jacob her ſon, ſaying, Behold, I heard thy father ſpeak unto Eſau thy brother, ſaying,

7 Bring me veniſon, and make me ſavoury meat, that I may eat, and bleſs thee [7] before the LORD [8] before my death.

[7] 1 *Sam.* 26. 19. In his Preſence, and by his Authority.

[8] As a Legacy I leave to thee.

8 Now therefore my ſon, [9] obey my voice, according to that which I command thee.

[9] *Acts* 5. 29. *Eph.* 6. 1.

9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them ſavoury meat for thy father, ſuch as he loveth.

10 And thou ſhalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bleſs thee before his death.

11 And Jacob ſaid to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Eſau my brother *is* an hairy man, and I *am* a ſmooth man.

12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I ſhall ſeem to him as a deceiver; and I ſhall bring a [10] curſe upon me, and not a bleſſing.

[10] *Deut.* 27. 18. *Jer.* 48. 10. *Mal.* 1. 14.

13 And his mother ſaid unto him, [11] Upon me *be* thy curſe, my ſon: only obey my voice, and go fetch me *them.*

[11] 2 *Sam.* 14. 9. *Matth.* 27. 25. This ſhe ſpeaks out of her confidence of a good iſſue, and faith in God's promiſes, tho' mix'd with human frailty.

14 And he went, and fetched, and brought *them* to his mother: and his mother made ſavoury meat, ſuch as his father loved.

Heb. *deſirable.*

15 And Rebekah took † [12] goodly raiment of her eldeſt ſon Eſau, which *were* with her in the houſe, and put them upon Jacob her younger ſon.

[12] And perfumed, *v.*27. Thus the Saints are clothed with Robes of Innocence and Righteouſneſs, *Rev.*7.9, 14. and 19. 8. and 3. 18.

16 And ſhe put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the ſmooth of his neck.

17 And ſhe gave the ſavoury meat, and the bread which ſhe had prepared, into the hand of her ſon Jacob.

18 ¶ And he came unto his father, and ſaid, My father: And he ſaid, Here *am* I; who *art* thou, my ſon?

19 And Jacob ſaid unto his father, I *am* Eſau thy firſt-born; I have done according as thou badeſt me: ariſe, I pray thee, ſit and eat of my veniſon, that thy ſoul may bleſs me.

20 And Iſaac ſaid unto his ſon, How *is it* that thou haſt found *it* ſo quickly, my ſon? And he ſaid, Becauſe [13] the LORD thy God brought *it* † to me.

†Heb. *before me.*

[13] One lie draws on another.

21 And Iſaac ſaid unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my ſon, whether thou *be* my very ſon Eſau, or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Iſaac his father, and he felt him; and ſaid, The voice *is* Jacobs voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Eſau.

23 And he diſcerned him not, becauſe his hands were hairy, as his brother Eſau's hands: So he [14] bleſſed him.

[14] *Heb.*11.20. See there. Which was confirmed by God. *v.*33.

24 And he ſaid, *Art* thou my very ſon Eſau? And he ſaid [15] I *am.*

25 And he ſaid, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my ſons veniſon, that my ſoul may bleſs thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Iſaac ſaid unto him, Come near now, and [15] kiſs me, my ſon.

[15] *Chap.* 48. 10. As a mark of that ſpecial favour and affection wherewith he beſtow'd the bleſſing.

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27 And he came near, and kiſſed him: and he ſmelled the ſmell of his raiment, and bleſſed him, and ſaid, See, the ſmell of my ſon *is* as the ſmell of a field, which the LORD hath [16] bleſſed.

[16] *Viz.* With plenty of ſweet flowers, fruits, *&c.* which I look upon as a token and preſage that my ſon and his poſterity ſhall be bleſſed with all ſorts of bleſſings, and become bleſſings to others.

28 Therefore † God [17] give thee of the [18] dew of heaven, and the [18] fatneſs of the earth, and [18] plenty of corn and wine. † Heb. 11.20.

[17] *Heb.*11.20. or, *Will give thee*; 'tis both a Prayer, and a Promiſe. [18] Theſe temporal Bleſſings were more frequently promis'd and beſtow'd under the Old Teſtament, and were Types of ſpiritual Bleſſings.

29 Let people [19] ſerve thee, and nations bow down to thee; [20] be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mothers ſons bow down to thee: Curſed *be* every one that curſeth thee, and [21] bleſſed *be* he that bleſſeth thee.

[19] *Ch.*49.10. 1 *Chron.*5.2. See on *ch.*25.23. [20] Hereby he confirms to him the right of the Firſt-born. [21] *Ch.* 12. 3. *Numb.*24.-9. As the efficacy of the Bleſſing here did not depend upon the Intention of *Iſaac*; ſo neither do the Truth or Efficacy of the Sacraments depend upon the Intention of the Miniſter.

30 ¶ And it came to paſs, aſſoon as Iſaac had made an end of bleſſing of Jacob, and Jacob was yet ſcarce gone out from the preſence of Iſaac his father, that Eſau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he alſo had made ſavoury meat, and brought it unto his father; and ſaid unto his father, Let my father ariſe, and eat of his ſons veniſon, that thy ſoul may bleſs me.

32 And Iſaac his father ſaid unto him, Who *art* thou? And he ſaid, I *am* thy ſon, thy firſt-born Eſau.

33 And Iſaac * [22] trembled very exceedingly, and ſaid, Who, where *is* he that hath † taken veniſon, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou cameſt, and have bleſſed him? yea *and* [23] he ſhall be bleſſed.

* Heb. *trembled with a great trembling greatly.*

† Heb. *hunted.*

[22] Being perplex'd, and aſtoniſh'd to conſider God's overruling Providence herein, and how ſtrangely his purpoſe was diſappointed. [23] *Ch.*28.1,4. *Heb.* 11. 20. *Rom.* 11. 29. *q. d.* I am now ſenſible of my error, and do therefore now confirm the Bleſſing before pronounc'd upon him by God's Providence, which alſo he will ratifie and eſtabliſh.

34 And when Eſau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding [24] bitter cry, and ſaid unto his father, Bleſs me, even me alſo, O my father.

[24] *Heb.*12.17. 1 *Sam.*30.4. *Prov.*1.24,28.

35 And he ſaid, Thy brother came with [25] ſubtilty, and hath taken away [26] thy bleſſing.

[25] *Rom.*3.7,8. [26] That which by Birth-right belongs to thee, and I had fully reſolved to have beſtow'd on thee.

36 And he ſaid, Is not he rightly named † Jacob? for he hath ſupplanted me theſe two times: he [27] took away my birth-right; and behold, now he hath taken away my bleſſing. And he ſaid, Haſt thou not reſerved a bleſſing for me?

† That is, *A ſupplanter.*

[27] A falſe accuſation: for he himſelf ſold it, and deſpiſed it, *ch.*25.33,34. *Heb.*12.16. This ſhews there was no true repentance in him.

37 And Iſaac anſwered and ſaid unto Eſau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for ſervants; and with corn and wine have † I ſuſtained him; and [28] what ſhall I do now unto thee my ſon?

† Or, *ſupported.*

[28] *q. d.* I have no other Bleſſing, comparatively, to beſtow on thee.

38 And Eſau ſaid unto his father, Haſt thou but one bleſſing, my father? bleſs me, *even* me alſo, O my father. And Eſau lift up his voice, and † [24] wept. † Heb.12.17.

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39 And Iſaac his father anſwered, and ſaid unto him, Behold, * thy dwelling ſhall be † the [29] fatneſs of the earth, and of the [30] dew of heaven from above.

* ver. 28.
† Or, *of the fatneſs.*

[29] *V.* 28. *ch.*36.6,8. *Hebr.*11.20. Mount *Seir* was ſuch a place, *Joſh.*24.4. [30] In a Country competently fruitful, and refreſh'd with convenient dews and ſhowres.

40 And by thy [31] ſword ſhalt thou live, and ſhalt [32] ſerve thy brother; and it ſhall come to paſs when thou ſhalt [33] have the dominion, that thou ſhalt [34] break his yoke from off thy neck.

[31] *Matth.*10.-34. By violence and rapine, in an unquiet and military poſture. [32] *ch.* 25-23. See there. 2 *Sam.*8.14. *Deut.* 33-29. *Pſal.*60.8. *Obad.*18, 19. Hence God never permitted the Edomites to lord it over the Iſraelites, tho' he made uſe of almoſt all other Nations about 'em, ſucceſſively to oppreſs 'em. [33] Get ſtrength. [34] 2 *Kings* 8. 16,20, 22. 2 *Chron.*21.8.

41 ¶ And Eſau [35] hated Jacob, becauſe of the bleſſing wherewith his father bleſſed him: and Eſau ſaid [36] in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are [37] at hand, † then will I [38] ſlay my brother Jacob.

† Obad.10.

[35] *Ezek.*35.5. *Am.*1.-11. *Obad.*10,&c. 1 *Joh.*3.12. [36] Which he afterwards uttered in words, *v.*42. [37] *Viz.* According to the courſe of Nature, (yet he lived 44 years after.) [38] 2 *Sam.* 13.23.

42 And theſe words of Eſau her elder ſon were told to Rebekah: And ſhe ſent and called Jacob her younger ſon, and ſaid unto him, Behold, thy Brother Eſau, as touching thee, doth [39] comfort himſelf, *purpoſing* to kill thee.

[39] *Prov.* 2.14. With thoughts of revenge, (which is ſweet to an enraged mind) and hopes to recover his Birthright again.

43 Now therefore, my ſon, obey my voice: and ariſe, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran.

44 And tarry with him [40] a few days, until thy brothers fury turn away;

[40] Which proved to be above 20 years, *ch.* 31.38.

45 Until thy brothers anger turn away from thee, and he forget *that* which thou haſt done to him: then I will ſend, and fetch thee from thence. Why ſhould I be deprived alſo of you [41] both in one day?

[41] *Viz.* One by Murder, the other by the hand of Juſtice, *ch.*9.6. or by ſome remarkable ſtroke of Divine vengeance, *Acts* 28.4.

46 And Rebekah ſaid to Iſaac, I am [42] weary of my life, becauſe of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, ſuch as theſe *which are* of the daughters of the land, [43] what good ſhall my life do me?

[42] *Ch.*26.35. [43] (And therefore let us ſend him to fetch a wife from his own kindred, as *Abram* did.)

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Jacob is bleſſed, and ſent to Padan-aram.* 12 *His viſion.* 18 *The ſtone of Beth-el.* 20 *Jacobs vow.*

AND Iſaac called Jacob, and [1] bleſſed him, and charged him, and ſaid unto him, [2] Thou ſhalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

[1] See on *ch.* 27.4. *Joſh.* 22.-7. *i.e.* purpoſely, and deſignedly, and in Faith, now confirmed that Bleſſing to him, which before he had given him unknowingly. And hereby God confirms *Jacob's* Faith againſt doubts and fears, and comforts him againſt future troubles that might befall him. [2] *Ch.* 24.3.

2 * Ariſe go to Padan-aram, to the houſe of Bethuel thy mothers father; and take thee [3] a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mothers brother.

* Hoſ.12.12.

3 And God Almighty bleſs thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayeſt be a [4] * multitude of people.

* Heb. *an aſſembly of people.*

[3] *Hoſ.*12.12. [4] *Ch.*35.11. and 48.3.

4 And give thee the [5] bleſſing of Abraham, to thee and to thy ſeed with thee; that thou mayeſt inherit the land * wherein thou art a [6] ſtranger, which God [7] gave unto Abraham.

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* Heb. *of thy ſojournings.*

[5] The Inheritance of the Land of *Canaan*, (as the following words ſhew) promis'd to *Abraham*: (See on *ch.* 27. 4.) but chiefly the Spiritual Bleſſings of the *Meſſia*, *Gal.* 3. 13. *&c.* [6] *Ch.*17.8. *Heb.* 11.9. *viz.* at preſent, not being yet poſſeſs'd of it. [7] *Ch.* 12. 7. See there.

5 And Iſaac ſent away Jacob, and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, ſon of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacobs and Eſau's mother.

6 ¶ When Eſau ſaw that Iſaac had bleſſed Jacob, and ſent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he bleſſed him, he gave him a charge, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;

8 And Eſau ſeeing that the daughters of Canaan * pleaſed not Iſaac his father:

* Heb. were *evil in the eyes*, &c.

9 Then went Eſau unto [8] Iſhmael, and took unto the wives which he had, Mahalath the daughter of Iſhmael Abrahams ſon, the ſiſter of Nebajoth to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jacob went out from Beer-ſheba, and went toward * Haran.

* Called Act. 7.2. *Charran.*

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, becauſe the ſun was ſet: and he took of the ſtones of that place, and put *them for* his [9] pillows, and lay down in that place to ſleep.

[8] His Poſterity. [9] 2 *Cor.* 1. 5.

12 And he [10] dreamed, and [11] behold a [12] ladder ſet upon the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and [11] behold the angels of God [13] aſcending and [13] deſcending on it.

[10] *Ch.*15,1,12. and 20.3. *Numb.*12.6. *Job* 33. 14,15. *Dan.* 7.1. [11] Conſider it with an eye (1.) of Admiration. (2.) Faith. (3.) Dependance. (4.) Thankfulneſs. [12] Repreſenting Chriſt primarily, (*Joh.*1.51.) who, in reſpect of his humane Nature, ſtood upon Earth; and in reſpect of his Divine Nature reaches to Heaven. Secondarily, the Providence of God, which reaches from Heaven to Earth, and employs the Angels in Affairs here below, *Heb.*1.14. [13] Attending diligently upon Chriſt on all occaſions; as, at his Conception, (*Luk.*1.31. *Matth.*1.20.) Birth, (*Luk.*2.14. *Heb.* 1.6. *&c.*) Temptations, (*Matth.*4.11.) Agony, (*Luk.*22.43.) Reſurrection, (*Matth.*28.2,5.*&c.*) Aſcenſion, (*Act.* 1.10,11.) Coming to Judgment, (1 *Theſſ.*4. 16. 2 *Theſſ.* 1. -7.) and alſo, through him, on his Church and People, and every particular Believer, (*Pſal.*91.11. and 34.7. *Matth.*18.10.) as, to *Jacob* here, keeping him from dangers in his Journy, (*v.* 13, 15. *ch.*32.1,2.) and to *Elija*, *Eliſha*, *Daniel*, *Peter*, *&c.*

13 * And [11] behold, the LORD [14] ſtood above it, and ſaid, I *am* the LORD God [15] of Abraham thy father, and the God of Iſaac: the land whereon thou lieſt, to [16] thee will I give it, and to [17] thy ſeed.

* Chap.35.1. & 48. 3.

[14] In reference to Chriſt, the whole work of the Mediatorſhip was tranſacted by the Power and Authority of God himſelf, *Joh.*3.16. and 6.-27. and 10.36. *Matth.*3.7. *Act.* 2. 23. 24. And then in reference to the Church, all that happens to it is by God's diſpoſal; and that, both by way of Inſpection and Overſight, and alſo by way of Influence and Over-ruling, 2 *Chron.*16.9. *Eccl.*5.8. *Pſal.* 135.6. It notes alſo the ſpecial Care that God had of *Jacob* at this time, and ſo of every other particular Believer at all times, *Iſa.*41. 10. *Act.*18.10. 2 *Tim.*4.16,17. [15] In Covenant with him, *ch.*17. 7. See on *Matth.* 22.32. [16] In Right and Title. [17] *V.* 3. *Act.*7.5. *Ezek.*27.24,25. in poſſeſſion.

14 And [18] thy ſeed ſhall be as the [19] duſt of the earth, and [20] thou ſhalt * ſpread abroad || to the weſt, and to the eaſt, and to the north, and to the ſouth: and in thee and [21] † in thy ſeed ſhall all [21] the families of the earth be bleſſed.

* Heb. *break forth.*
|| Deut.12. 20.
† Chap.12.3. & 18. 18. & 22. 18. & 26. 4.

[18] Thy Spiritual Seed, chiefly. *Act.* 3,25. [19] *Gh.* 13. 16. and 32.12. *Num.*23.10. [20] In reſpect of thy Spiritual ſeed chiefly, the Members of the true Church. [21] Chriſt. See on *ch.*22.18.

15 And [11] behold, I *am* [22] with thee, and [23] will

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will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goeſt, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will [24] not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have ſpoken to thee of.

[22] *Ch.* 31.-3. and 32.-9. and 46.4. *Matth.*28.20. *Judg.*6.16. *Iſa.*43.2. *Jer.* 1.19. [23] *Rom.*8.32. 1 *Tim.*4.8. [24] *Heb.*13.-5. *Joſh.*1.5.

16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his ſleep, and he ſaid, Surely the LORD is in [25] this place; and I [26] knew it not.

[25] By theſe Tokens of his ſpecial and gracious Preſence (as well as in my Fathers houſe) and the revelation of his Mind and Will to me. [26] *Joh* 9. 11. I little expected ſuch Revelations here.

17 And he was [27] afraid, and ſaid, How [28] dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the [29] houſe of God, and this *is* the [30] gate of heaven.

[27] *Matth.*17.6. *Luk.*2.9. and 8.35. *Rev.*1.17. ſtricken with a reverent fear of the Majeſty of God, in reſpect of his own vileneſs and unworthineſs. [28] *Viz.* in regard of the glorious Majeſty of God manifeſted here in an extraordinary manner. [29] 1 *Tim.* 3.15. [30] An Inlet into Communion with God himſelf.

18 And Jacob roſe up early in the morning, and took the ſtone that he had put *for* his pillows, and [31] ſet it up *for* a [31] pillar, and poured [32] oyl upon the top of it.

[31] *Ch.*31.45. and 35.14. *Iſa.*19.19. as a Monument for remembrance of Gods appearing to him: (afterwards forbidden, (*Lev.* 26. 1.) except for Civil Uſes, *ch.* 31.45, 47. and 35. 20. *Joſh.* 24. 26. 1 *Sam.* 7. 12. 2 *Sam.* 18. 18.) [32] As a Thank-offering to God.

19 And he called the name of that place ‖ Beth-el: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the firſt.

‖ That is, *the houſe of God.*

20 And Jacob vowed a [33] vow, ſaying, [34] If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me [35] bread to eat, and raiment to put on;

[33] *Pſal.*132. 2,3. *Act.* 18. 18. and 21. 23, 24. A Vow is a binding of the Soul with a Bond, (*Numb.*30.3.) by a ſolemn and voluntary promiſe made to God for the Doing, or more careful doing of a thing, which otherwiſe by our Duty and Gods Law we are bound to do; or for the doing certain things, lawful in themſelves, but otherwiſe left indifferent to be done or not; or for the abſtaining from ſome things otherwiſe lawful to be uſed: and all this in a way of thankfulneſs to God for ſome extraordinary Bleſſings received, (*Jona* 1.-16.) or for the obtaining of ſome ſpecial Benefits we greatly deſire, and ſtand in need of, *Num.* 21. 1,2. *Judg.* 11.30. 1 *Sam.*1.11. *Prov.*31. 2. [34] *i.e.* When God ſhall have done thus and thus for me, according to his Promiſe, *v.* 15. (which I believe he will perform.) [35] 1 *Tim.*6. 8.

21 So that I come again to my fathers houſe in peace: then ſhall the LORD be [36] my God.

[36] Owned by me as the Author of my Welfare and Salvation, and worſhip'd in my Family as ſuch.

22 And this ſtone, which I have ſet *for* a pillar, ſhall be [37] Gods houſe: and of all that thou ſhalt give me, I will ſurely give [38] the tenth unto thee.

[37] A Place for his Worſhip, *viz.* an Altar, *ch.* 35. 1, 3, 7, 14. [38] *Ch.*14.20. *Deut.*14.22. *&c.* for the maintenance of God's Worſhip and other pious Uſes.

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1 *Jacob coming to the well of Haran,* 13 *is entertained by Laban.* 18 *covenanteth for Rachel,* 23 *and is deceived with Leah,* 28 *but marrieth alſo Rachel.*

† Heb. *lift up his feet.*

THen Jacob † went on his journy, and came into the land of the † people of the eaſt

† Heb. *children.*

2 And he looked, and behold, [1] a well in the field, and lo, there *were* three flocks of ſheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks, and a great ſtone was upon the wells mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the ſtone from the wells mouth and watered the ſheep, and put the ſtone again upon the wells mouth in his place.

4 And Jacob ſaid unto them, My brethren, whence *be* ye? And they ſaid, Of Haran *are* we. Chap. 29.

5 And he ſaid unto them, Know ye Laban the [2] ſon of Nahor? And they ſaid, We know *him.*

6 And he ſaid unto them, † [3] *Is* he well? And they ſaid, *He is* well: and behold Rachel his daughter cometh with the ſheep.

† Heb. *is there peace to him?*

7 And he ſaid, Lo, † *it is* yet [4] high day, neither *is it* time that the cattel ſhould be gathered together: water ye the ſheep, and go *and* feed *them.*

† Heb. *yet the day is great.*

[1] *Joh.*4.6,14. [2] *Grandſon.* [3] So *ch.* 43. 27. 2 *Sam.*20.9. [4] *Eph.*5.16.

8 And they ſaid, We [5] cannot until all the flocks be gathered together, and *till* they roll the ſtone from the wells mouth; then we water the ſheep.

[5] *Ch.* 34. 14. we neither may, by our order and agreement, nor are able to do it.

9 ¶ And [6] while he yet ſpake with them, Rachel came with her fathers ſheep: for ſhe [7] kept them.

[6] *Ch.* 24.15. *Exod.*2.-15, 16,21. [7] *Exod.* 2. 16. *Cant.* 1. 7,8.

10 And it came to paſs, when Jacob ſaw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mothers brother, and the ſheep of Laban his mothers brother; that Jacob went near, and rolled the ſtone from the wells mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mothers brother.

11 And Jacob [8] kiſſed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and [9] wept.

[8] *V.* 13. *ch.* 33.4. *Exod.* 4.-27. [9] *Ch.* 33. 4. and 43. 30. and 45. 2, 14, 15. for joy.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her fathers [10] brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's ſon: and ſhe ran and told her father.

[10] Kinſman, *viz.* his Siſters Son, *v.* 13.

13 And it came to paſs, when Laban heard the * tidings of Jacob his ſiſters ſon, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and [11] kiſſed him, and brought him to his houſe. And he told Laban all [12] theſe things.

* Heb. *hearing.*

[11] *Ch.*45.15. *Exod.*4.-27. and 18.7. *Luk.*7.45. *Rom.*16.16. [12] *Viz.* About his Journy, and the cauſe of it, and what he ſaw in the way.

14 And Laban ſaid to him, Surely thou *art* my [13] bone and my [13] fleſh: and he abode with him † the ſpace of a month.

† Heb. *a month of days.*

[13] *Gen.*2.23. *Judg.*9.2. 2 *Sam.*19.12. *Mic.* 7. 5. *Eph.* 5. 30. my near Kinſman and Nephew.

15 ¶ And Laban ſaid unto Jacob, Becauſe thou *art* my [10] brother, ſhouldſt thou therefore ſerve me for nought? tell me what *ſhall* thy wages *be*?

16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.

17 Leah *was* tender-eyed, but Rachel was beautiful and well-favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and ſaid, I will [14] ſerve thee ſeven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

19 And Laban ſaid, *It is* [15] better that I give her to thee, than that I ſhould give her to another man: abide with me.

[14] *Ch.*34.12. *Exod.*22.17. *Hoſ.*3. 2. [15] *Pſal.* 12. 2. a crafty and doubtful Anſwer.

20 And Jacob [16] ſerved ſeven years for Rachel; and they ſeemed unto him *but* a few days, for the [17] love he had to her.

[16] Some hold that he married her afore his Service; others after; there are difficulties on both hands, and therefore it's beſt to follow the order of the Text, and to hold that the Service was before the Marriage. [17] 1 *Cor.* 13. 7. *Cant.*8. 7.

21 ¶ And Jacob ſaid unto Laban, Give *me* my wife, (for [18] my days are fulfilled) that I may [19] go in unto her.

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[18] The Seven years Service agreed upon. [19] *Judg.* 15. 1.

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a [20] feaſt.

23 And it came to paſs in the evening that he took [21] Leah his daughter, and brought her to him: and he went in unto her.

[20] *Judg.* 14.10. *Joh.*2. 1,2. [21] She being veiled,(as *ch.*24. 65.) and in the dark, he could not diſcern the Fraud.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah, Zilpah his maid, *for* an [22] handmaid.

25 And it came to paſs that in the [23] morning, behold it *was* Leah: and he ſaid to Laban, What *is* this thou haſt done unto me? did not I ſerve with thee for Rachel? Wherefore then haſt thou [24] beguiled me?

[22] Or Bond-woman, as *ch.* 16.1. [23] 1 *Cor.* 3. 13. [24] As he beguiled *Eſau* of the Bleſſing, (*ch.*27.35.) ſo here he was ſerved himſelf, (ſee *Prov.* 11.31. *Matth.*7.2.)

26 And Laban ſaid, It muſt not be ſo done in † our country, to give the younger before the firſt born.

† Heb. *place.*

27 [25] Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this alſo, for [26] the ſervice which thou ſhalt ſerve with me yet ſeven other years.

[25] Keep the week of feaſting for thy Marriage with *Leah*, and ſo confirm the marriage with her, and then we'll give thee the other. [26] 1 *Tim.*6. 10.

28 And Jacob did ſo, and fulfilled [27] her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to [28] wife alſo.

[27] The week of feaſting for *Leah.* [28] Tho marrying two Wifes was cuſtomary in thoſe days, yet it was contrary to God's Inſtitution, (*Mal.*2.15.) and marrying two Siſters was afterwards forbidden, *Lev.* 18. 16.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her [22] maid.

30 And he went in alſo unto Rachel, and he loved alſo Rachel more than Leah, and ſerved with him yet ſeven other years.

31 ¶ And when the LORD ſaw that Leah *was* [29] hated, he [30] opened her womb: but Rachel *was* [31] barren.

[29] *Viz.* comparatively, (*v.* 30. ſo in *Deut.*21.15. *Matth.*6. 24. and 10.37. *Joh.*12.25.) and herein *Leah* was corrected for conſenting with her Father to the ſin. [30] *Ch.* 30.18. [31] 1 *Sam.*1.5.

32 And Leah conceived and bare a ſon, and ſhe called his name [32] ‖ Reuben: for ſhe ſaid, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

‖ That is, *ſee a ſon.*

[32] i. e. *Behold a Son*: Or, *a Son of regard, q.d.* Behold how God has given me now a Son in my Affliction.

33 And ſhe conceived again, and bare a ſon; and ſaid, Becauſe the LORD hath heard that I *was* hated, he hath therefore given me this *ſon* alſo: and ſhe called his name ‖ [33] Simeon.

‖ That is, *hearing.*

[33] Becauſe God heard her prayer.

34 And ſhe conceived again, and bare a ſon; and ſaid, Now this time will my husband be [34] joyned unto me, becauſe I have born him three ſons: therefore was his name called ‖ Levi.

‖ That is, *joyned.*

[34] *Viz.* In more ſincere and fervent affection.

35 And ſhe conceived again, and bare a ſon, and ſhe ſaid, Now will [35] I praiſe the LORD: therefore ſhe called his name *‖ Judah, and † [36] left bearing.

* Mat. 1. 2. ‖ That is, *praiſe.* † Heb. *ſtood from bearing.*

[35] *Viz.* openly in a ſolemn manner. [36] *Viz.* For a while, for *ch.*30.17.

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1 *Rachels barrenneſs.* 22 *She beareth Joſeph.* 27 *Jacobs new covenant with Laban.* 37 *His policy to become rich.*

AND when Rachel ſaw that ſhe bare Jacob no children, Rachel [1] envied her ſiſter; and ſaid unto Jacob, Give me children, or elſe [2] I die.

[1] *Ch.*37.11. *Num.*11.29. *Pſal.*106. 16. *Eccl.*4.4. *Prov.* 27. 4. *Gal.* 5.21. 1 *Cor.*3.3. [2] *Job* 5.1. *Prov.* 14. 30. the grief thereof will make an end of me.

2 And Jacobs anger was kindled againſt Rachel; and he ſaid, *Am I* [3] in Gods ſtead, who hath withheld from thee [4] the fruit of the womb?

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[3] *Ch.*50.19. to give Children, *ch.*16.2. and 20. 18. and 25. 21. 1 *Sam.*2. 5,6. *Pſal.*113.9. and 127. 3. [4] *Deut.* 7. 13. *Luk.* 1.42.

3 And ſhe ſaid, Behold, my [5] maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and ſhe ſhall bear [6] upon my knees, that I may alſo † have children by her.

† Heb. *be built by her.*

[5] *Ch.*16.2. [6] That may be brought up and nurſt by me as my own, *ch.*50.23.

4 And ſhe gave him Bilhah her hand-maid to [7] wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

[7] *i.e.* Concubine, *ch.*35.22. as *ch.* 16.3. and 22. 23.

5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a ſon.

6 And Rachel ſaid, God hath [8] judged me, and hath alſo heard my voice, and hath given me a ſon; therefore called ſhe his name [9] ‖ Dan.

‖ That is, *judging.*

[8] Given ſentence on my ſide againſt *Leah.* [9] *i. e.* Judging, *ch.*49. 16.

7 And Bilhah Rachels made conceived again, and bare Jacob a ſecond ſon.

8 And Rachel ſaid, With † great [10] wreſtlings have I wreſtled [10] with my ſiſter, and I have prevailed: and ſhe called his name ‖ * [11] Naphtali.

† Heb. *wreſtlings of God.* ‖ That is, *my wreſtling.* * Called Mat. 4.13. *Nephthalim.*

[10] *q.d.* I and my Siſter have ſtriven for Children, and I have gotten my wiſh at length beyond my Siſters expectation. [11] *i.e.* Wreſtling.

9 When Leah ſaw that ſhe had [12] left bearing, ſhe took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

[12] *Ch.*29.35. *viz.* for the preſent, *v.* 17.

10 And Zilpah Leahs made bare Jacob a ſon.

11 And Leah ſaid, a troop cometh, and ſhe called his name ‖ Gad.

‖ That is, *a troop*, or *company.*

12 And Zilpah Leahs maid bare Jacob a ſecond ſon.

13 And Leah ſaid, † Happy am I, for the daughters will [13] call me bleſſed: and ſhe called his name ‖ Aſhur.

† Heb. *in my happineſs.* ‖ That is, *happy.*

14 ¶ And Reuben went in the days of wheat-harveſt, and found [14] mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel ſaid to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy ſons mandrakes.

[13] *Prov.*31.29. *Luk.*1.48. [14] *Cant.*7. 13.

15 And ſhe ſaid unto her, *Is it* a ſmall matter that thou haſt taken my [15] husband? and wouldſt thou take away my ſons mandrakes alſo? And Rachel ſaid, Therefore he ſhall [16] lie with thee to night for thy ſons mandrakes.

[15] His affection from me, ſo that he does eſtrange himſelf from my Bed through thy means. [16] Theſe contentions were not meerly carnal, but partly for deſire of propagation, and chiefly for encreaſe of the Church, and obtaining the promiſed Seed.

16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and ſaid, Thou muſt come in unto me, for ſurely I have hired thee with my ſons mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

17 And God hearkned unto Leah, and ſhe conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth ſon.

18 And Leah ſaid, God hath given me mine hire, [17] becauſe I have given my maiden to my husband: and ſhe called his name ‖ [18] Iſſachar.

‖ That is, *an hire.*

[17] Inſtead of acknowledging her fault, ſhe boaſts as if God had rewarded her for it. [18] *i.e.* Wages, or Hire.

19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the ſixth ſon.

20 And Leah ſaid, God hath endued me *with* a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, becauſe I have born him ſix ſons: and ſhe called his name ‖ * [19] Zebulun.

‖ That is, *dwelling.* * Called Mat. 4.13. *Zabulon.*

21 And afterwards ſhe bare a daughter, and called her name ‖ [20] Dinah.

‖ That is, *judgment.*

22 ¶ And God [21] remembred Rachel, and God hearkned to her, and opened her womb.

[19] *i.e.* Dwelling. [20] *i.e.* Judgment. [21] *ch.*8.1. 1 *Sam.*1.19,20.

23 And

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23 And she conceived and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my [22] reproach.

[22] *i. e.* Barrenness, (*Luke* 1.25. 1 *Sam.* 1.6. *Isa.*4-1.) Because (1) such did seem to be excluded from the promise made to *Abram* concerning the multiplication of his Seed. (2) They were not in a capacity of having the promised Seed to be one of their Posterity.

‖ That is, *adding.*

24 And she called his name ‖ [23] Joseph; and said, The LORD shall [24] add to me another son.

[23] *i. e.* Adding. [24] *ch.* 35. 17.

25 ¶ And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, [25] Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to [26] my country.

[25] Let me depart with your good leave and liking. [26] *Canaan*, (promis'd to him, *ch.* 28. 13. whither by faith he would return and dwell in it, expecting the blessing of God, *ch.*26.3. *Heb.*11.9.)

26 Give *me* my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, [27] if I have found favour in thine eyes, *tarry:* for I have learned by experience, that the LORD hath blessed me for thy [28] sake.

[27] *ch.* 18. 3. [28] *v.* 30. *ch.* 39. 3.

28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give *it.*

29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have [29] served thee, and how thy cattel was with me.

[29] 1 *Pet.* 2. 18. *Tit.* 2. 9.

30 For *it was* little which thou hadst before I *came*, and it is *now* * increased to a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee † since my coming: and now when shall I [30] provide for mine own house also?

* Heb. *broken forth.*
† Heb. *At my foot.*

31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me [31] any thing; if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock.

[30] 1 *Tim.* 5. 8. [31] Any certain wages, or stinted hire, but only what God's Providence shall allot me.

32 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattel, and all the brown cattel among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and *of* [33] *such* shall be my hire.

[33] *Viz.* Speckled young ones of white dams: the spotted ones being removed, *v.* 35.

33 So shall my [33] righteousness answer for me † in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that *is* not speckled and spotted amongst the goats, and brown amongst the sheep, that shall be accounted stolen with me.

† Heb. *to morrow.*

[33] My just dealing shall be made evident by the very color of the cattel.

34 And Laban said, Behold, [34] I would it might be according to thy word.

[34] Because naturally, cattel bring forth young ones like themselves.

35 And he removed that day the he-goats that were ring-straked, and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, *and* every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave *them* into the hands of his sons.

36 And he set three days journy betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Labans flocks.

37 ¶ And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hasel and [35] chesnut-tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods.

[35] Ezek.31.8.

38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering-troughs, when the flocks came to drink; that they should conceive when they came to drink.

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39 And the flocks [36] conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattel [37] ring-straked, speckled and spotted.

[36] Tho' the strength of imagination in time of conception be very great, yet there was a special Providence in this, (*ch.*31.10.&c.) in recompense of his sore labor, *ch.*31. 38,40.
[37] With a round strake, or ring about their legs.

40 And Jacob did separate the [38] lambs, and set the faces of the [39] flocks toward the ring-straked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban: and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them [40] not unto Labans cattel.

[38] That were party-color'd. [39] *Viz.* When they coupled, that they might have them in their eyes. [40] Least by looking on them they should bring forth like, *i. e.* single color'd.

41 And it came to pass whensoever the stronger cattel did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattel in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the cattel were feeble, he put *them* not in: so the feebler were Labans, and the stronger Jacobs.

43 And the man [41] increased exceedingly, and had much cattel, and maid-servants, and men-servants, and camels, and asses.

[41] *Ch.* 28. 15. *Ezek.* 39-10.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Jacobs departure from Laban.* 22 *Laban pursueth him.* 44 *Their covenant at Galeed.*

AND he [1] heard the words of [2] Labans sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our fathers; and of *that* which *was* our fathers hath he gotten all this [3] glory.

[1] *Psal.* 120. 5. [2] *Ezek.*16-44. [3] *Ch.*45.13. *Psal.*49. 16,17. Wealth; which the possessors usually glory in, and whereby they gain much esteem from others.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and behold, it *was* not toward him [4] † as before.

† Heb. *as yesterday and the day before.*

3 And the [5] LORD said unto Jacob, [6] Return unto the land of thy [7] fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be [8] with thee.

[4] *Ch.* 30. 27. [5] *ch.*35.1. *Psal.*46.1. [6] *v.*13. *ch.*32-9. [7] *Canaan*, *v.*18. *ch.* 13. 15. and 26.3. [8] *ch.* 21. 22. and 26. 24. deal well with thee, *ch.* 32.9.

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

5 And said unto them, I see your fathers countenance, that it *is* not toward me as before; but the God of [9] my father hath [10] been with me.

[9] Whom he worship'd, and with whom my forefathers were in covenant. [10] To bid me depart, *v.* 3,13.

6 And ye know that with [11] all my power I have served your father.

[11] *V.*40, 21. A good servants property.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times: but God [12] suffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then [13] all the cattel bear speckled: and if he said thus, The ring-straked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattel ring-straked.

[12] *ch.* 20-6. [13] The greatest part.

9 Thus [14] God hath taken away the cattel of your father, and given *them* to me.

10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattel conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a [15] dream, and behold, the † rams which leaped upon the cattel *were* ring-straked, speckled, and grisled.

† Or, *he-goats.*

[14] Not his own fraud, *v.*1. [15] *Ch.* 28. 12. *Numb.*12-6. *Deut.* 13. 1. 1 *Kings* 3. 5. Whereby he was taught that the breeding

Chap. 31. breeding of the cattel in that manner, was by the Providence of God.

11 And the [16] Angel of God spake unto me in a [15] dream, *saying*, Jacob: And I said, Here *am* I.

[16] *Ch.*48.16. Christ; as appears by *v.* 5, 13.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattel *are* ring-straked, speckled, and grisled: for I have [17] seen all that Laban doth unto thee.

† Chap.28.18. 13 I *am* the God of [18] Beth-el, † where thou anointedst the pillar, *and* where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred,

[17] *Exod.* 3. 7. *Eph.* 6. 9. [18] That appeared unto thee there, *ch.*28.13. *&c.*

14 And Rachel and Leah answered, and said unto him, *Is there* yet any [19] portion or inheritance for us in our fathers house?

[19] Any hope of benefit.

15 Are we not [20] counted of him strangers? for he hath [21] sold us, and hath quite [22] devoured also [23] our mony.

[20] Dealt with as strangers, rather than children [21] *Viz.* To thee for 14 years service, *ch.* 29.27. [22] Wholly converted to his own use. [23] That which in equity was due to us for our portions, and for our husband's service.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that *is* ours, and our childrens: [24] Psal.45.-10. now then [24] whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 ¶ Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels.

18 And he carried away all his cattel, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattel of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram; for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and † Heb. *teraphim.* Rachel had [25] stolen the † [26] images that *were* her fathers.

[25] Out of a superstitious respect to them, as being tainted with her native idolatry, *ch.* 35.2. [26] Houshold-gods, in the likeness of men, probably (by 1 *Sam.* 19.13.) used in divine worship, (*Judg.*17.5. and 18.4. *Hos.*3.4.) to enquire of 'em of things to come, (*Ezek.*21.21.) and by whom they received the Devil's answers, true or false, *Zach.* 10.2.

† Heb. *the heart of Laban.* 20 And Jacob stole away † unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

21 So he fled with all that he had, and he rose up, and passed over the river, and [27] set his face *toward* the mount Gilead.

[27] *Luke* 9. 51, 53. Resolved to take his journy that way.

22 And it was told Laban on the [28] third day, that Jacob was fled.

23 And he took his brethren with him, and [29] pursued after him seven days journy; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.

[28] *Ch.* 30. 36. [29] So *Exod.* 14. 5. &c.

24 And [30] God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, [31] Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob † either [32] good or bad. † Heb. *from good to bad.*

[30] So *ch.* 20. 3. *Numb.* 23. 26. [31] *v.*-42. *Psal.*105.14,15. [32] *v.*-29. *ch.*24-50. See there.

25 ¶ Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, [33] as captives *taken* with the sword?

[33] As if they were carried away against their wills, (whereas they were willing, *v.*16. and therefore it was a slanderous suggestion.)

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and * steal away from me? and didst not tell me, * Heb. *hast stolen me.* that I might have sent thee away with [34] mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp? Chap. 31

28 And hast not suffered me to [35] kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done [36] foolishly in *so* doing.

29 [37] It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either [32] good or bad.

[34] *Prov.*26.23-25. [35] *ch.*29.13. *Exod.*4.-7. [36] *v.*3. 1 *Cor.*2.14. [37] *Psal.*52.1. *Joh.*19.10,11.

30 And now *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy fathers house; *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen [38] my gods?

31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him [39] not live: before our brethren discern thou what *is* thine with me, and take *it* to thee: for Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

[38] *Judg.*18.24. [39] *ch.* 44. 9.

33 And Laban went into Jacobs tent, and into Leahs tent, and into the two maid-servants tents; but he found *them* not. Then went he out of Leahs tent, and entred into Rachels tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camels furniture, and sat upon them: and Laban * searched all the tent, but found *them* not. * Heb. *felt.*

35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease [40] my lord that I cannot [41] rise up [42] before thee; for the [43] custom of women *is* upon me: and he searched, but found not the images.

[40] *Ch.*18.12. [41] *Lev.*19.32. [42] So as to give way unto thee to search; because it would be an undecent, immodest thing. [43] *Lev.* 15. 19. Which perhaps in those hot Countries was more violent upon 'em, than commonly in these parts; so that they could not well rise.

36 ¶ And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What *is* my trespass? what *is* my sin that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy houshold-stuff? set *it* here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may [44] judge betwixt us both.

[44] And lay the blame where 'tis due.

38 This twenty years *have* I *been* with thee; thy ews and thy she-goats have [45] not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I [46] not eaten.

[45] Partly by reason of my care and diligence in ordering them, and principally from God's blessing upon thee for my sake. *Ch.*30.27. [46] *Ezek.*34.2, *&c.*

39 That which was torn *of beasts*, I brought not unto thee, I bare the loss of it; * of my * Exod.22.12. hand didst thou [47] require it, *whether* stolen by day, or stolen by night.

[47] Which was more than needed. *Exod.*22.10,11.

40 *Thus* I was, [48] in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

[48] Thus should good Pastors do. *Heb.*13.17. *Hos.* 12. 12. 1 *Pet.* 5. 3.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattel: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the [49] fear of Isaac had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty: God hath [50] seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked *thee* yesternight.

[49] *v.*-53. The God whom *Isaac* worshipt with reverence and fear. *Isa.*8-13. *Psal.* 76.-11. [50] *ch.*16.13. and 29. 32. 1 *Chron.*12-17. *Psal.* 31.7.

43 ¶ And

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43 ¶ And Laban anſwered, and ſaid unto Jacob, *These* daughters *are* my daughters, and *these* children *are* my children, and *these* cattel *are* my cattel, and all that thou ſeeſt [51] *is* mine: and [52] what can I do this day unto theſe my daughters, or unto their children which they have born.

[51] 1 *King.*20. 3. a vain brag. [52] How ſhould I be able to go about to hurt 'em, ſeeing they are my own fleſh and blood?

44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a [53] covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witneſs between me and thee.

45 And Jacob took a [54] ſtone, and ſet it up *for* a [55] pillar.

[53] *Ch.*21.32. [54] A heap of ſtones, *v.* 46,48,52. [55] A monument of the Covenant.

46 And Jacob ſaid unto his brethren, Gather ſtones; and they took ſtones, and made an heap; and they did eat there upon the heap.

‖ That is, *the heap of witneſs.*

47 And Laban called it ‖ Jegar-ſahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.

48 And Laban ſaid, This heap *is* [56] a witneſs between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed.

[56] A Memorial which may be alledged in after-times as a Witneſs.

‖ That is, *a beacon,* or *watch-tower.*

49 And ‖ Mizpah; for he ſaid, the LORD [57] watch between me and thee, when we are abſent one from another.

50 If thou ſhalt afflict my daughters, or if thou ſhalt [58] take *other* wives beſides my daughters, no man *is* with us; See, God *is* witneſs betwixt me and thee.

[57] To puniſh the Offender. [58] *Levit.* 18. 8.

51 And Laban ſaid to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold *this* pillar, which I have caſt betwixt me and thee.

52 This heap *be* witneſs, and *this* pillar be witneſs, that I will not paſs over this heap to thee, and that thou ſhalt not paſs over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.

53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of [59] their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob [60] ſware by the [50] fear of his father Iſaac.

[59] *Terah,* who ſerved other Gods, *Joſh.*24. 2. [60] *Deut.* 6.13.

‖ Or, *killed beaſts.*

54 Then Jacob ‖ offered [61] ſacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

55 And early in the morning Laban roſe up and kiſſed his ſons and his daughters, and [62] bleſſed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

[61] For a Feaſt, *ch.*26.30. [62] Wiſh'd 'em all happineſs and proſperity. Thus God over-rul'd his cruel mind, as *ch.* 33.4. *Numb.*23.5,11. *Deut.*23.5. *Act.* 28.4,5.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Jacobs viſion,* 3 *his meſſage,* 13 *and preſent to Eſau.* 24 *Wreſtling with an angel he is called Iſrael.*

AND Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God [1] met him.

[1] *Pſal.*91.11. *Heb.*1.14. in an humane and glorious ſhape; to comfort him againſt the danger by *Eſau.*

2 And when Jacob ſaw them, he ſaid, This *is* Gods [2] hoſt: and he called the name of that place ‖ [3] Mahanaim.

‖ That is, *two hoſts,* or *camps.*

[2] *Luk.*2.13. 2 *King.*6.17. *Pſal.*34.8. *Dan.*10.20. [3] *Cant.* 6.-13. *i.e.* Two Hoſts, *viz.* of Angels.

3 And Jacob ſent meſſengers before him to Eſau his brother, unto the land of Seir, the † country of Edom.

† Heb. *field.*

4 And he commanded him, ſaying, Thus ſhall ye ſpeak unto [4] my lord Eſau; Thy ſervant Jacob ſaith thus, I have ſojourned with Laban, and ſtayed there until now.

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[4] *V.*18.*ch.*33.-8. *Prov.*15.1. a Title of civil reſpect, as *ch.* 23.6.

5 And [5] I have oxen, and aſſes, flocks, and men-ſervants, and women-ſervants: and I have ſent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy ſight.

6 ¶ And the meſſengers returned to Jacob, ſaying, We came to thy brother Eſau, and alſe he cometh to [6] meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

[5] (And therefore will neither be a burden to any, nor a diſcredit to my Relations.) [6] *Am.*5.19.

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid, and diſtreſſed: and he divided the people that *was* with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels into two bands.

8 And ſaid, If Eſau come to the one company, and ſmite it, then the other company which is left ſhall eſcape.

9 ¶ And Jacob ſaid, [7] O God of my father Abraham, and God of my Father Iſaac, the LORD which ſaidſt unto me, *[8] Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

* Chap.31.13.

[7] *Pſal.*50.15. [8] *Ch.* 31. 3, 13.

10 † I am [9] not worthy of the leaſt of all the [10] mercies, and of all the [10] truth, which thou haſt ſhewed unto thy ſervant; for with my [11] ſtaff I paſſed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands.

† Heb. *I am leſs than all, &c.*

[9] *Ch.*18.-27. 2 *Sam.*9. 8. *Luk.* 17.10. [10] *Ch.*24.27. *Mic.* 7.20. in making and performing thy gracious promiſes. [11] *Job* 8.7.

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Eſau: for I fear him, leſt he will come and ſmite me, and the [12] mother † with the children.

† Heb. *upon.*

12 And thou ſaidſt, I will ſurely do thee good, and [13] make thy ſeed as the ſand of the ſea, which cannot be numbred for multitude.

[12] *Hoſ.*10.-14. *Deut.*22.-6. [13] *Ch.* 28. 14.

13 ¶ And he lodged there that ſame night; and took of that which came to his hand, a [14] preſent for Eſau his brother.

[14] *Prov.*18.16. As he prays and truſts in God, ſo he uſes means.

14 Two hundred ſhe-goats, and twenty he-goats, two hundred ews and twenty rams.

15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine and ten bulls, twenty ſhe-aſſes and ten foles.

16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his ſervants, every drove by themſelves; and ſaid unto his ſervants, Paſs over before me, and put a [15] ſpace betwixt drove and drove.

[15] To mitigate his diſpleaſure by degrees, *v.* 20. *ch.* 33. 8,9. *Pſal.*112.-5. *Matth.*10,16.

17 And he commanded the foremoſt, ſaying, When Eſau my brother meeteth thee, and aſketh thee, ſaying, Whoſe *art* thou? and whither goeſt thou? and whoſe *are* theſe before thee?

18 Then thou ſhalt ſay, They be thy ſervant Jacobs; it *is* a preſent ſent unto my lord Eſau: and behold alſo he *is* behind us.

19 And ſo commanded he the ſecond and the third, and all that followed the droves, ſaying, On this manner ſhall ye ſpeak unto Eſau, when you find him.

20 And ſay ye moreover, Behold, thy ſervant Jacob *is* behind us: For he ſaid, I will [16] appeaſe him with the preſent that goeth before me, and afterward I will ſee his face; peradventure he will accept † of me.

[16] *Prov.*21.14.

† Heb. *my face.*

21 So went the preſent over before him: and himſelf lodged that night in the company.

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22 And he roſe up that night, and took his two wives, and his two [17] women-ſervants, and his eleven ſons, and paſſed over the ford Jabbok.

† Heb. *cauſed to paſs.*

23 And he took them, and † ſent them over the brook, and ſent over that he had.

† Heb. *aſcending of the morning.*

24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone: and there wreſtled [18] a man with him, until the † [19] breaking of the day.

[17] Concubines, *ch.*35.22. [18] God (*v.*28,30. *Hoſ.*12-3.) or *Chriſt in a* bodily ſhape, (*ch.* 48.16.) with whom *Jacob* wreſtled both bodily, and ſpiritually, with prayers and tears (*Hoſ.*12.3,4.) noting our ſpiritual conflict, *Phil.*1.27. *Eph.*6.12. *Rom.*15.30. [19] *Exod.* 14.27.

25 And when he ſaw that he [20] prevailed not againſt him, he touched the [21] hollow of his thigh: and the hollow of Jacobs thigh was [22] out of joynt, as he wreſtled with him.

[20] *Ch.*19.22. *Iſa.*41.14.*viz.* with that meaſure of ſtrength which God in that aſſumed body was pleaſed to uſe. Faith prevails over Chriſt himſelf, *Matth.*15.28. [21] The Cupbone of the Hip. [22] To humble him, (as 2 *Cor.* 12.7.) and make him ſenſible of his own weakneſs.

26 And he ſaid, [23] Let me go, for the day breaketh: And he ſaid, * [24] I will not let thee go, except thou [25] bleſs me.

* Hoſ.12.4.

[23] *Exod.*32.10. *Deut.* 9.14. *Iſa.*64.7. *Cant.*7-5. *Luk.*24.29. This he ſpeaks to ſhew the prevalency of his Prayers with God, and alſo to quicken and encourage him to perſiſt in his conflict. [24] *Cant.*3.4. *Hoſ.*12.4. *Rom.*8.37. *Luk.*18.1,7. 2 *Cor.*12.10. [25] *Viz.* with protection in this time of danger.

27 And he ſaid unto him, What *is* thy name? And he ſaid, Jacob.

28 And he ſaid, * Thy name ſhall be called [26] no more Jacob, but [27] Iſrael: for as a prince haſt thou [28] power with God and with [29] men, and haſt prevailed.

* Chap.35.10.

[26] *Ch.*35.10. not only *Jacob*, but alſo and principally *Iſrael.* [27] This change of his name notes a change of his condition for the better, as *ch.*17.5,15. *Iſa.*62.2. The Church, when any thing is ſpoken of her Infirmity, is called *Jacob*; when her Valor is ſignified, ſhe is called *Iſrael*, as *Am.*7.2,5,8. *Iſa.* 41.14. *Gal.*6.16. [28] God gave *Jacob* both power to overcome, and alſo the praiſe of the Victory. [29] *Viz. Eſau* (*ch.* 25.31. and 27.36.) and *Laban* (*ch.* 31.) and now thou ſhalt prevail over *Eſau* again.

29 And Jacob asked *him*, and ſaid, [30] Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name: And he ſaid, [30] Wherefore *is* it, *that* thou doſt ask after my name? and he [31] bleſſed him there.

[30] *Judg.* 13.17,18. [31] Hereby granting his requeſt, (*v.* 26.) confirming the former Bleſſings, (*ch.*27,28. and 28.3, 4.) and comforting him againſt the hurt in his thigh: God hereby ſhewing himſelf both the Smiter and the Healer, *Hoſ.* 6.1.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place ‖ [32] Peniel: for I have ſeen God [33] face to face, and my life is [34] preſerved.

‖ That is, *the face of God.*

[32] See *ch.*28.19. [33] *Exod.*24.11. and 33.11. *Deut.*5.24. and 34.10. not his Divine Eſſence, (*Exod.*33.20,23.) but in a more manifeſt, familiar, and friendly manner than in common viſions. [34] *Judg.*13.22. and 6.22.

31 And as he paſſed over Penuel the ſun [35] roſe upon him, and he [36] halted upon his thigh.

[35] *Ch.*19.22. [36] 2 *Cor.*12.7,9. *Pſal.*38.17. See *n.*22.

32 Therefore the children of Iſrael [37] eat not *of* the ſinew which ſhrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: becauſe he touched the [21] hollow of Jacobs thigh, in the ſinew that ſhrank.

[37] To perpetuate the memory of this honour done to *Jacob.*

CHAP. XXXIII.

1. The kindneſs of Jacob and Eſau at their meeting. 18 *Jacob builds an altar.*

AND Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, Eſau came, and with him four hundred men. And he [1] divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

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2 And he put the hand-maids and their children foremoſt, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joſeph [2] hindermoſt.

[1] *Ch.*32.7. [2] Reſerving the deareſt to the ſafeſt place.

3 And he paſſed over [3] before them, and [4] bowed himſelf to the ground ſeven times, until he came near to his brother.

[3] *Joh.*10.4,11,15. [4] *Ch.*18-2. and 32.4.

4 And Eſau ran to meet him, and [5] embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kiſſed him: and they [6] wept.

[5] *Prov.*16.7. and 21.1. *Pſal.*34.4. *Luk.*15.20. God having changed his heart.

5 And he lift up his eyes, and ſaw the women and the children; and he ſaid, Who *are* thoſe † with thee? And he ſaid, The children which [7] God hath graciouſly given thy ſervant.

Heb. *to thee.*

[7] *Ch.* 30.2. (See there.) 1 *Sam.*1.27. *Ruth*4-13. *Pſal.*127.3.

6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themſelves.

7 And Leah alſo with her children came near, and bowed themſelves: and after came Joſeph near and Rachel, and they bowed themſelves.

8 And he ſaid, † What meaneſt thou by all this drove, which I met? And he ſaid, *Theſe are* to find grace in the ſight of my lord.

† Heb. *What is all this band to thee.*

9 And Eſau ſaid, I have [8] enough; my brother, † keep that thou haſt unto thy ſelf.

† Heb. *be that to thee that is thine.*

[8] *Ch.*27.39. Few will ſay ſo, *Eccl.*4.8. *Prov.* 30.15.

10 And Jacob ſaid, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy ſight, then receive my preſent at my hand: for therefore I have ſeen thy face [9] as though I had ſeen the face of God, and thou waſt pleaſed with me.

[9] *q.d.* Thy meeting me in this peaceable manner, is very comfortable and refreſhing to me; and an evident token of God's favor to me, *Pſal.*41.11.

11 Take, I pray thee, [10] my bleſſing that is brought to thee; becauſe God hath dealt graciouſly with me, and becauſe I have [11] enough; and he urged him, and he took *it.*

[10] *Joſh.*15.19. 1 *Sam.* 25.27. and 30.26. 2 *Kings* 5-15. 2 *Cor.*9.5,6. This gift, which as I received from God, ſo I heartily give it thee with my bleſſing and prayer, that God would abundantly bleſs it to thee. [11] *Rom.* 8.32. 1 *Tim.* 4.8. 1 *Cor.*3.-21. *Phil.*4.13.

12 And he ſaid, Let us take our journy, and let us [12] go, and I will go before thee.

[12] *Viz.* To my habitation, where I may requite thy kindneſs.

13 And he ſaid unto him, My lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me; and if men ſhould overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, paſs over before his ſervant: and I will lead on ſoftly, according † as the cattel that goeth before me, and the children be [13] able to endure; until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

† Heb. *according to the foot of the work,* &c. *and according to the foot of the children.*

[13] *Iſa.*40.11. *Matth.*9.16,17. *Mark* 4.33. *Rom.*15.1.1 *Cor.*3.2 and 9.22.

15 And Eſau ſaid, Let me now † leave with thee *ſome* of the folk that *are* with me: And he ſaid, † What needeth it? [14] Let me find grace in the ſight of my lord.

† Heb, *ſet,* or *place.* † Heb. *Wherefore is this?*

[14] *Ch.*34.11. and 47.25. *Ruth* 2.13. 1 *Sam.* 25.8. 2 *Sam.* 16.4. Let me have thy leave to go alone.

16 ¶ So Eſau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

17 And Jacob journyed to Succoth, and built him an houſe, and made booths for his cattel: therefore the name of the place is called ‖ Succoth.

‖ That is, *booths.*

18 ¶ And Jacob came to Shalem a city of ‖ Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aran; and pitched his tent before the city.

‖ Called Acts 7.16. *Sychem.*

19 And

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19 And he [15] bought a parcel of a field, where he had ſpread his tent, at the hand of the [16] children of * Hamor [17] Shechems father, for an hundred † pieces of mony.

* Called Acts 7. 16. *Emmor.*

† Or, *lambs.*

[15] *Joſh.*24.32. ¶ [16] Subjects. ¶ [17] He only of *Hamor*'s ſons is mention'd, becauſe he was more honourable than the reſt of his brethren, (*ch.* 34-19.) and ſo, probably, might tranſact this affair with *Jacob*, the reſt conſenting thereto.

20 And he erected there [18] an altar, and called ‖ It

‖ That is, *God the God of Iſrael.*

El-elohe-iſrael.

[18] For a Thankſgiving; as *ch.*12.7. and 13. 18.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *Dinah raviſhed.* 21 *The Shechemites are circumciſed,* 25 *ſlain by the ſons of Jacob,* 27 *and their city ſpoiled.*

AND Dinah the daughter of Leah, *which* ſhe bare unto Jacob, [1] went out to ſee the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the ſon of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country [2] ſaw her, he took her, and lay with her, and † defiled her.

† Heb. *humbled her.*

[1] *Tit.* 2. 5. ¶ [2] *ch.* 6. 2. *Job* 31. 1.

3 And his ſoul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damſel, and ſpake † kindly unto the damſel.

† Heb. *to her heart.*

4 And Shechem ſpake unto his father Hamor, ſaying, Get me this damſel to wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter, (now his ſons were with his cattel in the field:) and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

6 ¶ And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

7 And the ſons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard *it*, and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth: becauſe he had wrought [3] folly in [4] Iſrael, in lying with Jacobs daughter; which thing [5] ought not to be done.

[3] *Deut.* 21.21. *Joſh.*7.15. *Judg.*15.23. and 20. 6. 2 *Sam.* 13. 12,13. *Prov.*7.7. A baſe, fooliſh and ſinful deed. ¶ [4] In the Church, among whom, above all others, Piety ought to flouriſh and be practis'd. ¶ [5] *Deut.*23.17. *Eph.*5.3.

8 And Hamor communed with them, ſaying, The ſoul of my ſon Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

9 And [6] make ye marriages with us, *and* give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

10 And ye ſhall dwell with us: and the land ſhall be [7] before you; dwell and trade you therein, and get you poſſeſſions therein.

[6] *Deut.* 7. 3. ¶ [7] *ch.* 13. 9. and 20. 15.

11 And Shechem ſaid unto her father, and unto her brethren, [8] Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye ſhall ſay unto me, [9] I will give.

[8] *Ch.* 33. 15. Grant me this requeſt. [9] *ch.* 29. 18.

12 Ask me never ſo much [10] dowry and [11] gift, and I will give according as ye ſhall ſay unto me: but give me the damſel to wife.

[10] *Ch.*24.53. *Exod.*12.16,17. *Deut.*22. 28,29. 1 *Sam.*18.25. For her portion. ¶ [11] For reparation of the wrong done her, and as a teſtimony of my reſpect to you, and kindneſs to her; as *ch.*24. 53.

13 And the ſons of Jacob anſwered Shechem and Hamor his father [12] deceitfully, and ſaid, (becauſe he had defiled Dinah their ſiſter)

[12] Never intending that which they made ſhew of, *viz.* to give her in marriage to *Shechem.*

14 And they ſaid unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our ſiſter to one that is [13] uncircumciſed: for that were [14] a reproach unto us.

[13] Religion is ſometimes pretended for the vileſt practiſes, as 2 *Sam.*15.7. 1 *Kings* 21. 9. *Matth.*2.8,13. [14] *Joſh.*5.9.

15 But in this will we conſent unto you: if ye will be as we *be*, that every male of you be circumciſed;

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16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumciſed; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleaſed Hamor, and Shechem Hamors ſon.

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, becauſe he had delight in Jacobs daughter: and he *was* more [15] honourable then all the houſe of his father.

20 ¶ And Hamor and Shechem his ſon came unto the [16] gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, ſaying,

[15] More highly eſteemed by the people; which was the reaſon he prevail'd ſo much with 'em in ſo ſtrange a requeſt. ¶ [16] *Deut.*17.5 *Prov.*31.23.

21 [17] Theſe men *are* peaceable with us, therefore let them dwell in the land and trade therein; for the land, behold, *it is* large enough for them: let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

[17] Thus many pretend to ſpeak for the publick intereſt, when they aim only at their own private advantage.

22 Only herein will the men conſent unto us, for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumciſed, as they *are* circumciſed.

23 *Shall* not their cattel, and their ſubſtance, and every beaſt of theirs [18] *be* ours? only let us conſent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

[18] By commerce, marriage, *&c.*

24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his ſon hearkned all that went out of the gate of his city: and every male was [19] circumciſed, all that went out of the gate of his city.

[19] *Matth.*7.6. Which being done without knowledge and faith, was a profanation of God's Ordinance; for which they were juſtly puniſh'd, *v.* 25.

25 ¶ And it came to paſs on the third day, when they were ſore, that two of the ſons of Jacob, [26] Simeon and [20] Levi, [21] Dinahs brethren, took each man his ſword, and came upon the city boldly, and † [22] ſlew all the males.

† Chap.49.6.

[20] Theſe were the chief authors and actors, but others alſo, both brethren and ſervants probably, were aſſiſtants, *v.* 27. ¶ [21] By Father and Mother both, (*Reuben* being of a milder temper, *ch.*37.29.) ¶ [22] *ch.*49.-6,7.

26 And they ſlew Hamor and Shechem his ſon with the † edge of the ſword, and took Dinah out of Shechems houſe, and went out.

† Heb. *mouth.*

27 The ſons of Jacob came upon the ſlain, and [23] ſpoiled the city, [24] becauſe they had [25] defiled their ſiſter.

[23] *Eſth.*9.-10. ¶ [24] *Exod.*2.14. ¶ [25] One of them had done ſo, and the others did not cenſure him for it. So *Joſh.* 7.1,11,12. and 22.20.

28 They took their ſheep, and their oxen, and their aſſes, and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the field,

29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and ſpoiled even all that *was* [26] in the houſe.

[26] In every houſe; chiefly *Sichem*'s, where *Dinah* was.

30 And Jacob ſaid to Simeon and Levi, Ye have [27] troubled me to make me to [28] ſtink among the inhabitants of the land, amongſt the Canaanites, and the Perizzites: and I *being* few in number, they ſhall gather themſelves together againſt me, and ſlay me, and I ſhall be deſtroyed, I and my houſe.

[27] *Ch.*49.6. Not only diſcompos'd my mind, but intangled my affairs, and expos'd me to imminent danger. *Joſh.* 7. 25. [28] ¶ *Exod.*5.21. 1 *Sam.*13.4. and 27.12. 1 *Chron.*19.6. Rendred me odious to them.

Chap. 35. 31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

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1 *God sendeth Jacob to Beth-el.* 2 *He purgeth his house of idols,* 6 *and buildeth an altar at Beth-el.*

AND God [1] said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and [2] make there an altar unto God, that [3] appeared unto thee † when thou [4] fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. † Chap.27.43.

[1] *Ch.*31.3. ¶ [2] To offer sacrifice, and pay thy vow with thanksgiving for thy former deliverance, (*ch.* 28. 20, 22. and 31.13.) and to strengthen thy faith against thy present fears, *ch.*34.30. ¶ [3] *ch.*28.10,13. ¶ [4] *ch.*27.43. Yet as thou wast delivered from that danger, so shalt thou be from this.

2 Then Jacob said unto his [5] household, and to all that *were* with him, [6] Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and [7] be clean, and change your [8] garments:

[5] *Josh.*24.-15. ¶ [6] *Josh.*24.23. *Judg.* 10.16. 1 *Sam.* 7. 3. 2 *Cor.*6.15,16. ¶ [7] *Psal.*51.4,12. *Ezek* 36.25. *Eccl.*5.1. 2*Cor.* 7.1. *Heb.*10.22. By outward washing, (*Exod.* 19.10,14.) but chiefly, by purging your hearts from these idols, and from your late cruelty. ¶ [8] *Jude* 23. In token of the changing of your minds and manners.

3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who [9] answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

[9] *Isa.*30.19. *Viz.* by that vision, *ch.* 28. 12, 13.

4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* [10] ear-rings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob [11] hid them under the [12] oak which *was* by Shechem.

[10] Idolatrous jewels, and superstitious monuments, *Hos.*2.13. *Exod.*32.3,4. *Deut.*7.25. *Judg.* 8. 24, 27. [11] ¶ *Exod.* 32. 20. After they were melted or broken. ¶ [12] *Josh.* 24.26.

5 And they journied: and the [13] terrour of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

[13] *Exod.*15.16. and 23.27. *Deut.*11.25. *Josh.*2.9,11. 1 *Sam.* 11.7. 2 *Chron.*14.14. and 17. 10.

6 ¶ So Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan (that *is* Beth-el) he and all the people that *were* with him.

7 And he built there an [14] altar, and * called the place † [15] El-beth-el: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother. * Chap. 28.19. † That is, *the god of Beth-el.*

[14] *Ch.*28.22. *Eccl.*5.4,5. ¶ [15] Before he call'd it Bethel, (*ch.*28.19.) now upon God's renewing of his grace unto him, he adds the name of God to it; (as *Exod.*17.15.)

8 But Deborah Rebekahs [16] nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el, under an [17] oak: and the name of it was called † [18] Allon-bachuth. † That is, *the oak, of weeping.*

[16] *Ch.*24.59. ¶ [17] 1 *Sam.*31.13. ¶ [18] *Judg.*2.5.

9 ¶ And God appeared unto Jacob [19] again, when he came out of Padan-aram; and blessed him.

[19] *Ch.*28.11. This is the seventh time that God revealed himself to *Jacob* in a special manner. *Ch.*28.13. and 31.3,11. and 32.1,24, and 35.1.

10 And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but † [20] Israel shall be thy name; and he called his name Israel. † Chap.32.28.

[20] *Ch.*32.28. God confirms the change of his name, to assure him that as he prevail'd over *Esau*, so now he should prevail over those of whom he was afraid.

11 And God said unto him, I *am* God [21] Almighty; [22] be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a [23] company of nations shall be of thee: and [24] kings shall come out of thy loyns.

[21] *Ch.*17.1. Hereby he confirms, and amplifies the promise made *ch.* 28. and 32. ¶ [22] *ch.*48. 3, 4. God here confirms the blessing given to him by his father, (*ch.*28.3.) and amplifies it. ¶ [23] Tribes, for number and power, equal to so many Nations. ¶ [24] *ch.* 28. 4. and 17. 6.

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12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, [25] to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

13 And God [26] went up from him, in the place where he talked with him.

[25] *Ch.*13.15. See there. ¶ [26] *Ch.* 17.22. and 11. 5. *Judg.* 13.20. *Viz.* visibly, in that humane shape wherein he appeared to him.

14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink-offering thereon, and he poured oyl thereon.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where he talked with him, [27] Beth-el.

[27] *Ch.*28.19. He renews the memorial of his faith and thankfulness to God, as God did before of his promise to him, *v.*10,12.

16 ¶ And they journied from Beth-el: and there was but † a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had [28] hard labour. † Heb. *a little piece of ground.*

17 And it came to pass when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have [29] this son also.

[28] *Ch.* 3. 16. 1 *Tim.* 2. 15. ¶ [29] *ch.* 30. 24.

18 And it came to pass as her soul was [30] in departing (for she [31] died) that she called his name * [32] Benoni: but his father called him † [33] Benjamin. * That is, *the son of my sorrow.* † That is, *the son of the right hand.*

[30] This shews the immortality of the soul. ¶ [31] *ch.*30.-1. ¶ [32] 1 *Sam.*4.20,21. ¶ [33] *q.d.* He shall always be most near and dear to me, as my right hand, *Psal.*80.17.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which *is* Beth-lehem.

20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that *is* the pillar of Rachels grave unto this day.

21 And Israel journied and spread his tent beyond the towre of Edar.

22 And it came to pass when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and † [34] lay with Bilhah his fathers concubine: and Israel heard *it.* Now the sons of Jacob were [35] twelve. † Chap.49.4.

[34] *Ch.*49.4. 2 *Sam.*16.22. ¶ [35] *ch.*46.8. *Exod.* 1. 2. and 6. 14. *Acts* 7.8. and 26.7.

23 The sons of Leah; Reuben Jacobs first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun.

24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph and Benjamin.

25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachels hand-maid; Dan, and Naphtali.

26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leahs hand-maid; Gad and Asher. These *are* the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in [36] Padan-aram.

[36] All except *Benjamin*, *v.* 18.

27 ¶ And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah (which *is* Hebron) where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28 And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.

29 And Isaac gave up the ghost and died, and † was [37] gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob [38] buried him. † Chap.25.8. 2288.

[37] See on *ch.*25.8. ¶ [38] In the cave of *Macpelah*, *ch.*49.31.

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2 *Esau's wives.* 6 *His removing to mount Seir.* 9 *His sons.*

NOw these *are* the [1] generations of Esau, who *is* [2] Edom.

[1] This shews the accomplishment of that Oracle, *ch.*25.23. as also of that temporal blessing wherewith his father blessed him, *ch.*27.39,40. and likewise of the promise to *Abram*, *ch.* 22. 17. ¶ [2] *ch.* 25. 30.

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2 Esau took his [3] wives of the daughters of [4] Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite:

[3] *Ch.* 26.34. ¶ [4] Contrary to the will of *Abram*, and of *Isaac* his Father, *ch.*24.3. and 28.1.

3 And Bashemath Ishmaels daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

* 1 Chr.1.35. 4 And * Adah bare to Esau, Eliphaz: and Bashemath bare Reuel.

5 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: These *are* the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the † persons of his house, and his cattel, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into [5] the country, [6] from the face of his brother Jacob.

† Heb. *souls.*

[5] To another Country, *viz.* the land of *Seir*, *v.*8. *ch.*32.3. ¶ [6] Before *Jacob's* coming; that so he might enjoy the land of *Canaan* to himself.

7 For their riches were more then that they might dwell [7] together: and the land wherein they were strangers, could not bear them, because of their cattel.

[7] So *ch.*13.6. ¶ [8] *Ch.*17.8.

* Josh.24.4. 8 Thus dwelt Esau in * mount [9] Seir: Esau is Edom.

[9] *Deut.*2.5. *Josh.* 24.4.

9 ¶ And these *are* the generations of Esau the father of † the Edomites, in mount Seir.

† Heb. *Edom.*

* 1 Chr.1.35, &c. 10 These *are* the names of Esau's sons; * Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were, Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timnah was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these *were* the sons of Adah Esau's wife.

13 And these *are* the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.

14 ¶ And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau, Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

15 ¶ These *were* [10] dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the first-born *son* of Esau: duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz.

[10] Princes or Heads of their several Families and Principalities.

16 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, *and* duke Amalek: These *are* the dukes *that came* of Eliphaz, in the land of Edom: these *were* the sons of Adah.

17 ¶ And these *are* the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah. These *are* the dukes *that came* of Reuel, in the land of Edom: these *are* the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.

18 ¶ And these *are* the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these *were* the dukes *that came* of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah Esau's wife.

19 These *are* the sons of Esau (who *is* Edom) and these *are* their dukes.

* 1 Chr.1.38. 20 ¶ * These *are* the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,

21 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these *are* the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.

22 And the children of Lotan were, Hori, and Heman: and Lotan's sister *was* Timna.

23 And the children of Shobal *were* these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. Chap. 37.

24 And these *are* the children of Zibeon: both Aiah, and Anah: this *was that* Anah that [11] found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

[11] Put Horses and Asses together, and thereby begat this sort of Creatures.

25 And the children of Anah *were* these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 And these *are* the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

27 The children of Ezer *are* these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Achan.

28 The children of Dishan *are* these; Uz, and Aran.

29 These *are* the dukes *that came* of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,

30 Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

31 ¶ And these *are* the [12] kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. [12] *Ch.* 17.16.

32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.

33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.

35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad (who smote Midean in the field of Moab) reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith.

36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pau; and his wives name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these *are* the names of the dukes *that came* of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth.

41 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon.

42 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar.

43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these *be* the dukes of Edom, according their habitations, in the land of their possession; he *is* Esau the father of † the Edomites.

† Heb. *Edom.*

CHAP. XXXVII.

2 Joseph is hated of his brethren. 5 His two dreams. 18 His brethren conspire his death. 36 He is sold to Potiphar in Egypt.

AND Jacob dwelt in the land † wherein his father was [1] a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

† Heb. *of his fathers sojournings.*

2 These *are* the [2] generations of Jacob; Joseph *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren, and the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his fathers wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their [3] evil report. 2276.

[1] *Ch.*17.8. and 28.4. ¶ [2] The story of what befel *Jacob* in some of his Posterity. ¶ [3] The report of their lewd conversation or ill usage of him.

3 Now

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3 Now Israel [4] loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of [5] his old age: and he made him a coat of [6] *many* ‖ colours.

‖ Or, *pieces.*

[4] *Joh.*13.23. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 44.20. ¶ [6] *Judg.*5.30. 2 *Sam.*13. 18. *Psal.*45.14,15.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Joseph dreamed a [7] dream, and [8] he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him [9] yet the more.

[7] *Ch.*41.1. *Numb.*12.6. 1 *King.*3.5. which probably he did not understand at first. ¶ [8] God's special Providence was seen in causing him thus to reveal his dream. ¶ [9] *Joh.* 17.14.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed.

7 For behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made [10] obeysance to my sheaf.

[10] In token, that while they were making provision of Corn, this respect should be paid him.

8 And his brethren said unto him, [11] Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? and they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 ¶ And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more, and behold, the sun and the moon, and the eleven stars [12] made obeysance to me.

[11] *Luk.*19.14. *Act.*7.27,35. ¶ [12] *V.*-7. *ch.*41. 25, 32.

10 And he told *it* to his father, and to his brethren: and his father [13] rebuked him, and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down our selves to thee, to the earth?

[13] Partly through ignorance, and partly in policy, to abate the hatred of his Brethren.

11 And his brethren envied him: but his father [14] observed the saying.

[14] *Dan.*7.-28. *Luk.*2.19. 51. See there.

12 ¶ And his brethren went to feed their fathers flock in Shechem.

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the flock* in Shechem? Come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said unto him, Here *am* I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, † see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

† Heb. *see the peace of thy brethren,* &c.

15 ¶ And a certain man found him, and behold, *he was* wandring in the field: and the man asked him, saying, what seekest thou?

16 And he said, [15] I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks.*

17 And the man said, They are departed hence: for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they [16] conspired against him, to slay him.

[15] *Luk.*19.10. ¶ [16] *Luk.*20. 14.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this † dreamer cometh.

† Heb. *master of dreams.*

20 Come now therefore, and let us [17] slay him, and cast him into some pit; and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And * Reuben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, [18] Let us not kill him.

* Chap.42.22.

[17] *Ch.* 49.23. *Prov.*27.4. ¶ [18] *Ch.*42.22.

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22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 ¶ And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they [19] stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of *many* ‖ colours that *was* on him.

‖ Or, *pieces.*

[19] *Ch.* 42.21. *Matth.*27. 28.

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit *was* empty, *there was* [20] no water in it.

[20] *Jer.* 38.6. *Zach.* 9. 11.

25 And they sat down to [21] eat bread: and they lift up their eyes and looked, and behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing spicery, and balm, and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt.

[21] *Psal.*14.4. *Esth.*3.-15. *Am.*6.6.

26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we [22] slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

[22] Suffer him to perish in the Pit.

27 Come, and let us [23] sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother, and our flesh: and his brethren † were content.

† Heb. *hearkened.*

28 Then there passed by [24] Midianites merchant-men; and they drew and lift up Joseph out of the pit † and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

† Psal.105. 17. Wisd.10. 13. Act. 7.9.

[23] *Act.*7.9. ¶ [24] Who dwelt in the *Ishmeelites* Country, and therefore are called *Ishmeelites*, *v.*27.

29 ¶ And Reuben returned unto the pit; and behold, Joseph *was* not in the pit: and he [25] rent his clothes.

[25] *V.* 34. *ch.*44.13. *Josh.*7.6. 1 *Sam.*4.12. *Job* 2. 12. and 4. 12. tore his upper Garment a little way; to shew his heart was rent with grief, (*Joel* 2.13.) and in token that they were unworthy to have any clothes to cover their nakedness. This was used at funerals, (2*Sam.*3.31.) or upon any sudden news of evil, or upon the sight of any great calamity befalling their Friends, (*Job.*2.12. 2*Sam.*1.11. *Josh.*7.6.) or in sign of sorrow for Sin, (2 *Chron.*34.19. *Joel.*2.13. *Ezr.*9.3,5.) or in detestation of Blasphemy, (2*King.*18.37. and 19.1. *Matth.*26.65.) or for any other great dishonour done to God, *Jer.* 36. 24. *Act.* 14.13,14.

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, the child [26] *is* not; and I, whether shall I go?

[26] *Ch.* 42. 13, 36. *Jer.* 31. 15. *viz.* in the land of the living.

31 And they took Josephs coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood.

32 And they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought *it* to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it *be* thy sons coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, *It is* my sons coat; an *evil beast hath devoured him: Joseph is without doubt [27] rent in pieces.

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34 And Jacob [25] rent his clothes, and put [28] sackcloth upon his loyns, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he [29] refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning: Thus his father wept for him.

† Heb. *eunuch.* But the word doth signifie not only *eunuchs*, but also *chamberlains, courtiers, and officers.*

[27] *Ch.* 44.28. ¶ [28] 2 *Sam.*3.31. 1 *King.*21. 27. *Neh.* 9. 1. *Esth.*4.1. another sign of sorrow, much practic'd afterwards by God's people, and Heathens too, *Jona* 3.5. ¶ [29] *Jer.* 31. 15.

36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an † officer of Pharaohs, *and* † ‖ captain of the guard.

† Heb. *chief of the slaughter-men,* or, *executioners.*

‖ Or, *chief marshal.*

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CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *Judah begetteth Er, Onan, and Shelah,* 6 *Er marrieth Tamar.* 8 *The treſpaſs of Onan.*

AND it came to paſs [1] at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whoſe name *was* Hirah.

[1] This ſeems to be ſoon after *Jacob*'s coming to *Shechem*, (*ch.*33.18.) before the hiſtory of *Dinah*, *ch.*34.

† Or, *when Judah went down—That he ſaw there.*

2 † And Judah ſaw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whoſe name *was* * Shuah; and he [2] took her, and went in unto her.

* 1 Chron. 2. 3.

[2] *Viz.* to wife; contrary to *ch.* 24. 3.

3 And ſhe conceived and bare a ſon; and he called his name Er.

4 * And ſhe conceived again, and bare a ſon; and ſhe called his name Onan.

* Num. 26. 19.

5 And ſhe yet again conceived and bare a ſon; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when ſhe bare him.

6 And Judah took a wife for Er his firſt-born, whoſe name *was* Tamar.

7 And * Er, Judahs firſt-born was wicked [3] in the ſight of the LORD; and the LORD [4] ſlew him.

* Num. 26. 19.

[3] *Ch.* 13. 13. ¶ [4] In ſome extraordinary, remarkable manner.

8 And Judah ſaid unto Onan, Go in unto thy brothers wife, and [5] marry her, and [6] raiſe up ſeed to thy brother.

[5] According to that Levitical Law, made afterwards, *Deut.* 25. 5. ¶ [6] Beget a child which may bear thy brother's name, and have his inheritance; (but the following children were reputed his that begat 'em.)

9 And Onan knew that the [7] ſeed ſhould not be his: and it came to paſs, when he went in unto his brothers wife, that he [8] ſpilled *it* on the ground, leſt that he ſhould give ſeed to his brother.

[7] *Viz.* The firſt-born, *Deut.* 25. 6. ¶ [8] This ſtory ſeems to be recorded by the Holy Ghoſt purpoſely to condemn, not only *Onan*'s envious intent, (that is done ſufficiently in other places) but the act it ſelf, and to ſhew how diſpleaſing it is to God, as being a perverting of the deſign, and intent of nature in beſtowing ſuch a power and ability on man.

* Heb. *was evil in the eyes of the* LORD.

10 And the thing which he did, * [9] diſpleaſed the LORD: wherefore he ſlew him alſo.

[9] 2 *Sam.* 11. 27. *viz.* In a more than ordinary manner.

11 Then ſaid Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, [10] Remain a widow at thy fathers houſe, till Shelah my ſon be grown; (for he ſaid, Leſt peradventure [11] he die alſo as his brethren *did*:) and Tamar went and dwelt in her fathers houſe.

[10] *Lev.* 22. 13. [11] As if ſome unhappy fate attended *Tamar*

* Heb. *the days were multiplied.*

12 ¶ And * in proceſs of time, the daughter of Shuah Judahs wife died: and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his [12] ſheep-ſhearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

[12] To a feaſt, 1 *Sam.* 25. 7, 8, 36.

13 And it was told Tamar, ſaying, Behold, thy father in law goeth up to Timnath, to ſhear his ſheep.

14 And ſhe put her widows garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped her ſelf, and ſat in an * [13] open place, which *is* by the way to Timnath: for ſhe ſaw that Shelah was grown, and ſhe was not given unto him to wife.

* Heb. *the door of eyes*, or, *of Enajim.*

[13] *Prov.* 7. 12. and 9. 14. *Jer.* 3. 2. *Ezek.* 16. 25.

15 When Judah ſaw her, he thought her *to be* an harlot; becauſe ſhe had covered her face.

16 And he turned unto her by the way, and ſaid, Go to, I pray thee, let me [14] come in unto thee (for he knew not that ſhe *was* his daughter in law:) And ſhe ſaid, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayeſt come in unto me?

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[14] God would hereby ſhew that the Jews (ſo called from this *Judah*) have nothing to boaſt of in reſpect of their carnal Pedigree.

17 And he ſaid, I will ſend *thee* * a kid from the flock: And ſhe ſaid, Wilt thou give *me* a [15] pledge, till thou ſend *it*?

* Heb. *a kid of the goats.*

[15] *Ezek.* 16. 33. For her future ſecurity, *v.* 24, 25.

18 And he ſaid, What pledge ſhall I give thee? And ſhe ſaid, [16] Thy ſignet, and thy bracelets, and thy ſtaff that *is* in thine hand: and he gave *it* her, and came in unto her, and ſhe conceived by him.

[16] *Luke* 15. 22. *Jer.* 22. 24.

19 And ſhe aroſe and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah ſent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive *his* pledge from the womans hand; but he found her not.

21 Then he asked the men of that place, ſaying, Where *is* the harlot that *was* * openly by the way-ſide? And they ſaid, There was no harlot in this *place*.

* Or, *in Enaijim.*

22 And he returned to Judah, and ſaid, I cannot find her; and alſo the men of the place ſaid, *that* there was no harlot in this *place*.

23 And Judah ſaid, Let her take *it* to her, leſt we * be ſhamed: behold, I ſent this kid, and thou haſt not found her.

* Heb. *become a contempt.*

24 ¶ And it came to paſs about three months after, that it was told Judah, ſaying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and alſo behold, ſhe *is* with child by whoredom: and Judah ſaid, Bring her forth, and let her be [17] burnt.

[17] *Deut.* 22. 23, 24. *Rom.* 2. 1, 3. 2 *Sam.* 12. 5, 7.

25 When ſhe *was* brought forth, ſhe ſent to her father in law, ſaying, By the man whoſe theſe *are*, *am* I with child: and ſhe ſaid, Diſcern, I pray thee, whoſe *are* theſe, the ſignet, and bracelets, and ſtaff.

26 And Judah acknowledged *them*, and ſaid, She hath been [18] more righteous then I; becauſe that I gave her not to Shelah my ſon: and he knew her again no more.

[18] 1 *Sam.* 24. 17. *q. d.* She has more reaſon to accuſe me, than I her; ſince I have been the cauſe of her ſin.

27 ¶ And it came to paſs in the time of her travail, that behold twins *were* in her womb.

28 And it came to paſs when ſhe travailed, that *the one* put out *his* hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a ſcarlet threed, ſaying, This came out firſt.

29 And it came to paſs as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out; and ſhe ſaid, * How haſt thou broken forth? *this* breach *be* upon thee: therefore his name was called † ‖ [19] Pharez.

* Or, *Wherefore haſt thou made* this *breach againſt thee?*

† That is, *a breach.*

‖ 1 Chron. 2. 4. Matth. 1. 3.

30 And afterward came out his brother that had the ſcarlet threed upon his hand; and his name was called [19] Zarah.

[19] In the birth of theſe two brethren, the ſtate of the two Churches of the Jews and Gentiles may, as in a figure, be conſider'd: the Jews, as the elder, drawing back the hand, through unbelief, (*Rom.* 10. 3, 21.) the Gentiles, as by violence getting the heavenly birthright, (*Matth.* 11. 12. *Luke* 15. 11, 32. *Acts* 13. 46, 48.) And when the Gentiles are fully born, then ſhall the Jews (that had the ſign of the firſt birthright on their hands) come forth again. *Rom.* 11. 11, 25, 26.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *Joſeph advanced in Potiphars houſe,* 7 *reſiſteth his miſtreſſes temptation.* 13 *He is falſly accuſed, and caſt into priſon.*

AND Joſeph was brought down to Egypt: and Potiphar an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And

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2 And the LORD was [1] with Joseph, and he was a [2] prosperous man: and he was [3] in the house of his master the Egyptian.

[1] *V.* 21. *ch.*21. 22. and 26. 24. *Acts* 7. 9, 10. *Psal.* 91. 15. 1 *Sam.*3.19. and 18.-14. Blessing and prospering all he took in hand, *v.*3. ¶ [2] *v.*-23. *Psal.* 1. 3. ¶ [3] He ran not away, but applied himself patiently and faithfully to that low estate wherein God's Providence had set him.

3 And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to [4] prosper in his hand.

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he [5] served him: and he made him [6] overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand.

[4] *Ch.* 30. 27. ¶ [5] Attended his person. ¶ [6] *Prov.*27.18. and 14.35. and 17.2.

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptians house for [7] Joseph's sake: and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had, in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, [8] save the bread which he did eat: and Joseph was [9] *a* goodly *person*, and well-favoured.

[7] *Ch.*30.27,30. *Acts* 27. 24. ¶ [8] *v.* 23. He took care for nothing, but only to eat his victuals, when set afore him. A Proverbial speech. ¶ [9] 1 *Sam.* 16. 12.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that his masters wife [10] cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, [11] Lie with me.

[10] *Matth.*5.28. 2 *Pet.*2.14. *Job* 31.1. ¶ [11] *Prov.* 7.13.

8 But he [12] refused, and said unto his masters wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what *is* with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand.

9 *There is* none greater in this house then I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me, but thee, because thou *art* his wife: [13] how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin [14] against God?

[12] *Prov.*1.10. ¶ [13] 1 *Joh.*3.9. ¶ [14] *ch.*42.18. *Neh.*5.-15. *Psal.*51.4. *Lev.*6.2. *Job* 31.23.

10 And it came to pass as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkned not unto her, to lie by her, *or* to be [15] with her.

[15] *Prov.*1.15. and 5.8. 1 *Cor.*15.33. 1 *Thess.*5.22. 1 *Tim.*5.14.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that *Joseph* went into the house to do his business; and *there was* [16] none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she [17] caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and [18] got him out.

[16] *Job* 24.15. ¶ [17] *Prov.*7.13. ¶ [18] *Eccles.* 7.26.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying; See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to [19] mock [20] us: he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a * loud voice.

* Heb. *great.*

[19] *Psal.*120.3. 2 *Cor.*6.8. To abuse us, and so cause us to be disgrac'd. ¶ [20] The whole family.

15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me.

18 And it came to pass, as I lift up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me, that his wrath was kindled.

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20 And Josephs master took him, and put him into the [21] prison, a place where the kings prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison.

[21] *Dan.*3.21,22. *Psal.*105.18,19. 2 *Tim.* 2. 9. 1 *Pet.* 2. 19. The dungeon, *ch.*40.15. and 41.-14.

21 ¶ But the LORD was [22] with Joseph, and * shewed him mercy, and [23] gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

* Heb. *extended kindness unto him.*

[22] *Dan.*6.22. *Isa.* 43. 2. *Rom.* 8.32. ¶ [23] *Exod.* 3. 21. and 11.3. and 12.36. *Psal.*106.46. *Prov.*16.7. *Dan.*1.9.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Josephs hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the [24] doer *of it.*

[24] Done by his direction and order.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand; because the LORD *was* with him: and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.

CHAP. XL.

1 *The butler and baker of Pharaoh are imprisoned.* 4 *Joseph hath charge of them.* 5 *He interpreteth their dreams.*

AND it came to pass after these things, *that* the [1] butler of the king of Egypt and *his* baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.

[1] Or, Cup-bearer, *v.* 13.

2 And Pharaoh was wroth against two *of* his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

3 And he put them [2] in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound.

[2] Here we see the fickle estate of favourites and courtiers, and upon what slippery ground they stand.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; and they continued a season in ward.

5 ¶ And they [3] dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man [4] according to the interpretation of his dream; the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which *were* bound in the prison.

[3] *Ch.*20.3. ¶ [4] *ch.*41.11,12. A dream which was significant of something to come, which did also come to pass according to the interpretation given thereof, *ch.* 41.13.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and behold they *were* [5] sad.

[5] *Ch.* 41.8. *Dan.*2.1,3. Because they perceived it was sent from God to betoken something future, and they understood not the meaning of it.

7 And he asked Pharaohs officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lords house, saying, Wherefore * look ye *so* sadly to day?

* Heb. are *your faces evil?*

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream; and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not interpretations [6] *belong* to God? [7] tell me *them*, I pray you.

[6] *Ch.*41.16. *Isa.*8.-19. *Dan.*2.28. ¶ [7] *Dan.*4.8. and 5.12.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said unto him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me.

10 And in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth; *and* the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes.

11 And Pharaohs cup *was* in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaohs cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaohs hand.

12 And Joseph said unto him, This *is* the interpretation of it: The three branches *are* three days.

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh * lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and

* Or, *reckon.*

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and thou shalt deliver Pharaohs cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

† Heb. *remember me with thee.*

14 But † [8] think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me; and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me [9] out of this house.

[8] 1 *Sam.*25.-31. ¶ [9] 1 *Cor.*7.-21. *Joseph*, tho patient in adversity, yet uses all good means to procure his liberty.

15 For indeed I was [10] stolen away out of the land of the [11] Hebrews: and here also have I [12] done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

[10] *Ch.*37.28. taken by fore, without my own or Father's consent. ¶ [11] The Land of *Canaan*, wherein the Posterity of *Abram* dwelt, who was called an *Hebrew*, *ch.* 14. 13. ¶ [12] *Joh.*10.32. he pleads his innocency, (as others have done, *Dan.*6.22. *Act.*24.12,13,20. and 25.10,11.)

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good; he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and behold, *I had* three

‖ Or, *full of holes.*

‖ white baskets on my head.

17 And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of † bake-meats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

† Heb. *meat of Pharaoh, the work of a baker*, or, *cook.*

18 And Joseph answered, and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days.

‖ Or, *reckon thee*, and take thy office *from thee.*

19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh ‖ lift up thy head [13] from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

[13] Cut off thy head, ~~and hang~~ thy body on a tree.

20 ¶ And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaohs [14] birth-day, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he ‖ lifted up the head of the chief butler, and of the chief baker among his servants.

‖ Or, *reckoned.*

[14] *Job* 3.1. *Matth.* 14. 6.

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaohs hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but [15] forgat him.

[15] *Psal.*105.19 *Eccles.*9.-15,16. *Am.*6.6.

CHAP. XLI.

1 *Pharaohs two dreams.* 25 *Joseph interpreteth them.* 33 *He giveth Pharaoh counsel.* 38 *Joseph is advanced.* 50 *He begetteth Manasseh and Ephraim.*

2289. AND it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh [1] dreamed, and behold, he stood by the river.

[1] *Ch.*20.3. and 37.5. and 40.5. *Dan.*2.1.

2 And behold, there came up [2] out of the river seven well-favoured kine, and fat-fleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

[2] *V.*18. Noting that the fruitfulness of *Egypt* depends upon the overflowing of the river *Nile*, (and not upon rain, *Deut.*11.10.)

3 And behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill-favoured, and lean-fleshed; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ill-favoured and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well-favoured and fat kine. So Pharoah awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk; † rank and good.

† Heb. *fat.*

6 And behold, seven thin ears, and blasted with the [3] east-wind sprung up after them.

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[3] *Ezek.*17.10. and 19.12. *Hos.* 13. 15.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears: and Pharaoh awoke, and behold, *it was* a [4] dream.

[4] A divine supernatural dream, sent immediately by God.

8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was [5] troubled; and he sent and called for all the [6] magicians of Egypt, and all the [7] wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* [8] none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

[5] *Ch.*40.-6. *Dan.*2.-1.3. ¶ [6] *Dan.* 2.2. and 5.7,8. Such as pretended to tell secrets, interpret hidden things, foretel future things, and did many strange feats, *Ex.*7.11.and 8.19. and 9.11. ¶ [7] *Matth.* 23.34. Philosophers (*Act.*17.18.) and persons of much learning, understanding, and judgment in difficult cases, and of much experience in humane affairs. ¶ [8] *Dan.* 2.10. and 5.8. *Isa.*19.11. and 29.14. *Psal.*25.14.

9 ¶ Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my [9] faults this day.

10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guards house, *both* me, and the chief baker.

11 And we [10] dreamed a dream in one night, I and he: we dreamed each man [11] according to the interpretation of his dream.

[9] *Ch.*40.1. ¶ [10] *Ch.*40.8. ¶ [11] *Ch.*40. 5. see there.

12 And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he * interpreted to us our dreams: to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

† Chap.40. 12. &c.

13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was: me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 ¶ * Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they † [12] brought him [13] hastily out of the dungeon: And he shaved *himself*, and [14] changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

* Psal.105.20.

† Heb. *made him run.*

[12] *Psal.*105.20. 1 *Sam.*2.7,8. ¶ [13] *Dan.*2.25. *Exod.*10.16. ¶ [14] *Esth.*4.1,2,4.

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* ‖ thou canst understand a dream, to interpret it.

‖ Or, when *thou hearst a dream thou canst interpret it.*

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, [15] *It is* not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an [16] answer of peace.

[15] *Ch.*40.-8. 2 *King.*6.27. *Dan.*2.28.1 *Cor.*15.-10. 2 *Cor.*3. 5. ¶ [16] Such an answer as may portend happpiness, prosperity, and all good to thee, and as may quiet thy troubled mind. This he wishes, and perhaps foresaw.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river.

18 And behold, there came up [2] out of the river, seven kine, fat-fleshed, and well-favoured; and they fed in a meadow.

19 And behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill-favoured, and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness.

20 And the lean and the ill-favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine.

21 And when they had † eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill-favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

† Heb. *come to the inward parts of them.*

22 And I saw in my dream, and behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good.

23 And behold, seven ears, ‖ withered thin, *and* blasted with the east-wind, sprung up after them.

‖ Or, *small.*

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24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* unto me.

25 ¶ And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* [17] one: [18] God hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do.

[17] *Viz.* in signification, *i. e.* both dreams signifie the same thing. ¶ [18] *Isa.*41.22. *Am.*3.7.

26 The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one.

27 And the seven thin and ill-favoured kine that came up after them, *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east-wind, shall be seven years of famine.

28 This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God *is* about to do, he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty, throughout all the land of Egypt.

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine, and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt: and the famine shall consume the land.

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land, by reason of that famine following: for it *shall be* very †grievous.

† Heb. *heavy.*

32 And for that the dream was [19] doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* [19] because the thing *is* ‖established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

‖ Or, *prepared of God.*

[19] *Phil.* 3.1. Here God teaches the reason why things are sundry times repeated in the Scripture.

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint ‖officers over the land, and [20] take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

‖ Or, *Overseers.*

[20] *Prov.*6.6--8. *Luk.* 16.9. *viz.* at the common price.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the [21] hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

[21] According to *Pharaoh's* appointment.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land, against the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land † perish not through the famine.

† Heb. *be not cut off.*

37 ¶ And the thing was [22] good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

[22] *Act.*7.10. *Psal.*105. 22.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such an one* as this *is*, a man in whom the [23] spirit of God *is*?

[23] *Dan.*4.6. and 5.11. such Prudence as God by his Spirit has bestow'd on this man in such a singular manner.

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath [24] shewed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art*.

[24] Given thee this extraordinary gift of foreseeing and foretelling things to come, and of giving such prudent advice for the future.

40 * Thou shalt be [25] over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people † be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

* Psal.105.21. 1 Mac.2. 53. Acts 7.10.
† Heb. *be armed.* or, *kiss.*

[25] *Psal.*105.21. *Act.*7.10. *Dan.*2.46,47. and 5.29. Dreams were the occasion of his fall, (*ch.* 37. 8--10.) and Dreams were the occasion of his rise.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, [26] I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

[26] *Dan.*2.48. 1 *Sam.*2.7,8. *Psal.*113. 7.

42 And Pharaoh took off his [27] ring from his hand, and put it upon Josephs hand, and arrayed him in vestures of ‖ fine linen, and put a [28] gold chain about his neck.

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[27] An Ensign of honor (*Esth.* 8. 2. *Luk.*15.22.) and of his authority to seal all things in his name. ¶ [28] *Prov.*1.9. *Dan.*5.7.

‖ Or, *silk.*

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cryed before him, ‖ † Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.

‖ Or, *Tender father.*
† Heb. *Abrech.*

44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, [29] I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

[29] *i.e.* as sure as I am King, so sure without thy advice and authority no man shall do any thing in point of Government.

45 And Pharaoh called Josephs name [30] Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah ‖ priest of On: and Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

‖ Or. *prince.*

[30] *i.e.* A Foreteller of things to come.

46 ¶ And Joseph *was* [31] thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt: And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land Egypt. 2289.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up [32] all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same.

[31] *Ch.*37.2. ¶ [32] The fifth part (*v.*34.) of all manner of eatable things.

49 And Joseph gathered corn [33] as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbring: for *it was* without number.

[33] See on *ch.* 22. 17.

50 * And unto Joseph were born two sons, before the years of famine came; which Asenath, the daughter of Poti-phera ‖ priest of On bare unto him.

* Chap.46.20. & 48.5.
‖ Or, *prince.*

51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn ‖ Manasseh: for God, *said he*, hath made me [34] forget all my toil, and all [35] my fathers house.

‖ That is, *forgetting.*

[34] *Isa.*65.16. has expell'd all sorrowful remembrance of it, by my present comfort and glory. ¶ [35] My Sufferings there from my Brethren.

52 And the name of the second called he ‖ Ephraim: for God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

‖ That is, *fruitful.*

53 ¶ And the seven years of plenteousness that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

54 * And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. * Psal.105.16. 2296.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was [36] famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: And Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

[36] Pinched with Famine.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened † all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

† Heb. *all wherein was.*

57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn*, because that the famine was *so* sore in all lands.

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1 Jacob sendeth his ten sons to buy corn in Egypt.
6 They are imprisoned by Joseph for spies.

NOw when * Jacob [1] saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye [2] look one upon another?

* Act. 7.12.

[1] Heard. ¶ [2] Sit still and do nothing.

2 And

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2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may [3] live, and not die.

[3] *Ch.* 43. 8. *Psal.* 118. 27. *Isa.* 38. 1.

2297. 3 ¶ And Josephs ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 But Benjamin, Josephs brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren: for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of [4] Canaan.

[4] *Ch.* 12. 10. and 26. 1. *Acts* 7. 11. and 11. 28.

6 And Joseph *was* the [5] governour over the land, *and* he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Josephs brethren came, and [6] bowed down themselves before him, *with* their faces to the earth.

[5] *Psal.* 105. 21. [6] *Ch.* 37. 7, 8. and 44. 14.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but [7] made himself strange unto them, and [7] spake * roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

* Heb. *hard things with them.*

[7] He deals thus with 'em, that he might bring 'em (1) To make a full relation of the present state of their family. (2) To humble 'em the better with the remembrance of their former sins. (3) To inhance their joy when the truth of things should be discover'd. (4) The more fully to manifest the accomplishment of his dreams, when, being under his power, they should in an humble manner sue to him for their liberty.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

* Chap. 37. 5. 9 And Joseph * [8] remembred the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* [9] spies; to see the [10] nakedness of the land you are come.

[8] *Ch.* 37. 5. So as to observe their accomplishment. ¶ [9] This he speaks only by way of trial and discovery; *q. d.* One may well suspect you to be such if you cannot clear your selves. ¶ [10] Where the country lies most open and expos'd to danger.

10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

11 We *are* all [11] one mans sons: we *are* true men, thy servants are no spies.

[11] And therefore no spies; because 'tis not likely one man would expose all his sons at once to so dangerous an employment.

12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land you are come.

13 And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* [12] not.

14 And Joseph said unto them, [13] That *is it* that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies.

[12] See on *ch.* 37. 30. ¶ [13] *q. d.* This is a very improbable story; and therefore being taken tripping in this, makes it the more suspicious you are but spies.

15 Hereby ye shall be proved: [14] by the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

[14] *i. e.* As sure as *Pharaoh* lives. An Assertory Oath; as *Jer.* 5. 2. 1 *Sam.* 20. 3. and 25. 26. 2 *Sam.* 15. 21. *Deut.* 6. 13.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your † Heb. *bound.* brother, and ye shall be † kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies.

† Heb. *gathered.* 17 And he † put them altogether into [15] ward, three days.

[15] *Hebr.* 12. 10. God hereby calls 'em to repentance for their sins.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and [16] live: *for* [17] I fear God.

[16] I'l spare your lives. ¶ [17] *ch.* 20. 11. And therefore shall not dare to do any of you any wrong.

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19 If ye *be* true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses.

20 *But bring your youngest brother unto me; * Chap. 43. 5. so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they [18] did so.

[18] Promis'd to do so. ¶ [19] *Hos.* 5. 15. *Job* 36. 8–10. *Prov.* 28. 13. 1 *John* 1. 9. *q. d.* Our sin long since committed against our brother, has brought this trouble upon us. Affliction makes men acknowledge their faults, which otherwise they'd not care to remember.

21 ¶ And they said one to another, [19] We *are* verily [19] guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us; and we would not hear: therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying; * [20] Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore behold also, his blood is [21] required. * Chap. 37. 21.

[20] *Ch.* 37. 21. ¶ [21] 2 *Chr.* 24. 22. *Ezek.* 3. 18. *Luk.* 11. 50. *Psal.* 9. 12. We shall now be punish'd for his death.

23 And they knew not that Joseph understood *them*; * for he spake unto them by an interpreter. * Heb. *an interpreter* was *between them.*

24 And he turned himself about from them, and [22] wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them [23] Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

[22] *Ch.* 43. 30. ¶ [23] Who by this seems to have had the greatest hand in *Joseph's* trouble; he being by nature bold and fierce; *ch.* 34. 25. and 49. 7.

25 ¶ Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every mans mony into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and [24] thus did he unto them.

[24] *Rom.* 12. 17, 19. *Matth.* 5. 44.

26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his mony: for behold *it* was in his sacks mouth.

28 And he said unto his brethren, My mony is restored; and lo, *it is* even in my sack: and their heart * [25] failed *them*, and they were [26] afraid, * Heb. *went forth.* saying one to another, [27] What *is* this *that* God hath done unto us?

[25] *Ch.* 5. 6. 1 *Kings* 10. 5. ¶ [26] *v.* 35. *ch.* 27. 33. Least this should be a design to entrap, and so to destroy 'em. ¶ [27] What's the meaning of this Providence?

29 ¶ And they came unto Jacob their father, unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befel unto them, saying,

30 The man *who is* the lord of the land, spake * roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. * *with us hard things.*

31 And we said unto him, We *are* true men; we are no spies.

32 We *be* twelve brethren, sons of our father: one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man the lord of the country said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *are* true men; leave one of your brethren *here* with me, and take *food for* the famine of your households, and be gone.

34 And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that you *are* no spies, *but* that you *are* true men: *so* will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

35 ¶ And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that behold, every mans bundle of mony *was* in his sack: and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of mony, they were [26] afraid.

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36 And Jacob their father ſaid unto them, Me have ye bereaved *of my children:* Joſeph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away:* all theſe things are [28] againſt me.

[28] *Pſal.*34.19. *Rom.*8.28. 1 *Cor.*10.13. Heavy to me, (tho' you make light of 'em.)

37 And Reuben ſpake unto his father, ſaying, [29] Slay [30] my two ſons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

[29] This was an unnatural and unlawful motion, and therefore *Jacob* does not accept of it. ¶ [30] Or, *two of my ſons*; (for he had four, *ch.*46.9.)

38 And he ſaid, My ſon ſhall not go down with you: for his brother is [31] dead, and he is left [32] alone; if miſchief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then ſhall ye bring down my gray hairs with ſorrow to the grave.

[31] *Ch.*37.37. ¶ [32] *Viz.* of *Rachel*'s children; as *ch.*44.20.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 *Jacob is hardly perſwaded to ſend Benjamin.* 15 *Joſeph entertaineth his brethren.* 31 *He maketh them a feaſt.*

AND the famine *was* ſore in the land.

2 And it came to paſs when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father ſaid unto them, Go again, buy us [1] a little food.

[1] *Prov.* 15. 16. and 16. 8. 1 *Tim.* 6.6,7. Sufficient for that year.

3 And Judah ſpake unto him, ſaying, The man * [2] did ſolemnly proteſt unto us, ſaying, Ye ſhall [3] not ſee my face, except your † brother *be* with you.

* Heb. *proteſting proteſted.*
† Chap.42.20.

[2] *Ch.* 42.15,20. ¶ [3] 2 *Sam.*3.13. and 14.24, 32. *Acts* 20. 25,38.

4 If thou wilt ſend our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food.

5 But if thou wilt not ſend *him*, we [4] will not go down: for the man ſaid unnto us, Ye ſhall not ſee my face, except your brother *be* with you.

[4] *Ch.* 44. 26. We cannot go, neither without danger, nor without breach of our promiſe.

6 And Iſrael ſaid, Wherefore dealt ye *ſo* ill with me, *as* to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

7 And they ſaid, The man * asked us ſtraitly of our ſtate, and of our kindred, ſaying, *Is* your father yet alive? have ye *another* brother? and we told him [5] according to the † tenour of theſe words: ‖ Could we certainly know that he would ſay, Bring your brother down?

* Heb. *asking asked us.*
† Heb. *mouth.*
‖ Heb. *knowing could we know?*

[5] Such as his words requir'd.

8 And Judah ſaid unto Iſrael his father, Send the [6] lad with me, and we will ariſe and go; that we may [7] live and [7] not die, both we, and thou, *and* alſo our little ones.

[6] So called becauſe he was the youngeſt, tho' now above thirty years old. ¶ [7] *Ch.*42.2. See there.

9 I will be ſurety for him; of my hand ſhalt thou require him: † [8] if I bring him not unto thee, and ſet him before thee, then let me [9] bear the blame for ever.

† Chap.44.32.

[8] *Ch.* 44. 32. ¶ [9] 1 *Kings* 1.-21.

10 For except we had lingred, ſurely now we † had returned this ſecond time.

† Or, *twice by this.*

11 And their father Iſrael ſaid unto them, If *it muſt be* ſo now, do this; take [10] of the beſt fruits in the land in your veſſels, and carry down the man [11] a preſent, a little [12] balm, and a little [13] hony, ſpices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds.

[10] *Deut.*33.14. ¶ [11] *Prov.*18.16. and 21.14. He uſes prudent means, as ſubſervient to God's Providence. So *ch.*32.20. ¶ [12] *Ch.*37.25. ¶ [13] *Lev.* 20.24.

12 And take [14] double mony in your hand: and the mony that was brought again in the mouth of your ſacks, [15] carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure it *was* an overſight.

[14] Becauſe likely proviſion was now grown dearer. ¶ [15] 1 *Theſſ.* 4. 6.

13 Take alſo your brother, and ariſe, go again unto the man.

14 And [16] God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may ſend away your other brother, and Benjamin: † [17] If I be bereaved *of my children*, I am bereaved.

† Or, *and I, as I have been,* &c.

[16] *Prov.*21.1. ¶ [17] *Eſth.*4.6. *Acts* 21.-14. *q.d.* God's will be done: I commit the iſſue wholly to him.

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15 ¶ And the men took that preſent, and they took double mony in their hand, and Benjamin; and roſe up, and went down to Egyt, and ſtood before Joſeph.

16 And when Joſeph ſaw Benjamin with them, he ſaid to the ruler of his houſe, Bring *theſe* men home, and * ſlay and make ready: for *theſe* men ſhall † dine with me at noon.

* Heb. *kill a killing.*
† Heb. *eat.*

17 And the man did as Joſeph bade: and the man brought the men into Joſephs houſe.

18 And the men were afraid, becauſe they were brought into Joſephs houſe, and they ſaid, Becauſe of the mony that was returned in our ſacks at the firſt time, are we brought in; that he may † ſeek occaſion againſt us, and fall upon us, and take us for bond-men, and our aſſes.

† Heb. *roll himſelf upon us.*

19 And they came near to the ſteward of Joſephs houſe, and they communed with him at the door of the houſe.

20 And ſaid, O ſir, * † we came indeed down at the firſt time to buy food.

* Chap.42.3.
† Heb. *coming down we came down.*

21 And it came to paſs when we came to the inn, that we opened our ſacks, and behold, *every* mans mony *was* in the mouth of his ſack, our mony in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

22 And other mony have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our mony in our ſacks.

23 And he ſaid, [18] Peace be to you; fear not: [19] your God and the God of your father hath given you treaſure in your ſacks: † I had your mony. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

† Heb. *your mony came to me.*

[18] *Judg.*6.23. and 19.20. 1 *Sam.*25.6. 1 *Chron.*12.18. *Dan.* 4.1. and 10.19. *Luke* 10.-5. and 24. 36. *John* 20.-19, 21, 26. *Gal.*6.16. *Eph.*6.23. 1 *Pet.* 5. 14. 3 *John* 14. No harm ſhall come to you for that matter. ¶ [19] It ſeems *Joſeph* had taught his ſteward and family to fear God.

24 And the man brought the men into Joſephs houſe, and † gave *them* [20] water, and they waſhed their feet, and he gave their aſſes provender.

† Chap.18.4. and 24. 32.

[20] *Ch.* 18. 4. and 24. 32. See there.

25 And they made ready the preſent againſt Joſeph came at noon: for they heard that they ſhould eat bread there.

26 ¶ And when Joſeph came home, they brought him the preſent which *was* in their hand into the houſe, and [21] bowed themſelves to him to the earth.

27 And he aſked them of *their* * [22] welfare, and ſaid, † *Is* your father well, the old man [23] of whom ye ſpake? *Is* he yet alive?

* Heb. *peace.*
† Heb. *Is there peace to your father?*

[21] See on *ch.*42.6. ¶ [22] *ch.*37.14. *Exod.*18.-7. *Judg.*18.-15. ¶ [23] *ch.*42.11,13.

28 And they anſwered, Thy ſervant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive: and they [24] bowed down their heads, and made obeyſance.

29 And he lift up his eyes, and [24] ſaw his brother Benjamin, his mothers ſon, and ſaid, *Is* this your younger brother, of whom ye ſpake unto me? And he ſaid, God be gracious unto thee [25] my ſon.

[24] Obſerved him more narrowly than at firſt. ¶ [25] *ch.*45.8.

30 And

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30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did [26] yern upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep, and he entred into *his* chamber, and wept there.

[26] 1 *Kings* 3. 26. *Jer.* 31. 20. *Col.* 3. 12.

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that *is* an [27] abomination unto the Egyptians.

[27] *Ch.* 46. 34. Because the Hebrews did eat those cattel that the Egyptians worship'd. *Exod.* 8. 26.

33 And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birth-right, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men [28] marvelled one at another.

[28] That he, who before had used 'em so roughly, should now treat 'em so kindly.

34 And he took *and sent* [29] messes unto them from before him: But Benjamins mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank † and were merry with him.

† Heb. *drank largely.*

[29] 1 *Sam.* 1. 4, 5.

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Josephs policy to stay his brethren.

† Heb. him *that* was *over his house.*

AND he commanded the † steward of his house saying, Fill the mens sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every mans mony in his sacks mouth.

2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sacks mouth of the [1] youngest, and his corn-mony: and he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

[1] Hereby *Joseph* meant to try his brethren's affection to *Benjamin*, and to their father, whether they'd assist him in his extremity.

3 Assoon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 *And* when they were gone out of the city, *and* not *yet* far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 *Is* not this *it* in which my lord drinketh; and whereby indeed he ‖ [2] divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

‖ Or, *maketh trial.*

[2] *Concerning which he can or would certainly divine, q. d.* Did you think that you could deceive my master? Did you not know that he could divine and discover secret things? (whence he had both his name and preferment) and this Cup being much prized and used by him, you might easily think that he'd use his art to recover it.

6 ¶ And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing.

8 Behold, the mony which we found in our sacks mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan; how then should we steal out of my lords house silver or gold?

9 [3] With whom *soever* of thy servants it be found, *both* let him die, and we also will be my lords bond-men.

[3] *Ch.* 31. 32. Innocence is confident; yet this was too rash and rigorous.

10 And he said, Now also *let* it *be* according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant, and ye shall be [4] blameless.

[4] Free from punishment, and at liberty to return home unmolested.

11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

12 And he searched, *and* began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamins sack.

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13 Then they [5] rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

[5] See on *ch.* 37. 29.

14 ¶ And Judah and his brethren came to Josephs house (for he *was* yet there) and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joseph said unto them, [6] What deed *is* this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly ‖ divine?

‖ Or, *make trial.*

[6] *Ch.* 3. 13. and 4. 10.

16 And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear our selves? God hath found out the iniquity of [7] thy servants: behold, we *are* my lords servants, both we, and *he* also with whom the cup is found.

[7] Of one of us, (tho the rest be free.)

17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up [8] in peace unto your father.

[8] Without any prejudice to your persons or goods.

18 ¶ Then [9] Judah came near unto him, and said, O my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lords ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even [10] as Pharaoh.

[9] *V.* 16. because he had undertaken for him to his father, *ch.* 43. 8, 9. ¶ [10] In his room and sted; whose displeasure therefore is equally to be feared, *Prov.* 19. 12.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, have ye a father or a brother?

20 And we said unto my lord, we have a father, an old man, and a child of his [11] old age, [12] a little one: and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

[11] *Ch.* 37. 3. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 43. 8. see there: the youngest.

21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may [13] set mine eyes upon him.

22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, *his father* would die.

23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, * [14] Except your youngest brother come down with you, you shall see my face no more.

* Chap. 43. 3.

[13] *Ch.* 42. 15, 16. ¶ [14] *Ch.* 43. 3.

24 And it came to pass, when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 And our father said, Go again, *and* buy us a little food.

26 And we said, [15] We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the mans face, except our youngest brother *be* with us.

27 And thy servant my father said unto us, ye know that [16] my wife bare me two *sons*.

[15] *Ch.* 43. 5. see there. ¶ [16] *viz. Rachel, (ch.* 46. 19.) who was primarily intended, and chiefly beloved.

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, *[17] Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since.

* Chap. 37. 33.

29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befal him, ye shall [18] bring down my grey hairs with sorrow to the grave.

[17] *Ch.* 37. 33. ¶ [18] *Ch.* 42. 38.

30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad *be* not with us; (seeing that [19] his life is bound up in the lads life.)

[19] 1 *Sam.* 18. 1. his life and all depends upon the welfare of the lad.

31 It

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31 It shall come to pass when he seeth that the lad *is* not *with us*, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, * If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

* Chap.43.9.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide in stead of the lad, a bond-man to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34 For [20] how shall I go up to my father, and the lad *be* not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall † come on my father.

† Heb. *find my father.*

[20] *q.d.* It were better for me to remain here a prisoner, than to return and behold the sorrow and mischief that will befall my father hereupon.

CHAP. XLV.

1 *Joseph maketh himself known to his brethren.* 9 *He sendeth for his father,* 25 *who is revived at the news.*

THen Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go [1] out from me: and there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

[1] 1 *Cor.*13.5. *Matth.*18. 15. 1 *Sam.*1.20. that so he might conceal his brethren's fault, and not render himself contemptible to the *Egyptians* by his excessive tears and passions, and familiar, and affectionate converse with his Brethren.

† Heb. *gave forth his voice in weeping.*

2 And he † wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

* Acts 7. 13.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, * [2] I *am* Joseph; Doth my father yet live? and his brethren could not answer him: for they were ‖ [3] troubled at his presence.

‖ Or, *terrified.*

[2] *Matth.*14.-27. *Act.* 7. 13. and 9.5. ¶ [3] Thro' sense of guilt, fear of punishment, and the strangeness of the event.

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, [4] Come near to me, I pray you; and they came near: and he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom ye [5] sold [6] into Egypt.

[4] *Viz.* with chearfulness and confidence. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 37. 28. He mentions this, not to upbraid 'em, but to assure 'em that it was he. ¶ [6] To them that brought me hither.

† Heb. *neither let there be anger in your eyes.*

* Chap.50.20.

5 Now therefore be not [7] grieved, † nor angry with your selves, that ye sold me hither: * for [8] God did send me before you to [9] preserve life.

[7] *Viz.* immoderately, so as not to consider the providence of God therein, which has turn'd it to good. Comfort is to be administred to them who are truly humbled for their sins. ¶ [8] *Ch.*50.20. *Psal.*105.16,17. ¶ [9] Both your lives, and the lives of all the people in this and the neighbouring Countries.

6 For these two years *hath* the famine *been* in the land: and yet *there are* five years, in the which *there shall* neither *be* [10] earing nor harvest.

[10] Plowing or Tillage (because *Joseph* told them it would be to no purpose.)

† Heb. *to put for you a remnant.*

7 And [8] God sent me before you, † to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a [11] great deliverance.

[11] Brought about by a wonderful and extraordinary work of Providence.

8 So now *it was* [12] not you *that* sent me hither, but [13] God: and he hath made me a [14] father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

[12] Not so much you. ¶ [13] Who turned it to good, *ch.*50. 20. (as 1 *Sam.* 19. 9. 2 *Sam.* 12. 12. and 16. 10. and 17. 14. *Job* 1.21. *Act.*2.23.) ¶ [14] His principal Counsellor of State to guide his affairs with a fatherly care, and to have the authority, respect and power of a father with him, *ch.* 41. 40,44. as *Judg.*17.10.

9 Haste you, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt; come down unto me, tarry not.

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10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of [15] Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy childrens children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast.

[15] *Ch.*46.34. and 47. 4, 6.

11 And there will I nourish thee (for yet *there are* five years of famine;) lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that *it is* [16] my mouth that speaketh unto you.

[16] And not an Interpreter, as *ch.*42. 23.

13 And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and ye shall haste, and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamins neck, and [17] wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that, his brethren [18] talked with him.

[17] *Ch.*29.11. ¶ [18] *Viz.* freely and familiarly; as being encouraged by his kindness.

16 ¶ And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaohs house, saying, Josephs brethren are come: and it † pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

† Heb. *was good in the eyes of Pharaoh.*

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan,

18 And take your father, and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the [19] fat of the land.

[19] *Deut.*32.14. *Psal.*147.14.

19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

† Heb. *let not your eye spare,* &c.

20 Also † regard not your stuff: for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.

† Heb. *mouth.*

21 And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the † commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of [20] raiment: but to Benjamin he gave [21] three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of raiment.

[20] *Judg.* 14.12,19. 2 *King.* 5. 5. *viz.* (1.) of their upper garments, which they often shifted in those hot Countries. (2.) To be worn upon special occasions. ¶ [21] About 37 *l.* 10 *s.* sterling.

† Heb. *carrying.*

23 And to his father he sent after this *manner*; ten asses † laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye [22] fall not out by the way.

[22] About your dealing with me.

25 ¶ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father.

26 And told him, saying, Joseph *is* yet alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt. And † Jacobs heart [23] fainted, for he [24] believed them not.

† Heb. *his.*

[23] Between hope, and doubt, and fear, and excessive joy. ¶ [24] *Luk.*24.41. *Psal.* 126. 1.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.

28 And

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28 And Israel said, [25] *It is* enough; Joseph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

[25] *q. d.* I have lived long enough, and shall be happy enough if I live to see him but once again, and then I am willing to die whensoever God pleases, *ch.*46.30. So *Luk.*2.29.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 *Jacob is comforted by God at Beer-sheba,* 5 *goeth into Egypt.* 8 *The number of his family.* 28 *Joseph meeteth him.*

2298 AND Israel took his journy with all that he had, and came to [1] Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father [2] Isaac.

[1] *Ch.*21.31. and 26.33. ¶ [2] *ch.*31.42. Who taught him to know God; (and so did not his grand-father *Abraham*; and therefore he is not named.)

2 And God spake unto Israel in the [3] visions of the [4] night, and said, [5] Jacob, [5] Jacob: And he said, Here *am* I.

[3] See on *ch.* 15. 1. ¶ [4] In that way and manner of visions which God affords to men by night in their sleep. ¶ [5] So *ch.*22.11. 1 *Sam.*3.10.

3 And he said, I *am* God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee [6] a great nation.

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring [7] thee up *again:* and Joseph shall [8] put his hand upon thine eyes.

[6] *Ch.*28.14. and 35. 11. ¶ [7] *ch.* 28. 15. In thy posterity. ¶ [8] Be with thee at thy last gasp, and close up thine eyes, and so bury thee.

5 And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him:

6 And they took their cattel, and their goods which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into [9] Egypt, * Jacob and all his seed with him:

* Josh. 24. 4. Psal.105.23. Isa.52.4.

[9] *Psal.*105.23. *Josh.*24.4. *Isa.*52.4. *Acts* 7.15. *Numb.*20.15. *Deut.*10.22.

7 His sons, and his sons sons with him, his daughters, and his sons daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

* Exod.1.1. and 6. 14.

8 ¶ And * these *are* the [10] names of the children of Israel which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: † Reuben Jacobs first-born.

† Num. 26. 5. 1 Chron.5.15.

[10] *Exod.*1.2. and 6.14. *Num.*26.8. 1 *Chron.*5.1.

9 And the [11] sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

[11] *Numb.* 26. 1 *Chron.* 6. and 7. and 8.

* Exod.6.15. 1 Chron.4.24.

10 ¶ And * the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman.

* 1 Chron.6.1.

11 ¶ And the sons of * Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

* 1 Chron.2.3. and 4.21. Chap.38.3.

12 ¶ And the sons of * Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: But Er and Onan [12] died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez, were Hezron, and Hamul.

* 1 Chron. 7.1.

13 ¶ * And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

14 ¶ And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.

15 These *be* the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters, *were* [13] thirty and three.

[12] *Ch.*38.7—10. ¶ [13] Counting *Jacob* himself for one, and excluding *Er* and *Onan*, which were dead; as *Leah* herself also was.

16 ¶ And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggai, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.

17 ¶ * And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.

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* 1 Chro.7.30.

18 These *are* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter: and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls.

19 The sons of Rachel Jacobs [14] wife; Joseph, and Benjamin.

[14] *Ch.* 44. 27. See there.

20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, * which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah † priest of On bare unto him.

* Chap.41.50. † Or, *prince.*

21 ¶ * And the sons of Benjamin *were* Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.

* 1 Chron.7.6. and 8. 1.

22 These *are* the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls *were* fourteen.

23 ¶ And the sons of Dan; Hushim.

24 And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.

25 These *are* the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls *were* seven.

26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his * loyns, besides Jacobs sons wives, all the souls *were* [15] threescore and six;

* Heb. *thigh.*

[15] So many they are, excluding *Jacob* the common parent and *Joseph* and his two sons who were there before; which four being included, make up the number of Seventy, *v.*27.

27 And the sons of Joseph which were born him in Egypt, *were* two souls: * all the souls of the house of Jacob, which [16] came into Egypt, *were* [17] threescore and ten.

* Deut. 10.22.

[16] Were in *Egypt*: for *Joseph* and his two sons were there before. ¶ [17] *Exod.* 1. 5. *Deut.* 10. 22. See *n.* 15. made up of those sums mention'd *v.*15,18,22,25.

28 ¶ And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen; and presented himself unto him: and he [18] fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

[18] *Ch.*33.4. and 45.14. *Luke* 15.20. *Acts* 20.37.

30 And Israel said unto Joseph, [19] Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou *art* yet alive.

[19] *Ch.* 45. 28. See there.

31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his fathers house, I will go up and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my fathers house, which *were* in the land of Canaan, are come unto me:

32 And the men *are* shepherds, for * their trade hath been to feed cattel; and they have brought their flocks and their herds, and all that they have.

* Heb. *they are men of cattel.*

33 And it shall come to pass when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What *is* your occupation?

34 That ye shall say, Thy servants trade hath been about cattel, from our youth even until now, both we *and* also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd *is* an [20] abomination unto the Egyptians.

[20] *Ch.* 43. 32. *Exod.*8.—26. Because such people did usually eat and sacrifice those cattel which the Egyptians worship'd: and tho' the Egyptians had cattel, (*ch.* 47. 6. *Exod.* 9. 3.) yet they kept 'em for their milk and wooll.

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1 *Joseph presenteth five of his brethren,* 7 *and his father before Pharaoh.* 11 *He giveth them habitation and maintenance.*

THen Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they *are* in the land of Goshen.

2 And he took some of his brethren, *even* five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What *is* your [1] occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we *and* also our fathers.

[1] *Ch.*46-33. *Jon.*1.8. 2 *Thess.*3.10.

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to [2] sojourn in the land are we come: for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks, for the famine *is* sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

[2] *Viz.* During the famine: This likely was their intent at first, and not to leave *Canaan*: tho' afterwards for *Joseph*'s sake, and the great accommodations afforded 'em, they continued there: and then afterwards the following Kings, against the laws of hospitality, kept 'em as bond-slaves.

5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6 The land of Egypt *is* [3] before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell, in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any man of [4] activity amongst them, then make them rulers over my cattel.

[3] *Ch.*13.9. and 20.15. and 34.10. ¶ [4] Fitly qualified, both in respect of skill and ability of body.

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob [5] blessed Pharaoh.

[5] Saluted him (as 2 *Sam.* 8.10. 2 *Kings* 4. 29.) praying for his welfare, (*Numb.*6.23,24.) and giving him thanks for his bounty. *Matth.*26.26. with *Luke* 22.19.

† Heb. *how many* are *the days of the years of thy life?*

8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, † How old *art* thou.

†Heb.11.9,13

9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, † The days of the years of my [6] pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years: [7] few and [8] evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have [9] not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

[6] 1 *Chron.*29.15. *Psal.*39.-12. and 119. 19. 2 *Cor.* 5. 6. *Heb.* 11.9,13. and 13.14. He so stiles his life, not only in regard of his travelling about, but especially with respect to the heavenly inheritance, to which all God's people are still travelling. ¶ [7] *Job* 14. 1. ¶ [8] Full of labor and toil, trouble and vexation, more than my fathers had. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 25.7. and 35.28.

10 And Jacob [10] blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

[10] Took his leave; commending him to God. See *n.*5.

11 ¶ And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his fathers household with bread, * † according to *their* families.

*Or, *as a little child is nourished.* † Heb. *according to the little ones.*

13 ¶ And *there was* no bread in all the land: for the famine *was* very sore, so that the land of Egypt, and *all* the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.

2300. 14 And Joseph gathered up all the mony that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the mony into Pharaohs house.

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15 And when mony failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the mony faileth. 2301.

16 And Joseph said, Give your cattel; and I will give you for your cattel, if mony fail.

17 And they brought their cattel unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the [11] flocks, and for the [11] cattel of the herds, and for the asses; and he † fed them with bread, for all their cattel, for that year. † Heb. *led them.*

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the [12] second year, and said unto him, We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our mony is spent, my lord also hath our herds of cattel; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands. 2302.

[11] See on *ch.*46.34. ¶ [11] *Viz.* After their cattel were sold, which was the sixth year of the famine.

19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and [13] our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give *us* seed, that we may live and not die, that the land be not desolate.

[13] Become desolate for want of tillage.

20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaohs.

21 And as for the people, he [14] removed them to cities from *one* end of the borders of Egypt, even to the *other* end thereof.

[14] that they might not claim the land as their own, which they were now imploy'd to manage.

22 Only the land of the † priests bought he not: for the priests had a portion *assigned them* of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them; wherefore they sold not their lands. † Or, *princes.*

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day, and your land for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* [15] seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

[15] *Matth.* 24. 45. *Psal.* 41. 1. *Prov.* 13. 23.

24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that you shall give the [16] fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

[16] He deals mercifully with them, (*v.* 25.) yet faithfully for his Lord.

25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us [17] find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaohs [18] servants.

[17] *Ch.*33.15. and 18. 3. *Ruth* 2. 13. Vouchsafe to deal in this business for us with *Pharaoh.* ¶ [18] Farmers and Tenants.

26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, *that* Pharaoh should have the fifth *part*; except the [19] land of the † priests only, *which* became not Pharaohs. † Or, *princes.*

[19] *Pharaoh*, in providing for idolatrous Priests, will condemn those that neglect the true Ministers of Christ.

27 ¶ And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied [20] exceedingly.

[20] According to that promise *ch.*46.3.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so † the whole age of Jacob † Heb. *the days of the years of his life.*

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cob was an hundred forty and ſeven years.

29 And the time drew nigh that Iſrael muſt die: and he called his ſon Joſeph, and ſaid unto him, If now I have found grace in thy ſight,
*Chap.24.2. * put, I pray thee, thy hand [21] under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt.

30 But I will lie with my fathers, and thou ſhalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me [22] in their burying-place. And he ſaid, I will do as thou haſt ſaid.

[21] *Ch.*24.2. ſee there. ¶ [22] In token of his aſſurance that God in due time would bring back his Poſterity, and ſettle them in *Canaan*; and as a ſign of his expectation, and deſire of the heavenly inheritance, (whereof *Canaan* was a Type.)

31 And he ſaid, Swear unto me: And he ſware
* Heb.11. 21. unto him. And * Iſrael [23] bowed himſelf upon the beds head.

[23] *Heb.*11.21. 1 *King.* 1.-47. *viz.* to God with thankfulneſs for his promiſes, and for this preſent mercy.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 *Joſeph viſiteth his father.* 3 *Jacob repeateth the promiſe,* 21 *and propheſieth their return to Canaan.*

2315. AND it came to paſs after theſe things, that *one* told Joſeph, Behold, thy father *is* ſick: and he took with him his two ſons, Manaſſeh and Ephraim.

2 And *one* told Jacob, and ſaid, Behold, thy ſon Joſeph cometh unto thee: and Iſrael ſtrengthned himſelf, and ſat upon the bed.

3 And Jacob ſaid unto Joſeph, [1] God Almigh-
* Chap.28.13. and 35. 6. ty [2] appeared unto me at *Luz in the land of Canaan, and bleſſed me.

[1] *Ch.*35.11. ¶ [2] *ch.*28.12-19. and 35.6,7.

4 And [3] ſaid unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people, and will give this land to thy ſeed after thee *for* an [4] everlaſting poſſeſſion.

[3] *Ch.*35.11. ¶ [4] *Ch.*13.-15. as *ch.*17.-13. 1 *Pet.* 1.4. of long continuance to thy natural ſeed, and to thy ſpiritual ſeed the heavenly *Canaan* for ever.

* Chap.41.50. Joſh.13. 7. 5 ¶ And now thy * two ſons, Ephraim and Manaſſeh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt, before I came unto thee into Egypt, [5] *are* mine: as Reuben and Simeon, they ſhall be mine.

[5] Shall be counted as my own immediate children, to have an equal ſhare in the promiſed land with the reſt of my children; no leſs than *Reuben* and *Simeon. Joſh.* 14.4.&16.1.&17.17.

6 And [6] thy iſſue which thou begetteſt after them, ſhall be thine, *and* ſhall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

[6] *q.d.* and if thou haſt any more children hereafter, they ſhall be counted as the children of *Ephraim* or *Manaſſeh*, and belong to one of thoſe Tribes, and not be heads of Tribes themſelves.

* Chap.35.19. 7 And [7] as for me, when I came from Padan, * Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan, in the way, when yet *there was* but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath, the ſame *is* Beth-lehem.

[7] *q.d.* And tho thou mayeſt have hopes of more Children, yet as for me, I have hopes of no more, now your Mother is dead.

8 And Iſrael beheld Joſephs ſons, and ſaid, Who *are* theſe?

9 And Joſeph ſaid unto his father, They *are* my ſons, whom [8] God hath given me in this *place*: And he ſaid, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will [9] bleſs them.

[8] *Chap.* 30. 2. ſee there. ¶ [9] *Ch.*27.4. and 28.3. *viz.* with a paternal, patriarchal, and prophetical Bleſſing, in the name and by the ſpirit of God, praying for, and foretelling thoſe Bleſſings which God will confer upon 'em.

† Heb. *heavy.* 10 (Now the eyes of Iſrael were † [10] dim for age, *ſo that* he could not ſee:) And he brought them near unto him; and he kiſſed them, and embraced them.

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11 And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, [11] I had not thought to ſee thy face: and lo, God hath ſhewed me alſo thy ſeed.

[10] *Ch.* 27.1. ¶ [11] God does his people good beyond their expectation.

12 And Joſeph [12] brought them out from between his knees, and he [13] bowed himſelf with his face to the earth.

[12] Removes 'em from the embraces of his Father, and ſets them orderly before him, to receive his Bleſſing. ¶ [13] In reverence and thankfulneſs for the honor and affection ſhewd to him and his.

13 And Joſeph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Iſraels left hand, and Manaſſeh in his left hand towards Iſraels right hand, and brought *them* near unto him.

14 And Iſrael ſtretched out his [14] right hand, and [15] laid it upon Ephraims head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Manaſſehs head: guiding his hands wittingly; for Manaſſeh *was* the firſt-born.

[14] *Exod.* 15.6. *Pſal.* 110.1. and 118. 16. as deſigning the preheminence to *Ephraim.* ¶ [15] This ceremony was uſed, (1.) In Bleſſings; as here, and *Matth.*19.5. *Mar.*10.16. (2.) In Sacrifices, as a ſign of devoting them to God by thoſe that offered 'em., *Lev.*1.4. ſee there. (3.) In judging, condemning, and Puniſhing, *Lev.*24.14. (4.) In conſecrating and ordaining for Offices, *Numb.* 8.10, 20. and 27. 18,20. *Deut.* 34.9. *Act.*6.6. 1 *Tim.*4.14. (5.) In the miraculous curing of bodily Diſeaſes, *Mar.*6.5. and 16.-18. *Luk.*4.40. and 13.13. *Act.*19.11. and 28.8. *&c.* (6.) In beſtowing the miraculous gifts of the Holy Ghoſt. *Act.*8. 17. and 19.6. And it is ſtill uſed in the ordinary Ordination of Paſtors, not as implying a power to communicate the gifts of the Spirit, nor in any myſtical or ſacramental reſpect but as deſigning the party ordain'd, to the eye, by the hand, as well as to the ear by the tongue. See on *Matth.*19.15.

15 ¶ And * he [16] bleſſed [17] Joſeph, and ſaid, * Heb.11.21. God, before whom my fathers, Abraham and Iſaac did [18] walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

[16] *Viz.* by faith, *Heb.*11.21. ¶ [17] *Viz.* in his Children, *v.* 16. ¶ [18] *ch.* 5.22. and 17.1. behaved themſelves in a holy and acceptable manner.

16 [19] The angel which redeemed me from all evil, bleſs the lads; and [20] let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Iſaac: and let them † [21] grow into a † Heb. *as fiſhes do increaſe.* multitude in the midſt of the earth.

[19] Chriſt *(Mal.*3.1) who led the *Iſraelites* in the Wilderneſs, *Exod.* 23.20,21. with 1 *Cor.*10.4,9. ¶ [20] Let them be called by my name *(viz.* the Children of *Jacob* or *Iſrael)* as my adopted Children, *v.*5. and inveſted with the ſame priviledges, (as *Deut.*28.10. 2 *Chron.*7.14. *Jer.*14.9.) ¶ [21] *Deut.* 33. 17. *Joſh.*17.17. *Numb.*26.28,34,37.

17 And when Joſeph ſaw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it diſpleaſed him: and he held up his fathers hand, to remove it from Ephraims head unto Manaſſehs head.

18 And Joſeph ſaid unto his father, Not ſo, my father: for this *is* the firſt-born; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refuſed, and ſaid, I know *it*, my ſon, I know *it*; he alſo ſhall become a people, and he alſo ſhall be great: but truly his [22] younger brother ſhall be [23] greater than he, and his ſeed ſhall become a * multitude of nations. * Heb. *fulneſs.*

[22] So *ch.*5.32. and 9.26. and 11.27. and 17.18,21. and 25. 23. ¶ [23] *Viz.* in number of poſterity, and power, and dignity; for of him came *Joſhua* the Conqueror of *Canaan, (Numb.*13. 9.17.) And *Jeroboam*, King of *Iſrael*, whereupon that Kingdom is frequently called by the name of *Ephraim.*

20 And he bleſſed them that day, ſaying, [24] In thee ſhall [25] Iſrael bleſs, ſaying, God make thee as Ephraim, and as Manaſſeh: and he ſet Ephraim before Manaſſeh.

[24] *i.e.* When the *Iſraelites* bleſs or wiſh proſperity one to another,

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another, they ſhall take thee for an example or pattern, ſaying— ¶ [25] Any of my poſterity.

21 And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, Behold, I die; but God ſhall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of [26] your fathers.

[26] Promis'd to them, and beſtowed upon 'em: (tho not yet poſſeſs'd by 'em).

22 Moreover, [27] I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my ſword and with my bow.

[27] *i. e.* I do now prophetically give, and God will really and actually give to thy ſon *Ephraim*, or his poſterity, that parcel of land which I bought of *Hamor*, *ch.*33.19. (for tho the whole land was given to him and his poſterity, yet this was his by a ſpecial civil right) which being ſeized upon by the Inhabitants of the land after I had bought it, I drave them out of it again.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 *Jacob calleth his ſons to bleſs them.* 3 *Their bleſſing in particular.* 29 *He chargeth them concerning his burial.* 33 *His death.*

AND Jacob called unto his ſons, and ſaid, [1] Gather your ſelves together, that I may tell you that which ſhall befall you in the [2] laſt days.

[1] *Pſal.*133.1. ¶ [2] 1 *Tim.*4.1. 2 *Tim.*3.1. *Act.*2.17. in time to come, yea a long time hereafter.

2 Gather your ſelves together, and hear, ye ſons of Jacob: and hearken unto Iſrael your father.

3 ¶ Reuben thou *art* my firſt-born, my [3] might, and the [3] beginning of my ſtrength, [4] the excellency of dignity, and the [4] excellency of power.

[3] *Deut.*21.17. *Pſal.*78.51. and 105.36. and 127.4, 5. begotten in the prime, and vigor of my age. ¶ [4] *q. d.* This was thy due, to have had the Precedency both in Dignity and Power, but thou haſt forfeited it, and art now *Unſtable*—

4 [5] Unſtable as water, * thou ſhalt [6] not excel, becauſe thou ‖ [7] wenteſt up to thy fathers bed: then defiledſt thou *it*, ‖ [8] he went up to my couch.

* Heb. *do not thou excel.*
‖ Chap.35.22. 1 Chron.5.1.
‖ Or, *my couch is gone.*

[5] Soon falling from thy Dignity, and weak in thy Poſterity. ¶ [6] Never come to any eminency either in number, valor, or any extraordinary atchivement. ¶ [7] *Ch.* 35.22. 1 *Chron.* 5.1. this was done long ago. Forbearance is no acquittance. ¶ [8] *Jacob*, as with indignation of the fact, turns his ſpeech from *Reuben* to his Brethren, and ſhews how juſt cauſe there was to pronounce this ſentence againſt him.

‖ Or, *their ſwords* are *weapons of violence.*

5 ¶ Simeon and Levi *are* [9] brethren: ‖ [10] inſtruments of cruelty *are in* their habitations.

[9] Not only by nature, but likewiſe in manners; and alſo Confederates in the ſame wicked deſign, *ch.*34.25. ¶ [10] Cruel weapons.

6 O my ſoul, come not thou into [11] their ſecret; unto their aſſembly, [12] mine honor, be not thou united: for in their anger they ſlew a [13] man, and in their [14] ſelf-will they ‖ digged down a [15] wall.

‖ Or, *houghed oxen.*

[11] *Pſal.*64.2,5. *Jer.*15.17. their curſed plots hatch'd in ſecret: *q.d.* Far be it from me to approve of their treacherous deſigns. ¶ [12] *i.e.* my Tongue (as *Pſal.*16.9. with *Act.*2. 26. *Pſal.* 30.12. and 57.8. and 108.1.) *q.d.* Far be it alſo from me that ever my tongue ſhould ſpeak a word in approbation of ſuch a villany. ¶ [13] *Hamor*, and the reſt of the Inhabitants. ¶ [14] Not in a ſudden paſſion, but upon a wilful and ſetled reſolution, and deliberation. ¶ [15] *Viz.* of the Chambers where *Hamor* and *Shechem* were.

7 [16] Curſed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will [17] divide [18] them in Jacob, and [17] ſcatter [18] them in Iſrael.

[16] *i.e.* Curſed be they for their wrath. ¶ [17] I do here declare in the name of God, that they ſhall be diſperſed among the Tribes of *Iſrael.* (And accordingly, *Simeon* had his Inheritance in the midſt of the Inheritance of *Judah*, (*Joſh.*19. 1.) and was feign to ſeek a larger poſſeſſion, (1 *Chron.* 4. 39, 40.) and *Levi* had his Cities of habitation among the other Tribes, (*Joſh.*21.2. *&c.*) (tho this was afterwards turn'd to a Bleſſing, *Deut.*33.9.10.) ¶ [18] Their Poſterity, among the Children of *Jacob* or *Iſrael.*

8 ¶ Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren ſhall [19] praiſe; thy hand *ſhall be* in [20] the neck of thine enemies: [21] thy fathers children ſhall bow down before thee.

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[19] *q.d.* As thy name ſignifies praiſe, (*ch.* 29. 35.) ſo thy Tribe ſhall be famous for the Royal Dignity belonging to it, and the *Meſſiah*'s coming out of it, (*Heb.*7.14. 1 *Chron.*5.2.) which ſhall be matter of great Praiſe and Honor to thee. ¶ [20] *Pſal.* 18.40. Fulfilled, *Numb.* 10.14. *Judg.* 1.1,2. and in *Othniel*, *David*, *Solomon*, *&c.* but eſpecially in Chriſt. ¶ [21] All the reſt of the Tribes ſhall ſubmit to the Regal Dignity veſted in thee, but chiefly in Chriſt, *Phil.*2.10.

9 [22] Judah *is* a [22] lions whelp, [23] from the prey, my ſon, [23] thou art gone up: [24] he ſtouped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; [25] who ſhall rouſe him up?

[22] *i.e.* This Tribe and its Kings, eſpecially Chriſt, are valiant, couragious, terrible to their Enemies, and making a prey of 'em. ¶ [23] *i.e.* From taking the prey, thou art gone up to triumph. ¶ [24] *Numb.*23.24. *i.e.* having conquered, he ſhall quietly poſſeſs his ſpoils, and after bloody Wars he ſhall enjoy ſweet peace, 1 *King.* 4. 25. So Chriſt, *Pſal.*68. 19. *Mark.*16.19. 1 *Cor.*15.24. [25] ¶ None of his Enemies ſhall dare to provoke him; or at leaſt not without ruine to themſelves, *Matth.*21.44.

10 [26] The ſcepter ſhall [27] not depart [28] from Judah, nor a [29] law-giver from [30] between his feet, [31] until [32] Shiloh come, and [33] unto him *ſhall* the gathering of the people *be.*

[26] *i.e.* The Nation of the Jews ſhall not ceaſe to be a diſtinct Commonwealth, bearing the name of the Kingdom of *Judah*, and having Governors of its own, till the Meſſiah come. (For in *Herods* time, who was the firſt Foreigner that ruled over 'em, Chriſt was born.) ¶ [27] *Viz.* when once come to it, (which was in *David.*) ¶ [28] From that Tribe, or the Nation of the Jews with relation to that Tribe. ¶ [29] *Pſal.*60.7. ¶ [30] *Deut.* 28. 57. born of him, and brought up by him. ¶ [31] And then it ſhould: The Jewiſh Scepter was much weakned by *Pompey*, much ſhaken by *Herod*'s intruſion, and finally broken and aboliſh'd at the deſtruction of *Jeruſalem*; after which they had no form nor face of a Commonwealth: and then the pale of the Church was enlarged, and the partition-wall between Jews and Gentiles broken down, and the Gentiles owned the true God and the Meſſiah. ¶ [32] *i. e.* Chriſt, the Proſperer, or Safe-maker. ¶ [33] *Iſa.*11.-10. *Hag.* 2.7. *Matth.*12.21. *Rom.* 15. 12. ſome of all Nations, both Jews and Gentiles ſhall yield obedience to Chriſt, acknowledging him for their Lord and Saviour.

11 [34] Binding his fole unto the vine, and his aſſes colt unto the choice vine; he [34] waſhed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes.

[34] *q.d.* His portion of land in *Canaan* ſhall abound with vines and fat paſtures, inſomuch that wine and milk ſhall be as plentiful and common, in a manner, as water.

12 His eyes *ſhall be* [35] red with [34] wine, and his teeth [35] white with [34] milk.

[35] Thro' the abundance of each.

13 ¶ Zebulun ſhall [36] dwell at the haven of the ſea: and he *ſhall be* for an haven of ſhips: and his border *ſhall be* [37] unto Zidon.

[36] An Alluſion to his name, which ſignifies Dwelling, *ch.*30.20. ¶ [37] Their Coaſts were ſo ſituate as to be fit for eaſie and ordinary Commerce with the *Sidonians.*

14 ¶ Iſſachar *is* [38] a ſtrong aſs, [38] couching down between two burdens.

[38] Of great ſtrength, but ſmall courage; and therefore ſhould patiently ſubmit to any taxes laid upon them by their Neighbors.

15 And he ſaw that [39] reſt *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleaſant; and bowed his ſhoulder to bear, and became a ſervant unto tribute.

[39] He was ſo addicted to a quiet life, that he would rather ſubmit to any taxes than be diſturb'd.

16 ¶ Dan ſhall [40] judge his people, as one of the tribes of Iſrael.

[40] An alluſion to his name (*ch.*30.6.) *q. d.* he has abſolute power within himſelf to rule and govern (tho the ſon of a Concubine) as other Tribes have, deſcended from free Women.

17 Dan ſhall be a [41] ſerpent by the way; an † adder in the path; that [42] biteth the horſe-heels, ſo that his rider ſhall fall backward.

† Heb. *an arrow-ſnake.*

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[41] Dealing by ſubtilty and policy, more than by ſtrength. ¶ [42] Watches for all opportunities of doing miſchief to his enemies.

18 [43] I have waited for thy ſalvation, O LORD.

[43] *Pſal.* 130. 5. *Iſa.* 26. 8. *Luke* 2. 30. *q. d.* I do earneſtly wait, and hope and pray for thy helping hand to ſave me, and my poſterity from the manifold temporal calamities, which I foreſee will fall upon 'em; and eſpecially from ſpiritual and eternal miſchiefs, by that Meſſiah whom thou haſt promis'd.

19 ¶ Gad, a [44] troop ſhall [45] overcome him: but he ſhall [46] overcome at the laſt.

[44] An alluſion to his name, *ch.* 30.11. ¶ [45] *Judg.* 10.7,8. *Jer.* 49.1. He ſhall be ſubject to the incurſions of enemies, and ſometimes overcome by 'em. ¶ [46] 1 *Chron.* 5.18–22, Drive 'em out of his country again, *Deut.* 33.20.

20 ¶ Out of Aſher his [47] bread *ſhall be* [47] fat, and he ſhall yield royal dainties.

[47] His corn-land ſhall be very rich, and his bread-corn of the choiceſt ſort, *Deut.* 32.14.

21 ¶ Naphtali *is* a hind let [48] looſe: [49] he giveth goodly words.

[48] *Deut.* 33.23. (1) Enjoying liberty and plenty of feeding in ſpacious poſſeſſions and fat paſtures. (2) Nimble and quick in warlike atchievements. *Judg.* 4. 6, 10. and 5. 18. ¶ [49] He is fair ſpoken and courteous.

22 ¶ Joſeph *is* a [50] fruitful bough, *even* a fruitful bough by [51] a well; *whoſe* * branches [52] run over the wall.

* Heb. *daughters.*

[50] *Joſh.* 17. 17. ¶ [51] *Ezek.* 19. 10. *Pſal.* 1. 3. ¶ [52] His poſterity ſpread themſelves at a great diſtance.

23 The [53] archers have ſorely grieved him, and ſhot *at him*, and hated him.

[53] Many ſet themſelves againſt him, (his brethren, miſtreſs, maſter, *&c.*) and endeavoured to ruin him.

24 But [54] his bow abode in ſtrength, and the [55] arms of his hands were made ſtrong, [56] by the hands of the mighty *God* of Jacob: [57] (from thence *is* the [57] ſhepherd, [58] the ſtone of Iſrael.)

[54] *Job* 29.20. *Pſal.* 44.7. His graces continued firm, whereby he was enabled to hold out againſt all aſſaults and temptations. ¶ [55] His ſpiritual abilities. ¶ [56] It was not his own wiſdom or courage, but God's aſſiſtance that made him a conqueror. ¶ [57] From God's Power and Providence it was, that *Joſeph* became the ſhepherd to feed me and my family in the famine. ¶ [58] Or, *rock of Iſrael*, to ſupport us; *i. e.* upon him we build our hopes of a ſetled habitation in *Egypt*.

25 *Even* by the God of thy father who ſhall help thee, and by the Almighty, who ſhall bleſs thee with [59] bleſſings of heaven above, bleſſings of the [60] deep that lieth under, bleſſings of the [61] breaſts, and of the [61] womb.

[59] Rain and dew that ſhall make thy land fruitful. *Deut.* 28. 12. and 33. 13, 14. ¶ [60] Springs of water. *Deut.* 33. 13. and 8.7. ¶ [61] *Deut.* 33.17. Multitudes both of children and cattel, and they well nouriſh'd.

26 The bleſſings of [62] thy father have [63] prevailed above the bleſſings of my progenitours, [64] unto the utmoſt bound of the everlaſting hills; they ſhall be on the head of Joſeph, and on the crown of the head of him that was [65] ſeparate from his brethren.

[62] Which I thy father do bleſs thee and thy brethren withal; ¶ [63] are much more conſiderable than thoſe I received either from my father *Iſaac*, or grandfather *Abram*: and that (1) in the extent of the bleſſings: *Iſhmael* was excluded in one, and *Eſau* in the other's bleſſings, but I have included both thy children in my bleſſing. (2) In the diſtinctneſs and clearneſs of 'em: for that land of *Canaan* which was tranſmitted to *Iſaac* and *Jacob* only in general, was now in ſome ſort particularly diſtributed to *Joſeph* and to the reſt of his brethren. (3) In the nearneſs of the accompliſhment: now there was a more likely proſpect of the multiplication of their ſeed, than to *Abram* or *Iſaac*, and ſoon after they multiplied to aſtoniſhment, and drew near to the poſſeſſion of the promiſed land. ¶ [64] Of large extent and long continuance. ¶ [65] *Deut.* 33.-16. *Viz.* When he was ſold into *Egypt*, and then afterwards was there highly advanc'd to a ſingular degree of honour.

27 ¶ Benjamin ſhall [66] ravin *as* a woolf: [67] in the morning he ſhall devour the prey, and at [67] night he ſhall divide the ſpoil.

[66] Be ſtrong, fierce and warlike. [67] This will be their courſe both in the firſt and laſt times of that Tribe. *Judg.* 3. 15. &c. 1 *Sam.* 11.6. &c. *Eſth.* 8.7. &c.

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28 ¶ All theſe *are* the twelve [68] tribes of Iſrael: and this *is it* that their father ſpake unto them, and bleſſed them; every one [69] according to his bleſſing he bleſſed them.

[68] The ſtate and condition of theſe twelve Tribes. ¶ [69] With ſuch a bleſſing as God ſaw fit for 'em, and his Spirit did dictate to *Jacob*.

29 And he charged them, and ſaid unto them, I am to be [70] gathered unto my people: † bury me [71] with my fathers, in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite. † Chap. 47.30.

[70] *Ch.* 25.-8. See there. ¶ [71] *Ch.* 47.30. See there. Hereby he deſign'd to withdraw their minds from *Egypt*, and to fix 'em upon *Canaan*.

30 In the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, † which [72] Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite, for a poſſeſſion of a burying-place. † Chap. 23.16.

31 [73] (There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Iſaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah)

[72] *Ch.* 23.16. ¶ [73] *Ch.* 23.19. and 25.9. and 35.29. This he mentions, thereby to teſtifie ſolemnly and openly that he died in the faith of *Abram* and *Iſaac*.

32 The purchaſe of the field and of the cave that *is* therein, *was* from the children of Heth.

33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his ſons, he [74] gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghoſt, and was [70] gathered unto his people. 2315.

[74] Compos'd himſelf to reſt. Chap. 37.-37.

CHAP. L.

1 *The mourning for Jacob.* 7 *The funeral.* 24 *Joſeph propheſieth to his brethren their return.* 26 *His death.*

AND Joſeph [1] fell upon his fathers face, and [2] wept upon him, and kiſſed him.

[1] Exceeded his brethren, as in piety towards God, ſo in filial affection and duty to his father. ¶ [2] 2 *Kings* 13. 14. *John* 11.3. *Luke* 19.41. *Hebr.* 5.7.

2 And Joſeph commanded his ſervants the phyſicians to [3] embalm his father: and the phyſicians embalmed Iſrael.

[3] 2 *Chron.* 16. 14. and 21. 19. and 32. 33. *John* 19.39,40. To preſerve his body for burial in *Canaan*.

3 And forty days were fulfilled for him (for ſo are fulfilled the days of thoſe which are embalmed) and the Egyptians † mourned for him [4] threeſcore and ten days. † Heb. *wept.*

[4] *Viz.* Thirty days more than the forty for embalming. They were more exceſſive in their mourning than the faithful.

4 And when the days of his mourning were paſt, Joſeph [5] ſpake unto the houſe of Pharaoh, ſaying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, ſpeak, I pray you in the ears of Pharaoh, ſaying,

5 † My father made me [6] ſwear, ſaying, Lo [7] I die: in my grave which [8] I have digged for me, in the land of Canaan, there ſhalt thou [9] bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. † Chap. 47.29.

[5] *Eſth.* 4.-2. ¶ [6] *ch.* 47.29–31. ¶ [7] *ch.* 48.21. ¶ [8] 2 *Chr.* 16.14. *Iſa.* 22.16. *Matth.* 27.60. In that large cave which *Abram* bought, *Jacob* had digged a particular cel, or repoſitory for himſelf. ¶ [9] *Pſal.* 79.-3. *Jer.* 7.33. and 22.19. Want of burial is a calamity bewailed, (*Pſal.* 79.-3.) and a judgment threatned, *Jer.* 8.2. and 16.4. and 20.6.

6 And Pharaoh ſaid, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee ſwear.

7 ¶ And Joſeph went up to bury his father: and with him went up [10] all the ſervants of Pharaoh,

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raoh, the [11] elders of his houſe, and all the [12] elders of the land of Egypt,

[10] The greateſt part. ¶ [11] Governors, Officers, Counſellors, (as *Ezek.*7.26.) ¶ [12] The great Officers, both Civil and Military, whoſe places of habitation and command were diſpers'd in the ſeveral parts of the land.

8 And all the houſe of Joſeph, and his brethren, and his fathers houſe: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goſhen.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horſmen: and it was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threſhing-floor of Atad, which *is* beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very ſore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father [13] ſeven days.

[13] *Numb.*19.11. 1 *Sam.* 31.13. *Joſeph* appointed ſeven days for the preparing all things requiſite for the ſolemnity of the Funeral.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, ſaw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they ſaid, This *is* a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called † Abel-mizraim, which *is* beyond Jordan.

† That is, *the mourning of the Egyptians.*

12 And his ſons did unto him according as he commanded them.

† Acts 7.16.
[14] Chap.23. 17,18.
† Chap.23.16.

13 For † his ſons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the [14] field of Machpelah; which Abraham † bought with the field for a poſſeſſion of a burying-place, of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

14 ¶ And Joſeph returned into Egypt, he and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 ¶ And when Joſephs brethren ſaw that their father was dead, they ſaid, Joſeph will [15] peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

[15] A guilty conſcience cauſes fear, (*ch.*42.21. *Lev.* 26. 36.) and is never fully at reſt.

†Heb. *charged.*

16 And they † ſent meſſengers unto Joſeph, ſaying, thy father did command before he died, ſaying,

17 So ſhall ye ſay unto Joſeph, [16] Forgive, I pray thee now, the treſpaſs of thy [17] brethren, and their ſin; for they did unto thee evil: And now we pray thee, forgive the treſpaſs of the ſervants of the God of thy father. And Joſeph [18] wept when they ſpake unto him.

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[16] *Matth.* 6. 12, 14, 15. *Eph.* 4. 32. ¶ [17] *Luke* 17. 3, 4. ¶ [18] As pitying their perplexity, and grieving at their doubt of his good will.

18 And his brethren alſo went and [19] fell down before his face: and they ſaid, Behold, we *be* thy ſervants.

19 And Joſeph ſaid unto them, † [20] Fear not: for [21] *am* I in the place of God?

† Chap.45.5.

[19] *Ch.*37.7. * ¶ [20] *ch.*45.5. ¶ [21] *ch.*30.2. *Rom.*8.33,34. *Job* 34.29. *Deut.*32.35. *Viz.* to avenge my ſelf on you for the wrong you did me.

20 But as for you, ye thought evil againſt me; *but* [22] God meant it unto good, to bring to paſs, [23] as *it is* this day, to ſave much people alive.

[22] *Ch.*45.5. *Pſal.* 119. 71. ¶ [23] As is now apparent and manifeſt before all the world.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: [24] I will nouriſh you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and ſpake † kindly unto them.

† Heb. *to their hearts.*

[24] *Matth.* 5. 44. *Rom.* 12. 21.

22 ¶ And Joſeph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his fathers houſe: and Joſeph lived an hundred and ten years.

23 And Joſeph ſaw Ephraims children, of the third *generation*: † the children alſo of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh, were * brought up upon [25] Joſephs knees.

† Num.32.39.
* Heb. *born.*

[25] He took pleaſure, in their infancy, to let 'em ſit in his lap, and dandle 'em.

24 And Joſeph ſaid unto his brethren, [26] I die: and † God will ſurely [27] viſit you, and bring you out of this land, unto the land which he [28] ſware to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob.

† Hebr.11.22.

[26] *v.* 5. ¶ [27] *ch.*21.1. *Exod.* 4.31. ¶ [28] *ch.* 15. 14. and 26. 3. and 35. 12. and 46. 4.

25 And † Joſeph took [29] an oath of the children of Iſrael, ſaying, God will ſurely viſit you, and ye ſhall [30] carry up my bones from hence.

† Exod.13.19.

[29] *Ch.* 47. 30, 31. ¶ [30] This he commanded in faith. *Heb.*11.22. *Exod.*13.19. *Joſh.* 24. 32. *Acts* 7. 16.

26 So Joſeph died, *being* an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt. 2366.

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The ARGUMENT.

THE *Children of* Israel, *the Church of God, being come into* Egypt *by occasion of a Famine in* Canaan, *were there detained against all Laws of Hospitality, and not only so, but were mightily oppress'd and distress'd; so that the Church in* Egypt *now was like a Bush in the midst of the fire; which yet was not consumed, because God was in it,* (Exod.3.2,4.) *and therefore he brings 'em out of* Egypt *(whence this book is called* Exodus, i.e. *a Going out) and that with a mighty hand, destroying their Oppressors by many Plagues, and at last drowning 'em in the Red Sea. And now being brought out of* Egypt, *God conducts 'em thro' the Wilderness by a Pillar of Fire and Cloud, and provides for 'em by Miracle for Forty years together: During which time he entred into Covenant with 'em: form'd them into a distinct Commonwealth or Theocracy, Himself being their King,* (Isa.33.-22.) *and* Moses *his Viceroy,* (Deut.33.5.) *or supream Magistrate, who from God gave 'em Laws, both as a Church and Commonwealth; for the governing of themselves in their several Capacities. This Book contains the History of about* 140 *years,* viz. *from the Death of* Joseph *to the finishing of the Tabernacle.*

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1 *The children of Israel after Josephs death do multiply.* 8 *They are oppressed by a new king.* 15 *The godliness of the midwives in saving the men-children alive.*

* Gen.46.8. Chap.6. 14.

NOw * these *are* the [1] names of the children of Israel which came into Egypt, every man and his [2] houshold came with Jacob.

[1] *Ch.6.14. Gen.35.-22.&c.* and 46.8. and 49.3. 1 *Chron.2.* 1. The few that went into *Egypt* are here set down, to shew the accomplishment of the promises, in their great multiplication. ¶ [2] Children and Nephews; not servants.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

† Heb. *thigh.* * Gen.46.27. Deut.10. 22.

5 And all the souls that came out of the †loyns of Jacob, were * [3] seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt *already.*

¶ [3] See on *Gen.46.-27. Deut.* 10.22. *Act.* 7.14.

6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

* Acts 7. 17.

7 *¶ And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased [4] abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the [5] land was filled with them.

[4] *Ch.*1.2.37.*Gen.*48.-16. *Deut.*10.22. and 26.-5. ¶ [5] *Viz.* of *Goshen.*

8 Now there arose up a [6] new king over Egypt, which [7] knew not Joseph.

[6] *Act.*7.18. ¶ [7] Regarded not him, nor any of his kindred, tho' he deserved so well of the whole Kingdom.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold the people of the children of Israel *are* [8] mo and [9] mightier than we.

[8] *Prov.* 14.28. *viz.* proportionably. *q.d.* Their Country is far more populous than the other parts of the land. ¶ [9] They flourish more in wealth and plenty of all things.

10 [10] Come on, let us deal [11] wisely with them: lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that when there falleth out any war, they joyn also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and *so* get them up out of the land.

[10] *Prov.*1.11. ¶ [11] *Act.*7.19. About this time the *Israelites* began to corrupt their Religion, and commit whoredom with the *Idols* of *Egypt,* (*Josh.*24.14. *Ezek.*20.7,8. and 23.8.) for which God was angry with 'em, *Psal.* 105.25.

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters, to [12] afflict them with their [13] burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure-cities, Pithom and Raamses.

[12] *Gen.* 15.13. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 2. 11.

† Heb. *And as they afflicted them, so they multiplied,* &c.

12 † But the more they afflicted them, [14] the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

[14] *Psal.*105.24. *Prov.*21. 30.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with [15] rigor.

[15] *Ch.*20.2. *Deut.* 4. 20.

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service wherein they made them serve, *was* with rigor.

15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives (of which the name of one *was* [16] Shiphrah, and the name of the other [16] Puah:)

[16] These were the chief, to whom the command was first given.

16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see *them* upon the stools; if it *be* a son, then ye shall [17] kill him, but if it *be* a daughter, then she shall live.

17 But the midwives [18] feared God, and [19] did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men-children alive.

[17] *Rev.* 12. 3–5. ¶ [18] *Prov.* 16. -6. ¶ [19] *Act.* 5. 29. *Dan.*3.16.

18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, [20] Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive?

19 And the Midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women *are* not as the Egyptian women: for they *are* lively, and are delivered [21] ere the midwives come in unto them.

[20] *Eccl.*8.4. ¶ [21] *Josh.*2.5,6. 1 *Sam.* 21.2. so it might fare with many of them.

20 Therefore God [22] dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he [23] made them houses.

22 And Pharaoh [24] charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive. 2431

[22] *Heb.*6.10. ¶ [23] Gave 'em Children and Families, (1 *Sam.* 2.-35. 2 *Sam.*7.-11. 1 *King.*2.24.) and prospered them exceedingly in their outward estate, *Psal.* 127. 1. ¶ [24] *Act.*7.19.

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CHAP. II.

1 *Moſes is born, and caſt into the flags.* 5 *He is found, and brought up by Pharaohs daughter.*

* Chap. 6. 20. Numb. 26. 59. AND there went *a [1] man of the houſe of Levi, and took *to wife* a [2] daughter of Levi.

[1] *Viz. Amram* the ſon of *Kohath, ch.* 6. 20. ¶ [2] *Viz. Jochebed* his Aunt. See *ch.* 6. 20.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a [3] ſon: and when ſhe ſaw him that he *was a* [4] goodly *child*, ſhe *[5] hid him three months.

* Acts 7. 20. Hebr. 11. 23. 2433.

[3] Before whom ſhe had *Miriam*, (*v.* 4.) and *Aaron*, *ch.* 7. 7. ¶ [4] *Act.* 7. 20. *Heb.* 11. 23. ¶ [5] *Viz.* in his Fathers houſe, *Act.* 7. 20.

3 And when ſhe could not longer hide him, ſhe took for him an ark of bul-ruſhes, and daubed it with ſlime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and ſhe laid *it* in the flags by the rivers brink.

4 And his ſiſter ſtood a far off, to wit, what would be done to him.

5 ¶ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to waſh her ſelf at the river, and her maidens walked along by the rivers ſide: and when ſhe ſaw the ark among the flags, ſhe ſent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when ſhe had opened *it*, ſhe ſaw the child: and behold, the babe wept. And ſhe had compaſſion on him, and ſaid, This *is one* of the Hebrews children.

7 Then ſaid his ſiſter to Pharaohs daughter, Shall I go, and call to thee a nurſe of the Hebrew women, that ſhe may nurſe the child for thee?

8 And Pharaohs daughter ſaid unto her, Go. And the maid went and called the childs [6] mother.

9 And Pharaohs daughter ſaid unto her, Take this child away, and nurſe it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. And the woman took the child and nurſed it.

10 And the child grew, and ſhe brought him unto Pharaohs daughter, and he became [7] her ſon. And ſhe called his name ‖ Moſes: and ſhe ſaid, becauſe I drew him out of the water.

‖ That is, *drawn out.*

[6] *Pſal.* 27. 10. ¶ [7] *Act.* 7. 21. *Heb.* 11. 24.

2473. 11 ¶ And it came to paſs in thoſe days, when Moſes was [8] grown, that he [9] went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he ſpied an Egyptian ſmiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

[8] *Heb.* 11. 24–26. being 40 years old, *Act.* 7. 23. ¶ [9] With a full purpoſe to abandon the honors of the Court, and joyn himſelf to the poor, oppreſs'd people of God, and lend 'em what help he could for their deliverance, *Heb.* 11. 24.–26.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he ſaw that *there was* no man, he [10] ſlew the Egyptian, and hid him in the ſand,

[10] *Act.* 7. 24–26. by ſome divine and ſpecial warrant.

13 And when he went out the [11] ſecond day, behold, two men of the Hebrews ſtrove together: and he ſaid to him that did the wrong, Wherefore ſmiteſt thou thy fellow?

[11] The next day after the former, (*Act.* 7. 26.) ſo proſecuting diligently the work that God had called him to.

† Heb. *a man, a prince.*

14 And [12] he ſaid, [13] Who made thee † a prince and a [14] judge over us? intendeſt thou to kill me, as thou killedſt the Egyptian? And Moſes [15] feared, and ſaid, Surely this thing is known.

[12] *Viz.* that did the wrong, *Act.* 7. 27. ¶ [13] This refuſal of *Moſes* by one, is imputed to all the reſt of the *Iſraelites*, (*Act.* 7. 35.) and God for their unthankfulneſs withdrew him 40 years. ¶ [14] *Gen.* 19. 9. ¶ [15] (But afterwards grew more couragious, *Heb.* 11. 27.)

15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he ſought to [16] ſlay Moſes: But Moſes [17] fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he ſat down by a [18] well.

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[16] For fear he ſhould prove a ſcourge to 'em. ¶ [17] *Act.* 7. 29. *Heb.* 11. 27. ¶ [18] Gen. 24. 11.

16 Now the ‖ [19] prieſt of Midian had ſeven daughters: and they came and drew *water*, and filled the troughs to water their fathers flock.

‖ Or, *prince.*

[19] Of the true God, as *Melchiſedec* was.

17 And the ſhepherds came and drove them away: but Moſes ſtood up and [20] helped them, and watered their flock.

18 And when they came to [21] Reuel their father, he ſaid, How *is it that* you are come ſo ſoon to day?

[20] *Gen.* 29. 10. ¶ [21] Father to *Hobab* or *Jethro* their immediate Father, *Num.* 10. 29.

19 And they ſaid, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the ſhepherds, and alſo drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he ſaid unto his daughters, And where *is* he? why *is* it *that* ye have left the man? Call him, that he may eat [22] bread.

21 And Moſes was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moſes Zipporah his daughter.

22 And ſhe bare *him* a ſon, and he called his name * Gerſhom: for he ſaid, I have been a [23] ſtranger in a ſtrange land.

* Chap. 18. 13.

[22] *Gen.* 31. 54. ¶ [23] *Ch.* 18. 3.

23 ¶ And it came to paſs in [24] proceſs of time, that the king of Egypt [25] died, and the children of Iſrael [26] ſighed by reaſon of the bondage, and they cried; and their cry [27] came up unto God, by reaſon of the bondage. 2494.

[24] *Viz.* after forty years, *Act.* 7. 30. ¶ [25] *Ch.* 4. 19. ¶ [26] *Pſal.* 12. 5. ¶ [27] *Deut.* 26. 6.–8. *Numb.* 20. 16.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembred his * [28] covenant with Abraham, with Iſaac, and with Jacob.

* Gen. 15. 14. & 46. 4.

25 And God looked upon the children of Iſrael, and God † had [29] reſpect unto *them*.

† Heb. *knew.*

[28] *Gen.* 15. 14. ¶ [29] *Ch.* 3. 7.

CHAP. III.

1 *Moſes keepeth Jethro's flock.* 2 *God appeareth unto him in a burning buſh.* 9 *He ſendeth him to deliver Iſrael.*

NOw Moſes [1] kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the prieſt of Midian: and he led the flock to the back-ſide of the deſert, and came to the mountain [2] of God, *even* to [3] Horeb. 2513.

[1] *Luk.* 2.–8. *Am.* 1. 1. *Pſal.* 108. 70, 71. ¶ [2] *i. e.* Sanctified by God's appearing there now (*v.* 5.) and giving the Law there afterwards, *ch.* 18. 5. and 19. 3. 1 *King.* 19. 8. ¶ [3] Called alſo Mount *Sinai*, *ch.* 19. 11.

2 And the [4] angel of the LORD [5] appeared unto him in a * [6] flame of fire out of the midſt of a [7] buſh: and he looked, and behold, the buſh burned with fire, and the buſh *was* [8] not conſumed.

* Acts 7. 30.

[4] *Act.* 7. 30. Chriſt, *v.* 6. *Gen.* 48. 16. *Deut.* 33. 16. *Iſa.* 63. 9. ¶ [5] *Gen.* 15. 13, 17. ¶ [6] Repreſenting God's Majeſty, Purity, and Power, and to make him awfully apprehenſive thereof. ¶ [7] *Deut.* 33. 16. noting the Church at that time. ¶ [8] *Dan.* 3. 27. *Iſa.* 43. 2. to note, that tho the *Iſraelites* had been now long in the fire of affliction, yet, as hitherto they had been miraculouſly preſerv'd; ſo, ſtill they ſhould be, becauſe God was among 'em; whereof this viſion was a pledg.

3 And Moſes ſaid, I will now [9] turn aſide, and ſee this [10] great ſight, why the buſh is not burnt.

[9] *Pſal.* 111. 2. *Dan.* 10. 5. *Act.* 7. 34. *viz.* from following the flock. ¶ [10] Extraordinary and wonderful thing.

4 And when the LORD ſaw that he turned aſide to ſee, God called unto him out of the midſt

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midst of the bush, and said, [11] Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.

*Josh.5.15. Acts 7.33.

5 And he said,[12] Draw not nigh hither: *[13] put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest, *is* [14] holy ground.

[11] As *Gen.* 46. 2. ¶ [12] *ch.* 19. 12, 21. ¶ [13] *Acts* 7. 33. *Josh.*5.15. To note, with what holiness, humility and reverence we should approach into God's presence. 2 *Sam.* 15.30. *Isa.*20.2. *Ezek.*24.17,23. *Heb.* 10.22. *Joh.* 13. 10. ¶ [14] *Josh.* 5.15. Not by any inherent holiness, (whereof a place is not capable) nor any permanent holiness, when the presence of God is withdrawn, but with a relative holiness at this time, being consecrated by the special presence and appearing of God there; as *Gen.*28.16,17. 2 *Chron.*8.-11. *Psal.*20.6. 1 *Pet.*1.18.

*Matth.22.32. Acts 7.32.

6 Moreover he said, * [15] I *am* the God of thy father, the God of [16] Abraham, the God of [16] Isaac, and the God of [16] Jacob. And Moses [17] hid his face: for he was [18] afraid to look upon God.

[15] *Matth.*22.32. See there. ¶ [16] Engaged to them by covenant and promise; which I am now come to perform. ¶ [17] *Gen.*17.3. *Acts* 7.32. 1 *Kings* 19.13. *Isa.*6.2,5. *Luke* 5.8. ¶ [18] *Hebr.*12.21. *Dan.*10.7,8. *Matth.*17.7. *Rev.*1.17.

7 ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely [19] seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry; by reason of their task-masters: for I know their sorrows.

[19] *Ch.*2.25. *Gen.*29.32. *Acts* 7.34. 1 *Sam.*9.-16. *Psal.*106. 44. Diligently observed, and mercifully regarded and pitied their misery.

8 And [20] I am come down to [21] deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land, unto a good land and a [22] large, unto a land flowing with [23] milk and hony; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

[20] *Gen.*11.5. and 18.21. Am about to manifest my power in their deliverance. ¶ [21] *Luke* 1. 74. ¶ [22] *Viz.* in comparison of *Goshen*; and according to those bounds described *Gen.*15.18. *Deut.*1.7. and 11. 24. ¶ [23] *Ch.* 13. 5. and 33. 3. *Lev.*20.24. *Numb.*13.27. *Deut.*6.3. and 11.9. *Josh.*5.6. *Jer.*11.5. *Ezek.*20.6. Abounding with all the blessings of a fruitful land, not only for necessity, but delight. *Deut.*8.7–9.

9 Now therefore behold, the cry of the children of Israel is [24] come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will [25] send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

[24] *Psal.*12.5. ¶ [25] *Acts* 7.-34. *Psal.*105.26. *Mich.* 6.4.

11 ¶ And Moses said unto God, [26] Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

[26] *Ch.*6.12. 1 *Sam.*18. 18. *Jer.* 1. 6. How unworthy and unfit for that imployment?

12 And he said, Certainly [27] I will be with thee; and [28] this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

[27] *Rom.*8.31. [28] *Viz.* your serving God upon this Mountain; which being a promise and prediction of what should come to pass hereafter, might encourage him to set about the work, and use the means for the accomplishment thereof. So 2 *Kings* 19.29. *Isa.*7.14. and 37.30. *Jer.*43. 9, 10. and 51. 63,64.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? [29] What shall I say unto them?

[29] Which of thy names shall I use, whereby thy people may be encouraged to expect deliverance from thee?

14 And God said unto Moses, [30] I AM THAT I AM: And he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, [30] I AM hath sent me unto you.

[30] *Rev.*1.4,8. *Hebr.*13.8. *Joh.*8.-58. *q.d.* I am the fountain of Being, who do eternally and unchangeably exist in, of, from, and by my self.

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15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my [31] memorial unto all generations.

[31] *Hos.*12.5. *Psal.*135.13. and 102.12. By which I'l be remembred, owned, and served by my people, and distinguish'd from all others.

16 Go and gather the [32] elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely [33] visited you, and *seen* that which is done to you in Egypt.

[32] See on *Gen.* 50. 7. the heads of their tribes. ¶ [33] *Gen.* 15.14. *Luke* 1.68.

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt, unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and hony.

18 And they [34] shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the King of Egypt, and you shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath [35] met with us; and now let us go (we beseech thee) [36] three days journy into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

[34] *Ch.*4.31. ¶ [35] *ch.* 5. 3. *Numb.*23.3,4,15,16. Appeared unto us, and commanded us to offer him sacrifice. ¶ [36] *Viz.* to mount *Horeb*, *v.*-12. where they might serve him with safety, *ch.*6.28.

19 ¶ And I am sure that the king of Egypt [37] will not let you go, * no, not by a [38] mighty hand.

* Or, *but by strong hand.*

[37] God's fore-knowledge does not intrench upon the free will of *Pharaoh.* ¶ [38] Tho' he be smitten with many plagues, (*ch.*6.1.) yet he'l not be willing to let you go; and when he does send you away, it will be but by constraint, of which he'l soon repent.

20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and [39] after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people [40] favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

[39] *Judg.* 8. 16. ¶ [40] *ch.* 11. 3. and 12. 36. *Psal.* 106. 46. *Gen.* 39. 21.

22 * But every woman shall [41] borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, [41] jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall [42] spoil * the Egyptians.

* Chap.11.2. and 12.35.

* Or, *Egypt.*

[41] *Ch.*11.2. and 12.35. *Gen.*15.-14. *Psal.*105.37. ¶ [42] *Ezek.*39.10. *Job* 27.17. *Prov.*13.22. This being commanded by God who is Lord Paramount of all, was no sin: and hereby they were recompens'd for their hard labour, and sufferings.

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1 *Moses rod is turned into a serpent.* 6 *His hand is leprous* 21 *Gods message to Pharaoh.*

AND Moses answered, and said, But behold, they will [1] not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

[1] *Acts* 7. 25. *Viz.* at first, (for God had told him they should believe, *ch.*3.18.)

2 And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And

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3 And he ſaid, Caſt it on the ground; and he caſt it on the ground, and it became a [2] ſerpent: and Moſes fled from before it.

[2] To note, that his Miniſtry, and the Miracles wrought by that rod ſhould be deſtructive to the Egyptians.

4 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became [3] a rod in his hand.

[3] So the miniſtration of Moſes, which to unbelievers is the occaſion of death, is to the obedient a means of life. 2 *Cor.* 2.15,16. and 3.6. *Gal.* 3.24.

5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Iſaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

6 ¶ And the LORD ſaid furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy boſom; and he put his hand into his boſom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* [4] leprous [5] as ſnow.

[4] To teach him and them, that God can change things on a ſudden, and that the miracles he ſhould work, was not by any inherent power in himſelf. ¶ [5] *Numb.* 12.10. 2 *Kings* 5.27.

7 And he ſaid, Put thine hand into thy boſom again: and he put his hand into his boſom again, and plucked it out of his boſom, and behold, it was [6] turned again as his other fleſh.

8 And it ſhall come to paſs, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the [7] voice of the firſt ſign, that they will believe the voice of the latter ſign.

[6] *Deut.* 32.39. ¶ [7] *Mich.* 6.9. To the word of God confirmed by the firſt ſign.

9 And it ſhall come to paſs, if they will not believe alſo theſe two ſigns, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou ſhalt take of the water of the river, and pour *it* upon the dry land: and the water which thou takeſt out of the river, † ſhall become [8] blood upon the dry land.

† *ſhall be* and *ſhall be.*

[8] To note, That if the Iſraelites believed not, God would bring upon 'em yet more bloody afflictions.

10 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* [9] not † eloquent, neither heretofore, nor * ſince thou haſt ſpoken unto thy ſervant: but I *am* ſlow of ſpeech, and of a ſlow tongue.

† Heb. *a man of words.* * Heb. *ſince yeſterday, nor ſince the third day.*

[9] 1 *Cor.* 2. 3, 4. Not of a free and ready ſpeech; (as 'tis fit they ſhould be who are imploy'd in ſuch a ſervice.)

11 And the LORD ſaid unto him, Who hath made mans mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the ſeeing, or the blind? [10] have not I the LORD?

12 Now therefore go, and I will be † with thy mouth, and [11] teach thee what thou ſhalt ſay.

†Matth. 10.19. Mark 13.11. Luke 12.11.

[10] *Am.* 3.6. ¶ [11] *Matth.* 10. 19, 20. Direct and proſper thee.

13 And he ſaid, O my LORD, [12] ſend, I pray thee, by the hand *of him whom* thou † wilt ſend.

† Or, *ſhouldeſt.*

[12] *Jer.* 1.6. *Jon.* 1.3. Send ſuch a one whom thou knoweſt to be fitter for the employment than I am.

14 And the [13] anger of the LORD was kindled againſt Moſes, and he ſaid, *Is* not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can [14] ſpeak well. And alſo behold, he [15] cometh forth to meet thee: and when he ſeeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

[13] 2 *Sam.* 6.7. 1 *Kings* 11. 9. 1 *Chron.* 21. 7. ¶ [14] 1 *Cor.* 12.8,10. 2 *Cor.* 11.6. [15] *Viz.* By my direction.

15 And thou ſhalt [16] ſpeak unto him, and [17] put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will [18] teach you what ye ſhall do.

[15] Clearly inſtruct, and ſtrictly charge him, faithfully to declare my words, *v.* 16. ¶ [17] 2 *Sam.* 14.3. *Iſa.* 51.16. and 59.21. ¶ [18] *Matth.* 28.20. 1 *Cor.* 11.23.

16 And he ſhall be thy [19] ſpokeſman unto the people: and he ſhall be, *even* he ſhall be to thee in ſtead of a mouth, and † thou ſhalt be to him in ſtead of [20] God.

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† Chap. 7.1.

[19] *Ch.* 7. 1. To deliver thy commands to *Pharaoh*, *ch.* 7.2. ¶ [20] To direct and enjoyn him what to ſay, *v.* 28,30.

17 And thou ſhalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou ſhalt [21] do ſigns. 2513.

[21] 1 *Cor.* 1.27. Hence called, the Rod of God, *v.* 20. See there.

18 ¶ And Moſes went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and ſaid unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren, which *are* in Egypt, and ſee whether they be yet alive. And Jethro ſaid to Moſes, [22] Go in peace.

[22] *Judg.* 18.6. 1 *Sam.* 1.17. and 25.35. and 29.7. 2 *Sam.* 15. 9. 2 *Kings* 5.19. *Mark* 5.34. *Luke* 7.50. and 8.48. *Acts* 16.36.

19 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which [23] ſought thy life.

[23] Herein *Moſes* was a type of Chriſt. *Matth.* 2.20.

20 And Moſes took his wife, and his ſons, and ſet them upon an aſs, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moſes took the [24] rod of God in his hand.

[24] *Ch.* 17.9. Which God had appointed him to work Miracles with, *v.* 17. and had bleſſed to that end and uſe.

21 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, When thou goeſt to return into Egypt, ſee *that* thou do all thoſe wonders before Pharaoh, which I have [25] put in thine hand: but I will [26] harden his heart, that he ſhall not let the people go.

[25] Given thee power to do, by the rod in thy hand. ¶ [26] *ch.* 7.3. and 9.12. and 10.1. and 14.8. *Deut.* 2.30. *Joſh.* 11.20. *Iſa.* 6.10. and 63.17. *John* 12.40. *Rom.* 9.18. See there. As hardneſs is a ſin, ſo *Pharaoh* hardned his own heart, (*ch.* 9.34.) but as it is a judgment and puniſhment for ſin, ſo God hardens; either by witholding the outward means of ſoftning, (*Pſal.* 147. 19, 20. *Matth.* 11. 21, 23.) or the inward grace, which alone can ſoften; (*Gen.* 6.3.) or by giving 'em up to their own corrupt inclinations, and expoſing 'em to ſuch temptations as they will comply with to their hardning, (2 *Theſſ.* 2.10,11. *Rom.* 11.8,10. 2 *Cor.* 2.15,16. 1 *Pet.* 2.8. *Rom.* 1.28.) or leaving 'em to Satan to be blinded and deluded to their deſtruction; 2 *Cor.* 4.4. 1 *Kings* 22. 22.

22 And thou ſhalt ſay unto Pharaoh, Thus ſaith the LORD, [27] Iſrael *is* my ſon, *even* my [28] firſt-born.

[27] The poſterity of *Jacob*. ¶ [28] *Pſal.* 89. 22. The firſt and only nation that I have choſen for my peculiar people; (and therefore not to be any longer ſubject to thy commands, (*ch.* 6.7.) and neglectful of my ſervice.)

23 And I ſay unto thee, Let my ſon go, that he may ſerve me: and if thou refuſe to let him go, behold, I will ſlay thy ſon, *even* [29] thy firſt-born.

[29] *ch.* 12. 29. And thereupon thou ſhalt be enforc'd to let 'em go.

24 ¶ And it came to paſs by the way in the inn, that the LORD [30] met him, and [31] ſought to [32] kill him.

[30] Appeared to him in ſome viſible ſhape; as *Numb.* 22.22, 31. ¶ [31] Offer'd at it, either by inflicting ſome ſudden and dangerous diſeaſe, or by ſhewing himſelf in ſome threatning poſture. ¶ [32] *Lev.* 10.3. For neglecting to circumciſe his ſon: for which he was guilty of death, *Gen.* 17. 14. which probably he did in compliance with his wife's humor, who was very averſe to that painful, and, as ſhe thought, dangerous ordinance.

25 Then Zipporah took a [33] ſharp † ſtone, and cut off the foreskin of her ſon, and * caſt *it* at [34] his feet, and ſaid, Surely [35] a bloody huſband *art* thou to me.

† Or, *knife.* * Heb. *made it touch.*

[33] *Joſh.* 5.2. ¶ [34] *Moſes's* feet. ¶ [35] *q. d.* I was feign to redeem thy life with the blood of my ſon, whom now I circumciſed; and thus thou art become, as it were a new bridegroom to me.

26 So he let him go: then ſhe ſaid, A bloody husband *thou* art, becauſe of the circumciſion.

27 ¶ And

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27 ¶ And the LORD ſaid to Aaron, Go into the wilderneſs to meet Moſes. And he went and met him in the [36] mount of God, and [37] kiſſed him.

[36] *Ch.*3.1. ¶ [37] *Gen.*29.11.

28 And Moſes told Aaron all the words of the LORD, who had ſent him, and all the ſigns which he had commanded him.

29 ¶ And Moſes and Aaron went and [38] gathered together all the [38] elders of the children of Iſrael.

30 And Aaron [39] ſpake all the words which the LORD had ſpoken unto Moſes, and did the ſigns in the ſight of the people.

[38] *Ch.* 3.16. ¶ [39] As God ordained, *v.* 16.

31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had [40] viſited the children of Iſrael, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they [41] bowed their heads and worſhiped.

[40] *Gen.*21.1. thus appeared to them, and promis'd to deliver 'em. ¶ [41] *Ch.*12.-27. and 34.8. *Gen.*17.3. 2 *Chron.* 20.18. in token of reverence and thankfulneſs.

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1 *Pharaoh chideth Moſes and Aaron.* 5 *He increaſeth the Iſraelites task.* 22 *Moſes complaineth to God.*

AND afterward Moſes and Aaron went in, and [1] told Pharaoh, Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, Let my people go, that they may [2] hold a feaſt unto me in the wilderneſs.

[1] *Pſal.*119.46. *Ezek.*2.6. ¶ [2] *Ch.*10.-9. 1 *Cor.* 5.8.

2 And Pharaoh ſaid, [3] Who *is* the LORD, that I ſhould obey his voice to let Iſrael go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Iſrael go.

[3] *Ch.*3.19. *Job* 21.15. *Pſal.* 12.3.

† Chap.3.18. 3 And they ſaid, † The [4] God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days journy into the deſert, and ſacrifice unto the LORD our God; [5] leſt he fall upon us with [6] peſtilence, or with the ſword.

[4] *Ch.* 3.18. our God. ¶ [5] Tho the wicked, thro' the hardneſs of their hearts, contemn God and his judgments, yet the godly are afraid to offend him, 2 *King.*17.5. 2 *Chron.* 29.8. and 30.8. *Ezr.* 7.23. ¶ [6] *Zach.* 14.18. any kind of mortal Diſeaſe.

4 And the king of Egypt ſaid unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moſes and Aaron, let the people from their works? get [7] you unto your burdens.

[7] You among the reſt; for all you take thus upon you to repreſent others.

5 And Pharaoh ſaid, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and you [8] make them reſt from their burdens.

[8] And therefore I ſuſtain great damage by theſe your impertinent ſuits.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the ſame day the [9] task-maſters of the people, and their [10] officers, ſaying.

[9] *Ch.*1.11. *Egyptians.* ¶ [10] *Iſraelites*, under the former, *v.* 14,15,19.

7 Ye ſhall no more give the people ſtraw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather ſtraw for themſelves.

8 And the tale of the bricks which they did make heretofore, you ſhall lay upon them; you ſhall not diminiſh *ought* thereof: for they *be* idle; therefore they cry, ſaying, Let us go, *and* ſacrifice to our God.

† Heb. *let the work be heavy upon the men.*

9 † Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein: and let them not regard [11] vain words.

[11] Falſe; which they falſly pretend to come from God.

10 ¶ And the task-maſters of the people went out, and their officers, and they ſpake to the people, ſaying, Thus ſaith Pharaoh, I will not give you ſtraw.

11 Go ye, get you ſtraw where you can find it: yet not ought of your work ſhall be diminiſhed. Chap. 6.

12 So the people were ſcattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt, to gather ſtubble in ſtead of ſtraw.

13 And the task-maſters haſted them, ſaying, Fulfil your works, *your* * daily tasks, as when there was ſtraw.

* Heb. *a matter of a day in his day.*

14 And the officers of the children of Iſrael, which Pharaoh's task-maſters had ſet over them, were beaten, *and* demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick, both yeſterday and to day, as heretofore?

15 ¶ Then the officers of the children of Iſrael came and cried unto Pharaoh, ſaying, Wherefore dealeſt thou thus with thy ſervants?

16 There is no ſtraw given unto thy ſervants, and they ſay to us, Make brick: and behold, thy ſervants *are* beaten; but the fault *is* in thine own people.

17 But he ſaid, Ye *are* idle, *ye are* idle: therefore ye ſay, Let us go, *and* do ſacrifice to the LORD.

18 Go therefore now *and* work: for there ſhall no ſtraw be given you, yet ſhall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Iſrael did ſee *that* they *were* in evil *caſe*, after it was ſaid, Ye ſhall not miniſh *ought* from your bricks of your daily task.

20 ¶ And they met Moſes and Aaron, who ſtood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh,

21 And they ſaid unto them, the LORD [12] look upon you, and [13] judge; becauſe [14] you have made our ſavour * to be [15] abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his ſervants, to [16] put a ſword in their hands to ſlay us. 2513.

* Heb. *to ſtink.*

[12] Take notice of this, and conſider what you have brought upon us. ¶ [13] *Gen.* 16.-5. ¶ [14] Ignorant people and paſſionate (by miſtaking occaſions for cauſes) charge the injuries of their greateſt enemies upon their beſt friends. ¶ [15] *Gen.*34.10. ¶ [16] Give them occaſion to deſtroy us.

22 And Moſes [17] returned unto the LORD, and ſaid, Lord, wherefore haſt thou *ſo* [18] evil intreated this people? why *is* it *that* thou haſt ſent me?

[17] *Pſal.*73.25. 1 *Sam.*30.-6. he betook himſelf to ſome retired place, where he might pour out and preſent his own and the people's diſtreſs unto God. ¶ [18] By giving occaſion of more affliction to thy people.

23 [19] For ſince I came to Pharaoh to ſpeak [20] in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; * [21] neither haſt thou delivered thy people at all.

† Heb. *delivering, thou haſt not delivered.*

[19] *Jer.*20.7. 1 *King.*19.4,10. ¶ [20] *Eccl.*5.1. *Job.* 5.43. in thy behalf, and by thy command. ¶ [21] *Iſa.* 28.-16. *Eccl.* 3.11. Tho God promiſe deliverance, yet he leaves a liberty to himſelf both for the time and manner of performance; and muſt not be thought to deny it, when he does but defer it.

CHAP. VI.

1 *God reneweth his promiſe by his name* JEHOVAH. 14 *The genealogy of Reuben,* 15 *of Simeon,* 16 *of Levi.*

THEN the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Now ſhalt thou ſee what I will do to Pharaoh: for with [1] a ſtrong hand ſhall he let them go, and with a ſtrong hand ſhall he [2] drive them out of his land.

[1] *Ch.*3.19. ſee there; by reaſon of thoſe terrible judgments which I ſhall inflict upon him by my power, *v.*6. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 12.33,39.

2 And God ſpake unto Moſes, and ſaid unto him, I *am* the LORD.

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Iſaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God [3] Almighty,

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but [4] by my name JEHOVAH was I [5] not known to them.

[3] *Gen.*14.18. and 17.1. ¶ [4] Not having yet given any actual being to my promiſes for their deliverance, by the accompliſhment of 'em. ¶ [5] *Viz.* Comparatively.

4 And I have alſo [6] eſtabliſhed my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were [7] ſtrangers.

[6] *Gen.*6.18. and 15.13, 18. and 17.8. and 28.4. ¶ [7] *Gen.* 17.8. and 26.3.

5 And I have alſo heard the [8] groaning of the children of Iſrael, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage: and I have remembred my covenant.

6 Wherefore ſay unto the children of Iſrael, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage: and I will redeem you with a [9] ſtretched out arm, and with great [10] judgments.

[8] *Ch.*2.23,24. ¶ [9] *Deut.*4.34. 2*King.*17.36. *Iſa.*9.12,17, 21. by the open manifeſtation of my power. ¶ [10] Puniſhments inflicted upon 'em.

7 And I will take you to me for [11] a people, and I will be to you a [12] God: and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

[11] Under mine own immediate government, and you ſhall know and ſerve me, and enjoy all manner of temporal and ſpiritual bleſſings from me. ¶ [12] *Gen.*17.7.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land concerning the which I did † ſwear to give it, to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob, and I will [13] give it you for an heritage: I [14] *am* the LORD.

† Heb. *lift up my hand.*

[13] *Gen.*28.13. ¶ [14] (And therefore have authority to diſpoſe of lands and kingdoms as I pleaſe, and will faithfully give you what I have promis'd.)

9 ¶ And Moſes ſpake ſo unto the children of Iſrael: but they [15] hearkened not unto Moſes, for ‖ [16] anguiſh of ſpirit, and for cruel bondage.

‖ Heb. *ſhortneſs*, or *ſtraitneſs.*

[15] They could neither mind what he ſaid, nor believe any thing concerning their deliverance, as judging it impoſſible. ¶ [16] *Numb.* 21.4.

10 And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

11 Go in, ſpeak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Iſrael go out of his land.

12 And Moſes ſpake before the LORD, ſaying, Behold, the children of Iſrael have not hearkened unto me; how then ſhall Pharaoh hear me, who *am* of [17] uncircumciſed lips?

[17] *Iſa.*6.5. *Jer.*1.6. unacceptable ſpeech (*ch.*4.10.) and unable to ſpeak in a prevailing way.

13 And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, and gave them a [18] charge unto the children of Iſrael, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; to bring the children of Iſrael out of the land of Egypt.

[18] A Commiſſion to deal with 'em, by way of comfort to the one, and threatning to the other.

14 ¶ Theſe *be* the heads of their fathers houſes: * The [19] ſons of Reuben the firſt-born of Iſrael; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi: theſe *be* the families of Reuben.

* Gen.46.9. 1 Chr. 5.3.

[19] *Gen.*46.9. 1 *Chron.*5.3.

15 * And the ſons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the ſon of a Canaanitiſh woman: theſe *are* the families of Simeon.

* 1 Chr. 4.24.

16 ¶ And theſe *are* the names * of the ſons of Levi, [20] according to their generations; Gerſhon, and Kohath, and Merari: And the years of the life of Levi, *were* an hundred thirty and ſeven years.

* Numb.3.17. 1 Chron. 6.1.

[20] From each of which proceeded a diſtinct generation or family, called by their father's name.

17 The ſons of Gerſhon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families.

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18 And * the ſons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: And the years of the life of Kohath, *were* an hundred thirty and three years.

* Num.26.57. 1 Chron.6.2.

19 And the ſons of Merari, Mahali and Muſhi: theſe *are* the families of Levi, according to their generations.

20 And * Amram took him Jochebed his [21] father's ſiſter to wife; and ſhe bare him Aaron and Moſes: And the years of the life of Amram *were* an hundred and thirty and ſeven years.

* Chap. 2.2. Numb.26.59.

[21] *Num.*26.59. or Kinſwoman.

21 ¶ And the ſons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And the ſons of Uzziel; Miſhael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

23 And Aaron took him Eliſheba daughter of Amminadab, ſiſter of Naaſhon, to wife; and ſhe bare him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

24 And the ſons of Korah; Aſſir, and Elkanah, and Abiaſaph: theſe are the families of the Korhites.

25 And Eleazer Aarons ſon took him *one* of the daughters of Putiel to wife, and * ſhe bare him Phineas: theſe *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their families.

* Num.25.11.

26 Theſe *are* that Aaron and Moſes, to whom the LORD ſaid, Bring out the children of Iſrael from the land of Egypt, according to their [22] armies.

[22] Numerous families, which went out of *Egypt* like ſeveral armies in military order, and with great power.

27 Theſe *are* they which ſpake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Iſrael from Egypt: theſe *are* that Moſes and Aaron.

28 ¶ And it came to paſs, on the day *when* the LORD ſpake unto Moſes in the land of Egypt.

29 That the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, I *am* the LORD: ſpeak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I ſay unto thee.

30 And Moſes ſaid before the LORD, Behold, I *am* of uncircumciſed lips, and how ſhall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

CHAP. VII.

1 *Moſes is encouraged to go to Pharaoh,* 8 *His rod is turned into a ſerpent.* 13 *Pharaohs heart is hardned.* 19 *The river is turned into blood.*

AND the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, See, I have made thee [1] a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother ſhall be thy [2] prophet. 2513.

[1] *Ch.*4.16. *Jer.*1.10. One that ſhall deal with him in the name, ſtead, and power of God, and ſhall puniſh his diſobedience with ſuch puniſhments as none but God can inflict. ¶ [2] See on *ch.*4.16.*n.*20.

2 Thou ſhalt ſpeak [3] all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother ſhall ſpeak unto Pharaoh, that he ſend the children of Iſrael out of his land.

3 And [4] I will harden Pharaohs heart, and multiply my [5] ſigns and my [5] wonders in the land of Egypt.

[3] *Matth.*28.20. ¶ [4] *v.*13. See on *ch.*4.21. ¶ [5] *Joh.*4.48. *Rom.*15.18. See on *Acts* 2.22.

4 But Pharaoh ſhall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my [6] hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine [7] armies, *and* my people the children of Iſrael, out of the land of Egypt, by [8] great judgments.

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[6] *Ch.*9.3.*Judg.*2.15. 1 *Sam.*12 15. *Lam.*3.3. ¶ [7] *ch.*6.-26. See there. ¶ [8] *ch.*6.6. See there.

5 And the Egyptians ſhall [9] know, that I *am* the LORD, when I ſtretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Iſrael from among them.

6 And Moſes and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, [10] ſo did they.

[9] *Pſal.*9.16. ¶ [10] *ch.*12.28. *Pſal.* 119.4. An emphatical repetition, to ſhew their courage in attempting to do and ſay ſuch things to ſo great a Monarch, and in his own Dominions; and their fidelity, in the execution of all God's Commands.

7 And Moſes *was* fourſcore years old, and Aaron fourſcore and three years old, when they ſpake unto Pharaoh.

8 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

9 When Pharaoh ſhall ſpeak unto you, ſaying, Shew a [11] miracle for you: then thou ſhalt ſay unto [12] Aaron, Take thy [13] rod and caſt *it* before Pharaoh, *and* it ſhall become a [14] ſerpent.

[11] *Viz.* That I may know you are ſent of God. ¶ [12] By whoſe hands this, and other miracles were to be wrought. ¶ [13] *ch.*4.2,20. ¶ [14] See on *ch.*4.3.

10 ¶ And Moſes and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they [15] did ſo as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron caſt down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his ſervants, and it became a ſerpent.

[15] Requir'd him in God's name to let the people go, *(ch.*6. 12.) and wrought ſigns before *Pharaoh.*

11 Then Pharaoh alſo called the [16] wiſe-men, and the [16] ſorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they alſo [17] did in like manner with their [18] inchantments.

[16] See on *Gen.*41.8.*n.*6,7. ¶ [17] In appearance, but not in reality. ¶ [18] Juglings, crafty conveiances and ſleights.

12 For they caſt down every man his rod, and they [19] became ſerpents: but Aarons [20] rod [21] ſwallowed up their rods.

[19] Either in appearance only; or elſe by the help of the Devil ſerpents might be brought into the place of the rods. ¶ [20] The Dragon into which his rod was turn'd. ¶ [21] *Acts* 6. 16. To ſhew that the power whereby *Moſes* and *Aaron* had wrought their miracles was far above that whereby the Magicians had wrought theirs.

13 And he [22] hardened Pharaohs heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had ſaid.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Pharaohs heart *is* hardened, he refuſeth to let the people go.

15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the [23] morning, lo, he goeth out unto the water, and thou ſhalt ſtand by the rivers brink, againſt he come; and the rod which was turned to a ſerpent ſhalt thou take in thine hand.

[22] See on *ch.*4.21. ¶ [23] *ch.* 9. 13. *Pſal.* 101. 8.

16 And thou ſhalt ſay unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath ſent me unto thee, ſaying, Let my people go that they may ſerve me in the wilderneſs: and behold, hitherto thou wouldeſt not hear.

17 Thus ſaith the LORD, In this thou ſhalt [24] know that I *am* the LORD: behold, I will ſmite with the rod that *is* in mine hand, upon the [25] waters which *are* in the river, and they ſhall be turned to [26] blood.

[24] *v.* 5.*ch.* 5, 2. ¶ [25] Some of 'em, inſtead of all the reſt. ¶ [26] *Pſal.*78.44. and 105.29. *Rev.*8.-8. and 16.3–6.

18 And the fiſh that *is* in the river ſhall die, and the river ſhall ſtink; and the Egyptians ſhall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

19 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and ſtretch out thine hand upon the [25] waters of Egypt, upon their ſtreams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their † pools of water, that they may become [26] blood; and *that* there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *veſſels of* wood, and in *veſſels of* ſtone. † Heb. *gathering of their waters.*

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20 And Moſes and Aaron did ſo, as the LORD commanded: and he † lift up the rod and ſmote the [25] waters that *were* in the river, in the ſight of Pharaoh, and in the ſight of his ſervants; and all the † waters that *were* in the river, were turned to [26] blood. † Chap.17.5. † Pſal.78.44.

21 And the fiſh that *was* in the river [27] died: and the river ſtank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river: and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 † And the magicians of Egypt [28] did ſo with their inchantments: and Pharaohs heart was [22] hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had ſaid. † Wiſd.17.7.

[27] *Rev.*8.9. and 16.3. ¶ [28] *v.*11. and *ch.* 8. 7. In ſome waters which they got out of pits, *v.* 24. They could encreaſe their own plagues, but not eaſe themſelves, *ch.* 8. 7, 8. Hoſ.13.9.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his houſe, neither did he [29] ſet his heart to this alſo.

[29] Regarded not, (as *ch.* 9. 21.) nor was much affected with it.

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink: for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25 And ſeven days were fulfilled, [30] after that the LORD had ſmitten the river.

[30] E're all the waters were perfectly free from this putrifaction.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Frogs are ſent. 16 The duſt turned into lice. 20 The ſwarms of flies. 32 Pharaoh is hardened.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, [1] Go unto Pharaoh, and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may ſerve me.

[1] *Jer.* 1. 17, 18. *Ezek.* 2. 5, 6.

2 And if thou refuſe to let *them* go, behold, I will ſmite all thy borders with frogs.

3 And the river ſhall bring forth frogs abundantly, which ſhall go up and come into thine houſe, and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the houſe of thy ſervants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy † kneading-troughs. † Or, *dough.*

4 And the frogs ſhall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy ſervants.

5 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the ſtreams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cauſe frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron ſtretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the [2] frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

[2] *Pſal.*78.45. and 105.30. *Rev.*16.13,14.

7 † And the magicians [3] did ſo with their inchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt. † Wiſd.17.7.

8 ¶ Then Pharaoh called for Moſes and Aaron, and ſaid, [4] Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people: and [5] I will let the people go, that they may do ſacrifice unto the LORD. 2513.

[3] *Ch.*7.11,22. ¶ [4] 1*Kings* 13. 6. ¶ [5] *v.*-25,28.

9 And Moſes ſaid unto Pharaoh, † [6] Glory † Or, *Have this honour over me, &c.*

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over me: * [7] when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, ‖ to destroy the frogs from thee, and thy houses, *that* they may remain in the river only?

* Or, *against when.*
‖ Heb. *to cut off.*

[6] In prescribing the time when I shall get this plague removed. ¶ [7] *q.d.* Prescribe your own time when it shall be done, that you may know it's the mighty work of God, and not by chance, or any natural means, that the frogs are destroy'd, *v.*-10.

† Or, *Against to morrow.*

10 And he said, † [8] To morrow. And he said, *Be it* according to thy word: that thou mayest [9] know, that *there is* none like unto the LORD our God.

[8] He was so loath to be beholding to God or *Moses*, that he chose rather to indure the plague till next day, to see whether it might not go away of it self. ¶ [9] *Psal.* 83.18. and 9.16.

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses [10] cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharoah.

[10] *Ch.*32.11. *Ezek.*36.37. *Jam.* 5. 17,18. He uses means, tho' he was assured of the event.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses: and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land [11] stank.

[11] *Joel* 2. 20. *Ezek.* 39. 11. *Isa.* 34. 3.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he [12] hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

[12] *v.* 32. *Isa.* 26. 10. *Eccl.* 8. 11. *Zach.* 7. 11, 12.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice, in man and in beast: [13] all the dust of the land became [14] lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

[13] The dust in every part of the land. ¶ [14] *Psal.*105.31.

18 And the magicians [15] did so with their inchantments to bring forth lice, but they [16] could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

[15] Smote the dust, as *Aaron* had done. ¶ [16] *Luke* 10.18. 2 *Tim.*3.9.

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This *is* the [17] finger of God: and Pharaohs heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

[17] 1 *Sam.*6.9. The immediate power and work of God.

20 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, (lo, he cometh forth to the water) and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

21 Else if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send † swarms *of* [18] *flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms *of flies*, and also the ground whereon they *are*.

† Or, *a mixture* of noisom beasts, &c.

[18] Mixt swarms of hornets, wasps, gnats, and all kind of troublesome flies. *Psal.* 78.45.

22 And I will [19] sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know, that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth.

[19] *chap.* 9. 4. *Psal.* 111. 9.

23 And I will put * [19] a division between my people and thy people: † to morrow shall this sign be.

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* Heb. *a redemption.*
† Or, *by to morrow.*

24 And the LORD [20] did so: and * there came a grievous swarm *of flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* his servants houses, and into all the land of Egypt: [21] the land was * corrupted by reason of the swarm *of flies.*

* Wisd.16.9.
* Or, *destroyed.*

[20] *Psal.*105.24. *Viz.* immediately by his own work, and not by *Moses*'s rod; as *ch.* 9. 3. ¶ [21] The air was infected, and many of the people poison'd or stung to death by 'em, *Psal.*78.45.

25 ¶ And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the [22] abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: Lo, shall we sacrifice the [22] abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

[22] *Gen.*46.34. See there. The beasts which the Egyptians worship'd, and abhor to have sacrificed.

27 We will go three days journy into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as * he shall [23] command us.

* Chap.3.18.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away: [24] intreat for me.

[23] *Ch.*10.26. ¶ [24] *v.*8,29. *ch.*9.28. and 10.17. 1 *King.*13. 9. *Acts* 8.24. *Rom.*15.30.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD, that the swarms *of flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more, in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people: there remained not one.

32 And Pharaoh [12] hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The murrain of beasts.* 8 *The plague of boyls and blains.* 22 *The plague of hail.*

THen the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 For if thou refuse to let *them* go, and wilt hold them still,

3 Behold, the [1] hand of the LORD is upon thy [2] cattel which *is* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain.

[1] The extraordinary, immediate power of God, without any humane means; as *ch.*8.24 ¶ [2] Which they kept for their milk, and other uses, tho' not to kill. *Ch.* 8. 26. See on *Gen.*46.34.

4 And the LORD shall [3] sever between the cattel of Israel, and the cattel of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all *that is* the childrens of Israel.

5 And the LORD [4] appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

[3] *Ch.* 8. 22, 23. ¶ [4] *Eccl.* 3. 1, 11.

6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow

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morrow, and [5] all the cattel of Egypt died; but of the cattel of the children of Iſrael died not one.

[5] *Pſal.*78.50. the greateſt part; (as *v.*25.) for *v.* 19.

2513. 7 And Pharaoh ſent, and behold, there was not one of the cattel of the Iſraelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was [6] hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of aſhes of the [7] furnace, and let Moſes ſprinkle it [8] towards the heaven in the ſight of Pharaoh.

[6] *Ch.*7.13,14. ¶ [7] As they oppreſs'd the *Iſraelites* with furnace-work in burning of brick, ſo now they are puniſh'd with burning ſores, which came from aſhes taken out of the furnace. ¶ [8] To note that this judgment came upon 'em in a ſpecial manner from God.

9 And it ſhall become ſmall duſt in all the land of Egypt, and [9] ſhall be a [10] boyl breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beaſt, throughout all the land of Egypt.

[9] This duſt, where it falls, ſhall cauſe a boyl. ¶ [10] *Rev.* 16.2. which was incurable, *Deut.*2827.

10 And they took aſhes of the furnace, and ſtood before Pharaoh, and Moſes ſprinkled it up toward heaven: and it became a boyl breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beaſt.

11 And the magicians [11] could not ſtand before Moſes, becauſe of the boyl; for the boyl was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

[11] *Rev.*6.17. as they had done hitherto, *ch.* 7. 11,12. and 8. 18, 19.

12 And the [12] LORD [12] hardned the heart of
* Chap.4. 21. Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; * as the Lord had ſpoken unto Moſes.

[12] *Ch.* 4. 21. ſee there.

13 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Riſe up early in the [13] morning, and ſtand before Pharaoh, and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may ſerve me.

14 For I will at this time ſend all my plagues [14] upon thine heart, and upon thy ſervants, and upon thy people: that thou mayeſt know that *there is* none like me in all the earth.

[13] *Ch.*7.15. ¶ [14] *Mic.*6.13. upon thy own perſon, and that not only ſo as to affect thy skin, and cauſe ſome outward ſmart, but ſuch as ſhall wound thee at the heart.

15 For now I will ſtretch out [1] my hand that I may ſmite thee and thy people with [15] peſtilence; and thou ſhalt be [16] cut off from the earth.

[15] Such a plague as ſhall be thy utter deſtruction. ¶ [16] By killing thy firſt-born, (*ch.*12.) and drowning the reſt in the red Sea.

* Rom.9. 17. † Heb. *made thee ſtand.* 16 And in very deed for * [17] this *cauſe* have I † [17] raiſed thee up, for to [18] ſhew *in* thee my [18] power; and that [19] my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

[17] *Rom.* 9. 17. *Prov.* 16. 4. deſigned thee for this end. ¶ [18] That, thou abuſing my patience by thy deſperate obſtinacy, I might thereupon ſhew my power in executing ſo many judgments on thee, and at laſt deſtroying thee thereby. ¶ [19] *Pſal.* 83.18. the glory of my juſtice, power, and ſeverity might be made more illuſtrious before all the world. (And herein God's dealing with *Pharaoh* was an example of his dealing with all other reprobates; as the Apoſtle ſhews, *Rom.*9.17.)

17 [20] As yet exalteſt thou thy ſelf againſt my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

18 Behold, to morrow about this time, I will cauſe it to rain a very grievous hail, ſuch as hath not been in Egypt, ſince the foundation thereof, even until now.

19 Send therefore now, *and* gather thy [21] cattel, and all that thou haſt in the field: *for upon* every man and beaſt which ſhall be found in the field, and ſhall not be brought home, the hail ſhall come down upon them, and they ſhall die.

[20] *Iſa.*26.11. ¶ [21] That ſome might be reſerv'd for their expedition, *ch.* 14.

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20 He that feared the word of the LORD amongſt the ſervants of Pharaoh, made his ſervants and his cattel flee into the houſes.

21 And he that * regarded not the word of * Heb. *ſet not his heart unto.* the LORD, left his ſervants and his cattel in the field.

22 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt; upon [22] man, and upon [22] beaſt, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

[22] *Viz.* that continue in the field, *v.*19.

23 And Moſes ſtretched forth his rod toward heaven, and the LORD ſent [23] thunder 2513. and [24] hail, and the [25] fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

[23] *Rev.* 16. 17,18, 21. ¶ [24] *Joſh.* 10. 11. *Job* 38. 22, 23. ¶ [25] *Pſal.*78.47,48. and 105. 32,33.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, ſuch as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt, [26] ſince it became a nation.

[26] *Ch.*10.6. *Rev.*16.-18.

25 And the hail ſmote throughout all the land of Egypt, all that *was* in the field, both man and beaſt: and the hail ſmote every herb of the field, and brake [27] every tree of the field.

26 Only in the land of Goſhen, where the children of Iſrael *were*, was there [28] no hail.

[27] Moſt of 'em. ¶ [28] *V.*6. and *ch.* 8. 22. and 11. 7. *Iſa.* 32. 18.

27 ¶ And Pharaoh ſent, and called for Moſes and Aaron, and ſaid unto them, [29] I have ſinned *this* time: the LORD *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked.

[29] *Ch.*10.16. *Numb.*22.34. 1*Sam.*15.24. and 26.21. *Matth.* 27.4. Now I cannot but acknowledg my ſin.

28 [30] Intreat the LORD (for [31] it is enough) that there be no *more* † mighty thundrings and † Heb. *voices of God.* hail; and I will let you go, and ye ſhall ſtay no longer.

[30] *Ch.*8.-28. ¶ [31] *q.d.* I'le not provoke God to inflict any more plagues upon me: theſe that have been already inflicted ſhall ſuffice for your diſmiſſion.

29 And Moſes ſaid unto him, Aſſoon as I am gone out of the city, I will [32] ſpread abroad my hands unto the LORD: *and* the thunder ſhall ceaſe, neither ſhall there be any more hail; that thou mayeſt know, how that [33] the *earth * Pſal.24.1. *is* the LORDS.

30 But as for thee and thy ſervants I know that ye will not [34] yet fear the LORD God.

[32] 2*Chron.*6.13. *Pſal.*143.6. *Ezr* 9.9. *Job* 11.13. ¶ [33] *Deut.* 10.14,15. *Pſal.*24.1. and 50.-12. 1 *Cor.*10.26,28. he can ſend, or remove judgments when he pleaſes, *Pſal.* 135.6. ¶ [34] *Prov.* 16.-6.

31 And the flax, and the barley was ſmitten: for the barley *was* in the ear, and the flax *was* bolled.

32 But the wheat and the rie were not ſmitten: for they *were* * not grown up. † Heb. *hidden,* or, *dark.*

33 And Moſes went out of the city from Pharaoh, and ſpread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail [35] ceaſed, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

[35] *Ch.*10.18,19. *Jam.*5.17,18.

34 And when Pharaoh ſaw that the rain, and the hail, and the thunders were ceaſed, he ſinned yet more, and hardned his heart, he and his ſervants.

35 And

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35 And the heart of Pharaoh was [35] hardened, neither would he let the children of Iſrael go; as the LORD had ſpoken * by Moſes.

* Heb. *by the hand of Moſes.*

[35] 2 *Chron.*28.22. and 36.-13.

CHAP. X.

12 *The plague of locuſts.* 21 *Of darkneſs.* 27 *Pharaohs heart hardened.*

AND the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Go in unto Pharaoh: *for [1] I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his ſervants; [2] that I might ſhew theſe my ſigns before him:

* Chap.4.21.

[1] See on *ch.*4.21. ¶ [2] See on *ch.*9.16.

2 And that thou mayeſt tell in the ears of [3] thy ſon, and of thy ſons ſon, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my ſigns which I have done amongſt them; that ye may know how that I *am* the LORD.

[3] *Ch.*13. 8. *Deut.* 6.20,22. *Pſal.*78. 5. *&c.* and 44.1. *Eph.* 6.4.

3 And Moſes and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD God of the Hebrews, [4] How long wilt thou refuſe to humble thy ſelf before me? Let my people go, that they may ſerve me.

[4] *Iſa.*1.5. *Rom.* 2.4.

4 Elſe if thou refuſe to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring* the locuſts into thy coaſt.

* Wiſd.16.9.

5 And they ſhall cover the * face of the earth, that one cannot be able to ſee the earth: and they ſhall eat the [5] reſidue of that which is eſcaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and ſhall eat [6] every tree which groweth for you out of the field.

* Heb. *eye.*

[5] *Ch.*9.32. *Joel* 1.4. of the wheat and the rye, *ch.* 9. 32. ¶ [6] The fruit and leaves.

6 And they ſhall fill thy houſes, and the houſes of all thy ſervants, and the houſes of all the Egyptians; which [7] neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers fathers have ſeen, ſince the day that they were upon the earth, unto this day. And he turned himſelf, and went out from Pharaoh.

[7] *Ch.*9.-24. for number, ſhape, and miſchievous effects.

7 And Pharaohs [8] ſervants ſaid unto him, How long ſhall this man be [9] a ſnare unto us? Let the men go that they may ſerve the LORD their God: Knoweſt thou not yet, that Egypt is [10] deſtroyed?

[8] The Nobles and Counſellors of *Egypt.* ¶ [9] *Ch.*23. 33. *Joſh.*23.13. a means of deſtruction. ¶ [10] *Pſal.*107.34.

8 And Moſes and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he ſaid unto them; Go, ſerve the LORD your God: *but* * who *are* they that ſhall go?

* Heb. *who, and who, &c.*

9 And Moſes ſaid, We will go with our [11] young and with our old, with our ſons, and with our daughters; with our [12] flocks, and with our herds will we go: for we *muſt hold* a [13] feaſt unto the LORD.

[11] *Eccl.*12.1. *Joſh.*24.-15. ¶ [12] *Prov.* 3.9. for Sacrifice to God, and food for our ſelves. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 5.1.

10 And he ſaid unto them, [14] Let the LORD be ſo with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look *to it*, for [15] evil *is* before you.

[14] *q.d.* If I let you go, then let your great God, of whom you have ſo high an opinion, proſper you, and do what he can for you. ¶ [15] *q. d.* If you trouble me any further, I'le make you ſmart for't.

11 Not ſo: go now ye *that are* men, and ſerve the LORD, for that you did deſire. And they were driven out from Pharaohs preſence.

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12 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locuſts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left.

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13 And Moſes [16] ſtretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an [17] eaſt-wind, upon the land all that day, and all *that* night: *and* when it was morning, the eaſt-wind brought the [18] locuſts.

[16] Shaking the rod towards the ſeveral quarters of the land. ¶ [17] *Ch.*14.21. *Gen.*41.7. *Pſal.* 48. 8. *Iſa.*27.8. *Ezek.* 19.12. *Jer.*18.17. ¶ [18] *Pſal.*105. 34, 35. and 78.46. a great judgment, *Deut.*28.38. 1 *King.* 8. 37.

14 And the locuſts went up over all the land of Egypt, and reſted in all the coaſts of Egypt: very grievous *were they*; before them there were [19] no ſuch locuſts as they, neither after them ſhall be ſuch.

[19] *V.* 6. *ch.* 11. -6.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, ſo that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees, which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

16 ¶ Then Pharaoh * called for Moſes and Aaron in haſte, and he ſaid, [20] I have ſinned againſt the LORD your God, and [21] againſt you.

* Heb. *haſtened to call.*

[20] *Ch.* 9. 27. ſee there. ¶ [21] *Numb.* 21. 7. 1 *Sam.* 15. 24. againſt you *Iſraelites* in general, by your cruel bondage; and againſt you *Moſes* and *Aaron* in particular, by denial of your juſt requeſts, and ſcornful dealing with you.

17 Now therefore [22] forgive I pray thee, my ſin [23] only this once, and [24] intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me [25] this death only.

[22] Ceaſe to puniſh me any further. ¶ [23] *q.d.* If ever I treſpaſs again in this kind, pray for me no more. ¶ [24] See on *ch.*8.-28. ¶ [25] Deadly plague (as 2 *King.*4.40. 2 *Cor.*11.23.)

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and [26] intreated the LORD. 2513.

[26] *Ch.*8. 29. *Matth.* 5. 44.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty ſtrong weſt-wind, which took away the locuſts, and * caſt them into the [27] red ſea: there remained not one locuſt in all the coaſts of Egypt.

* Heb. *faſtened.*

[27] So called from the abundance of reddiſh weeds that grow in it.

20 But the [28] LORD hardned Pharaohs heart, ſo that he would not let the children of Iſrael go.

[28] See on *ch.* 4. 21.

21 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkneſs over the land of Egypt, *even darkneſs *which* may be [29] felt.

* Heb. *that one may feel darkneſs.*

[29] The air being ſo thickened with groſs miſts and vapors, that it might be felt.

22 And Moſes ſtretched forth his hand toward heaven: and there was [30] a thick darkneſs in all the land of Egypt three days.

[30] *Pſal.*105.28. *Rev.* 16.10.

23 They ſaw not one another, neither [31] roſe any from his place for three days: * but all the children of Iſrael had [32] light in their dwellings.

* Wiſd. 18. 1.

[31] 1 *Sam.* 2.9. went out of their houſes. ¶ [32] *Ch.*9. 26. *Iſa.*60.1,2. and ſo they might have gone away with all they had: but God would not have 'em go out like fugitives, but march out like triumphant Conquerors.

24 ¶ And Pharaoh called unto Moſes, and ſaid, Go ye, ſerve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be ſtayed: let your little ones alſo go with you.

25 And Moſes ſaid, Thou muſt give * us alſo ſacrifices, and burnt-offerings, that we may ſacrifice unto the LORD our God.

* Heb. *into our hands.*

26 Our

Chap. 11. 26 Our cattel alſo ſhall go with us; there ſhall not an [33] hoof be left behind: for thereof muſt we take to ſerve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we muſt ſerve the LORD, until we come thither.

[33] Nothing to tempt 'em to return back again thither.

27 ¶ But the [28] LORD hardned Pharaohs heart, and he would not let them go.

28 And Pharaoh ſaid unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thy ſelf, ſee my face no more: for in *that* day thou ſeeſt my face, thou ſhalt die.

29 And Moſes ſaid, Thou haſt ſpoken [34] well, I will ſee thy face again [35] no more.

[34] Right; ſo it ſhall come to paſs: for as thou haſt warn'd me to ſee thee no more, ſo I aſſure thee in the name of God that thou ſhalt ſee me no more to beg my prayers, or to be helped out of thy troubles by my means. ¶ [35] (For he denounced the laſt plague before he went out, *ch.*11.4–8.)

CHAP. XI.

1 *Gods meſſage to the Iſraelites to borrow jewels of their neighbours.* 4 *The death of the firſt-born threatned.*

2513. AND the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he ſhall let *you* go, he ſhall ſurely [1] thruſt you out hence altogether.

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man [2] borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, * jewels of ſilver, and jewels of gold.

* Chap.3.22. and 12.35.

[1] *Ch.*12.31,33,39. ¶ [2] *ch.* 3.22. See there.

3 And the LORD gave the people [3] favour in the ſight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man * Moſes *was* [4] very great in the land of Egypt, in the ſight of Pharaohs ſervants, and in the ſight of the people.

* Eccl.45.1.

[3] *Ch.*3.21. See there. ¶ [4] *Acts* 7.-22. 2 *Sam.*7.-9. *Eſth.* 9.4. Much honour'd, and much feared, both for his bringing Judgments upon 'em, and getting 'em remov'd again.

4 And Moſes [5] ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD, * About midnight will I [6] go out into the midſt of Egypt.

* Chap.12.29.

[5] *Viz.* to *Pharaoh* before he went out of his preſence, *v.* 8. with *ch.*10.29. ¶ [6] *Am.* 5.17. Manifeſt my power in an eminent manner.

5 And all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt ſhall die, from the firſt-born of [7] Pharaoh, that ſitteth upon his throne, even to the firſt-born of the maid-ſervant that *is* [8] behind the mill; and all the firſt-born of beaſts.

[7] *Ch.*12.29. ¶ [8] *Judg.*16.21. *Iſa.*47.1,2. *Lam.*5.13.

6 And there ſhall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, ſuch as there was none like it, nor ſhall be like it any more.

7 But againſt any of the children of Iſrael ſhall [9] not a dog move his tongue, againſt man or beaſt: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put [10] a difference between the Egyptians and Iſrael.

[9] *Joſh.*10.21. *i. e.* They ſhall not have the leaſt let, or diſturbance. ¶ [10] *Ch.*8.22. *Mal.* 3.18.

8 And all theſe thy [11] ſervants ſhall come down unto me, and [12] bowe down themſelves unto me, ſaying, Get thee out, and all the people * that follow thee; and after that I will go out: and he went out from Pharaoh in † a [13] great anger.

* Heb. *that is at thy feet.*
† Heb. *heat of anger.*

[11] Counſellors, and Courtiers, *ch.*12.31,33. ¶ [12] *Iſa.*49.23. ¶ [13] *Mark* 3.5 For his incurable rebellion againſt God, and in token of God's great diſpleaſure againſt *Pharaoh*, to whom *Moſes* was in ſtead of God, *ch.* 7.1.

9 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Pharaoh ſhall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

10 And Moſes and Aaron did all theſe wonders before Pharaoh: and the [14] LORD hardened Pharaohs heart, ſo that he [15] would not let the children of Iſrael go out of his land.

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[14] See on *ch.*4.21. ¶ [15] Till forc'd thereto by the death of the firſt-born.

CHAP. XII.

3 *The paſſover is inſtituted.* 29 *The firſt-born are ſlain.* 31 *The Iſraelites are driven out of the land.*

AND the LORD [1] ſpake unto Moſes and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ſaying,

[1] Probably, before the three days darkneſs; about the ninth day of the month, becauſe the lamb was to be ſet apart on the tenth day, *v.* 3.

2 This month *ſhall be* unto you the [2] beginning of months: *it ſhall be* the [2] firſt month of the year to you.

[2] Hence in all reckonings of the months in Scripture, where they are numerically named, this is counted the firſt; and the others as they lie in order from this. Yea, tho' the Feaſt of In-gathering be ſaid to be at the years end; (*Exod.* 23.16. and 34.22.) and the year of Jubilee be appointed to begin in that ſame month, (*Lev.*25.9.) yet there that month it ſelf is called the ſeventh month, and not the firſt. And this was ſo ordained, becauſe this releaſe of *Iſrael* was a figure of the Church's Redemption by Chriſt; who was to ſuffer death alſo in this month, *John* 18.28. *&c.*

3 ¶ Speak ye unto all the congregation of Iſrael, ſaying, [3] In the tenth *day* of this month they ſhall [4] take to them every man a * [5] lamb, according to the houſe of *their* fathers, a lamb for an houſe.

* Or, *kid.*

[3] To teach the Church in all ages how neceſſary a thing preparation is, before the ſolemn duties and exerciſes of Piety. ¶ [4] So Chriſt was taken from among men, *Heb.* 5.1. ¶ [5] or Kid, (*v.*-5.) A type of Chriſt, *John* 1.29. 1 *Cor.* 5.7.

4 And if the houſhold be to little [6] for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his houſe, take *it*, according to the number of the ſouls; [7] every man according to his eating, ſhall make your count for the lamb.

[6] To eat it up at one meal. ¶ [7] Every Maſter of a Family ſhall compute how much his Family uſes to eat, and ſhall take ſuch a ſhare of the Lamb as may ſuffice 'em.

5 Your lamb ſhall be [8] without blemiſh, [9] a male * [10] of the firſt year: ye ſhall take *it* out from the ſheep or from the goats.

* Heb. *ſon of a year.*

[8] *Lev.* 1.3, 10. That has neither want, nor ſuperfluity of members, *Lev.*22.21–24. to note, (1) Chriſt's perfect holineſs, *Hebr.*9.13,14. 1 *Pet.*1.18,19. and 2.22. (2) That God muſt be ſerved with the beſt. ¶ [9] To note Chriſt's excellency and dignity. ¶ [10] Or, *about a year old*, to note that Chriſt died in his full ſtrength.

6 And ye ſhall [11] keep it up until the [12] fourteenth day of the ſame month: and the [13] whole aſſembly of the congregation of Iſrael ſhall kill it * in the [14] evening.

* Heb. *between the two evenings.*

[11] So Chriſt was ſeparated from ſinners. ¶ [12] *Lev.* 23.5. ¶ [13] One in the name of every ſuch Society as is mention'd *v.* 3, 4. to note, that the Church only receives benefit by Chriſt's death. ¶ [14] *Ch.* 29.39. and 30.8. *Num.* 28.4. Between three a clock and Sun-ſet. So Chriſt ſuffered in the laſt days, (*Hebr.*1.2. 1 *Pet.* 1.19,20.) and at this time of the day, *Matth.*27.46–50.

7 And they ſhall take of the blood, and [15] ſtrike *it* on the two [15] ſide-poſts, and on the [15] upper door-poſt of the houſes, wherein they ſhall eat it.

[15] *v.* 22. To note, that their preſervation was by virtue of Chriſt's blood applied by faith, 1 *Pet.* 1.2. *Hebr.*9.13,14.

8 And they ſhall eat the fleſh in [16] that night; [17] roſt with fire, and [18] unleavened bread, *and* with [19] bitter *herbs* they ſhall eat it.

[16] *Viz.* Following the fourteenth, and beginning the fifteenth day. The Lamb was killed on the fourteenth day, in the evening, *i. e.* after three a clock, (*v.*-6.) but was eaten that night, which was the beginning of the fifteenth day. ¶ [17] To

Chap. 12. ¶ [17] To note the ſharp and dreadful pains which Chriſt ſuffer'd, not only from men, but from God too, and from the fire of his wrath againſt ſinners. ¶ [18] *v.*34. *Deut.*16.3. To teach us to abſtain from all corruption, both in Doctrin and Converſation, *Matth.*16.12. *Luke* 12.11. 1 *Cor.*5.8. ¶ [19] Such as Endive, Succory, wild Lettice, Thyme, *&c.* (1) In remembrance of their bitter bondage in *Egypt*, *ch.*1.14. (2) To typifie our mortification, and readineſs to undergo afflictions with Chriſt, *Col.*1.24. (3) To teach us the abſolute neceſſity of true repentance in all that would profitably feed upon Chriſt.

9 Eat not of it [20] raw, nor ſodden at all with water, but [17] roſt with fire; his [21] head with his [21] legs, and with the [21] purtenance thereof.

[20] *i. e.* Not thorowly roſted; to note, that Chriſt ſhould ſuffer to the utmoſt all that was due for our ſins. ¶ [21] Not cut into pieces, but roſted whole, to note, that we muſt either have whole Chriſt, or nothing of him.

10 And ye ſhall let nothing of it remain [22] until the morning: and that which remaineth of it until the morning, ye ſhall [23] burn with fire.

[22] *Ch.*34.25. and 23.18. and 29.34. *Deut.*16.4. So for Manna, (*ch.*16.19.) and ſome other Sacrifices, (*Lev.* 7.15. and 19.6. and 22.30.) to prevent putrifaction, profanation, and ſuperſtition; and to note that the preſent ſeaſon of grace is to be imbrac'd without delay. ¶ [23] *Lev.* 19.6,7. To prevent either the ſuperſtitious uſe, or profane abuſe of the remainders.

11 ¶ And [24] thus ſhall ye eat it; *with* your [25] loyns girded, your [26] ſhoes on your feet, and your [27] ſtaff in your hand: and ye ſhall eat it in haſte; it *is* the LORDs [28] paſſover.

[24] *Viz.* at this time; (for theſe circumſtances were only temporary, not perpetual.) ¶ [25] Noting, readineſs to every good work, *Iſa.*11.5. *Eph.*6.14. 1 *Pet.* 1.13. ¶ [26] Another ſign (1) Of readineſs for their journy, *Iſa.* 5.27. *Acts* 12.8. (2) Of deliverance out of bondage; (for ſlaves went barefoot.) ¶ [27] Like perſons upon the point of departing. ¶ [28] *i. e.* A ſign of his paſſing over you and your houſes, when he comes to deſtroy the Egyptians, (*v.*13,23.) and a type of Chriſt, (1 *Cor.* 5.7.) for whoſe ſake God thus paſſed over them.

12 For I will paſs through the land of Egypt this night, and will ſmite all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beaſt: and againſt all the * [29] gods of Egypt I will [30] execute judgment; I *am* the LORD.

* Or, *princes.*

[29] *Numb.*33.-4. *Iſa.*19.1. *Jer.* 43.13. The Idols. ¶ [30] By cauſing ſome ſuch remarkable accident to befal 'em, as befel *Dagon*, 1 *Sam.*5.3.

13 And the blood ſhall be to you for [31] a token upon the houſes where you *are:* and when I ſee the blood, I will [32] paſs over you, and the plague ſhall not be upon you * to deſtroy *you*, when I ſmite the land of Egypt.

* Heb. *for a deſtruction.*

[31] Whereby you may be induced firmly to believe that you ſhall be paſſed over, and not deſtroy'd. ¶ [32] So the blood of Chriſt delivers from wrath, 1 *Theſſ.*1.10.

14 And this day ſhall be unto you for [33] a memorial; and you ſhall keep it a [34] feaſt to the LORD throughout your generations: you ſhall keep it a feaſt by an ordinance for [35] ever.

[33] *Viz.* of this deliverance from *Egypt*, and a type of your redemption by Chriſt. ¶ [34] A time of rejoycing for your deliverance, hereby commemorated, *Deut.*16.11,15. *Neh.*8.9–12. ¶ [35] *i. e.* (1) Every year, all the days of your life, *Deut.*16.-3. (2) During the time of the legal ſervice, till the coming of Chriſt; who is our Paſſover, 1 *Cor.* 5.7,8.

15 [36] Seven days ſhall ye eat [18] unleavened bread, even the firſt day ye ſhall [37] put away leaven out of your houſes: for whoſoever eateth leavened bread, from the firſt day until the ſeventh day, that ſoul ſhall be [38] cut off from Iſrael.

[36] *Ch.*13.6. and 23.15. and 34.18. *Viz.* After the Paſchal-day, (for that was a diſtinct feaſt, and command, *Lev.*23.5,6.) whereby was ſignified, that the whole time of life (for ſeven is a number of Perfection) muſt be attended with ſincerity and truth, 1 *Cor.*5.8. ¶ [37] To note the putting away of Hypocriſie, (*Luke* 12.1.) corrupt Doctrin, (*Matth.*16.6,12.) evil manners, (1 *Cor.* 5.8.) and wicked perſons out of the Church, 1 *Cor.*5.6.7,13. ¶ [38] *v.* 19. *Gen.* 17.14. See there. Not only from the ſociety of the Saints both here and hereafter; but alſo by death; as *ch.* 31.14.

16 And in the firſt day *there ſhall be* [39] an holy convocation, and in the [40] ſeventh day there ſhall be an holy convocation to you: no manner of [41] work ſhall be done in them, ſave *that* which every * man muſt eat, that only may be done of you. Chap. 12. 2513.

* Heb. *ſoul.*

[39] An aſſembly of all the people for the work and ſervice of God, (therefore called a Sabbath, *Lev.*23.39.) ¶ [40] Wherein their deliverance from *Egypt* was compleated, by the drowning of *Pharaoh* and his hoſt in the red Sea; (as it was begun on the firſt day by the killing of the firſt-born.) ¶ [41] *ch.*16.23. and 35.2,3. *Neh.*8.15–22. *Jer.*17.21,22. *Exod.*-31.11. &c. and 34.21. & 35.2. *Viz.* of ſervile work, *Lev.*23.7.

17 And ye ſhall obſerve *the feaſt of* unleavened bread; for in this ſelf-ſame day have [42] I brought your [43] armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore ſhall ye obſerve this day in your generations, by an ordinance for ever.

[42] By an Angel, *Numb.*20.16. ¶ [43] See on *ch.*6.26.

18 ¶ * In the [44] firſt *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye ſhall eat unleavened bread, until the [45] one and twentieth day of the month at even.

* Lev.23.5. Numb.28.16.

[44] *Lev.*23.5. *Numb.*28.16. According to this new account, *v.*2. ¶ [45] Including that too.

19 [36] Seven days ſhall there be no leaven found in your houſes: for whoſoever eateth that which is leavened, even that ſoul ſhall be [38] cut off from the congregation of Iſrael, whether he be a ſtranger, or born in the land.

20 Ye ſhall eat nothing leavened: in all your habitations ſhall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 ¶ Then Moſes called for all the [46] elders of Iſrael, and ſaid unto them, [47] Draw out and take you a * lamb, according to your families, and kill the paſſover.

* Or, *kid.*

[46] *Ch.*3.16. By whom this Law was to be communicated to the people. ¶ [47] *v.*5,6.

22 * And ye ſhall take a bunch of [48] hyſſop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the baſon, and [15] ſtrike the lintel and the two ſide-poſts, with the blood that *is* in the baſon: and none of you ſhall [49] go out at the door of his houſe until the morning.

* Hebr.11.28.

[48] *Pſal.* 51.7. *Hebr.* 11.28. Faith, *Acts* 15.9. ¶ [49] To note, that it is only under the protection, and efficacy of Chriſt's blood that we are ſecur'd from deſtruction.

23 For the LORD will paſs through to ſmite the Egyptians, and when he ſeeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two ſide-poſts, the LORD will paſs over the door, and will [50] not ſuffer the [51] deſtroyer to come in unto your houſes to ſmite *you.*

[50] *Ezek.*9.6. *Rev.*7.3. and 9.4. ¶ [51] *Heb.*11.28. 2 *Sam.*24.16.

24 And ye ſhall obſerve [52] this thing for an ordinance to thee, and to thy ſons [35] for ever.

[52] This commandment of the Paſſover, as to the ſubſtance of it, (tho' not in all the Rites and Ceremonies, divers whereof were peculiar to the firſt Celebration.)

25 And it ſhall come to paſs when ye be come to the [53] land, which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promiſed, that ye ſhall [52] keep this ſervice.

[53] Whereby it appears that this command was chiefly intended for *Canaan.*

26 * And it ſhall come to paſs, when your children ſhall ſay unto you, [54] What mean you by this ſervice?

* Joſh.4.6.

[54] *Deut.* 32.-7. *Joſh.* 4.-6. *Pſal.* 78.6.

27 That ye ſhall ſay, It *is* the [55] ſacrifice of the LORDs paſſover, who paſſed over the houſes of the children of Iſrael in Egypt, when he ſmote the Egyptians, and delivered our houſes. And the people [56] bowed the head & worſhipped. 2513.

[55] As it was offer'd to God, (*ch.*34.25. *Deut.*16.2,5.) and attended with the ſhedding, and ſprinkling of blood; ſo it was a Sacrifice: tho' alſo it was a Sacra ment, as received and eaten by men. ¶ [56] *ch.*4.-31. 2 *Chro.*29.30. In token of their thankful acknowledgment of God's favor, and cheerful ſubmiſſion to his command, and ordinance.

28 And the children of Iſrael went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moſes and Aaron, ſo did they. 29 ¶ And

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29 ¶ * And it came to paſs that at [57] midnight the LORD ſmote all the [58] firſt-born in the land of Egypt, † from the firſt-born of Pharaoh, that ſat on his throne, unto the firſt-born of the captive that *was* in the † dungeon; and all the firſt-born of cattel.

* Chap. 11. 4.
† Wiſd. 18. 11.
† Heb. *houſe of the pit.*

[57] *Ch.* 11. 4. when they were moſt ſecure, 1 *Theſſ.* 5. 2, 3. *Job* 34. 20. ¶ [58] *Numb.* 8. 17. and 33. 4. *Pſal.* 78. 51. and 105. 36. and 135. 8. and 136. 10.

30 And Pharaoh roſe up in the night, he and all his ſervants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a [59] great cry in Egypt: for *there was* not a houſe where *there was* not one dead.

[59] *Ch.* 11. 6. *Prov.* 21. 13. *Jam.* 2. 13.

31 ¶ And he [60] called for Moſes and Aaron by night, and ſaid, Riſe up, *and* get you forth from amongſt my people, both you and the children of Iſrael: and go, ſerve the LORD, as ye have ſaid.

[60] Sent meſſengers to call 'em up, and bid 'em be gon preſently; for *ch.* 10. 29.

32 Alſo [61] take your flocks, and your herds, as ye have ſaid, and be gone: and [62] bleſs me alſo.

[61] *Ch.* 10. 26. ¶ [62] *ch.* 8. 28. and 9. 28. and 10. 17. pray for me.

33 And the Egyptians were [63] urgent upon the people, that they might ſend them out of the land in haſte: for they ſaid, We *be* all [64] dead *men.*

[63] *Ch.* 11. 1, 8. *Pſal.* 105. 38. ¶ [64] *Gen.* 20. 3.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their † kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their ſhoulders.

† Or, *dough.*

35 And the children of Iſrael did according to the word of Moſes: and they [65] borrowed of the Egyptians † jewels of ſilver, and jewels of gold, and raiment.

† Chap. 3. 22. & 11. 2.

36 And the LORD gave the people [66] favour in the ſight of the Egyptians, ſo that they [67] lent unto them *ſuch things as they required:* and they ſpoiled the Egyptians.

[65] See on *ch.* 3. 22. ¶ [66] See on *ch.* 3. 21. ¶ [67] *Gen.* 15. 14. *Pſal.* 105. 37.

37 ¶ And the † children of Iſrael [68] journyed from Rameſes to Succoth, about [69] ſix hundred thouſand on foot *that were* men, beſides children.

† Numb. 33. 3.

[68] *Numb.* 33. 3. ¶ [69] *Gen.* 15. 5. and 49. 3. *Pſal.* 105. 37.

38 And † [70] a mixed multitude went up alſo with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattel.

† Heb. *a great mixture.*

[70] *Zach.* 8. 23. ſtrangers of ſeveral nations.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough, which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened: becauſe they were [71] thruſt out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themſelves any victual.

40 ¶ Now the [72] ſojourning of the children of Iſrael, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* † [73] four hundred and thirty years.

† Gen. 15. 13. Acts 7. 6. Gal. 3. 17.

[71] *V.* 33. *ch.* 6. 1. ¶ [72] *Act.* 13. 17. *Heb.* 11. 9. ¶ [73] *Gen.* 15. 13. *Act.* 7. 6. not that they dwelt in *Egypt* ſo long, but alſo in *Canaan* and *Meſopotamia:* and theſe years are to be reckoned from the promiſe given to *Abraham,* (*Gen.* 12. 1–5. and 15. 18.) to the giving of the Law, as the Apoſtle ſhews, *Gal.* 3. 16, 17.

41 And it came to paſs, at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even [74] the ſelf-ſame day it came to paſs, that all the hoſts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

[74] *Hab.* 2. 3. *Pſal.* 102. 13. *Ezek.* 24. 2.

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42 It *is* a † [75] night to be much obſerved [76] unto the LORD, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this *is* that night of the LORD to be obſerved of all the children of Iſrael in their generations.

† Heb. *a night of obſervations.*

[75] *Deut.* 16. 6. ¶ [76] To his honor, in the manifeſtation of his faithfulneſs and power.

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43 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the paſſover: there ſhall no [77] ſtranger eat thereof.

[77] Uncircumciſed Gentile.

44 But every mans ſervant that is [78] bought for mony, when thou haſt circumciſed him, then ſhall he eat thereof.

45 [79] A foreiner, and an hired ſervant ſhall not eat thereof.

[78] *Gen.* 17. 12, 13. ¶ [79] One of another nation dwelling in the land, and obſerving only the precepts of the Sons of *Noah,* but not circumciſed, nor joined to the Church, *Lev.* 22. 10.

46 [80] In one houſe ſhall it be eaten, thou ſhalt not carry forth ought of the fleſh abroad [81] out of the houſe: * neither ſhall ye break [82] a bone thereof.

* Numb. 9. 12. John 19. 36.

[80] *Numb.* 9. 12. in the ſame ſociety, or company in one family. ¶ [81] To note that Chriſt and Salvation are not to be had out of the Church. ¶ [82] *Joh.* 19. 33, 36.

47 All the congregation of Iſrael ſhall † [83] keep it.

† Heb. *do it.*

48 And when a [84] ſtranger ſhall ſojourn with thee, and will keep the paſſover to the LORD, [85] let all his males be circumciſed, and then let him come near and keep it; and he ſhall be as one that is born in the land: for [86] no uncircumciſed perſon ſhall eat thereof.

[83] *Numb.* 9. 13. ¶ [84] One joined to the Jewiſh Church, and obſerving all their Laws, *Act.* 13. 43. *Matth.* 23. 15. ¶ [85] So that not only a mans own ſin, but the ſin of thoſe under his charge, which they are guilty of thro' his default or neglect, debar him from the Sacrament. ¶ [86] *Ezek* 44. 9.

49 [87] One Law ſhall be to him that is home-born, and unto the ſtranger that ſojourneth among you.

[87] *Numb.* 15. 15. *Gal.* 3. 28. *Act.* 15. 9. *Ezek.* 47. 22, 23.

50 Thus did all the children of Iſrael; as the LORD commanded Moſes and Aaron, ſo did they.

51 And it came to paſs the ſelf-ſame day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Iſrael out of the land of Egypt, by their armies.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The firſt-born ſanctified to God.* 3 *The memorial of the paſſover is commanded.* 21 *God guideth them by a pillar of a cloud and of fire.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 * [1] Sanctifie unto me all the [2] firſt-born, [3] whatſoever openeth the womb among the children of Iſrael, *both* of man and of beaſt: it *is* [4] mine.

* Chap. 22. 29. & 34. 19. Levit. 27. 26. Numb. 3. 13. & 8. 16. Luk. 2. 23.

[1] *V.* 12. *ch.* 22.–29. and 34. 19. *Lev.* 27. 16. *Numb.* 3. 13. and 8. 16. *Deut.* 15. 19. *Ezek.* 44. 30. *Luk.* 2. 23. command the people to ſet apart for my ſervice, *v.* 12. ¶ [2] *Viz.* of the males: *v.* 12. to note, that God's people (who are the congregation of the firſt-born, (*ch.* 4. 22. *Heb.* 12. 23.) and are redeemed from Death by the blood of Chriſt) ſhould devote themſelves to God's ſervice, *Rom.* 6. 13, 19, 22. and 12. 1. ¶ [3] *Viz.* of the Males. ¶ [4] *viz.* by a peculiar right, being preſerv'd, when the Egyptians were deſtroy'd.

3 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the people, [5] Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the houſe of *bondage; for by [6] ſtrength of hand the LORD brought you out from this *place*: there ſhall [7] no leavened bread be eaten.

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* Heb. *ſervants.*

[5] *Ch.* 12. 42. ¶ [6] *v.* 9. 15, 16. *ch.* 6. 1. ſee there: a figure of our redemption by Chriſt, *Luk.* 11. 21, 22. ¶ [7] See on *ch.* 12, 8.

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4 This day came ye out, in the month Abib.

5 ¶ And it ſhall be when the LORD ſhall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebuſites, which he ſware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land [8] flowing with milk and honey, that thou ſhalt [9] keep this ſervice in this month.

[8] See on *ch.*3.8. ¶[9] *ch.* 12. 25.

6 [10] Seven days ſhalt thou eat unleavened bread, and in the ſeventh day *ſhall be* a feaſt to the LORD.

[10] See on *ch.* 12. 15.

7 Unleavened bread ſhall be eaten ſeven days: and there ſhall no leavened bread be ſeen with thee, neither ſhall there be leaven ſeen with thee in all thy quarters.

8 ¶ And thou ſhalt [11] ſhew thy ſon in that day, ſaying, *This is done* becauſe of that *which* the LORD did unto me, when I came forth out of Egypt.

[11] *Ch.*12. 26,27. ſee there.

9 And it ſhall be for a [12] ſign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a [13] memorial between thine eyes; that the LORDs law may be in thy [14] mouth: for with a [6] ſtrong hand hath the LORD brought the out of Egypt.

[12] *V.*16. *Deut.*6.8. and 11. 18. *i. e.* This feaſt of unleavened bread ſhall be as a continual means to call to your remembrance your deliverance out of *Egypt*. ¶[13] Thoſe paſſages are not to be underſtood literally, as the ſuperſtitious Jews underſtood 'em, who wrote four Sections of the Law, (*viz.* *Exod.*13.2–10. and 13. 11–16. *Deut.*6.4–9. and 11.13–21.) upon parchments, which they folded up, and covered with leather, and tied 'em to the forehead and hand; whereas God only taught 'em hereby, diligently to regard, and carefully to practiſe his Laws. See *n.* 22. ¶[14] *Joſh.*1.8.

10 Thou ſhalt therefore keep this ordinance in his ſeaſon from year to year.

11 ¶ And it ſhall be when the LORD ſhall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he ſware unto thee, and to thy fathers, and ſhall give it thee,

12 * That thou ſhalt † [15] ſet apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix: and every firſtling that cometh of a beaſt, which thou haſt, the males *ſhall be* the LORDs.

* Chap.22.29. & 34. 19. Ezek.44.30.
† Heb. *cauſe to paſs over.*

[15] *V.* 2. ſeparate it from the reſt, and reſign thy right in it to God.

13 And every firſtling of an [16] aſs thou ſhalt redeem with a ‖lamb, and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou ſhalt [17] break his neck: and all the firſt-born of [18] man amongſt thy children ſhalt thou [18] redeem.

‖ Or, *kid.*

[16] *Ch.* 34. 20. or of any unclean beaſt, *Numb.* 18. 15. ¶[17] That it might not be put to any other uſe. ¶[18] For five Shekels (*Numb.*18. 16.) whereby was ſignified our redemption by Chriſt.

14 ¶ And it ſhall be when thy ſon asketh thee * in time to come, ſaying, [19] What *is* this? that [20] thou ſhalt ſay unto him, by [6] ſtrength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the houſe of bondage.

* Heb. *to morrow.*

[19] *Ch.*12.26. *Deut.*6.20. *Joſh.*4. 22. *Pſal.* 44. 1. ¶[20] Parents muſt inſtruct their children in the word and works of God, and in the nature and reaſons of the ſeveral duties of worſhip.

15 And it came to paſs when Pharaoh would [21] hardly let us go, that the LORD ſlew all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, both the firſt-born of man, and the firſt-born of beaſt: therefore I ſacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firſt-born of my children I redeem.

[21] *Ch.*7.3,4. *Job* 9. 4.

16 And it ſhall be for a [22] token upon thine hand, and for [22] frontlets between thine eyes: for by ſtrength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

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[22] See *n.*13. *Deut.* 6.8. inſtead of frontlets: *q.d.* This practice ſhall make your deliverance from *Egypt* as freſh and evident to you and your children, as any thing which you ſee hang'd or written upon one anothers foreheads, as *Ezek.* 9. 4.

17 ¶ And it came to paſs when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philiſtines, although that *was* near: for God ſaid, leſt peradventure the people repent when they [23] ſee war, and they [24] return to Egypt.

[23] Find that the Philiſtines make war upon them to hinder their paſſage. Thus God provides for his people's infirmities, 1 *Cor.*10.13. *Pſal.* 103.12. *Gen.* 19. 20, 21. ¶[24] As they attempted to do, *Numb.* 14.

18 But God [25] led the people about, *through* the [26] way of the wilderneſs of the Red ſea: and the children of Iſrael went up † [27] harneſſed out of the land of Egypt.

† Or, *by five in a rank.*

[25] *Ch.*14.2. ¶[26] *Numb.*33.8. ¶[27] *ch.* 14. 8.

19 And Moſes took the [28] bones of [29] Joſeph with him: for he had ſtraitly ſworn the children of Iſrael, ſaying, † God will ſurely viſit you; and ye ſhall carry up my bones away hence with you.

† Gen. 50. 25. Joſh. 24. 32.

[28] *Gen.*50.24. ſee there. ¶[29] And the other Patriarchs, *Act.*7.16.

20 ¶ And † they took their journy from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderneſs.

† Numb.33.6.

21 And † the [30] LORD went before them by day in [31] a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of [32] fire, to give them light: to go by day and night.

† Num.14.14. Deut. 1. 33. Neh. 9. 19. Pſal.78. 14. 1 Cor. 10. 1.

22 [33] He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

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[30] *Ch.*40.38. *Numb.*14.14. *Deut.*1.33. *Pſal.*78.14. and 99.7. 1 *Cor.*10.1. called, the Angel of the Lord, (*ch.*14.19.) *i. e.* Chriſt, 1 *Cor.*10.9. ¶[31] *Pſal.* 105. 39. a cloud ſhaped like a pillar: which afterwards ſtood over the Tabernacle, (*Numb.* 9.15–23.) noting Chriſt's guidance and protection of his Church thro' this world. *Iſa.*4.5,6. ¶[32] *Ch.*14. 19, 20, 24. ¶[33] *Neh.*9. 19.

CHAP. XIV.

5 *Pharaohs purſuit.* 10 *The Iſraelites murmur.* 21 *They paſs through the Red ſea.* 23 *The Egyptians drowned.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael that they turn and encamp [1] before † Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the ſea, over againſt Baal-zephon: before it ſhall ye encamp by the ſea.

† Numb. 33.7.

[1] Or, in the ſtraits, or paſſage between the mountains of *Hiroth*. Into theſe ſtraits God led 'em (1) To avoid war with the Philiſtines, *ch.*13.–17. (2) To draw *Pharaoh* forth upon a ſuppoſed advantage gotten, *v.*3. (3) To try the faith of his people.

3 For Pharaoh will ſay of the children of Iſrael, They *are* intangled in the land, the wilderneſs hath ſhut them in.

4 And I will [2] harden Pharaohs heart, that he ſhall follow after them, and I will be [3] honoured upon Pharaoh and upon all his hoſt; that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the LORD. And they did ſo.

[2] *V.* 8,17. *ch.*4.21. ſee there. ¶[3] *v.* 17, 18. *ch.* 9. 16. ſee there. *Ezek.*28. 22.

5 ¶ And it was told the king of Egypt, that the people [4] fled: and the [5] heart of Pharaoh and of his ſervants was turned againſt the people, and they ſaid, [6] Why have we done this, that we have let Iſrael go from ſerving us?

[4] Were going away with a purpoſe not to return. ¶[5] *Pſal.* 105.25. ¶[6] *ch.* 12.33.

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6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him.

7 And he took ſix hundred choſen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

8 And the LORD hardned the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he purſued after the children of Iſrael: and the children of Iſrael went out, [7] with an high hand.

[7] *Ch.*13.-16. Not like fugitives, but openly and boldly, (*Numb.*33.-3.) and in a military poſture, (*ch.*13.-18.) being reſcued out of their bondage by the mighty power of God, *ch.*13.-16.

* Joſh.24.6. 1 Mac.4.9.

9 But the * Egyptians [8] purſued after them (all the horſes *and* chariots of Pharaoh, and his horſemen, and his army) and overtook them encamping by the ſea, beſide Pi-hahiroth before Baal-zephon.

10 ¶ And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Iſrael lift up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them, and they were [9] ſore afraid: and the children of Iſrael cried out unto the LORD.

[8] *Joſh.* 24. 6. ¶ [9] For want of faith, *Matth.* 8.26.

11 And they ſaid unto Moſes, [10] Becauſe *there were* no graves in Egypt, haſt thou taken us away to die in the wilderneſs? Wherefore haſt thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

* Chap.6.9. 2515.

12 * *Is* not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, ſaying, [11] Let us alone, that we may ſerve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to ſerve the Egyptians, then that we ſhould die in the wilderneſs.

[10] *Pſal.* 106. 7, 8. ¶ [11] *ch.* 6. 9.

13 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the people, [12] Fear ye not, [13] ſtand ſtill, and [13] ſee the [14] ſalvation of the LORD, which he will ſhew to you to day: * for the Egyptians whom ye have ſeen to day, ye ſhall ſee them again [15] no more for ever.

* Or, *for whereas you have ſeen the Egyptians to day*, &c.

[12] *Iſa.* 41. 14. 2 *Chron.* 20. 15 ¶ [13] 2 *Chron.* 20. 17. *Iſa.* 30. 15. Wait upon God with a quiet, compoſed frame of ſpirit, and a believing expectation of deliverance. ¶ [14] *v.* 30. *Gen.*49.18. *Iſa.*43.11. *Hoſ.*13.4. ¶ [15] *v.*30. *Pſal.*104.35. In that manner, *viz.* alive, armed, and ready to devour you.

14 The LORD ſhall [16] fight for you, and ye ſhall [17] hold your peace.

[16] *v.*25. *ch.*15.3. *Judg.*5. 20. ¶ [17] Forbear murmuring, and do nothing your ſelves, and then God will do all for you.

15 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Wherefore [18] crieſt thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Iſrael, that they go forward.

[18] *Ch.*17.4. *Neh.*9.9. *Deut.*9.13,14,20.

16 But lift thou up [19] thy rod, and ſtretch out thine hand over the ſea, and [20] divide it: and the children of Iſrael ſhall go on dry-ground through the mids of the ſea.

[19] *Ch.*4.2. and 7.9. ¶ [20] Command it in my name to divide it ſelf.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they ſhall follow them: and I will get me [21] honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his hoſt, upon his chariots, and upon his horſemen.

[21] *v.*4. *Neh.*9.-10.

18 And the Egyptians ſhall [22] know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horſmen.

19 ¶ And the [23] angel of God, which went before the camp of Iſrael, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and ſtood behind them.

[22] *v.*-4. *Pſal.* 9.16. ¶ [23] Chriſt called Jehovah, *v.*24.

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Iſrael, and it was a [24] cloud and darkneſs *to them*, but it gave light by night *to theſe*: ſo that the one came not near the other all the night.

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21 And Moſes ſtretched out his hand over the ſea, and the LORD cauſed the ſea to [25] go *back* by a ſtrong eaſt-wind all that night, and made the ſea [26] dry-land, and all the waters were * [27] divided.

* Joſh.4.23. Pſal.114.3.

[24] *Pſal.*18.11. *Iſa.*8.14. ¶ [25] *Joſh.*4.23. *Pſal.* 106. 9. and 114. 5. and 77. 6. and 78. 13. and 66. 12. *Iſa.* 43.2. So *Joſh.* 3. 16. ¶ [26] *Pſal.*66. 5, 6. and 106. 9. ¶ [27] *Pſal.* 136. 13. *Iſa.*63.12. *Neh.*9.11.

* Pſal.78.13. 1 Cor.10.1. Hebr.11.29.

22 And * the children of Iſrael went into the [28] midſt of the ſea upon the dry-ground: and the waters *were* a [29] wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

[28] *Numb.*33.8. *Joſh.*4.23. *Hebr.* 11. 29. ¶ [29] *Pſal.* 78. 13. *Iſa.*63,13,14.

23 ¶ And the Egyptians purſued, and went in after them, to the midſt of the ſea, *even* all Pharaohs horſes, his chariots, and his horſemen.

24 And it came to paſs, that in the [30] morning-watch the [23] LORD [31] looked unto the hoſt of the Egyptians, through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and [32] troubled the hoſt of the Egyptians,

[30] *Matth.*14.25. ¶ [31] *Job* 40. 12. Manifeſted his diſpleaſure againſt 'em. ¶ [32] *Pſal.*18.14. with terrible and prodigious ſtorms, claps and bolts of thunder and lightning, (*ch.*15. 10. *Pſal.*77.18,19.) whereby they were put into great diſorder.

25 And took off their chariot-wheels, * that they drave them heavily: ſo that the Egyptians ſaid, Let us flee from the face of Iſrael; for the LORD [33] fighteth for them, againſt the Egyptians.

* Or, *and made them to go heavily.*

[33] *v.* 14. Sinners will not be convinced, nor repent, till it be too late.

26 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch out thine hand over the ſea, that the waters may [34] come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horſemen.

27 And Moſes ſtretched forth his hand over the ſea, and the ſea returned to his [35] ſtrength when the [36] morning appeared, and the Egyptians fled againſt it: and the LORD * [37] overthrew the Egyptians in the midſt of the ſea.

* Heb. *ſhook off.*

[34] *Ch.*15.10. ¶ [35] To it's ordinary courſe and motion. ¶ [36] *Pſal.*46.-5. ¶ [37] *Deut.*11.4. *Matth.* 7. 2. *ch.* 1. 22. A figure of Chriſt's victory over our ſpiritual enemies, *Mich.* 7.15,19.

28 And the waters [38] returned and covered the chariots, and the horſemen, *and* all the hoſt of Pharaoh that came into the ſea after them: there remained [39] not ſo much as * one of them. 2513.

* Pſal.106.11.

[38] *Hab.* 3. 8, 10. ¶ [39] *Pſal.* 106. 11.

29 But the children of Iſrael [40] walked upon dry-land in the midſt of the ſea: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD ſaved Iſrael that day out of the hand of the Egyptians: [41] and Iſrael ſaw the Egyptians dead upon the ſea-ſhore.

[40] *Pſal.*77.20. *Joſh.*3.-16. ¶ [41] *Pſal.*58.10.

31 And Iſrael ſaw that great * work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians; and the people feared the LORD, and [42] believed the LORD, and his ſervant [43] Moſes.

* Heb. *hand.*

[42] *Ch.* 19. 9. 1 *Sam.* 12. 18. 2 *Chron.* 20. 20. ¶ [43] This meſſage which he brought 'em from God.

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1 *Moſes ſong.* 22 *The people want water.* 23 *The bitter waters of Marah* 25 *are ſweetned.*

THen [1] ſang * Moſes and the children of Iſrael this ſong unto the LORD, and ſpake, ſaying, I will ſing unto the LORD, for he hath

* Wiſd.10.20

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[1] *Pſal.* 106. 12. This ſong looks not only backward to what God had newly done for 'em, but forward, to what God ſhall do for his Church in future ages: That deliverance was but a rough draught of ſomething more extraordinary to be wrought towards the end of the world; when his plagues ſhall be poured out upon the Antichriſtian Powers, (*Rev.* 15.2,3.) Hence the word [*ſang*] and ſeveral others, (See *n.* 13.) are in the future tenſe [*ſhall ſing*] implying, that it was compoſed and calculated for the celebrating ſome greater action of God which was to be wrought in the world.

2 The LORD *is* my [2] ſtrength and [3] ſong, and he is become my [4] ſalvation: he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an [5] habitation; [6] my fathers God, and I will [7] exalt him.

[2] *Pſal.* 118.14. *Iſa.* 12.-2. Inſtead of ſtrength in us to ſubdue and deſtroy our enemies. ¶ [3] *Pſal.* 22.-3. and 109. 1. That gives me this occaſion of rejoycing; whoſe Praiſe therefore I mean to celebrate in this Song. ¶ [4] *Luke* 2. 30. and 1.71,74. ¶ [5] *Ezr.* 7.-15. A place for his worſhip and ſervice, where he will dwell by his ſpecial preſence. This *Moſes* foretels by the ſpirit of Prophecy. ¶ [6] *Gen.* 17. 5. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 30.1. and 118. 28. and 145.1. *Iſa.* 25.1.

3 The LORD *is* [8] a man of war: the LORD *is* [9] his name.

[8] *Hab.* 3.8,9. *Pſal.* 24.8. *Rev.* 19.11. *&c.* Who powerfully inflicts judgments upon his enemies. ¶ [9] *Pſal.* 83.18.

4 Pharaohs chariots and his hoſt hath [10] he caſt into the ſea: his choſen captains alſo are drowned in the Red ſea.

5 The depths have covered them: they ſank into the bottom as a [11] ſtone.

[10] *Ch.* 14.27. ¶ [11] *v.* 10. *Neh.* 9.11. *Jer.* 51.63,64. *Rev.* 18.21.

6 [12] Thy right hand, O LORD, is become [13] glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, [13] hath daſhed in pieces the enemy.

[12] *Pſal.* 118.-15,16. ¶ [13] All theſe words are in the future tenſe, as reſpecting ſomething to be done in after-times. See *n.* 1.

7 And in [14] the greatneſs of thine excellency thou [13] haſt overthrown them that roſe up [15] againſt thee: thou [13] ſenteſt forth thy wrath, *which* conſumed them [16] as ſtubble.

[14] By many glorious and miraculous works, declaring the tranſcendent greatneſs of thy excellency. ¶ [15] Thy people, *Zach.* 2.8. *Matth.* 25.45. *Acts* 9.4. ¶ [16] Eaſily, ſuddenly and utterly, *Iſa.* 47.14.

8 And with the [17] blaſt of thy noſtrils the waters were gathered together: the floods ſtood upright as an heap, *and* the depths were [18] congealed in the heart of the ſea.

[17] *Job* 4. 9. 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 8. By the wind, raiſed by thine anger, *ch.* 14.21. ¶ [18] Made to ſtand ſtill on heaps, as if they had been mountains of Ice.

9 The enemy [19] ſaid, I will purſue, I will overtake, I will [20] divide the ſpoil: my [21] luſt ſhall be ſatisfied upon them, I will draw my ſword, my hand ſhall † [22] deſtroy them.

† Or, *re-poſſeſs.*

[19] *Judg.* 5.30. 1 *Kings* 19.2. and 20.10. ¶ [20] *Judg.* 5.30. *Luke* 11.-22. *Iſa.* 9.-3. ¶ [21] *Pſal.* 41.-2. Revenge. ¶ [22] *Hab.* 3.-14.

10 Thou didſt [23] blow with thy wind, the ſea [24] covered them: they [25] ſank as lead in the mighty waters.

[23] *Ch.* 14. 21. ¶ [24] *Deut.* 11. 4. *Pſal.* 106. 11. and 74. 13, 14. ¶ [25] *v.* 5.

11 [26] Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, amongſt the † [27] gods? who *is* like thee, [28] glorious in holineſs, [29] fearful *in* praiſes, doing wonders?

† Or, *mighty ones.*

[26] *Deut.* 3.24. and 33.26. 1 *Sam.* 2.2. 2 *Sam.* 7.22. 1 *Kings* 8.23. 2 *Chron.* 6.14. *Job* 36.22. *Pſal.* 35.10. and 71.9. and 86. 8. and 89.8. and 113.5. *Iſa.* 46.5. *Jer.* 10.6,16. and 49.19. and 51.19. *Mich.* 7.18. ¶ [27] All that are noted for, or can lay claim to the title of Strength or Might, in heaven, or on earth. ¶ [28] 1 *Sam.* 2. 2. *Iſa.* 6. 3. Whoſe Holineſs is thy chief glory and excellency. ¶ [29] Who art to be reverenced and feared even for thoſe things for which thou art to be praiſed, (*viz.* the executing of Judgments upon thine enemies;) which are ſuch glorious and terrible things, (*Pſal.* 65. 5.) as may cauſe aſtoniſhment in thoſe that hear 'em.

12 Thou ſtretcheſt out thy right hand, [30] the earth ſwallowed them. Chap. 15.

[30] The bottom of the ſea, or ſand of the ſhore, *ch.* 14.-30.

13 Thou in thy mercy haſt [31] led forth the people *which* thou haſt redeemed: thou haſt guided *them* in thy ſtrength [32] unto thy holy habitation.

[31] *Pſal.* 77.20. and 78.53. ¶ [32] *Pſal.* 78.54. Towards the land of *Canaan*, (where he promis'd to dwell among 'em.)

14 † [33] The people ſhall hear, *and* be [34] afraid: ſorrow ſhall take hold on the inhabitants of Paleſtina. † Deut. 2.25. Joſh. 2.9.

[33] Neighbouring Nations. ¶ [34] *Numb.* 14. 14. and 22. 3. *Deut.* 2.25. *Joſh.* 2.9.

15 Then the dukes of Edom ſhall be [35] amazed, the mighty men of Moab, trembling ſhall take hold upon them: all the inhabitants of Canaan ſhall [36] melt away. 2513.

[35] *Deut.* 2.4. ¶ [36] *Joſh.* 2. 11. and 5.1. *Pſal.* 22.-14. and 68. 2.

16 † [37] Fear and dread ſhall fall upon them, by the greatneſs of thine arm they ſhall be *as* ſtill as a ſtone: till thy people paſs over, O LORD, till the people paſs over, *which* thou haſt [38] purchaſed. † Deut. 2.25. Joſh. 2.9.

[37] *Deut.* 2.25. and 11.25. *Joſh.* 2.9. ¶ [38] 2 *Sam.* 7.23. 1 *Pet.* 2.9. 2 *Pet.* 2.1. *Pſal.* 74.2. *Tit.* 2.14.

17 Thou ſhalt bring them in, and [39] plant them in the [40] mountain of thine inheritance, *in* the place, O LORD, *which* thou haſt made for thee to dwell in: *in* the Sanctuary, O Lord, *which* [41] thy hands have eſtabliſhed.

[39] *Pſal.* 44.2. and 80.2. ¶ [40] The mountainous Country of *Canaan*, (*Deut.* 11. 11.) and eſpecially Mount *Sion.* ¶ [41] Which thou wilt certainly cauſe to be built and eſtabliſh'd.

18 The LORD ſhall [42] reign for ever and ever.

[42] *Pſal.* 146.10. *Rev.* 11.15,17. [43] *Prov.* 21.31.

19 For the [43] horſe of Pharaoh went in with his chariots, and with his horſmen into the ſea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the ſea upon them: but the children of Iſrael went on dry-land in the mids of the ſea.

20 ¶ And Miriam the [44] propheteſs, the ſiſter of [45] Aaron, took a [46] timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with [47] dances.

[44] *Judg.* 4.4. *Luke* 2.36. *Acts* 21.9. ¶ [45] Becauſe ſhe lived moſt with him. ¶ [46] *Pſal.* 68.-25. *Judg.* 11. 34. 1 *Sam.* 18. 6,7. ¶ [47] *Judg.* 11.34. and 21.21. *Jer.* 31.4,13. 1 *Sam.* 18.6. 2 *Sam.* 6.14,21.

21 And Miriam [48] anſwered [49] them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed glorioufly; the horſe and his rider hath he thrown into the ſea.

[48] Perhaps repeating every verſe after them; as the firſt verſe is here repeated; as 2 *Chron.* 5.13. ¶ [49] *Moſes* and the children of *Iſrael*, *v.* 1.

22 So Moſes brought Iſrael from the Red ſea, and they went out into the wilderneſs of Shur: and they went three days in the wilderneſs, and found no water.

23 ¶ And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter: therefore the name of it was called † [50] Marah. † That is, *bitterneſs.*

24 And the people [51] murmured againſt Moſes, ſaying, [52] What ſhall we drink?

[50] *Ruth* 1.21. *i. e.* bitterneſs. ¶ [51] *ch.* 14. 11. and 16. 2. and 17. 3. *Numb.* 11.1,4,5,6,10. and 14. 1-4. and 16. 41. and 20.2-5. and 21.5. To murmur, is to conceive evil thoughts of God, his Word or Works in the heart, and to ſpeak unworthily thereof with the tongue. ¶ [52] *Matth.* 6.25.

25 And he cried unto the LORD, and the LORD ſhewed him a † [53] tree, *which* when he had caſt into the waters, the waters were made ſweet: † Eccl. 38.5.

Chap. 16. ſweet: 54 there he made for them a ſtatute and an ordinance, and there he proved 55 them.

53 2 *King.*2.21. ſo the Croſs of Chriſt turns bitter afflictions into ſweetneſs and joy, *Rom.*5.3 2 *Cor.* 1. 5,7. ¶ 54 *i. e.* He admoniſh'd 'em to take heed of murmuring, and to carry themſelves more obediently for the future; and ſo made this a Statute, that if they would do ſo, he'd be gracious to 'em. ¶ 55 Their faith, by the want of water, and their obedience by this general command.

26 And ſaid, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his ſight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his ſtatutes; I will put none of theſe 56 diſeaſes upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that 57 healeth thee.

56 *Deut.*28.27,60. ¶ 57 *ch.* 23.25. *Pſal.* 103. 3. and 147.3. able to heal and help thee in body and ſoul, and to preſerve thee from all evil, both preſent and future.

*Numb.33.9. 27 *And they came to Elim, where *were* twelve wells of water, and threeſcore and ten palm-trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

CHAP. XVI.

2 *The Iſraelites murmur for want of bread.* 11 *Quails are ſent,* 14 *and manna.*

AND they took their [1] journy from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Iſrael came unto the wilderneſs of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the ſecond month, after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the [2] whole congregation of the children of Iſrael [3] murmured againſt Moſes and Aaron in the wilderneſs.

1 *Numb.* 33. 10. *&c.* ¶ 2 *Gen.* 19. 4. ¶ 3 *ch.* 15. 24. ſee there.

3 And the children of Iſrael ſaid unto them, [4] Would to God we had died by the [5] hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we [6] ſat by the fleſh-pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full: for ye have brought us forth into this wilderneſs, to kill this whole aſſembly with [7] hunger.

4 *Numb.* 14. 2. for *Lam.* 4. 9. ¶ 5 Any of thoſe plagues wherewith God deſtroyed the *Egyptians.* ¶ 6 *Numb.* 11. 5. had plenty of fleſh, and might take our fill of it. ¶ 7 *Deut.* 8.3. *Jer.*2.6. *Pſal.* 107.5.

4 ¶ Then ſaid the LORD unto Moſes, Behold, I will [8] rain [9] bread from heaven for you; and the people ſhall go out and gather †a [10] certain rate [11] every day, that I may [12] prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

† Heb. *the portion of a day in his day.*

8 It ſhall fall down from Heaven in the manner of rain. ¶ 9 *Mar.*12.20,21. *Pſal.*105.-40. *Joh.*6.31,32. 1 *Cor.*10.3. Manna, whereof they made themſelves bread, *Num.*11.8. *Pſal.*78.24. ¶ 10 *Viz.* an Omer, *v.* 16. ¶ 11 *Matth.*6. 11,31,34. ¶ 12 *ch.*15. -25. *Deut.*8.-2. and 33.6. try whether they'le be drawn to obedience hereby, or continue ſtill obſtinate and refractory.

5 And it ſhall come to paſs, that on the ſixth day, they ſhall [13] prepare *that* which they bring in; and it ſhall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moſes and Aaron ſaid unto all the children of Iſrael, At even, then ye ſhall know that the [14] LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt.

13 *V.*23. *ch.*35.3. ¶ 14 And not we of our own heads, as you ſay, *v.* -3.

7 And in the morning, then ye ſhall ſee the [15] glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings againſt the LORD: And [16] what *are* we, that ye murmur againſt us?

15 *V.*10. *Numb.* 14. 10. and 16.-42. and 12. 5. the glorious appearance of God in the cloud, *v.*10. ¶ 16 *q.d.* We are but inſtruments that God makes uſe of in this great work; he is the principal Author; and therefore your murmurings reflect more upon him than us.

8 And Moſes ſaid, [17] *This ſhall be* when the LORD ſhall give you in the evening fleſh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings, which ye murmur againſt him: And what *are* we? your murmurings *are* not againſt [18] us, but againſt the [19] LORD. Chap. 16.

17 Or, *you ſhall know this when—* ¶ 18 *viz.* only or chiefly. ¶ 19 *Luk.*10.16. *Rom.* 13.2.

9 ¶ And Moſes ſpake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, Come near [20] before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

20 In the place of publick worſhip.

10 And it came to paſs as Aaron ſpake unto the whole congregation of the children of Iſrael, that they looked [21] toward the wildneſs, and behold, the [22] glory of the LORD †appeared in the cloud. † Chap.13.21

21 Where the cloud went before the people, leading 'em ſtill further into the wilderneſs. ¶ 22 *Lev.*9.6, 23. an extraordinary brightneſs,

11 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Iſrael; ſpeak unto them, ſaying, At even ye ſhall eat fleſh, and in the morning ye ſhall be filled with [9] bread: and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD your God.

13 And it came to paſs that at even †[23] the quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning the [24] dew lay round about the hoſt. † Num.11.31.

23 *Numb.*11.31. *Pſal.*105.40. ¶ 24 *Pſal.*78.23,24.

14 And when ‖ the dew that lay was gone up, behold, [25] upon the face of the wilderneſs *there lay* a [26] ſmall [27] round thing, *as* ſmall as the hoar froſt on the ground. ‖ Num. 11. 7. Pſal.78. 24. Wiſd.16. 20.

25 *Numb.*11.9. ¶ 26 So Chriſt was made mean, and of no reputation, that he might become food for us. ¶ 27 Noting the fulneſs of grace in Chriſt.

15 And when the children of Iſrael ſaw *it*, they ſaid one to another, †It *is* [28] Manna: for they wiſt not what it *was*. And Moſes ſaid unto them, ‖ This *is* the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat. † Or, *What is this?* or, *It is a portion.* ‖ John 6. 31. 1 Cor.10.3.

28 *Numb.*11.7,8. *Pſal.* 78. 23-25. This was ſpiritual meat (1 *Cor.*10.3.) a Figure of Chriſt (*Joh.* 6. 31,32,48,49, 51.) and of the ſpiritual comforts which Chriſt fills his people with, *Rev.*2.17.

16 ¶ This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man [29] according to his eating: [30] an omer † for every man, *according* to the number of your ‖ perſons, take ye every man for *them* which *are* in his tents. † Heb. *by the poll*, or *head.* ‖ Heb. *ſouls.*

29 Proportionable as he has more or fewer in his family. 30 About five pints. Chriſt is a plentiful portion.

17 And the children of Iſrael did ſo, and gathered ſome more, ſome leſs.

18 And when they did mete *it* with an omer, †he that gathered much, had [31] nothing over; and he that gathered little, had [31] no lack: they gathered [32] every man according to his eating. † 2 Cor.8. 15.

31 2 *Cor.*8.14,15. Every one gathered what he could, which was put into a common ſtock, and then the Maſter of the Family meaſured it out, and gave every one his ſhare. This noted the equal portion that all Believers have in Chriſt, *Gal.* 3.28,29. 2 *Pet.*1.1. ¶ 32 Every Maſter of a Family according to the number of his Family.

19 And Moſes ſaid, [33] Let no man leave of it till the morning.

33 *Ch.*12.10. What they could not eat was to be made away; to prevent their diſtruſt of God's care and goodneſs in giving 'em more.

20 Notwithſtanding they hearkened not unto Moſes, but ſome of them left of it until the morning, and it [34] bred worms and ſtank: And Moſes was wroth with them.

34 To puniſh their unbelief and diſobedience, and to teach 'em to be content with things preſent, *Heb.* 13. 5. *Matth.* 6.

Chap. 16. 31,34. ſo Chriſt becomes offenſive to the incredulous and rebellious, 2 *Cor.*2.16. 1 *Pet.*2.8.

21 And they gathered it [35] every morning, every man according to his eating; and when the ſon waxed hot, it melted.

[35] Hereby God taught 'em diligence in providing food for their Souls while they had time and means, (*Joh.*12. 35. *Gal.* 6.10.) and to depend daily upon his providence.

22 ¶ And it came to paſs *that* on the ſixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one *man:* and all the rulers of the congregation came and [36] told Moſes.

[36] Both as deſiring to glorifie God who had ſent Manna ſo abundantly that day, and alſo chiefly that they might receive directions from him how to order this their double portion.

23 And he ſaid unto them, This *is that* which the LORD hath ſaid, To morrow *is* the reſt of the holy [37] ſabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake [38] *to day*, and ſeeth that ye will ſeeth; and [39] that which remaineth over, lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

[37] *Ch.*35.2. *Gen.*2.2. *Lev.*23. 3. ¶ [38] They might dreſs other food on the Sabbath, tho not Manna, becauſe that required great pains in dreſſing, *Numb.*11.8. ¶ [39] Which was not ſpent on the ſixth day, but remain'd undreſs'd to be eaten as it was, *v.*-31.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moſes bade: and it did not ſtink, neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moſes ſaid, [40] Eat that to day; for to day *is* a ſabbath unto the LORD: to day ye ſhall not find it in the field.

26 Six days ye ſhall gather it, but on the ſeventh day *which is* the ſabbath, in it there ſhall be none.

27 ¶ And it came to paſs, *that* there [41] went out *ſome* of the people on the ſeventh day for to gather, and they [42] found none.

[40] *Joh.*6.27. ¶ [41] *Numb.*20.12. *Deut.*1.32. 2 *King.*17.-14. ¶ [42] *Iſa.*7.-9.

28 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, How long refuſe ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

29 See, for that the LORD hath given you the ſabbath, therefore he giveth you on the ſixth day the bread of two days: abide ye every man [43] in his place, let no man [44] go out of his place on the ſeventh day.

[43] Not his private tent (for they might meet together to joyn in public worſhip, *ch.* 35. 5.) but, the Camp of *Iſrael.* ¶ [44] *Viz.* to gather Manna, or to do any ſervile work, *Lev.* 23. 3.

30 So the people [45] reſted on the ſeventh day.

[45] *Ch.* 20. 8. *viz.* from gathering Manna.

31 And the houſe of Iſrael called the name thereof Manna: and it *was* like [46] coriander-ſeed, [47] white; and the taſte of it *was* like [48] wafers *made* with [49] hony.

[46] *Numb.* 11.8. ¶ [47] Clear like Chryſtal, noting Chriſts purity. ¶ [48] Being unbak'd; but when dreſs'd, it was like freſh Oil, *Numb.*11.8. ¶ [49] So there's a delectableneſs in Chriſt.

32 ¶ And Moſes ſaid, This *is* the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may ſee the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderneſs, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, Take [50] a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD to be kept for your generations.

34 As the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo Aaron laid it up before the [51] teſtimony to be kept.

[50] *Heb.*9.4. ¶ [51] The Ark, wherein the teſtimony or two Tables (which teſtified or declared God's will to the people) were to be put, *ch.*25. 16,21. Now tho this is related here to make a full end of the ſtory of the Manna, yet it was not done till after the giving of the Law, *Deut.* 10.5.

Chap. 17. 35 And the children of Iſrael did eat Manna forty years, * [52] until they came to a land inhabited: they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. * Joſh.5.12. Neh. 9. 15.

[52] *Joſh.* 5.12. *Neh.* 9.15.

36 Now an omer *is* the tenth *part* of [53] an ephah.

[53] Which was about three pecks.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The people murmur for water at Rephidim.* 5 *Moſes ſent to the rock in Horeb.* 8 *Amalek is overcome.*

AND all the congregation of the children of Iſrael journyed from the wilderneſs of Sin, after their journies, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was* no water for the people to drink.

2 †Wherefore the people did [1] chide with Moſes, and ſaid, give us water that we may drink. And Moſes ſaid unto them, Why chide you with me? wherefore do ye [2] tempt the LORD? †Numb.20. 4.

[1] *Numb.* 20. 3, 4. Uſed many provoking and reproachful ſpeeches. ¶ [2] *Numb.*14.22. *Deut.* 6.16. *Matth.*4.7. *Act.* 15.10. 1 *Cor.*10.9. This may be done (1) By wilful ſinning, as it were, trying whether God be omniſcient, juſt, *&c. Act.*5.3. (2) By needleſs ruſhing upon any danger without a calling, *Matth.*4.6,7. (3) By requiring a ſign needleſly, only to ſee whether ſuch a miracle can be wrought or no, *Matth.* 16. 1. *Luk.*11.16. (4) By preſcribing God when, and how he ſhall perform his promiſes: whereby they do, as it were, try whether God be with 'em, *v.*-7. ſo *Pſal.*78. 41.

3 And the people thirſted there for water; and the people [3] murmured againſt Moſes, and ſaid, Wherefore *is* this *that* thou haſt brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children, and our cattel with thirſt?

[3] See on *ch.* 15. 24.

4 And Moſes [4] cried unto the LORD, ſaying, What ſhall I do unto this people? they be almoſt [5] ready to ſtone me.

[4] *Ch.*14,15. and 15. 25. *Numb.*11.10,11. ¶ [5] *Numb.*14.10. 1 *Sam.*30.6.

5 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, [6] Go on before the people, and take with thee of the [7] elders of Iſrael: and thy rod wherewith * thou ſmoteſt the river, take in thine hand, and go. * Chap.7.20.

[6] *Ezek.*2.6. ¶ [7] That they may be eye-witneſſes of this glorious work, and may report it to the people.

6 * Behold, [8] I will ſtand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb, and thou ſhalt [9] ſmite the rock, and there ſhall come [10] water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moſes did ſo in the ſight of the elders of Iſrael. * Numb.20.9. Pſal.78. 15. & 105. 41. Wiſd.11. 4. 1 Cor.10.4.

[8] *Viz.* in the pillar of the cloud (the ſign of my preſence.) ¶ [9] *Numb.*20.8. So Chriſt being ſmitten with *Moſes*'s rod, and bearing the curſe of the law, becomes ſpiritual Drink to all true Believers. ¶ [10] *Deut.*8.-15. *Neh.*9.15. *Pſal.* 78. 15, 16. and 105.41. ſignifying Chriſt, 1 *Cor.*10.4.

7 And he called the name of the place ‖ Maſſah, and † Meribah, becauſe of the chiding of the children of Iſrael, and becauſe they tempted the LORD, ſaying, [11] Is the LORD among us, or not? ‖ That is, *temptation.* † That is, *chiding*, or *ſtrife.*

[11] Will he be as good as his word, or not?

8 ¶ * Then came Amalek, and [12] fought with Iſrael in Rephidim. * Deut.25. 17. Wiſd.11. 3.

[12] *Deut.*25.17,18. 1 *Sam.* 15. 2.

9 And Moſes ſaid unto * [13] Joſhua, Chooſe us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will ſtand on the [14] top of the hill, with the [15] rod of God in mine hand. * Called *Jeſus*, Acts 7.45.

[13] A figure of Chriſt the Saviour of the world, both in his name, and actions: fighting the battles of the Lord, and bringing

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bringing his people into *Canaan*. ¶ [14] In view of the people. ¶ [15] *ch.*4.-20. As a token of God's presence and assistance, to strengthen their faith.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur, went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass when Moses [16] held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he [17] let down his hand, Amalek [17] prevailed.

[16] *Psal.*28.1. and 56.9. 1 *Tim.* 2.8. *Jam.* 5. 16. To express the lifting up of his heart in prayer to God. ¶ [17] *Luke* 18.1. This different success according to Moses's different posture, was so order'd by the providence of God, to be a real expression of the power and efficacy of prayer; and also to shew how weak the Israelites were in themselves, if God (of whose assistance the Rod was a sign) should not stand for 'em.

12 But Moses hands *were* [18] heavy, and they took a [19] stone and put *it* under him, and he sat thereon: and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were [20] steady [21] until the going down of the sun.

[18] A sign of human infirmity, which is not able to continue long in spiritual exercises, *Matth.*26.41,43. *Rom.*12.-12. ¶ [19] So by Christ our weak faith is sustain'd in prayer, and by his Spirit our infirmities are holpen, *John* 14.13. *&c. Rom.* 8.-26. ¶ [20] *Jam.*1.6,7. ¶ [21] *Matth.*24.13.

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, [22] Write this *for* a memorial in a book, and rehearse *it* in the ears of [23] Joshua: for † I will utterly [24] put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

† Num.24.20. 1 Sam.15.3.

[22] *Ch.*34.27. *Deut.*31.9,22. ¶ [23] That he and all succeeding Governors may watch all occasions to execute this command. ¶ [24] *Deut.* 25.19. As to any worthy exploits.

15 And Moses built an [25] altar, and called the name of it † JEHOVAH-nissi.

† That is, *the LORD my banner.*

[25] Whereon to offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and to stand as a memorial of this first victory against the Amalekites.

16 For he said, * Because † the LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.

*Or, Because *the hand* of Amalek is *against the throne of the LORD*, therefore, &c.

† Heb. *the hand upon the throne of the LORD.*

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Jethro bringeth to Moses his wife and two sons:* 7 *Moses entertaineth him,* 13 *and accepteth his counsel.*

† Chap.2.16.

WHen † [1] Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, *and* that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt:

2 Then Jethro, Moses father in law, took Zipporah Moses wife, after [2] he had sent her [3] back,

[1] *Ch.*2.16. and 3.1. ¶ [2] *Moses.* ¶ [3] Upon that occasion, *ch.*4.26.

* Chap. 2.22.

3 And her two sons, of which the * name of the one *was* † [4] Gershom (for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land)

† That is, *a stranger there.*

4 And the name of the other *was* † Eliezer, (for the God of my father, *said he, was* mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh)

† That is, *my God is an help.*

5 And Jethro, Moses father in law, [5] came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the [6] mount of God.

[4] *Ch.*2.22. ¶ [5] *Viz.* After the delivery of the Law at *Sinai.* ¶ [6] *ch.* 3.-1.

6 And he [7] said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

7 ¶ And Moses went out to [8] meet his father in law, and did [9] obeisance, and [10] kissed him, and they asked each other of *their* † welfare: and they came into the tent.

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[7] *Viz.* By Messengers sent before him. ¶ [8] *Acts* 28. 15. ¶ [9] 1 *Kings* 2. 19. ¶ [10] *Gen.*29.11.

† Heb. *peace.*

8 And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh, and to the Egyptians for Israels sake, *and* all the travel that had † come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD delivered them.

† Heb. *found them.*

9 And Jethro [11] rejoyced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel: whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

[11] *Isa.* 66. 10. *Rom.* 12. 12.

10 And Jethro said, Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. 2513.

11 Now I [12] know that the LORD *is* greater then all gods: † for [13] in the thing wherein they [14] dealt proudly, *he was* [15] above them.

† Chap.1.10; 16,22.and 5.7. and 14.18.

[12] *Gen.*22.-12. 1 *Kings* 17.24. *viz.* More clearly, and by certain experience. ¶ [13] In detaining the Israelites in bondage. ¶ [14] *ch.*1.10,16,22.and 5.2,7.and 15. 9. carried themselves with such scorn and insolence, as if they thought it impossible that God should deliver them out of their hands. ¶ [15] *ch.* 10. 16. *Dan.*4.-37.

12 And Jethro, Moses father in law, took a [16] burnt-offering, and [17] sacrifices [18] for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel to [19] eat bread with Moses father in law [20] before God.

[16] *Gen.*8.-20. ¶ [17] *Viz.* Peace-offerings for thanksgiving, *ch.*24.5. ¶ [18] To offer to him. ¶ [19] To feast. ¶ [20] *Deut.*12. 5-7. and 27.7. 1 *Chron.*29.21,22. 1 *Cor.* 10.31. In the fear of the Lord, and as in his presence.

13 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses, from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this thing that thou doest to the people? Why sittest thou thy self alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to [21] enquire of God.

[21] *v.*-19. *Lev.*24.12. *Numb.*15.34. and 27. 5. 1 *Sam.* 9. 9. To inquire what the will of God is in any doubtful case, *v.*-16.

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me, and I judge between † one and another, and I do make *them* know the statutes of God, and his laws.

† Heb. *a man and his fellow.*

17 And Moses father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest *is* not [22] good.

[22] Convenient either for thy self, or the people, *v.* 18.

18 † Thou wilt surely [23] wear away, both thou, and this [24] people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; * thou art [25] not able to perform it thy self alone.

† Heb. *Fading thou wilt fade.*

* Deut.1.9.

[23] Destroy thy health. [24] ¶ By tedious attendance. ¶ [25] *Deut.*1.9,12.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and [26] God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the [27] causes unto God:

[26] *Gen.* 31.-3. and 32.-9. and 39. 2. *q. d.* And I make no question but God will bless thee in the course I now propose to thee. ¶ [27] Difficult cases, *Numb.* 15.33. &c. and 27. 5, 6.

20 And thou shalt [28] teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the [29] work that they must do.

[28] Deliver and explain God's Laws to them, which they may

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may apply to their particular caſes, and occaſions. ¶ [29] *Deut.* 1. 18.

21 Moreover, thou ſhalt provide out of all the people [30] able men, ſuch as [31] fear God, [32] men of truth, [33] hating covetouſneſs; and place *ſuch* over them, *to be* rulers of [34] thouſands, *and* rulers of [34] hundreds, rulers of [34] fifties, and rulers of [34] tens.

[30] *Deut.*1.13. Fit for ſuch an imployment, and qualified as follows. ¶ [31] 2 *Sam.*23.-3. 2 *Chron.* 19. 7, 9. ¶ [32] *Zach.* 7, 9. Such as love the truth, and diligently labour to find it out, and then paſs a true and righteous ſentence; and alſo ſuch as hate lies and ſlanders, and will ſeverely puniſh them. ¶ [33] *Deut.*16.19. *Iſa.*33.15. [34] So many families.

22 And let them judge the people at all ſeaſons: and it ſhall be, *that* every great matter they ſhall bring unto thee, but every ſmall matter they ſhall judge: So ſhall it be eaſier for thy ſelf, and they ſhall bear *the burden* with thee.

2513. 23 If thou ſhalt do this thing, and God [35] command thee *ſo*, then thou ſhalt be able to endure, and all this people ſhall alſo go to their place [36] in peace.

[35] *Numb.*11.16. Approve of this courſe which I ſuggeſt. ¶ [36] Their controverſies ended, and their minds quieted.

24 So Moſes [37] hearkned to the voice of his father in law, and [38] did all that he had ſaid.

[37] *Gen.* 16. 2. 1 *Kings* 5. 13. 1 *Sam.* 25. 33. 1 *Cor.*12.21. ¶ [38] After God had commanded him the ſame, (*Num.*11.16.) and that he had propounded it to the people, *Deut.*1.14.

25 And Moſes [39] choſe able men out of all Iſrael, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thouſands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

[39] Upon the peoples recommendation, *Deut.*1.13,14.

26 And they judged the people at all ſeaſons: the hard cauſes they brought unto Moſes, but every ſmall matter they judged themſelves.

27 ¶ And Moſes let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The people come to Sinai.* 3 *Gods meſſage to the people out of the mount:* 8 *Their anſwer returned.*

IN the third month, when the children of Iſrael were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the ſame day came they *into* the wilderneſs of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the deſert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderneſs, and there Iſrael camped before the mount.

† Acts 7. 38. 3 And † Moſes [1] went up [2] unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou ſay to the houſe of Jacob, and tell the children of Iſrael;

[1] This he did nine or ten times, *v.* 7, 8, 10, 14, 20, 21, 25. *ch.*20.21. and *ch.*24.3, 12, 13, 15, 18, and 32. 7, 15, 30. and *ch.* 33.6, 7, 21. and 34.2, 29, 34. ¶ [2] To the preſence of God where the Cloud reſted, *v.* 9.

† Deut.29.2. 4 † [3] Ye have ſeen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on [4] eagles wings, and brought you [5] unto my ſelf.

[3] This ſpeech was to prepare them to receive God's Covenant, now to be made: and the like was ſpoken at the renewing of the Covenant, *Deut.*29.2. ¶ [4] *Deut.* 32. 11, 12. *Iſa.*63.-9. *Rev.*12.14. Above all difficulties, and in ſpight of all oppoſitions. ¶ [5] To ſerve me on this Mount, (*ch.*3.12.) and to be my peculiar people.

* Deut.5.2. 5 Now * therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and [6] keep my covenant, then ye ſhall be a [7] peculiar treaſure unto me [8] above all people: for † all the earth *is* [9] mine.

† Deut.10.14. Pſalm 24.1. [6] *Deut.*29.9. ¶ [7] *Pſal.*135.4. *Tit.*2.14. 1 *Pet.* 2.9. *Mal.* 3.17. *Deut.* 4.20. and 7. 6. and 14. 2. and 26. 18. and 32. 9. *Jer.*10.16. Highly prized, and loved, and carefully kept by me. ¶ [8] *Deut.*10.14,15. 1 *Kings* 8.53. *Iſa.*41.8,9. ¶ [9] See on *ch.*9.29. To chooſe, and refuſe whom I will: yet it is my pleaſure to ſingle you out of all the world, upon whom to confer my choiceſt and peculiar bleſſings.

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6 And ye ſhall be unto me a * kingdom [10] of prieſts, and an [11] holy nation. Theſe *are* the words which thou ſhalt ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael.

* 1 Pet.2.9. Rev.1.6.

[10] 1 *Pet.*2.9. *Rom.*12.1. *Rev.*1.6. and 5.10. and 20. 6. *i. e.* Of ſuch perſons as are ſeparated from others, conſecrated to my worſhip and ſervice, and have liberty to come near unto me. ¶ [11] *Tit.*2.14. *viz.* By profeſſion, covenant, and ſeparation for my uſe and ſervice.

7 ¶ And Moſes came and called for [12] the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all theſe words which the LORD commanded him.

[12] As *ch.*3.16. and 17.5. See there.

8 And * [13] all the people anſwered together, and ſaid, [14] All that the LORD hath ſpoken, [14] we will do. And Moſes returned the words of the people [15] unto the LORD.

* Chap.24.3,7. Deut.5.27. and 26.17.

[13] *Ch.*24.3,7. *Deut.* 5. 27. and 26. 17. ¶ [14] *Deut.* 5.-27. This they promiſe raſhly, not conſidering the ſtrictneſs of the Law, nor their own inability: and therefore afterwards, when the Law was pronounced, they fear and flee away, *ch.* 20.18,19. ¶ [15] For the people's greater obligation, and to learn what anſwer he ſhould return from God to them, *v.*10.

9 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Lo, I come unto [16] thee in a [17] thick cloud, that the people may hear when I ſpeak with thee, and believe thee [18] for ever. And Moſes told the words of the people unto the LORD. 2513.

[16] As the mediator between me and them, and the interpreter of my mind to them. ¶ [17] *v.* 16. 1 *Kings* 8. 12. 2 *Chron.*6.1. *Matth.*17.5. 2 *Cor.*3.7-11. See *n.*27. ¶ [18] All their life long.

10 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Go unto the people, and [19] ſanctifie them to day and to morrow, and let them [20] waſh their clothes,

[19] *Joſh.*3.5. and 7.13. Command 'em to prepare themſelves, (as *Job* 1.5.) Inwardly, by ſequeſtring themſelves from all carnal affections, and worldly cares, (*v.*15.) and getting their hearts into a holy frame: and Outwardly, by waſhing. ¶ [20] *Gen.*35.2. To ſhew how careful God's people ſhould be to cleanſe themſelves from all filthineſs when they come into God's preſence, 2 *Cor.*7.1.

11 And be ready againſt the third day: for the third day the LORD will come [21] down in the ſight of all the people, upon mount Sinai.

[21] *Ch.*34.5. *Deut.*33.2. Appear in the pillar of fire, *v.*9,16.

12 And thou ſhalt [22] ſet bounds unto the people round about, ſaying, Take heed to your ſelves, *that ye* go *not* up into the mount, or [23] touch the border of it: * whoſoever toucheth the mount, ſhall be ſurely put to death.

* Hebr.12.20.

[22] *v.*21. *Joſh.*3.4. To make 'em ſenſible of their own impurity and infirmity, and of their abſolute need of a Mediator, *Gal.*3.19. ¶ [23] *Heb.*12.18,20,22.

13 There ſhall not an hand touch it, but he ſhall ſurely be ſtoned or ſhot through; whether *it be* beaſt or man, it ſhall not live: when the * trumpet [24] ſoundeth long, they ſhall come up to the mount.

* Or, *Cornet.*

[24] By the miniſtry of Angels there was a trumpet ſounded; and when it ſounded with a long, continued ſound, the people were to come to the bottom of the mount, ſo far as their limits reached, (*v.*-17.) that they might the better hear the promulgation, and proclamation of the law.

14 ¶ And Moſes went down from the mount unto the people, and [19] ſanctified the people, and they waſhed their clothes.

15 And he ſaid unto the people, Be ready againſt the third day: [25] come not at *your* wives.

[25] 1 *Cor.*7.5. 1 *Sam.*21.4,5. To ſhew that they were to lay aſide all carnal affections and worldly cares, that they might be wholly intent upon hearing the law.

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8 [24] Remember the sabbath-day, to [25] keep it holy.

[24] Both in reference to the time past, that it was instituted in remembrance of the creation of the world; and in reference to the time to come, to order thy worldly affairs so, as to promote, at least not to hinder, the sanctification of it. ¶ [25] *ch.*23.12. and 31. 14. &c. and 35. 2, 3. *Deut.*5.12--14. *Gen.*2.2,3. use it holily by careful abstinence from servile works, and wordly business, and by diligent imploying it in holy thoughts, words and works in the worship of God both public and private, and the furthering of our own and others sanctification and salvation.

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[30] *Deut.*1.13. Fit for such an imployment, and qualified as follows. ¶ [31] 2 *Sam.*23.-3. 2 *Chron.* 19. 7, 9. ¶ [32] *Zach.* 7, 9. Such as love the truth, and diligently labour to find it out, and then pass a true and righteous sentence; and also such as hate lies and slanders, and will severely punish them. ¶ [33] *Deut.*16.19. *Isa.*33.15. [34] So many families.

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: So shall it be easier for thy self, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.

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[35] *Numb.*11.16. Approve of this course which I suggest. ¶ [36] Their controversies ended, and their minds quieted.

24 So Moses [37] hearkned to the voice of his father in law, and [38] did all that he had said.

[37] *Gen.* 16. 2. 1 *Kings* 5. 13. 1 *Sam.* 25. 33. 1 *Cor.*12.21. ¶ [38] After God had commanded him the same, (*Num.*11.16.) and that he had propounded it to the people, *Deut.*1.14.

25 And Moses [39] chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

[39] Upon the peoples recommendation, *Deut.*1.13,14.

26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 ¶ And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The people come to Sinai.* 3 *Gods message to the people out of the mount:* 8 *Their answer returned.*

IN the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness, and there Israel camped before the mount.

† Acts 7. 38. 3 And † Moses [1] went up [2] unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

[1] This he did nine or ten times, *v.* 7, 8, 10, 14, 20, 21, 25. *ch.*20.21. and *ch.*24.3,12,13,15,18, and 32. 7, 15, 30. and *ch.* 33.6,7,21. and 34.2,29,34. ¶ [2] To the presence of God where the Cloud rested, *v.* 9.

† Deut.29.2. 4 † [3] Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on [4] eagles wings, and brought you [5] unto my self.

[3] This speech was to prepare them to receive God's Covenant, now to be made: and the like was spoken at the renewing of the Covenant, *Deut.*29.2. ¶ [4] *Deut.* 32. 11, 12. *Isa.*63.-9. *Rev.*12.14. Above all difficulties, and in spight of all oppositions. ¶ [5] To serve me on this Mount, (*ch.*3.12.) and to be my peculiar people.

* Deut.5.2. 5 Now * therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and [6] keep my covenant, then ye shall be a [7] peculiar treasure unto me [8] above all people: for † all the earth *is* [9] mine.

† Deut.10.14. Psalm 24.1. [6] *Deut.*29.9. ¶ [7] *Psal.*135.4. *Tit.*2.14. 1 *Pet.* 2. 9. *Mal.* 3.17. *Deut.* 4.20. and 7. 6. and 14. 2. and 26. 18. and 32. 9. *Jer.*10.16. Highly prized, and loved, and carefully kept by me. ¶ [8] *Deut.*10.14,15. 1 *Kings* 8.53. *Isa.*41.8,9. ¶ [9] See on *ch.*9.29. To choose, and refuse whom I will: yet it is my pleasure to single you out of all the world, upon whom to confer my choicest and peculiar blessings.

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6 And ye shall be unto me a * kingdom [10] of priests, and an [11] holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

* 1 Pet.2.9. Rev.1.6.

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[12] As *ch.*3.16. and 17.5. See there.

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* Chap.24.3,7. Deut.5.27. and 26.17.

[13] *Ch.*24.3,7. *Deut.* 5. 27. and 26. 17. ¶ [14] *Deut.* 5.-27. This they promise rashly, not considering the strictness of the Law, nor their own inability: and therefore afterwards, when the Law was pronounced, they fear and flee away, *ch.* 20.18,19. ¶ [15] For the people's greater obligation, and to learn what answer he should return from God to them, *v.*10.

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[21] *Ch.*34.5. *Deut.*33.2. Appear in the pillar of fire, *v.*9,16.

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* Hebr.12.20.

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* Or, *Cornet.*

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7 * Thou shalt not [22] take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will [23] not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

* Lev. 19.12. Deut.5. 11. Matth. 5. 33.

[22] *Lev.*19.12. *Deut.*5.11. *i.e.* not use any of his titles, attributes, ordinances, or works in an ignorant (*Act.* 17.-23.) needless, irreverent, profane, (*Mal.*1.6,7,12. and 3.14.) superstitious, (1 *Sam.*4.3--5. *Jer.*7.4,9,10,14. *Col.* 2. 20, 21,22.) or wicked manner, 2 *King.*18.30,35. *Psal.*50.16,17. ¶ [23] Hold him very guilty, and punish him accordingly.

8 [24] Remember the sabbath-day, to [25] keep it holy.

[24] Both in reference to the time past, that it was instituted in remembrance of the creation of the world; and in reference to the time to come, to order thy worldly affairs so, as to promote, at least not to hinder, the sanctification of it. ¶ [25] *ch.*23.12. and 31. 14. &c. and 35. 2, 3. *Deut.*5.13--14. *Gen.*2.2,3. use it holily by careful abstinence from servile works, and wordly businesses, and by diligent imploying it in holy thoughts, words and works in the worship of God both public and private, and the furthering of our own and others sanctification and salvation.

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9 * [26] Six days ſhalt thou labor, and do all thy work.

[26] *Ch.*23.12. and 34.21. and 31.15. *Lev.*23.3. *Ezek.* 20. 12. *Luk.*13.14. *q. d.* As thou mayeſt lawfully labor ſix days, ſo thou ſhalt not labor above nor under ſix days together, ordinarily.

* Chap.23.12. Ezek. 20. 12. Luke 13. 14.

10 But the [27] ſeventh day † *is* the ſabbath [28] of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou ſhalt not do [29] any work, thou, nor thy ſon, nor thy daughter, thy [30] man-ſervant, nor thy maid-ſervant, nor thy cattel, nor thy [31] ſtranger that *is* within thy gates.

[27] One day of ſeven. † Not [*ſhall be*] but [*is*] (and therefore it was kept before.) ¶ [28] Set apart By him, and conſecrated To his honor. ¶ [29] Laborious, worldly work, tending to thine own profit or pleaſure, *Lev.* 23. 7. *Numb.* 28. 18. *Iſa.*58.13. ¶ [30] *Deut.*5. 14. and 29. 11. ¶ [31] Gentile that ſojourns with thee.

* Gen. 2. 2.

11 For * *in* ſix days the LORD made heaven and earth, the ſea, and all that in them *is*, and [32] reſted the ſeventh day: wherefore the LORD [33] bleſſed the [34] ſabbath-day, and [35] hallowed it.

[32] *Viz.* from works of Creation, but not of Providence, and Grace, *Joh.*5.17. ¶ [33] Made it a day wherein he would diſpenſe ſpiritual bleſſings more abundantly than on other days. ¶ [34] Not the ſeventh day from the Creation, but the day of religious reſt, whether the Jewiſh or Chriſtian Sabbath; and the change thereof ſeems to be hereby inſinuated. [35] Separated it from the reſt of the days, and from all common employments, and conſecrated it to his own holy ſervice, and to man's holy uſe.

* Deut. 5.16. Matth.15. 4. Eph.6. 2.

12 ¶ * [36] Honour thy [37] father and thy [37] mother: [38] that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

[36] *Deut.*5.16. and 27.16. *Eph.* 6. 1, 2. In heart, not to ſet light by them, (*Deut.* 27. 16.) but to reverence, fear, and love them (*Lev.*19.3. *Rom.*13.5,9.) in Geſture (*Lev.* 19. 32. 1 *King.*2.19.) in Action; by obedience to their inſtructions (*Prov.*6.20. *Eph.*6.1.) relieving them in their needs (*Mar.* 7. 10—13. 1 *Tim.*5.4.) Covering their infirmities (*Gen.*9.21,22.) and by all other means to ſhew reſpect and honour to 'em. ¶ [37] *i. e.* Primarily, thy natural Parents (*Eph.*6.1,2.) and then all Superiors (1) In Authority, whether in Family (2 *King.*5.13.) Church (2 *King.*2.12. and 13.14. *Gal.* 4.19.) or Commonwealth, *Iſa.*49.23. (2) In Age, 1 *Tim.* 5. 1, 2. (3) In Gifts, *Gen.*4.20—22. and 45.8. 2 *Chron.* 4. 16. ſee there. (4) In Grace, 1 *Cor.*11.1. *Heb.*13.7. ¶ [38] 1 *King.*8.25. *Eph.* 6.2,3.

* Matth.5. 21.

13 * Thou ſhalt not [39] kill.

[39] Which includes alſo the forbearing all revengeful, angry thoughts (*Matth.*5.21,22. 1 *Joh.* 3.15.) and doing all we can to preſerve their Lives.

14 Thou ſhalt not [40] commit adultery.

[40] *Eph.*5.3. *Col.* 3. 5. 1 *Theſſ.* 4. 3, 4. Thou ſhalt ſhun all means, occaſions, and appearances of uncleanneſs; (*Job* 31.1. *Matth.*5.28. 2 *Pet.* 2.14. *Iſa.* 3. 16. *Prov.* 5. 8.) and exerciſe Chaſtity in thought, Affection, Words, Attire, and Geſture.

15 Thou ſhalt not [41] ſteal.

[41] 1 *Theſſ.* 4—16. *Eph.* 4. 28. Take away another man's goods by deceit or violence, or without his knowledg and conſent; nor uſe any fraudulent dealing (1 *Theſſ.*4.6.) but give every one his due, *Rom.*13.7.

16 Thou ſhalt not [42] bear falſe witneſs againſt [43] thy neighbour.

[42] *Lev.*5.1. *Deut.*5.20. and 19.16. *Matth.*19.18. Speak any untruth upon any occaſion whatſoever. ¶ [43] *Luke* 10. 29. *&c.*

* Rom.7. 7.

17 * Thou ſhalt not [44] covet thy neighbours houſe, thou ſhalt not covet thy neighbours wife, nor his man-ſervant, nor his maid-ſervant, nor his ox, nor his aſs, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbours.

[44] *Deut.*5.21. *Act.*20.33. Not give way to the inward motions of thy heart towards that which is evil (*Rom.*7.7.) particularly not to any inordinate deſires of that which is thy Neighbours; but be fully content with thy own condition, *Heb.*13.5.

* Heb. 12. 18.

18 ¶ And * all the people ſaw the [45] thundrings, and the lightnings, and the noiſe of the trumpet, and the mountain ſmoking: and when the people ſaw *it*, they removed, and ſtood afar off.

19 And they [46] ſaid unto Moſes, * Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God ſpeak with us, leſt we die.

[45] *Ch.* 19. 16. ſee there. ¶ [46] *Deut.* 5. 23—28. and 18. 16.

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* Deut.5. 24. & 18. 16.

20 And Moſes ſaid unto the people, [47] Fear not: for God is come to [48] prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye [49] ſin not.

[47] So as to neglect your duty. ¶ [48] Whether you be ſincere, or hypocritical. ¶ [49] *Matth.*10.28. *Gal.*3.19. *Gen.* 20. 11.

21 And the people ſtood afar off, and Moſes drew near unto the [50] thick darkneſs where God *was*.

[50] *Ch.*19.16. *Heb.*12.18. 1 *King.*8.12.

22 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Thus thou ſhalt ſay unto the children of Iſrael, Ye have ſeen that I have talked with you from [51] heaven.

[51] *Deut.*4.—36. *Neh.*9.13. the Air and Clouds.

23 Ye ſhall not make [52] with me gods of ſilver, neither ſhall ye make unto you gods of gold.

[52] To worſhip me by; or, together with me.

24 ¶ An [53] altar of earth thou ſhalt make unto me, and ſhalt ſacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy ſheep, and thine oxen: In all places where I [54] record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will [55] bleſs thee.

[53] For preſent uſe, and upon extraordinary occaſions. ¶ [54] *Deut.*12.5. 1 *King.*14.—21. and 8.29. fix my ſolemn worſhip. ¶ [55] *Pſal.*134.3. and 147.13. 2 *Sam.*6.12.

25 And * if thou wilt make me an altar of ſtone, thou ſhalt not † build it of hewen ſtone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou haſt [56] polluted it.

* Deut. 27. 5. Joſhua 8. 31. † Heb. *build them* with *hewing.*

[56] *Deut.*27. 5. *viz.* by tranſgreſſing my Commandment. Curioſity in God's worſhip and ſervice is not an ornament, but a defilement.

26 Neither ſhalt thou go up by ſteps unto mine altar, that thy nakedneſs be not diſcovered thereon.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Laws for men-ſervants,* 7 *for women-ſervants,* 12 *for man-ſlaughter,* 17 *and for curſers of parents.*

NOw theſe *are* the [1] judgments which thou ſhalt [2] ſet before them.

[1] The Laws determining of right between man and man, and of puniſhments upon tranſgreſſion, with ſpecial reference to the intereſt of the Jews in the land of *Canaan.* Theſe are called the Judicial Law. ¶ [2] *Ch.*24. 3, 4.

2 * If thou buy an [3] Hebrew ſervant, ſix years he ſhall ſerve: and in the ſeventh he ſhall go out free for nothing.

* Lev.25. 39. Deut.15. 12. Jer.34. 14.

[3] *Jer.* 34. 14. which might be done (1) When he ſold himſelf for poverty, *Deut.* 15. 12. *Lev.* 25. 39. (2) When he was ſold by the Magiſtrate for Theft, *ch.*22.3. (3) In caſe of Debt, 2 *King.*4.1. *Matth.*18.25.

3 If he came in † by himſelf, he ſhall go out by himſelf: if he were married, then his wife ſhall go out with him.

† Heb. *with his body.*

4 If his maſter have given him a * wife, and ſhe have born him ſons or daughters; the wife and her children ſhall be her maſters, and he ſhall go out by himſelf.

5 And [4] if the ſervant † ſhall plainly ſay, I love my maſter, my wife, and my children, I will not go out free:

† Heb. *ſaying, ſhall ſay.*

[4] *Viz.* a Heathen Bond-woman (for ſuch only with their Children, might be left in ſervitude, *Lev.*25.44.) ¶ [5] *Deut.* 15. 16, 17.

6 Then

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6 Then his maſter ſhall bring him unto the judges; he ſhall alſo bring him to the door, or unto the door-poſt: and his maſter ſhall [6] bore his ear through with an aul; and he ſhall ſerve him [7] for ever.

[6] To note his perpetual obligation to abide in that houſe, and there to hear and obey his Maſter's commands: and this was to ſignifie, that they that are in love with ſin and the world, ſhall never receive any benefit by Chriſt's Redemption. ¶ [7] Till the year of Jubile, *Lev.* 25. 40.

7 ¶ And if a man ſell his [8] daughter to be a maid-ſervant, ſhe ſhall not go out as the men-ſervants do.

[8] *Neh.* 5.5. *Viz.* Thro' extream poverty.

† Heb. *be evil in the eyes of*, &c.

8 If ſhe † pleaſe not her maſter, who hath betrothed her to himſelf, then ſhall he let her be redeemed: To ſell her unto a ſtrange nation he ſhall have no power, ſeeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his ſon, he ſhall deal with her after the manner [9] of daughters.

[9] By giving her a dowry, (*ch.* 22. 16, 17.) and all other priviledges of a free-woman.

10 If he take him another *wife*; her food, her raiment, and her [10] duty of marriage ſhall he not [10] diminiſh.

11 And if he do not theſe three unto her, then ſhall ſhe go out free without mony.

* Lev. 24.17.

12 ¶ * He that [11] ſmiteth a man, ſo that he die, ſhall be ſurely [12] put to death.

[10] 1 *Cor.*7.3,5. ¶ [11] *Viz.* wilfully, *v.* 13. ¶ [12] *Gen.*9.6. *Numb.*35.31. *Lev.*24.17.

* Deut.19.3.

13 And if a man [13] lie not in wait, but [14] God deliver *him* into his hand; then * I will appoint thee a [15] place whether he ſhall flee.

[13] *Numb.*35.22,23. ¶ [14] *Deut.*19.5. By ſome ſpecial, unexpected providence. ¶ [15] *Numb.*35.6. *&c. Joſh.* 20.2.

14 But if a man come [16] preſumptuouſly upon his neighbour, to ſlay him with guile; thou ſhalt [17] take him from mine [18] altar, that he may die.

[16] *Numb.* 15. 30. Boldly, purpoſely, and maliciouſly. ¶ [17] 2 *Kings* 11. 15. ¶ [18] 1 *Kings* 1. 50. and 2. 28. *Deut.* 19.13. Heb.10.26.

15 ¶ And he that [19] ſmiteth his father, or his mother, ſhall be ſurely put to death.

[19] Tho' he kill him not.

16 ¶ And he that ſtealeth [20] a man, and [21] ſelleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he ſhall ſurely be put to death.

[20] An Iſraelite, *Deut.*24.7. ¶ [21] *Gen.* 37.28.

* Lev.20.9. Prov.20.20. Matth.15.4. Mark 7.10.

17 ¶ And *he that ‖ [22] curſeth his father, or his mother, ſhall ſurely be put to death.

[22] *Lev.*20.9. *Prov.*20.20. and 30.17. *Matth.*15.-4. Wiſhes any miſchief may befal 'em, or uſes any kind of malicious, reviling ſpeeches, which argue a contempt of his parents.

‖ Or, *revileth.*

‖ Or, *his neighbour.*

18 ¶ And if men ſtrive together, and one ſmite ‖ another with a ſtone, or with *his* fiſt, and he die not, but keepeth *his* bed:

19 If he riſe again, and walk abroad upon his [23] ſtaff, then ſhall he that ſmote *him*, be quit: only he ſhall pay *for* † the loſs of his time, and ſhall cauſe *him* to be throughly healed.

† Heb. *his ceaſing.*

20 ¶ And if a man ſmite his [24] ſervant, or his maid with a [25] rod, and he die under his hand; he ſhall be ſurely † puniſhed.

† Heb. *avenged.*

[23] 2 *Sam.*3.29. ¶ [24] A ſlave, *v.* 21. ¶ [25] Any inſtrument fit for correction.

21 Notwithſtanding, if he continue a day or two, he ſhall not be puniſhed: for he *is* his mony.

22 ¶ If men ſtrive, and hurt a woman with child, ſo that her fruit depart *from her*, and yet no miſchief follow: he ſhall be ſurely puniſhed, according as the womans husband will lay upon him; and he ſhall pay as the judges *determine*.

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23 And if *any* miſchief follow, then thou ſhalt give life for life.

* Lev.24.20. Deut.19.21. Matth 5.38.

24 * [26] Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot;

[26] *Lev.*24.20. *Matth.*5.38. 1 *Sam.* 15.33.

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, [27] ſtripe for ſtripe.

[27] Which makes a mark in the fleſh.

26 ¶ And if a man ſmite the eye of his ſervant, or the eye of his maid, that it periſh; he ſhall let him go free for his eyes ſake.

27 And if he ſmite out his man-ſervants tooth, or his maid-ſervants tooth; he ſhall let him go free for his tooths ſake.

Gen.9.5.

28 ¶ If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then * the ox ſhall be ſurely [28] ſtoned, and his fleſh ſhall [29] not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *ſhall be* quit.

[28] *Gen.*9.5. ¶ [29] *Pſal.*5.6.

29 But if the ox were wont to puſh with his horn in time paſt, and it hath been teſtified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox ſhall be ſtoned, and his owner alſo ſhall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him a ſum of mony, then he ſhall give for the ranſom of his life, whatſoever is laid upon him.

31 Whether he have gored a ſon, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment ſhall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox ſhall puſh a man-ſervant, or maid-ſervant; he ſhall give unto their maſter, [30] thirty ſhekels of ſilver, and the ox ſhall be ſtoned.

[30] *Zach.*11.12,13. *Matth.*26.15. Three pounds eight ſhillings ſterling.

33 ¶ And if a man ſhall open a pit, or if a man ſhall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an aſs fall therein;

34 The owner of the pit ſhall make *it* good, *and* give mony unto the owner of them, and the dead *beaſt* ſhall be his.

35 ¶ And if one mans ox hurt anothers that he die, then they ſhall ſell the live ox and divide the mony of it, and the dead *ox* alſo they ſhall divide.

36 Or if it be known that the ox hath uſed to puſh in time paſt, and his owner hath not kept him in: he ſhall ſurely pay ox for ox, and the dead ſhall be his own.

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1 *Of theft.* 5 *Of damage.* 7 *Of treſpaſſes.* 14 *Of borrowing.* 16 *Of fornication.* 18 *Of witchcraft.*

‖ Or, *goat.*

IF a man ſhall ſteal an ox, or a ‖ ſheep, and kill it, or ſell it, he ſhall reſtore [1] five oxen for an ox, and * [2] four ſheep for a ſheep.

* 2 Sam.12.6.

[1] *Numb.* 5.-7. becauſe. *Prov.* 14.-4. ¶ [2] 2 *Sam.* 12. 6. *Prov.*6.31. *Luke* 19.-8.

2 ¶ If a thief be found [3] breaking up, and be ſmitten that he die, *there ſhall* [4] no blood *be ſhed* for him.

[3] *Viz.* A houſe by night, *v.*3. ¶ [4] *Numb.* 35.-27.

3 If the ſun be [5] riſen upon him, *there ſhall be* blood *ſhed* for him, *for* he ſhould make full reſtitution; if he have nothing, then he ſhall be [6] ſold for his theft.

[5] And ſo there be an opportunity of knowing who he was, and bringing him to judgment. ¶ [6] *ch.* 21.2.

4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand

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alive, whether it be ox, or aſs, or ſheep; he ſhall reſtore [7] double.

[7] *Pſal.*79.12. *Viz.* That which was ſtolen, and another as good, or the full value of it. *Solomon* ſaith, ſevenfold, *Prov.* 6.-31. See there.

5 ¶ If a man ſhall cauſe a field or [8] vineyard to be eaten, and ſhall put in his beaſt, and ſhall feed in another mans field: of the beſt of his own field, and of the beſt of his own vineyard ſhall he make reſtitution.

[8] Or any thing of like nature.

6 ¶ If fire break out, and catch in thorns, ſo that the ſtacks of corn, or the ſtanding-corn, or the field be conſumed *therewith*; he that kindled the fire ſhall ſurely make reſtitution.

7 ¶ If a man ſhall deliver unto his neighbour mony or ſtuff to [9] keep, and it be ſtolen out of the mans houſe; if the thief be found, let him pay double.

[9] Of truſt, and for no reward, but of friendſhip.

8 If the thief be not found, then the maſter of the houſe ſhall be brought unto the judges, *to ſee* whether he have [10] put his hand unto his neighbours goods.

[10] Was any way acceſſory to the loſs of them.

9 For all manner of [11] treſpaſs, *whether it be* for ox, for aſs, for ſheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of loſt thing, which *another* challengeth to be his: the [12] cauſe of both parties ſhall come before the judges; *and* whom the judges ſhall condemn, he ſhall pay double unto his neighbour.

[11] About matters depoſited upon truſt, and loſt. ¶ [12] 2 *Chr.* 19. 10.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an aſs, or an ox, or a ſheep, or any beaſt [13] to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man ſeeing *it*:

[13] *Viz.* For hire; as *Gen.*30.31.&c. and 31.39. So Miniſters muſt be reſponſible for the ſouls of their people, *Ezek.*33.7,8.

11 *Then* ſhall an oath [14] of the LORD be [15] between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbours goods: and the owner of it ſhall accept *thereof*, and he ſhall not make *it* good.

[14] Taken by his authority and appointment, and for his honour, and in his name alone. ¶ [15] To end the difference between 'em.

* Gen. 31. 39.

12 And * if it be [16] ſtolen from him, he ſhall make reſtitution unto the owner thereof.

[16] *Gen.* 31. 39. Thro' his neglect.

13 If it be torn in pieces; *then* let him [17] bring it *for* witneſs, *and* he ſhall not make good that which was torn.

14 ¶ And if a man borrow [18] *ought* of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof *being* not with it; he ſhall ſurely make *it* good.

[17] *Am.* 3. 12. ¶ [18] Any beaſt.

15 *But* if the owner thereof *be* with it, he ſhall not make *it* good: if it *be* an hired *thing*, it came for his hire.

* Deut.22.28.

16 ¶ And * if a man [19] entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her; he ſhall ſurely endow her to be his wife.

[19] *Deut.* 22. 28, 29. See there.

17 If her father utterly [20] refuſe to give her

† Heb. *weigh.*

unto him, he ſhall pay † [21] mony [22] according to the dowry of virgins.

[20] This ſhews the neceſſity of parents conſent to the marriage of their children. ¶ [21] *Viz.* Fifty ſhekels, *Deut.*22.29. ¶ [22] According to his eſtate and condition, as dowries uſed to be given with maids of like condition.

18 ¶ Thou ſhalt not ſuffer a [23] witch to live.

[23] *Lev.*20.27. *Deut.*18.10. 1 *Sam.*28.9. or, Sorcerer, *ch.*7. 11. 2 *Chron.*33.6. *Jer.*27.9. *Dan.*2.2. *Mal.*3.5. One that is in covenant with the Devil, and by his help deludes peoples ſenſes, or hurts their perſons.

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19 ¶ Whoſoever lieth with a [24] beaſt, ſhall ſurely be put to death.

20 ¶ * He that ſacrificeth unto [25] *any* god, * Deut.13.13, 14,15. 1 Mac.2.24.

ſave unto the LORD only, he ſhall be utterly [26] deſtroyed.

[24] *Lev.* 18. 23. ¶ [25] *Deut.* 13. 13-15. and 17. 2, 3. ¶ [26] *Deut.*13.15. &c. and 17.5. and 18. 20.

21 ¶ * Thou ſhalt neither [27] vex a ſtranger, * Lev. 19. 33.

nor oppreſs him: for ye were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt.

[27] *Ch.*23.9. *Lev.*19.33. *Deut.*10.19. *Zach.*7.10. *Jer.*22.-3.

22 ¶ * Ye ſhall not afflict any [28] widow, or * Zech.7.10.

fatherleſs child.

[28] *Iſa.*1.17. *Jam.*1.27. *Deut.*10.18. and 24. 17. and 27. 19. *Zach.*7.10.

23 If thou afflict them in any wiſe, and they cry at all unto me: I will ſurely [29] hear their cry;

24 And my wrath ſhall wax hot, and I will kill you with the ſword; and [30] your wives ſhall be widows, and your children fatherleſs.

[29] *Pſal.* 146. 9. [30] *Matth.* 7. 2.

25 ¶ * If thou lend mony to *any of* [31] my * Lev.25. 36, 37. Deut.23.19. Pſalm 15.5.

people *that is* poor by thee, thou ſhalt not be to him as an [32] uſurer, neither ſhalt thou lay upon him [33] uſury.

[31] *Lev.*25.36,37. *Deut.*23.19,20. ¶ [32] *Deut.* 15.2,3. Or, exacting lender; *i. e.* as a lender that is urgent to have his own again; or to have a pawn for it, *Deut.* 24. 10. 2 *Kings* 4. 1. *Neh.* 5. 7,10,11. *Pſal.* 109. 11. ¶ [33] *Lev.* 25. 36, 37. *Deut.* 23. 19. *Pſal.*15.5. *Prov.*28.8. *Ezek.*18.8,17. *Neh.*5.7.

26 If thou at all take thy [34] neighbours raiment to [35] pledge, thou ſhalt deliver it unto him by that the ſun goeth down:

[34] That is poor, *v.* 27. *Deut.*24.12,13. ¶ [35] *Job* 24. 3,9. *Prov.*20.16. and 22.27. *Am.*2.8.

27 For that *is* his covering only, it *is* his raiment for his ſkin: wherein ſhall he ſleep? And it ſhall come to paſs, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear: for I *am* gracious.

28 ¶ * Thou ſhalt not [36] revile the ‖ gods, * Acts 23. 5. ‖ Or, *judges.*

nor curſe the ruler of thy people.

[36] *Eccl.* 10. 20. *Acts* 23. 5. 2 *Pet.* 2.10. *Jude* 8.

29 ¶ Thou ſhalt not [37] delay *to offer* † the [38] firſt of thy ripe fruits and of thy † liquors: * [39] the firſt-born of thy ſons ſhalt thou give unto me.

† Heb. *thy fulneſs.* † Heb. *tear.* * Ch.13. 2,12. & 34. 19.

[37] *Viz.* Beyond the time appointed. [38] *Ch.* 23. 19. *Prov.* 3.-9. The proportion aſſigned by them for this was to be one part between forty and ſixty. Hereby they acknowledge their thankfulneſs to God, whoſe tenants they were in the land, (*Deut.*26.9,10. *Lev.*25.23.) and the whole increaſe was hereby ſanctified to them, (*Rom.*11.16.) This alſo ſignified the ſeparation of the Church to God from the reſt of the world, *Jer.*2.3. *Jam.*1.18. *Rev.*14.4. ¶ [39] *ch.*13.2. and 34.19. *Numb.*18.15. *Deut.*15.19. The price of 'em.

30 Likewiſe ſhalt thou do with thine oxen, *and* with thy ſheep: ſeven days it ſhall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou ſhalt give it me.

31 ¶ And ye ſhall be [40] holy men unto me: * neither ſhall ye eat *any* fleſh *that is* [41] torn of beaſts in the field: ye ſhall [42] caſt it to the dogs.

* Lev.22.8. Ezek.44.31.

[40] Leading a more holy life than others, *Matth.* 5. 47. ¶ [41] *Lev.*17.15,16. *Ezek.*44.31. To teach 'em to abhor cruelty. ¶ [42] *Lev.*22.8. *Matth.*7.6.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Of ſlander and falſe witneſs.* 12 *Of the ſabbath.* 13 *Of idolatry.* 20 *A bleſſing promiſed to the obedient.*

THou ſhalt not ‖ [1] raiſe a falſe report: [2] put not thine hand with the wicked to be an [3] unrighteous witneſs.

‖ Or, *receive.*

[1] *Pſal.*

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[1] *Pſal.*15.3. Neither receive it from others, (1 *Sam.*24.9.) nor tell it to others, (*Lev.* 19. 16.) but diſcourage and reprove the ſpreader of it, *Prov.*25. 23. ¶ [2] Aſſiſt not any way. ¶ [3] *Pſal.* 35.11. *Deut.* 19. 16,19.

2 ¶ Thou ſhalt not follow a [4] multitude to *do* † Heb.*anſwer.* evil; neither ſhalt thou † [5] ſpeak in a cauſe, to decline after [6] many, to [7] wreſt *judgment.*

[4] *Gen.*6. 12. *Rom.* 12. 2. Either their counſel or example. ¶ [5] Either to leſſen a great fault, aggravate a ſmall one, vindicate an offendor, charge an innocent perſon, put falſe gloſſes, or ſiniſter interpretations upon things, or do any thing tending to procure any unjuſt ſentence. ¶ [6] Either the Friends of the party, the Judges, the Witneſſes, or the opinions of the vulgar. ¶ [7] *Lev.*19.15. *Deut.*1.17.

3 ¶ Neither ſhalt thou countenance a [8] poor man in his cauſe.

[8] Nor rich, (*Lev.* 19.15. ſee there.) but do right without reſpect of perſons.

4 ¶ If thou meet thine enemies [9] ox or his [9] aſs going aſtray, thou ſhalt ſurely [10] bring it back to him again.

[9] Or any loſt thing, *Deut.*22.1–3. *Job* 24.3. *Prov.* 24. 17. and 25.21. *Matth.*5.44. *Rom.* 12. 20. ¶ [10] *Luk.* 6. 27. *Phil.* 2. 4.

* Deut.22.4. ‖ Or, *wilt thou ceaſe to help him?* or, *and wouldſt ceaſe to leave* thy buſineſs *for him; thou ſhalt ſurely leave* it to joyn *with him.*

5 * If thou ſee the [11] aſs of him that hateth thee, lying under his [12] burden, ‖ and wouldeſt forbear to help him; thou ſhalt ſurely help [13] with him.

[11] *Deut.*22.4. ¶ [12] *Gal.*6.2. ¶ [13] The Aſſes Maſter.

6 Thou ſhalt not [14] wreſt the judgment of thy [15] poor in his cauſe.

[14] *Deut.*16. 19. and 24. 17. and 27. 19. 1 *Sam.* 8.–3. not ſtrain, nor ſtrive againſt the evidence of truth to condemn the poor in his juſt cauſe, or to acquit him in that that is unjuſt. ¶ [15] *Viz.* Neighbor, whether Jew or Gentile.

7 [16] Keep thee far from a falſe matter: and the innocent and righteous [18] ſlay thou not: for I will [19] not juſtifie the wicked.

[16] *Job* 22.–23. *Prov.*4.14,15. Abſtain from all occaſions, degrees, and appearances of an unrighteous judgment. ¶ [18] Condemn not to death, or to any other unjuſt penalty. ¶ [19] *ch.*34.7. *i.e.* I will ſeverely puniſh thee, if thou art ſo wicked as to pronounce an unrighteous ſentence.

* Deut.16. 19. Eccluſ. 20.29. † Heb.*the ſeeing.*

8 ¶ And * thou ſhalt take no [20] gift: for the gift [21] blindeth † the [22] wiſe, and [23] perverteth the words of the [22] righteous.

[20] *Act.*24.26. *Prov.*17.23. and 19.6. *Iſa.* 1. 23. ¶ [21] *Eccl.* 7.7. Corrupts the judgment, that it cannot or will not diſcern between right and wrong. ¶ [22] Even in ſuch who in other things are able to diſcern between right and wrong, and make conſcience of their ways. ¶ [23] 1 *Sam.* 8. 3. makes good men paſs a wrong ſentence.

9 ¶ Alſo thou ſhalt not [24] oppreſs a ſtranger: † Heb. *ſoul.* for ye know the † heart of a ſtranger, ſeeing ye were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt.

* Levit. 25. 2. 10 And * [25] ſix years thou ſhalt ſow thy land, and ſhalt gather in the fruits thereof:

[24] *Ch.*22.21. *Deut.*10.19. ¶ [25] *Lev.* 25. 2,3.

11 But the [26] ſeventh *year* thou ſhalt let it [27] reſt, and lie ſtill, that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave, the beaſts of the field ſhall eat. In like manner thou ſhalt deal with thy [28] vineyard, *and* with thy ‖ [28] oliveyard. ‖ Or, *olive-trees.*

[26] *Lev.*25.4. to teach 'em, that both themſelves and their land was Gods, *Lev.*25.23. ¶ [27] From plowing, ſowing, and gathering thoſe Fruits that grew of themſelves, *Lev.* 25. 20. ¶ [28] And all other trees of like uſe.

* Chap. 20. 8. Deut.5. 13. Luke 13. 14.

12 * [29] Six days thou ſhalt do thy work, and on the ſeventh day thou ſhalt [30] reſt: that thine ox and thine aſs may reſt, and the ſon of thy handmaid, and the ſtranger may be refreſhed.

[29] *Ch.* 20. 8. *Deut.* 5. 13. *Luk.* 13. 14. ¶ [30] There were three ſorts of Sabbaths or times of reſt to the Jews. (1) Weekly. (2) Yearly. (3) Of weeks of years, *viz.* the Jubile: all which were types of the eternal reſt in Heaven.

13 And in all *things* that I have ſaid unto you, be [31] circumſpect, and make no [32] mention of the names of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

[31] *Eph.*5.15. [32] *Deut.*12.–3. *Joſh.*23.7. *Hoſ.*2.17. *Zach.*13. 2. *Pſal.*16.4. *Numb.* 32. 38. *viz.* with honor or delight, or without deteſtation.

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14 ¶ * [33] Three times thou ſhalt keep a feaſt unto me in the year. * Deut.16. 16.

15 * Thou ſhalt keep the [34] feaſt of unleavened bread: thou ſhalt eat unleavened bread ſeven days, as I commanded thee in the time appointed of the month Abib: for in it thou cameſt out from Egypt: * and none ſhall appear before me [35] empty. * Chap. 13. 3. and 34. 18. * Deut. 16.16. Eccluſ.35. 4.

[33] *V.* 17. ſee there. ¶ [34] This was join'd to the Paſſover, *ch.*12.18. and 13.3. and 34.18. *Lev.* 23.5–8. *Numb.* 28.17. ¶ [35] *Deut.*16.16, 17.

16 And the feaſt of [36] harveſt, the [37] firſt-fruits of thy labors, which thou haſt ſown in the field: and the feaſt of [38] in-gathering *which is* in the end of the year, when thou haſt gathered in thy labors out of the field.

[36] Which was upon the fiftieth day after the Paſſover; and therefore was called *Pentecoſt* (*Lev.*23.15,16. *Deut.*16.9, 10. *Act.*2.1.) celebrated by way of thankſgiving for their Harveſt. ¶ [37] See on *ch.* 22. 29. ¶ [38] *ch.* 34. 22. when all the reſt of the fruits of the earth, as Vines, Olives, *&c.* were brought home. See on *Lev.* 23. 34.

17 [39] Three times in the year [40] all thy males ſhall appear before the LORD God.

[39] *Ch.*34.23,24. *Deut.*12.5,6. and 16.16. ¶ [40] *Viz.* which were of competent years, and at their own diſpoſe: The women alſo might come if they would, as 1 *Sam.* 2. 19. *Luke* 2.41.

18 Thou ſhalt [41] not offer the blood of my ſacrifice with leavened bread, neither ſhall the fat of my ‖ ſacrifice remain until the morning. ‖ Or, *feaſt.*

[41] *Ch.*34.25. *Lev.*2.11. *Deut.* 16. 3.

19 * The firſt of the [37] firſt-fruits of thy land thou ſhalt bring into the houſe of the LORD thy God. * Thou ſhalt [42] not ſeeth a kid in his mothers milk. * Chap.34.26. * Deut.14. 21.

[42] *Ch.*34.–26. *Deut.* 14. 21. the end of this Law ſeems to be, to teach 'em to abhor cruelty.

20 ¶ * Behold, I ſend an [43] angel before thee to [44] keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the [45] place which I have prepared. * Chap.33.2.

[43] *Ch.*14.19. and 33.2. Chriſt, 1 *Cor.* 10.9. ¶ [44] *Pſal.* 91. 11. ¶ [45] *Joh.*14.2.

21 [46] Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not: for he will [47] not pardon your tranſgreſſions: for [48] my name *is* in him.

[46] Take heed to thy ſelf before him. ¶ [47] *Numb.*14. 35. but will ſeverely puniſh you for 'em; *viz.* if you perſiſt therein without repentance. ¶ [48] My nature (*Joh.* 10. 38. and 5.23.) of the ſame Eſſence.

22 But if thou ſhalt indeed [49] obey his voice, and do all that I ſpeak; then I will be an [50] enemy unto thine enemies, and an ‖ adverſary unto thine adverſaries. ‖ Or, *I will afflict them that afflict thee.*

[49] *Ch.*19.5. *Pſal.*81. 13. ¶ [50] *Gen.* 12. 3. *Numb.* 24.–9. *Deut.*30.7. *Jer.*30.–20.

23 * For mine angel ſhall go [51] before thee, and * bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites; *and* the Hivites, and the Jebuſites: and I will cut them off. * Chap. 33.2. * Joſh.24.11.

[51] *V.*20. *Iſa.* 42. 16.

24 Thou ſhalt not bow down to their gods, nor ſerve them, nor do [52] after their works: * but thou ſhalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their [53] images. * Deut.7. 25.

[52] *Lev.*18.3. *Deut.*12.31. in worſhiping Idols. ¶ [53] And all monuments of Idolatry, *ch.*34.13. *Deut.* 12.2,3. and 7. 5, 25. *Numb.*33.52.

25 And ye ſhall ſerve the LORD your God, and he ſhall bleſs thy [54] bread, and thy [54] water: and I will take [55] ſickneſs away from the midſt of thee.

[54] *Deut.*28.5.8. all manner of food. ¶ [55] *ch.*15.26. *Deut.* 7.15.

26 ¶ * There ſhall nothing [56] caſt their young, * Deut.7. 14.

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young, nor be barren in thy land: the [57] number of thy days I will fulfil.

[56] *Deut.*7.14. ¶ [57] Which according to the courſe of nature thou ſhouldſt live, (whereas *Pſal.*55,24.)

27 I will [58] ſend my fear before thee, and will deſtroy all the people to whom thou ſhalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their † backs unto thee.

† Heb. *neck.*

[58] *Deut.*2.25. *i.e.* a fear from me (as *Gen.*35. 5. *ch.* 14. 24. *Joſh.*10.10.)

* Joſh.24.12. 28 And * I will ſend [59] hornets before thee, which ſhall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before thee.

[59] *Deut.*7.20. *Joſh.* 24. 12.

29 I will [60] not drive them out from before thee in one year; leſt the land become deſolate, and the beaſt of the field multiply againſt thee.

30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increaſed, and inherit the land.

31 And I will ſet thy bounds [61] from the Red ſea even unto the ſea of the Philiſtines, and from the deſart unto the [61] river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand: and thou ſhalt drive them out before thee.

[60] *Deut.* 7. 22. ¶ [61] *Deut.* 11. 24. *Gen.* 15. 18. *Joſh.* 1. 4. All within theſe bounds was given them by God, but upon conditions, which they manifeſtly brake, and therefore were for the moſt part confined to a much narrower compaſs: yet in *Solomon*'s time this was in a good meaſure fulfilled, 1 *King.* 4. 21.

* Chap.34.15. Deut.7.2. 32 * Thou ſhalt make [62] no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

[62] *Ch.*34.12,15. *Deut.*7.1. *&c.*

* Deut.7. 16. Joſh.23. 13. Judg.2.3. 33 They ſhall not dwell in thy land, leſt they make thee ſin againſt me: for if thou ſerve their gods, * it will ſurely be a [63] ſnare unto thee.

[63] *Ch.*34. 12. *Joſh.* 23. 13. *Judg.* 2. 1–3. *Numb.* 25. 1, 2. *Deut.*7.16,25. 1 *Sam.*18.21. *Pſal.*106.36. *Prov.*13. 14,27. an occaſion of further ſin, and utter ruin.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Moſes is called up into the mountain.* 3 *The people promiſe obedience.* 9 *The glory of God appeareth.*

AND he ſaid unto Moſes, come up unto the LORD, thou and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and [1] ſeventy of the elders of Iſrael: and worſhip ye [2] afar off.

[1] *Numb.*11.16,17. ¶ [2] (But now we may draw nigh, *Eph.*3, 12.)

2 And Moſes alone ſhall come near the LORD: but they ſhall not come nigh, neither ſhall the people go up with him.

3 ¶ And Moſes came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people anſwered with one voice, and ſaid, *[3] All the words, which the LORD hath ſaid, will we do.

* Chap. 19. 8. Verſ. 7. Deut. 5. 27.

4 And Moſes [4] wrote all the words of the LORD, and roſe up early in the morning, and builded an [5] altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, [6] according to the twelve tribes of Iſrael.

[3] *V.*7. ſee on *ch.*19.8. ¶ [4] In a Book, *v.* 7. *Heb.* 9. 19. ¶ [5] Which repreſented God, the firſt and chief Party in the Covenant. ¶ [6] To repreſent them (the other party in the Covenant) and their hard, ſtony nature; (as the Tables of ſtone (*v.*12. and *ch.*31.18.) ſignified their ſtony hearts, 2 *Cor.*3.3.)

5 And he ſent [7] young men of the children of Iſrael, which offered [8] burnt-offerings, and ſacrificed [8] peace-offerings of [9] oxen unto the LORD.

[7] Perſons fit for ſervice: probably the firſt-born, who were Prieſts, till the *Levites* were taken in their ſtead, *Num.* 3.41. ¶ [8] See on *Lev.* 1. and 3. ¶ [9] And other Beaſts, *Heb.*9.19.

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6 And Moſes took half of the blood, and put *it* in [10] baſons: and half of the blood he ſprinkled on the [10] altar.

[10] The Blood was divided between the Altar, and the people, to note the mutual ſtipulation between God and them; and that Reconciliation was to be made by the blood of Chriſt.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they ſaid, *[3] All that the LORD hath ſaid, will we do, and be obedient. * Verſ. 3.

8 And Moſes took * the [11] blood, and [12] ſprinkled *it* on the [13] people, and ſaid, Behold the blood of the [14] covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all theſe words. * 1 Pet.1.2. Hebr.9. 20.

[11] That half in the baſins, *v.*6. [12] *Heb.*9.18-23. to note, the ſprinkling of their Conſciences with the blood of Chriſt, and their obtaining Remiſſion, Juſtification, and acceſs to God through him alone. ¶ [13] Such as were near him. ¶ [14] *Heb.*9.20. Whereby the Covenant is made and confirmed between God and you (as *Matth.*26.28.)

9 ¶ Then went up Moſes and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and ſeventy of the elders of Iſrael.

10 And they ſaw the [15] God of Iſrael: and *there was* under his feet, as it were a paved work of a [16] ſapphire-ſtone, and as it were the [17] body of heaven in *his* [17] clearneſs.

[15] *Joh.*1.18. Some glorious appearance, or token of God's ſpecial preſence; or rather the ſecond perſon of the Trinity, who now ſhew'd himſelf to them in a humane ſhape, as an eſſay or teſtimony of his future Incarnation. ¶ [16] *Ezek.* 1. 26. *Iſa.*54.-11. *Lam.*4-7. ¶ [17] To note the favor of God towards them that keep his Covenant; and that purity that is required in his covenant-people.

11 And upon the [18] nobles of the children of Iſrael he [19] laid not his hand: alſo they ſaw God, and did [20] eat and drink.

[18] Thoſe Elders, *v.*1,9. ¶ [19] *Neh.*13.21. *Pſal.*55. 20. and 138.7. did not hurt, or deſtroy them (becauſe they went up by his appointment) according to the vulgar opinion, *Gen.* 16. 13. and 32.20. *&c.* ¶ [20] *Luke.* 22. 30. *viz.* of their Sacrifices (*v.*5.) rejoycing in the goodneſs of God to them, and the honor he had done them. Thus God gave 'em a taſte of his grace and mercy in this Covenant, and an aſſurance that he would not deal with 'em according to the rigor of the Law, but for the ſake of the blood of Chriſt, typically here repreſented, would graciouſly pardon and accept all thoſe that ſincerely, tho imperfectly obey him.

12 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of [21] ſtone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayeſt teach them.

[21] *ch.*31.18. ſee there. *Deut.*9.10. *Jer.*31.33. 2 *Cor.*3.3.

13 And Moſes roſe up, and his miniſter Joſhua: and Moſes went up into the mount of God.

14 And he ſaid unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and behold, Aaron and Hur *are* with you: if any man have any [22] matters to do, let him come unto them.

[22] Queſtion, or Controverſie.

15 And Moſes went up into the mount, and a [23] cloud covered the mount.

[23] *Ch.*19.9. *Matth.*17.5. a ſign of God's preſence, tho with obſcurity, 2 *Chron.*6.1. *Heb.*12.18.

16 And the [24] glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it [25] ſix days: and the [26] ſeventh day he called unto Moſes out of the midſt of the cloud.

[24] *Numb.*14.-10. ¶ [25] To prepare *Moſes* for the receiving the following Laws; (as he had prepar'd the people before, three days, to receive the Moral Law, *ch.*19. 10,11.) ¶ [26] So *Rev.*1.10.

17 And the ſight of the glory of the LORD *was* like [27] devouring fire on the top of the mount, in the eyes of the children of Iſrael.

[27] For

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[27] For a terror to the transgressors of the Law, *Deut.* 4. 24, 36. *Heb.* 12.28,29.

18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and * Moses was in the mount [28] forty days, and forty nights.

* Chap.38.28. Deut.9.9.

[28] *Deut.* 9. 9. 1 *King.* 19. 8. *Matth.* 4. 2.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *The offering of the tabernacle.* 10 *The form of the ark.* 17 *The mercy-seat.* 23 *The table,* 31 *and candlestick.*

2514. AND the LORD [1] spake unto Moses, saying,

[1] Having delivered the Moral and Judicial Laws, he now comes to the Ceremonial; wherein he sets down all things very minutely, and particularly, because they were mysterious and significant; and because man's Reason is a very incompetent Judge in these things.

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they † bring me an ‖ offering: * of every man that giveth it [2] willingly with his heart, ye shall take my offering.

† Heb. *take for me.* ‖ Or, *heave-offering.* * Chap.35.5.

[2] *Ch.* 35.5,21. *Judg.*5.9. 1 *Chron.*29. 3,5,9,14. *Ezr.* 2. 68. and 3.5. *Neh.*11.2. *Psal.*110.3. 2 *Cor.*8.11,12. and 9.7.

3 And this *is* the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

4 And [3] blue, and [3] purple, and [3] scarlet, and ‖[4] fine linen, and goats *hair*.

‖ Or, *silk.*

[3] *Viz.* Wool, (*Heb.*9.19.) these represented blood of all sorts, and so figured unto the Church, how both themselves and all their actions should be wash'd and died in the blood of Christ, *Rev.*1.5. and 7.14. ¶ [4] Signifying the Graces of the Saints, *Rev.*19.8,14. *Ezek.*16.10.

5 And rams skins died red, and badgers skins, and [5] shittim-wood,

[5] *Ch.*35.24. thought to be a kind of Cedar, whereof *Solomon's* Temple was built, 1 *King.* 6.9,10.

6 Oyl for the [6] light, spices for [7] anointing oyl, and for [8] sweet incense,

[6] *V.* 37.*ch.*27.20. ¶ [7] *Ch.*30.23–30. ¶ [8] *Ch.*30.34–36.

7 Onyx-stones, and stones to be set in the * [9] ephod, and in the * [10] breast-plate.

* Chap.28.4. * Chap.28.15.

8 And let them make me a [11] sanctuary; that I may [12] dwell amongst them.

[9] *Ch.* 28. 4,6. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 28. 15. ¶ [11] The visible sign of God's Presence with, and Protection of his People, (*Lev.*26. 11,12.) and a type (1) of Christ's Person, (*Heb.* 8. 2.) by whom God does manifest himself to us, and in whom we have access to God. (2) Of the Church, the habitation of God by the Spirit, 2 *Cor.*6.16. (3) Of every Christian, in whose heart God dwells, *Heb.*3.6. ¶ [12] *Ch.*29.45,46. *Lev.* 26.12. *Numb.*35.34. 1 *King.* 6.13. *Zach.*2.10. and 8.3. 2 *Cor.* 6.16. *Rev.*21.2,3. by my grace, and glorious Operations.

9 According to all that I shew thee, *after* the [13] pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.

[13] 1 *Chron.*28.11,12,18,19. This was not only a pattern of the Tabernacle, and all things belonging thereto, but also a pattern or figure of those spiritual and heavenly things which concerned the eternal priesthood of Christ; *Heb.*8.5. See there.

10 ¶ * And they shall make [14] an ark *of* [15] shittim-wood: [15] two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a [15] cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

* Chap.37.1.

[14] *Ch.*37.1. A little chest or coffer, to lay up the Tables of the Covenant in, (*v.*16.) the lid or cover whereof was of gold with Cherubims, called the Mercy-seat, (*v.*17.&c.) and it was a visible sign of God's gracious presence with his people in Christ. Therefore 'tis the first and chiefest of all the holy things; and for it principally was the Tabernacle made, (*ch.*26.33. and 40.18,21.) and it sanctified the tent or house wherein it rested, 2 *Chron.*8.11. ¶ [15] A yard and half and an inch long, and two feet nine inches broad, and high.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure [16] gold, [17] within and [17] without shalt thou overlay it: and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. *

[16] To teach them what precious account they were to make of the Law of God. ¶ [17] To note Christ's glory both in soul and body, both in his humane and divine natures.

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12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in the four corners thereof; and two rings *shall be* in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings, by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be born with them.

15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the ark the [18] testimony which I shall give thee.

[18] *Ch.*16.34. *Deut.*10.2. 1 *Kings*8.9. 2 *Kings* 11.12. 1 *Cor.* 2.1. 2 *Tim.*1.8. *i. e.* The two tables of stone whereon the Law, or ten Commandments were written; which were witnesses of the Covenant between God and the People, and testified what it was that God requir'd of 'em; and also which should testifie against 'em, if they kept it not, *Deut.* 31. 26.

17 And thou shalt make [19] a mercy-seat *of* pure gold: [20] two cubits and an half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

[19] The covering of the Ark, with the Cherubims upon it; plac'd between the tables of the Law, and the Majesty of God appearing between the Cherubims, to note, that Christ (of whom this was an eminent type, *Rom.* 3. 25. See there. 1 *John* 2.2. See there.) interposes himself between God our Judge, and the Law, (by which we all stand condemned and accurst, *Gal.*3.10,13.) that God may not deal rigorously with us according to the Law, but mercifully, for his sake who has fulfilled the Law. ¶ [20] Just of the same cise with the Chest or Ark, (*v.* 10.) to cover it, to shew that Christ's satisfaction is answerable to our transgression.

18 And thou shalt make two [21] cherubims *of* gold: [22] *of* beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy-seat.

[21] 1 *Kings* 6.23. *Ezek.*1.5. with *ch.* 10.1. To represent the Angels, who continually attend upon God in heaven, *Matth.* 18.10. ¶ [22] Perhaps, to note, that they were created immediately by God, and not begotten by one another, as men are, (between which, and the casting of melted metal into a mold, there may be some resemblance.)

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: *even* ‖ [23] of the mercy-seat shall ye make the cherubims on the † two ends thereof.

‖ Or, *of the matter of the mercy-seat.*

[23] Of one and the same piece of massy gold, out of which the Cherubims were made; to note, perhaps, that the Angels are members of the Church triumphant, the Body of Christ; and that he is their Head, *Col.*2.10. and that they have their establishment in, and by him. See on *Gal.* 1. 20. † To note, their continual attendance on Christ, *John* 1. 51. See on *Gen.*28.12.

20 And the cherubims shall [24] stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, and their faces *shall look* [25] one to another: [26] towards the mercy-seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

[24] 1 *Kings*8.7. 1 *Chron.* 28. 18. *Hebr.* 9. 5. Noting their readiness to serve God, Christ, his Church and People, *Hebr.* 1.14. ¶ [25] Noting their joint consent and agreement herein. ¶ [26] 1 *Pet.*1.12.

21 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat above upon the ark; and [27] in the ark thou shalt put the [18] testimony that I shall give thee.

[27] Under the cover; to note, that the rigor of the Law is suppresst by Christ's mediation and attonement.

22 And [28] there I will [29] meet with thee, and I will commune with thee, from above the mercy-seat, from * between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

* Numb.7.89.

[28] Christ is the means of God's manifesting his Presence, and declaring his Will to us. ¶ [29] *Ch.* 29. 42. and 30. 6, 36. *Numb.*12.5. and 7. 89. *Psal.*80.1. *Judg.*20.27. 1 *Sam.*4.4. 2 *Kings* 19.15.

23 ¶ * Thou

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23 ¶ * Thou shalt also make a [30] table *of* shittim-wood: [15] two cubits *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

* Chap.37.10.

[30] *Ch.*37.10. 1 *Kings* 7. 48. 2 *Chron.* 4. 8. To put 'em in mind that they were at God's finding, and continually fed at his table.

24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure [31] gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.

[31] Noting the divine nature of Christ, which, together with his human (represented by the Wood) made one Person.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand-breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet thereof.

27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

28 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be born with them.

29 And thou shalt make the [32] dishes thereof, and [33] spoons thereof, and [34] covers thereof, and [34] bowls thereof, || to cover withal: *of* pure gold shalt thou make them.

|| Or, *to pour out withal.*

[32] Wherein the bread was set on the table. ¶ [33] Or, *cups*, for the incense to be put in, *Numb.*7.14. ¶ [34] To cover the bread in the dishes, and the incense in the cups.

30 And thou shalt set upon the table, [35] shew-bread before me alway.

[35] *Mat.*2.26. *Heb.*9. 2. A type of Christ the bread of life, and of our communion with him; and that he always appears before his father to make intercession for us, *Hebr.* 9.24.

* Chap.37.17.

31 ¶ * And thou shalt make a [36] candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers shall be of the same.

[36] *Ch.*37.17. 1 *King.*7.49. *Zach.* 4. 2. an Emblem of the Church (*Rev.*1.-20.) inlightned by the spirit of God.

32 And [37] six branches shall come out of the sides of it: three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side.

[37] Which, with that in the middle, represented the seven Spirits of God (Rev.1.4. and 4. 5. and 5. 6.) the great Inlightner of the Church with seven-fold, or various gifts and operations.

33 Three [38] bowls made like unto almonds, *with* a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

[38] These bowls, knops, and flowers might signifie the several gifts and ornaments wherewith Christ indues his Ministers.

34 And in the [39] candlestick *shall be* four bowls made like unto almonds, *with* their knops and their flowers.

[39] In the shaft or trunk of it.

35 And *there shall be* a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it *shall be* one beaten-work *of* pure gold.

37 And thou shalt make the [40] seven lamps thereof: and they shall || light the lamps thereof, that they may give light [41] over against † it.

|| Or, *cause to ascend.* † Heb. *the face of it.*

[40] Noting the seven Spirits of God, *Rev.*4.5. See *n.* 37. ¶ [41] *Numb.*8.-2. *i.e.* round about it.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuff-dishes thereof *shall be of* [42] pure gold.

[42] Noting the purity of Discipline.

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39 *Of* a [43] talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

[43] 93 *l.* three quarters Averdupois.

40 And * [44] look that thou make *them* after [45] their pattern, † which was shewed thee in the mount.

* Acts 7. 44. Hebr. 8. 5. † Heb. *which thou wast caused to see.*

[44] *Numb.*8.4. 1 *Chron.*28.19. *Act.*7.44. *Heb.* 8.5. ¶ [45] *V.*9. *sed to see.* there. *ch.*26.30. and 39.42,43. 1 *Chron.*28.12,19. *Act.*7.44.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *The ten curtains of the tabernacle.* 31 *The vail of the ark.*

MOreover, thou shalt make the [1] tabernacle *with* ten curtains *of* fine twined [2] linen, and [3] blue, and [3] purple, and [3] scarlet: *with* [4] cherubims † of [5] cunning work shalt thou make them.

† Heb. *the work of a cunning workman, or embroiderer.*

[1] A type of Christs body (*Joh.*2. 21. *Heb.* 8:2. and 9.11.) and thence it may note his mystical Body the Church. ¶ [2] *Viz.* White, noting Christs Graces and Righteousness. ¶ [3] See on *ch.* 25. 4. ¶ [4] See on *ch.* 25. 18. ¶ [5] Wherein both sides were wrought alike, as *v.* 31.

2 The length of one curtain *shall be* † eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain, *a* four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

† Fifty one feet, or seventeen yards two inches. ¶ *a* Seven feet four inches.

3 The five curtains shall be [6] coupled together one to another: and *other* five curtains *shall be* coupled one to another.

[6] Noting the union of Persons, and of Graces in the Church by the Spirit, *Eph.* 4.3--6. 1 *Cor.*12.4--6,12,13.

4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain, from the selvedge in the coupling: and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second.

5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that *is* in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou shalt make fifty [7] taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be [8] one tabernacle.

[7] Or Buttons. ¶ [8] So *v.*-11. to note, that the Saints are all united by Faith and Love (*Eph.*4.13. *Col.*2.2.) and make but one Church.

7 ¶ And thou shalt make curtains *of* goats *hair* to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

8 The length of one curtain *shall be b* thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains *shall be all* of one measure.

b Eighteen yards and a quarter.

9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain *that is* outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the || tent together, that it may be one.

|| Or, *covering.*

12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the back-side of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side † of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over

† Heb. *in the remainder, or, surplusage.*

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2513. 14 And thou ſhalt make [9] a covering for the tent, of rams ſkins died red, and a covering above *of* badgers ſkins.

[9] Theſe ſeveral coverings ſignified, both the ſafety of the Church, covered and hid from the injuries of the world, (*Iſa.*4.6. and 25.4. *Pſal.* 27. 5. and 121. 5, 6.) and alſo the ſtate of the Church then, which had the myſteries of Chriſt under ſhadows and coverings (which are now taken away, *Heb.*10.1.)

15 ¶ And thou ſhalt make [10] boards for the tabernacle, *of* ſhittim-wood ſtanding up.

[10] Signifying the ſeveral members of the Church, built all upon one foundation, 1 *Cor.*3.11. *Eph.*2.20, 21.

16 *a* Ten cubits *ſhall be* the length of a board, and a *b* cubit and a half *ſhall be* the breadth of one board.

a Eighteen feet three inches. *b* Two feet nine inches.

† Heb. *hands.* 17 Two † tenons *ſhall there be* in one board, ſet in order one againſt another: thus ſhalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 And thou ſhalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the ſouth-ſide, ſouth-ward.

19 And thou ſhalt make forty ſockets of ſilver, under the twenty boards: two ſockets under one board for his two tenons, and two ſockets under another board for his two tenons.

20 And for the ſecond ſide of the tabernacle on the north-ſide, *there ſhall be* twenty boards.

21 And their forty ſockets *of* ſilver: two ſockets under one board, and two ſockets under another board.

22 And for the ſides of the tabernacle weſtward, thou ſhalt make ſix boards.

23 And two boards ſhalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two ſides.

† Heb. *twinned.* 24 And they ſhall be † [8] coupled together beneath, and they ſhall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus ſhall it be for them both; they ſhall be for the two corners.

25 And they ſhall be eight boards, and their ſockets *of* ſilver, ſixteen ſockets: two ſockets under one board, and two ſockets under another board.

26 ¶ And thou ſhalt make bars *of* ſhittim-wood: five for the boards of the one ſide of the tabernacle,

27 And five bars for the boards of the other ſide of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the ſide of the tabernacle for the two ſides weſt-ward.

28 And the middle bar in the mids of the boards ſhall reach from end to end.

29 And thou ſhalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings *of* gold *for* places for the bars: and thou ſhalt overlay the bars with gold.

* Chap.25.9, 40. Acts 7. 44. Hebr. 8.5. 30 And thou ſhalt rear up the tabernacle * according to [11] the faſhion thereof, which was ſhewed thee in the mount.

[11] *Ch.*25.40. ſee there.

31 ¶ And thou ſhalt make a [12] vail *of* blue and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen of [5] cunning work: with [13] cherubims ſhall it be made.

[12] 2*Chron.*3.14. It ſignified (1) The human Nature of Chriſt, adorn'd with excellent gifts and graces, by which he has opened for us a way into Heaven, *Heb.*10.19, 20. and 9.8. (2) The ſeparation between the Jews and Gentiles; which is now reconciled by Chriſt, (*Eph.*2.14.) and therefore at the death of Chriſt this vail rent aſunder, *Matth.*27.51. ¶ [13] See on *ch.*25. 18.

32 And thou ſhalt hang it upon four pillars of ſhittim-*wood*, overlaid with gold: their hooks *ſhall be of* gold, upon the four ſockets of ſilver.

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33 ¶ And thou ſhalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayeſt bring in thither within the vail, the ark [14] of the teſtimony: and the vail ſhall [15] divide unto you, between the [16] holy *place* and the [16] moſt holy.

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[14] Wherein was the Teſtimony. See on *ch.*25.16. ¶ [15] *Heb.* 9.8. ſee there. ¶ [16] A type of the Church militant, and triumphant.

34 And thou ſhalt put the mercy-ſeat upon the ark of the teſtimony, in the moſt holy *place*.

35 And thou ſhalt ſet the table [17] without the vail, and the candleſtick over againſt the table on the ſide of the tabernacle toward the ſouth: and thou ſhalt put the table on the north-ſide.

[17] To note that the Ordinances are of uſe only for the Church on earth.

36 And thou ſhalt make an [18] hanging for the door of the tent, *of* blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with [19] needle-work.

[18] To note, with what fear and reverence we ſhould approach into God's preſence. ¶ [19] Noting the variety of graces which the Church is adorned withal.

37 And thou ſhalt make for the hanging, five pillars of ſhittim-*wood*, and [20] overlay them with gold, *and* their hooks *ſhall be of* gold: and thou ſhalt caſt five ſockets of braſs for them.

[20] *Viz.* the Chapiters and Fillets, *ch.*36. 38.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The altar of burnt-offering, with the veſſels. 9 The court of the tabernacle. 20 The oyl for the lamp.

AND thou ſhalt mak an [1] altar *of* ſhittim-wood, *a* five cubits long, and five cubits broad: the altar ſhall be [2] four-ſquare, and the heigth thereof *ſhall be b* three cubits.

[1] *Ch.* 38.1. A type of Chriſt (*Heb.*30.10.) and of the Dignity, Merit, and Efficacy of his death. ¶ *a* Nine feet two inches. ¶ [2] Noting firmneſs and ſtability. ¶ *b* Five feet and a half.

2 And thou ſhalt make the [3] horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns ſhall be of the ſame: and thou ſhalt overlay it with [4] braſs.

[3] *Pſal.* 118. 27. Signifying the power of Chriſt for the ſalvation of his Church, gathered out of all parts of the World. ¶ [4] *Job* 6.12. *Zach.* 6. 1. *Rev.*1. 15. *Mic.* 4. 13. to note, Chriſt's ſuffering of God's wrath, without being conſumed, or overcome thereby.

3 And thou ſhalt make his pans to receive his aſhes, and his ſhovels, and his baſons, and his fleſh-hooks, and his fire-pans: all the veſſels thereof thou ſhalt make *of* braſs.

4 And thou ſhalt make for it a grate of net-work of braſs; and upon the net ſhalt thou make four braſen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou ſhalt put it under the compaſs of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midſt of the altar.

6 And thou ſhalt make ſtaves for the altar, ſtaves *of* ſhittim-wood, and overlay them with braſs.

7 And the ſtaves ſhall be put into the rings, and the ſtaves ſhall be upon the two ſides of the altar to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards ſhalt thou make it: as † it was [5] ſhewed thee in the mount, ſo ſhall they make *it*.

† Heb. *it ſhewed.*

[5] *Ch.*25.40. and 26. 30. 1 *Chron.* 28. 11—19. that no place might be left for will-worſhip or humane inventions, *Col.* 2. 23. *Matth.*15. 19.

9 ¶ And thou ſhalt make the [6] court of the tabernacle for the ſouth-ſide, ſouthward: *there ſhall be* hangings for the court *of* fine

Chap. 28. twined linen of *c* an hundred cubits long, for one side.

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6 *Pſal.*100.4.and 116.17–19. a type of the viſible Church; whether all come that make profeſſion. ¶ *c* Almoſt ſixty one yards.

10 And the twenty pillars thereof, and their twenty ſockets *ſhall be of* braſs: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets *ſhall be of* ſilver.

11 And likewiſe for the north-ſide in length, *there ſhall be* hangings of an *c* hundred *cubits* long, and his twenty pillars, and their twenty ſockets *of* braſs: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets *of* ſilver.

12 ¶ And *for* the breadth of the court, on the weſt-ſide, *ſhall be* hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their ſockets ten.

13 And the breadth of the court on the eaſt-ſide, eaſt-ward, *ſhall be* fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of one ſide *of the gate ſhall be a* fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their ſockets three.

a Nine yards and about a quarter.

15 And on the other ſide *ſhall be* hangings, *a* fifteen *cubits:* their pillars three, and their ſockets three.

16 ¶ And for the gate of the court, *ſhall be* an hanging of *b* twenty cubits, *of* blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen wrought with needle-work: *and* their pillars *ſhall be* four, and their ſockets four.

b Twelve yards.

17 All the pillars round about the court *ſhall be* filleted with ſilver: their hooks *ſhall be of* ſilver, and their ſockets *of* braſs.

18 ¶ The length of the court *ſhall be c* an hundred cubits, and the breadth † fifty every where, and the height five cubits, *of* fine twined linen, and their ſockets *of* braſs.

† Heb. *fifty by fifty.*

19 All the veſſels of the tabernacle in all the ſervice thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court *ſhall be of* braſs.

20 ¶ And thou ſhalt [7] command the [8] children of Iſrael, that they bring thee pure [9] oyl-olive [10] beaten, for the light, to cauſe the lamp † to burn [11] always.

† Heb. *to aſcend up.*

7 *Lev.*24.2. ¶ 8 The people muſt provide for the maintenance of the Lamps of the Church, that they may be kept burning. ¶ 9 Signifying the gifts and graces of the Spirit, whereby Miniſters are fitted to be Lights to the people. ¶ 10 Noting the ſtudy, diligence and labor of Miniſters in diſpenſing the Word. ¶ 11 *ch.*30.8. *Lev.* 24.3. both Night and Day.

21 In the tabernacle of the [12] congregation without the vail, which *is* before the [13] teſtimony, Aaron and his ſons ſhall [14] order it from evening to morning before the LORD: *it ſhall be* a ſtatute for ever unto their generations, on the behalf of the children of Iſrael.

12 Where the people uſed to meet, not only one with another, but with God alſo; and where the Prieſts, Levites, and people aſſembled according to their ſeveral degrees of approach. ¶ 13 The Ark of the Teſtimony, *ch.* 25. 21. ¶ 14 Signifying, that the Prieſts lips ſhould preſerve knowledg, *Mal.*2.7.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Aaron and his ſons are ſeparated for the prieſts office.* 6 *The ephod.* 30 *The Urim and Thummim.*

AND [1] take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his ſons with him, from among the children of Iſrael, that he may miniſter unto me in the prieſts office, *even* Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aarons ſons.

1 *Lev.*8.2. *Heb.*5.4. ſolemnly ſet 'em apart for this Office.

2 And thou ſhalt make [2] holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for [3] glory, and for [3] beauty. Chap. 28. 2513.

2 To be uſed only in holy miniſtrations. ¶ 3 Glorious and beautiful: noting, partly, the dignity and excellency of their Office; and chiefly the glorious robes wherewith Chriſt is both clothed himſelf, and clothes all his people (who are made Prieſts to God) *Heb.*7.26. *Pſal.* 132. 9, 16. *Iſa.*61. 10. *Rev.*19.8.

3 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto all *that are* [4] wiſe-hearted, whom [5] I have filled with the ſpirit of wiſdom, that they may make Aarons garments [6] to conſecrate him, that he may miniſter unto me in the prieſts office.

4 *Ch.*31.6. Skilful Artiſts. ¶ 5 *Iſa.*28. 24, 26. ¶ 6 To be a ſign of his conſecration to this Office.

4 And theſe *are* the garments which they ſhall make; a breaſt-plate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they ſhall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his ſons, that he may miniſter unto me in the prieſts office.

5 And they ſhall take gold, and blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine linen.

6 ¶ And they ſhall make the ephod *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, *of* ſcarlet, and fine twined linen with cunning work.

7 It ſhall have the two ſhoulder-pieces thereof joyned at the two edges thereof; and *ſo* it ſhall be joyned together.

8 And the ‖ curious [7] girdle of the ephod which *is* [8] upon it, ſhall be [9] of the ſame, according to the work thereof; *even of* gold, *of* blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen.

‖ Or, *embroidered.*

7 *Rev.*1.13. Two pieces or flaps which came from the back part of the Ephod under the arm-holes, and ſerved as a girdle to faſten it below. ¶ 8 Joyned as part of it. ¶ 9 Of the ſame kind of materials and workmanſhip.

9 And thou ſhalt take two onyx-ſtones, and [10] grave on them the names of the children of Iſrael.

10 Noting the firm and perpetual love of Chriſt to his Church, and how continually mindful he is of 'em, *Cant.*8. 6. *Hag.*2. 23.

10 [11] Six of their names on one ſtone, and *the other* [11] ſix names of the reſt on the other ſtone, according to their birth.

11 Chriſt takes ſpecial notice of every particular member of the Church.

11 ✠ With the work of an engraver in ſtone, *like* the engravings of a ſignet, ſhalt thou engrave the two ſtones, with the names of the children of Iſrael: thou ſhalt make them to be ſet in [12] ouches of gold. * Wiſd.18.24.

12 Hollow places in which the ſtones were ſet faſt.

12 And thou ſhalt put the two ſtones upon the ſhoulders of the ephod, *for* ſtones of memorial unto the children of Iſrael. And Aaron ſhall bear their names before the LORD, [13] upon his two ſhoulders for [14] a memorial.

13 An evident type of Chriſts entring into Heaven with the names, and in the ſtead of his people, *Iſa.*9.6. and 22. 22. ¶ 14 *Joſh.*14. 7. *Mic.* 14. 9. that God ſeeing their names, might graciouſly remember them, and ſhew mercy unto them.

13 ¶ And thou ſhalt make [12] ouches *of* gold;

14 And two chains *of* pure gold at the ends: *of* wreathen work ſhalt thou make them, and faſten the wreathen chains to the ouches.

15 ¶ And thou ſhalt make the breaſt-plate of [15] judgment, with cunning work, after the work of the Ephod thou ſhalt make it; *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* ſcarlet, and *of* fine twined linen ſhalt thou make it.

15 Whereby anſwers of judgment in all weighty matters were given to the people, when they conſulted God for direction.

16 [16] Four-ſquare it ſhall be *being* doubled;

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Chap. 28. a ſpan *ſhall be* the length thereof, and a ſpan *ſhall be* the breadth thereof.
2514.
[16] To note the ſtability and firmneſs of the Church.

† Heb. *fill in it fillings of ſtone.* 17 And thou ſhalt † ſet in it ſettings of ſtones, *even* [17] four rows of ſtones: *the firſt* row *ſhall be* a ‖ [18] ſardius, a [18] topaz, and a [18] carbuncle: *this ſhall be* the firſt row.
‖ Or, *rubie.*
[17] To note the comly order that is in the Church; and that all ſhould keep their ranks and ſtations. ¶ [18] All ſhining and precious ſtones, to note both the purity and preciouſneſs of the Church; and that Chriſt counts his people his jewels, *Mal.* 3.17.

18 And the ſecond row *ſhall be* an emeraud, a ſapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyſt.

20 And the fourth row, a beryl, and an onyx, and a jaſper: they ſhall be ſet in gold in their † Heb. *fillings.* † encloſings.

21 And the ſtones ſhall be with the names of the children of Iſrael, twelve, according to their names; *like* the engravings of a ſignet, [19] every one with his name ſhall they be [20] according to the twelve tribes.
[19] To note that Chriſt has a particular care of, and affection to, every one. ¶ [20] *i. e.* According to their birth, (as they were engraven upon the onyx ſtones, *v.*10.)

22 ¶ And thou ſhalt make upon the breaſt-plate chains at the ends, *of* wreathing work, *of* pure gold.

23 And thou ſhalt make upon the breaſt-plate two rings of gold, and ſhalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breaſt-plate.

24 And thou ſhalt put the two wreathen *chains* of gold in the two rings *which are* on the ends of the breaſt-plate.

25 And *the other* two ends of the two wreathen *chains*, thou ſhalt faſten in the two ouches, and put *them* on the ſhoulder-pieces of the ephod before it.

26 ¶ And thou ſhalt make two rings of gold, and thou ſhalt put them upon the two ends of the breaſt-plate, in the border thereof, which *is* in the ſide of the ephod inward.

27 And two *other* rings of gold thou ſhalt make, and ſhalt put them on the two ſides of the ephod, underneath towards the fore-part thereof, over againſt the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

28 And they ſhall bind the breaſt-plate by the rings thereof, unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that *it* may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breaſt-plate be not looſed from the ephod.

29 And Aaron ſhall bear the names of the children of Iſrael in the breaſt-plate of [15] judgment, [21] upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy *place*, for a [14] memorial before the LORD continually.
[21] *Cant.* 8.6. Chriſt bears his people not only on his ſhoulders, (*v.*12.) but in his heart.

30 ¶ And thou ſhalt put in the breaſt-plate of [15] judgment the [22] Urim and the [22] Thummim; and they ſhall be upon Aarons heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron ſhall bear the [23] judgment of the children of Iſrael upon his heart, before the LORD continually.
[22] *Deut.* 33.8. *i.e.* Lights and Perfections, or perfect Light. What this was is uncertain: probably it was ſome ſingular piece of workmanſhip made immediately by God himſelf, becauſe there's no mention of the making of it, as there is of every thing elſe: The uſe thereof was to enquire of God, and to receive his anſwers from thence; (as *Numb.* 27.18,21. *Judg.* 1.1. and 20.18,28. 1 *Sam.* 23.9–12.) It was loſt in the Babyloniſh captivity, and wanted at the peoples return, (*Ezra* 2.63. *Neh.* 7.65.) neither do we find that God ever gave anſwer that way any more. It ſignified the fulneſs and perfection of Wiſdom and Knowledge that was in Chriſt to communicate his Father's will to us. ¶ [23] *i.e.* The Breaſt-plate of Judgment.

Chap. 28. 31 ¶ And thou ſhalt make the robe of the Ephod all *of* [24] blue.
2514.
[24] To note the heavenly Robe of Chriſt's Righteouſneſs.

32 And there ſhall be an hole in the top of it, in the mids thereof: it ſhall have a binding of woven work, round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not [25] rent.
[25] To note the unity of the Doctrin and Faith of Chriſt, and that there ſhould be no Schiſm in the Church, 2 *Cor.* 1. 10,13. 1 *Tim.* 1.–3.

‖ Or, *skirts.* 33 ¶ And *beneath* upon the ‖ hem of it thou ſhalt make [26] pomegranates *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* ſcarlet round about the hem thereof; and [27] bells of gold between them round about.
[26] *Cant.* 4.–3. and 6.7. Noting the comfortable, refreſhing effects of Chriſt's mediation. ¶ [27] Noting the pure and precious Doctrin of Chriſt.

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

* Eccl. 45.9. 35 * And it ſhall be upon Aaron to miniſter: and his ſound ſhall be heard when he [28] goeth in unto the holy *place* before the LORD, and when he [28] cometh out; that he die not.
[28] Becauſe the people were to order their devotions accordingly, *Luke* 1.10.

36 ¶ And thou ſhalt make a [29] plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the engravings of a ſignet, [30] HOLINESS TO THE LORD.
[29] *Ch.* 39.30. *Lev.* 8.9. ¶ [30] *Pſal.* 93.–5. *Zach.* 14.20. 1 *Cor.* 1.30. *Hebr.* 7.26. Noting the perfect holineſs of Chriſt; and alſo to mind the Prieſt of his ſpecial conſecration to God, and of that ſingular holineſs requir'd of him; eſpecially in his approaches to God.

37 And thou ſhalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre: upon the forefront of the mitre it ſhall be.

38 And it ſhall be upon Aarons forehead, that Aaron may [31] bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Iſrael ſhall hallow in all their holy gifts: and it ſhall be [32] always [33] upon his forehead, [34] that they may be accepted [35] before the LORD.
[31] *Lev.* 10.17. *Numb.* 18.1. *Iſa.* 64.6. *Viz.* typically and repreſentatively, ſhewing how that Chriſt obtains pardon for all thoſe ſins which his people become guilty of in their holy things. ¶ [32] As often as he miniſters before the Lord. ¶ [33] That all the people might ſee this viſible token of God's gracious acceptance of 'em. ¶ [34] That it may appear unto them that they are accepted. ¶ [35] In all their ſervices which they perform to him.

39 ¶ And thou ſhalt embroider the [36] coat of fine linen, and thou ſhalt make the [37] mitre *of* fine linen, and thou ſhalt make [38] the girdle *of* needle-work.
[36] *Pſal.* 132.9. *Rev.* 19.8. ¶ [37] This was an ornament both for Prieſts and Kings, (*Ezek.* 21.26.) and it noted the power of Chriſt manifeſted in his Ordinances, and diſpenſed by his Miniſters, 1 *Cor.* 4.20,21. 2 *Cor.* 10.4–6. ¶ [38] *ch.* 39.29. It ſignified the truth, conſtancy and expedition of Chriſt in his miniſtration, *Iſa.* 11.5. and ſo of all Chriſtians, *Eph.* 6.14. *Iſa.* 21.21. *Luke* 12.35.

40 ¶ And for Aarons ſons thou ſhalt make [39] coats, and thou ſhalt make for them [40] girdles, and [41] bonnets ſhalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.
[39] Noting the ſanctification of the members of the Church, who are all Prieſts Evangelical. ¶ [40] Noting conſtancy. ¶ [41] Noting their ſafety by God's protection.

† Heb. *fill their hand.* 41 And thou ſhalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his ſons with him: and ſhalt [42] anoint them, and † conſecrate them, and ſanctifie them, that they may miniſter unto me in the prieſts office.
[42] *Ch.* 30.23,30. and 29.7. Noting their being endued with the ſpirit.

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42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches, to [43] cover † their nakedness: from the loyns even unto [44] the thighs they shall † reach.

† Heb. *flesh of their nakedness.*

[43] *Rom.*13.14. *Rev.*3.18. and 16.15. To shew Christ's care of his despised members. ¶ [44] 1 *Cor.* 12. 23, 24.

† Heb. *be.*

43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy *place*; that they bear not [45] iniquity, and die. *It shall be* a statute for ever unto him, and his seed after him.

[45] *i. e.* Punishment for this iniquity, by death, *Hab.* 1. 13. *Matth.* 22. 12, 13.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *The sacrifice and ceremonies of consecrating the priests.* 38 *The continual burnt-offering.*

AND this *is* the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priests office: * Take one young [1] bullock, and two rams [2] without blemish.

* Lev. 9.2.

2 And [3] unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with [4] oyl, and wafers unleavened anointed with oyl: *of* [5] wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

[1] *Lev.*8.2. ¶ [2] *ch.* 12. 5. See there. ¶ [3] *ch.* 12.8. To note, that both themselves and their services should be free from hypocrisie and wickedness. ¶ [4] To note that they should be endued with the graces of the spirit. ¶ [5] The best part of the principal grain, to note that God must be served with the best.

3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams.

4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with [6] water.

[6] To note the work of Regeneration, (*Tit.* 3. 5.) and the washing from sin by the blood of Christ, *Psal.*51.9. *Isa.* 1.16. *Rev.*1.-5. *Hebr.*9.13,14. and 10.22.

5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breast-plate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod.

6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the [7] holy crown upon the mitre.

* Chap.30.25. 7 Then shalt thou take the anointing * oyl, and pour *it* upon his head, and [8] anoint him.

[7] *Ch.*28.36. ¶ [8] The other Priests also were anointed, (*Lev.*1.35.) but they were only sprinkled, (*v.*21. *Lev.* 8.30.) but oyl was poured upon *Aaron*; (as here; and *Psal.*133.2.) prefiguring the plentiful unction of Christ with all the graces of the spirit, *Psal.*45.7. *Hebr.*1.-9.

8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put [9] coats upon them.

9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles (Aaron and his sons) and † put the bonnets on them: and the priests office shall be theirs for a [10] perpetual statute: and thou shalt † * consecrate Aaron and his sons.

† Heb. *bind.*

† Heb. *fill the hand of.*

* Chap.28.41.

[9] 1 *Sam.*22.18. ¶ [10] During the continuance of the Jewish dispensation.

10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and * Aaron and his sons shall [11] put their hands upon the head of the bullock.

* Lev. 1.4.

[11] See on *Lev.*1.4. To testifie their faith in Christ, upon whom God had laid their sins, *Isa.*53.6,7,8.

11 And [12] thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, by the [13] door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[12] *Moses* now at first did extraordinarily by God's appointment, those things which were peculiar to the Priest's office afterwards, so consecrating and instructing 'em for the time to come. ¶ [13] *Lev.* 1.-3.

12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put *it* upon the horns of the [14] altar with thy [15] finger, and pour [16] all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

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[14] *i. e.* The brasen altar of burnt-offerings, to sanctifie the altar it self, that it might be fit afterwards to sanctifie the sacrifices of the people. ¶ [15] Noting the application of the blood of Christ by his spirit, *Luke* 11.20. with *Matth.* 12. 28. ¶ [16] *i. e.* The rest of the blood.

13 And * thou shalt take all the [17] fat that covereth the inwards, and the ‖ caul *that is* above the liver, and the two [18] kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar.

* Lev.3.3.

‖ It seemeth by anatomy, and the Hebrew Doctors to be the *midriff.*

[17] See on *Lev.*3.16. To note that we must serve God with the best; and that all our carnal desires are to be mortified with the fire of the spirit. ¶ [18] *Col.*3.5.

14 But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung shalt thou burn with fire [19] without the camp: it *is* a [20] sin offering.

[19] *Lev.*4.12. See there. To note the abomination that is due to sin, *Hebr.*13.12. ¶ [20] See on *Lev.*4.2.

15 ¶ Thou shalt also take [21] one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall [11] put their hands upon the head of the ram.

[21] One of those mention'd *v.*-1. the sacrifice for sin being first offer'd, (without which no other offering could have been accepted; for God hears not sinners) next follows the burnt-offering; concerning which see on *Lev.* 1. 3.

16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and [22] sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar.

[22] 1 *Pet.*1.2. To note, that our very best services need the sprinkling of Christ's blood upon them, to render 'em acceptable to God.

17 And thou shalt [23] cut the ram in pieces, and [24] wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and ‖ unto his head.

‖ Or, *upon.*

[23] See on *Lev.*1.6.&c. ¶ [24] *Jer.*4.14.

18 And thou shalt burn the [25] whole ram upon the altar: it *is* a burnt-offering unto the LORD: it *is* [26] a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

[25] To note, that Christ suffered in his whole humane nature. ¶ [26] *Gen.*8.21. See there. *Eph.*5.2. An acceptable offering, pacifying the wrath of God thro' the sufferings of Christ.

19 ¶ And thou shalt take the [27] other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall [28] put their hands upon the head of the ram.

[27] For a peace-offering; both by way of thankfulness for calling him to this office, and to beg of God to prosper him in the execution of it. ¶ [28] As they did *v.* 15. signifying that from God in Christ (figured by that ram) they expected not only justification and sanctification, (as by the two former sacrifices) but consecration also to their office, and grace to perform it.

20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the right [29] ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right [29] ear of his sons, and upon the [29] thumb of their right hand, and upon the great [29] toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the [30] altar round about.

[29] *Lev.*14.14. 1 *Thess.* 5. 23. To note the sanctifying of their members, and their readiness to hear and perform the will of God. ¶ [30] That by Christ their purity and sanctification might be fully perfected.

21 And thou shalt take of the [31] blood that *is* upon the altar, and of the anointing [32] oyl, and sprinkle *it* upon [33] Aaron, and upon his [33] garments, and upon his [33] sons, and upon the [33] garments of his sons with him; and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons garments with him.

[31] Noting Christ's merit. ¶ [32] And his Spirit. ¶ [33] To note that by the blood of Christ, and the oyl of his graces, they were sanctified for their ministry.

22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys,

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kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and the [34] right ſhoulder; for it *is* [35] a ram of conſecration.

[34] *Lev.*7.32. ¶ [35] Offered as a peace-offering in lieu of his conſecration.

23 And one [36] loaf of bread, and one cake of [37] oyled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread, that *is* before the LORD.

[36] *Lev.*8.26. ¶ [37] Bread temper'd with oyl.

24 And thou ſhalt [38] put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his ſons; and ſhalt † wave them *for* a [39] wave-offering before the LORD.

† Heb. *ſhake to and fro.*

[38] As a pledge of their future portion, *v.*28. ¶ [39] Which was either toſt from one hand to another, as giving all from themſelves to God; or ſhaking it to and fro towards the ſeveral parts of the world, to note (1) God's Dominion over all places and people. (2) The extent of that true and great Sacrifice (repreſented in theſe types) to all. (3) The publiſhing Chriſts death by the Goſpel, in all parts of the World. There ſeems to be no great difference between waving and Heaving: for the Wave-breaſt and Heave-ſhoulder (*Lev.*10.14.) were both waved. *Lev.*9.21.

25 And thou ſhalt receive them of thir hands, and burn *them upon* the altar for a burnt-offering, for a [36] ſweet ſavour before the LORD: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 And thou ſhalt take the breaſt of the ram of Aarons conſecrations, and wave it *for* a [39] wave-offering before the LORD: and it ſhall be [40] thy part.

[40] *Lev.*8.29. *viz.* to eat the ſame. That which was afterwards given to the Prieſts (*v.*28. *Lev.* 7.34.) is here aſſign'd to *Moſes*, becauſe he now did the Prieſts work.

27 And thou ſhalt ſanctifie the breaſt of the wave-offering, and the ſhoulder [41] of the heave-offering which is waved, and which is heaved up of the ram of the conſecration, *even* of *that* which *is* for Aaron, and of *that* which *is* for his ſons.

[41] *Lev.*7.32. *Numb.*18. 18. *Deut.*18.3. This was done by throwing the parts up, and catching 'em again, to note, their giving theſe things to God, and then receiving 'em again from him as their portion.

28 And it ſhall be Aarons and his ſons by a [10] ſtatute for ever, from the children of Iſrael: for it *is* an heave-offering: and it ſhall be an heave-offering from the children of Iſrael of the ſacrifice of their peace-offerings, *even* their heave-offering unto the LORD.

29 ¶ And the holy garments of Aaron ſhall be his ſons after him, to be [42] anointed therein, and to be conſecrated in them.

[42] *Ch.* 30.30. and 40. 15.

† Heb. he *of his ſons.*

30 *And* † that ſon that is prieſt in his ſtead ſhall put them on [43] ſeven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to miniſter in the holy *place.*

[43] To note that perfection of holineſs which ſhould be in Chriſt, and that their whole lives ſhould be devoted to God.

31 ¶ And thou ſhalt take the ram of the conſecration, and ſeethe his fleſh in [44] the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his ſons ſhall [45] eat the fleſh of the ram, and the * bread that *is* in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

* Lev.8.31. Matth.12.4.

[44] *Lev.*8.31. ¶ [45] *Lev.* 8.-31. and 10. 13--15. and 24. 9.

33 And they ſhall eat thoſe things wherewith the atonement was made, to conſecrate *and* to ſanctifie them: but a [46] ſtranger ſhall not eat *thereof*, becauſe they *are* holy.

[46] One that is not of the Prieſts ſtock.

34 And if ought of the fleſh of the conſecrations, or of the bread remain unto the morning; then thou ſhalt [47] burn the remainder with fire: it ſhall not be eaten, becauſe it *is* holy.

[47] *Ch.* 12. 10. ſee there.

35 And thus ſhalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his ſons, according to all *things* which I have commanded thee: [43] ſeven days ſhalt thou conſecrate them.

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36 And thou ſhalt offer every day a bullock *for* a ſin-offering, for atonement: and thou ſhalt [48] cleanſe the altar, when thou haſt made an atonement for it, and thou ſhalt anoint it to ſanctifie it.

[48] *Ezek.* 43.26. and 45. 18.

37 Seven days thou ſhalt make an atonement for the altar, and ſanctifie it: and it ſhall be an altar [49] moſt holy: whatſoever [50] toucheth the altar ſhall be holy.

[49] Sanctifying the gifts that were offered to God upon it, *Matth.* 23.19. ¶ [50] *Hag.*2.13. *Heb.*9.14. A type of the moſt perfect and operative holineſs of Chriſt.

38 ¶ Now this *is that* which thou ſhalt offer upon the altar; * two lambs of the firſt year, [51] day by day continually.

* Numb.28.3.

[51] *Numb.*28.3. To ſhew what continual need they had of Reconciliation through Chriſts blood applied by faith.

39 The one lamb thou ſhalt offer in the morning: and the other lamb thou ſhalt offer at [52] even.

[52] *Ch.*12.6. About three a Clock in the afternoon.

40 And with the one lamb a [53] tenth-deal of flower mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oyl: and the fourth part of an hin of wine *for* [54] a drink-offering.

[53] *Numb.*28.5. Called an Omer (*ch.*16.36.) This Meat and Drink-offering added to the daily Sacrifice, was to ſhew, that Chriſt by the oblation of himſelf for us, becomes not only Redemption, but alſo Food, Gladneſs, and refreſhing Comfort, yea All in all to us. [54] This was poured out on the Altar, (*Numb.*15.5.) to note, the pouring out of Chriſts blood, which was Drink indeed, *Joh.*6.55.

41 And the other lamb thou ſhalt offer at even, and ſhalt do thereto according to the meat-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a ſweet ſavour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

42 *This ſhall be* a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD: where I will [55] meet you, to ſpeak there unto thee.

[55] *Ch.* 25. 22. ſee there.

43 And there I will meet with the children of Iſrael, and ‖ *the tabernacle* ſhall be ſanctified by my glory.

‖ Or, *Iſrael.*

44 And I will ſanctifie the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will ſanctifie alſo both Aaron and his ſons, to miniſter to me in the prieſts office.

45 ¶ And * I will [56] dwell amongſt the children of Iſrael, and will be [57] their God.

* Lev.26.12. 2 Cor.6.16.

[56] *Ch.*25.8. *Pſal.*78.60. *Rev.* 21. 3. *Zach.* 2. 10. ¶ [57] By ſpecial covenant, and the manifold evidences of my favor towards you above all others.

46 And they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell amongſt them: I *am* the LORD their God.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *The altar of incenſe.* 11 *The ranſom of ſouls.* 22 *The holy anointing oyl.* 34 *The compoſition of the perfume.*

AND thou ſhalt make an [1] altar to burn [2] incenſe upon: *of* ſhittim-wood ſhalt thou make it.

[1] *Ch.* 37.25. *Pſal.*141.2. ¶ [2] *v.*34. &c. It typified Chriſts Interceſſion, which renders all our ſervices acceptable to God, *Rev.*8.3. Morally it noted prayer (*Pſal.*141.2.) which coming from a broken and contrite heart, (*Pſal.*51.17.) inlivened with Faith (*Mar.* 11. 24.) and Fervor (*Jam.* 5. 16.) laid on Chriſt our Altar (*Heb.*13.10. *John.*16.23.) aſcends into Heaven (2 *Chron.*30.27.) and is accepted of God, *Job* 42.8.

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2 A cubit *ſhall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, (four ſquare ſhall it be) and two cubits *ſhall be* the heigh thereof: the horns thereof *ſhall be* of the ſame.

3 And thou ſhalt overlay it with pure [3] gold, the † top thereof, and the † ſides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou ſhalt make unto it a [4] crown of gold round about.

† Heb. *roof.*
† Heb. *walls.*

[3] See on *ch.*25.24. ¶ [4] *ch.* 25. 11, 24. which ſerved to keep the coles and incenſe from falling off; and noted Chriſts Regal Dignity.

4 And two golden rings ſhalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two † corners thereof, upon the two ſides of it ſhalt thou make *it:* and they ſhall be for places for the ſtaves to bear it withal.

† Heb. *ribs.*

5 And thou ſhalt make the ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 And thou ſhalt put it [5] before the vail, that *is* by the ark of the teſtimony; before the mercy-ſeat, that *is* over the teſtimony, where I will [6] meet with thee.

[5] *Ch.* 40.26. Cloſe before the Mercy-ſeat, there being nothing but the Vail between; that ſo the perfume might preſently paſs as it were into the preſence of God, to ſhew how near God is to thoſe that call upon him, *Pſal.*145.18. ¶ [6] *V.* 36. See on *ch.*25.22.

7 And [7] Aaron ſhall [8] burn thereon [9] † ſweet incenſe every morning: [10] when he dreſſeth the lamps he ſhall burn incenſe upon it.

† Heb. *incenſe of ſpices.*

[7] He was to do it the firſt time, but afterwards any Prieſt might do it, *Luk.* 1.9. ¶ [8] *Luk.*1.-9. *Rev.*8.3,4. *Rom.*8. 34. ¶ [9] *Ch.*25.-6. *Lev.*26.-31. See *n.*2. ¶ [10] *ch.*27.21.

8 And when Aaron ‖† lighteth the lamps † [11] at even, he ſhall burn incenſe upon it; [12] a perpetual incenſe before the LORD, throughout your generations.

‖ Or, *ſetteth up.*
† Heb. *cauſeth to aſcend.*
† Heb. *between the two evens.*

[11] *Ch.*27.21. 1 *Sam.* 3.3. ¶ [12] 1 *Theſſ.* 5.17. *Heb.* 7. 25. and 9. 24.

9 Ye ſhall offer no [13] ſtrange incenſe thereon, nor burnt-ſacrifice, nor meat-offering; neither ſhall ye pour drink-offering thereon.

[13] Which was not preſcribed by God (*v.*34–36.) to note, that we muſt make uſe only of Chriſts interceſſion, and not of Saints or Angels.

10 And Aaron ſhall make an atonement upon the horns of it [14] once in a year, with the blood of the [15] ſin-offering of [16] atonements: once in a year ſhall he make atonement upon it, throughout your generations: it *is* moſt holy unto the LORD.

[14] *Viz.* On the day of Reconciliation, *Lev.* 16.18, 29, 30. *Numb.*29.7. ¶ [15] *Heb.*1.-3. and 2.-17. ¶ [16] *i. e.* Whereby Reconciliation was made; to note, that the Prayers of the Saints are acceptable no otherwiſe but thro' the blood of Chriſt, who was offered for the expiation of our ſins.

11 And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

12 * When thou takeſt the ſum of the children of Iſrael, after † their number; then ſhall they give every man a [17] ranſom for his ſoul unto the LORD, when thou numbreſt them: that there be [18] no plague amongſt them, [19] when thou numbreſt them.

* Num.1. 2,5.
† Heb. *them that are to be numbred.*

[17] A certain price for the redemption of their lives; whereby they acknowledged Gods right over their lives, and that they had forfeited them by their ſins, and that it was his mercy to continue them. A type of Chriſts ranſom, 1 *Tim.*2.6. ¶ [18] *Viz.* for their ſins; which there would have been, if they had not been redeemed, 2 *Sam.* 24. 9, 15. ¶ [19] *Viz.* upon any particular occaſion; as 2 *King.* 12. 14. with 2 *Chron.*24.6. *Neh.*10.32. *Matth.*17. 24.

13 This they ſhall give, every one that paſſeth among them that are numbred; [20] half a ſhekel after the ſhekel [21] of the ſanctuary. (* A ſhekel *is* [22] twenty gerahs) an half-ſhekel *ſhall be* the offering of the LORD.

* Lev.27.25. Numb.3.47. Ezek. 45.12.

[20] *Ch.* 38.26. about fourteen pence. ¶ [21] *i. e.* The Standard whereof was kept in the Sanctuary (1 *Chron.* 23.-29.) And where the common Shekel is ſpoken of, 'tis ſaid to contain 20 Gerahs (*Ezek.*45.10,12.) and therefore they were the ſame. ¶ [22] *Lev.*27.-25. *Numb.*3.-47. and 18.-16. *Ezek.* 45.12. A Gerah weighed 16 bar-ley corns.

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14 Every one that paſſeth among them that are numbred from [23] twenty years old and above, ſhall give an offering unto the LORD.

[23] Becauſe then they began to be capable of getting and paying mony.

15 The rich ſhall not † give [24] more, and the poor ſhall not † give [24] leſs than half a ſhekel, when *they* give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your ſouls.

† Heb. *multiply.*
† Heb. *diminiſh.*

[24] *Job* 34.19. to note, that all are redeemed by the ſame price, and that there is no reſpect of perſons with God, *Gal.* 3.28. *Col.*3.11.

16 And thou ſhalt take the atonement-mony of the children of Iſrael, and ſhalt appoint it for the [25] ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a [26] memorial unto the children of Iſrael before the LORD, to make an atonement for your ſouls.

[25] *Ch.* 38. 27. 28. ¶ [26] An acknowledgment of their guilt.

17 ¶ And the LORD [27] ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

[27] The frequent repetition of this phraſe, ſhews that God did not deliver all theſe laws and preſcriptions at one time, but ſucceſſively, at ſeveral times; poſſibly upon the Sabbath days.

18 Thou ſhalt alſo make [28] a laver *of* braſs, and his foot *alſo of* braſs, to waſh *withal*: and thou ſhalt put it [29] between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou ſhalt put water therein.

[28] *Ch.*38.8. 1 *King.*7.23. 2 *Chron.* 4.2,6. *Rev.*4.6. and 15. 2. *Pſal.*26.6. *Lev.*10.1--3. noting the regenerating, ſanctifying power of God's Spirit. ¶ [29] The Laver was near the Altar, to note the concurrence of Juſtification and Sanctification.

19 For Aaron and his ſons ſhall [30] waſh their [31] hands and their [31] feet thereat.

[30] *Ch.*40.32. *Heb.*10.22. *Pſal.*26.6. *Iſa.*1. 16. and 52.-11. to note faith in the blood of Chriſt (*Rev.*1.5,6.) and ſanctification, *Tit.*3.5. ¶ [31] *Joh.*13.9,10. to note their unworthineſs either to handle holy things, or to come into the holy place; and their need of waſhing by the blood and ſpirit of Chriſt.

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they ſhall waſh with water, that they [32] die not: or when they come near to the altar to miniſter, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD.

[32] As *Lev.* 10. 1, 2.

21 So they ſhall waſh their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his ſeed, throughout their generations.

22 ¶ Moreover the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

23 Take thou alſo unto thee principal ſpices, of pure [33] myrrhe † five hundred *ſhekels*, and of ſweet [33] cinnamon half ſo much, *even* two hundred and fifty *ſhekels*, and of ſweet [33] calamus two hundred and fifty *ſhekels*.

[33] Noting the Graces of Chriſt. ¶ † In weight fifteen pounds and ten ounces, Averdupois.

24 And of [33] caſſia five hundred *ſhekels*, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, and of oyl-olive an * [34] hin.

* Chap.29.40.

[34] About three quarts.

25 And thou ſhalt make it an oyl of holy oyntment, an oyntment compounded after the art of the ‖ [35] apothecary: it ſhall be an holy [36] anointing oyl.

‖ Or, *perfumer.*

[35] 1 *Chron.*9.30. ¶ [36] Noting the Unction of the Spirit, 1 *John* 2.20,27.

26 And thou ſhalt [37] anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the teſtimony.

[37] To

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[37] To note the ſeparation of theſe things to the ſervice of God, and the pouring out of the holy Spirit upon Chriſt, his Church and Miniſters, *Acts* 10.38. *Iſa.* 61.1. *Pſal.* 45. 8. 2 *Cor.*1.21,22. *Cant.*3.6. *Pſal.*133.2.

27 And the table and all his veſſels, and the candleſtick and his veſſels, and the altar of incenſe,

28 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his veſſels, and the laver and his foot.

29 And thou ſhalt ſanctifie them, that they may be moſt holy: whatſoever toucheth them, ſhall be holy.

30 And thou ſhalt anoint Aaron and his [38] ſons, and conſecrate them, that *they* may miniſter unto me in the prieſts office.

[38] Thoſe who ſucceeded him in the High-prieſt's Office; as appears from *ch*40.15. *Lev.*4.3,5,16. and 16.32. and 21.10.

31 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, This ſhall be an holy anointing oyl [39] unto me throughout your generations.

[39] Reſerved for my ſervice alone.

32 [40] Upon mans fleſh ſhall it not be poured, neither ſhall ye make *any other* [41] like it, after the compoſition of it: it *is* holy, *and* it ſhall be holy [42] unto you.

[40] Upon any other perſon upon any other occaſion. ¶ [41] *v.*33,37,38. To note, that nothing is to be done in God's ſervice, without authority from God, and that none of God's holy things ought to be diverted to any profane uſe. ¶ [42] In your eſteem.

33 Whoſoever compoundeth *any* like it, or whoſoever putteth *any* of it upon [43] a ſtranger, ſhall even be cut off from his people.

[43] That was not a Prieſt.

34 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Take unto thee ſweet ſpices, ſtacte, and onycha, and galbanum; *theſe* ſweet ſpices with pure frankincenſe: of each ſhall there be a like *weight*.

35 And thou ſhalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, † tempered together, pure *and* holy.

† Heb. *ſalted.*

[44] Hoſ.5.15.

36 And thou ſhalt [44] beat *ſome* of it very ſmall, and put of it before the teſtimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will [6] meet with thee: it ſhall be unto you moſt holy.

37 And *as for* the perfume which thou ſhalt make, you ſhall not make to your ſelves according to the compoſition thereof: it ſhall be unto thee holy for the LORD.

38 Whoſoever ſhall make like unto that, to ſmell thereto, ſhall even be cut off from his people.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Bezaleel and Aholiab are called for the work of the tabernacle.* 13 *Of the ſabbath.* 18 *Moſes receiveth the tables.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 See, I have called by [1] name, Bezaleel
[1] Chr. 2.20. * the ſon of Uri, the ſon of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

[1] *Ch.* 35. 30. &c. *Matth.* 9. 38. *Hebr.* 5. 4, 5.

3 And I have filled him with the [2] ſpirit of God, in wiſdom, and in underſtanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanſhip,

[2] *Iſa.*28.26. The gifts of the ſpirit, 1 *Cor.*12.4,8. *Acts* 2.4 *Eph.*4.8,9.

4 [3] To deviſe cunning works, to work in gold, and in ſilver, and in braſs,

[3] And to teach others, *ch.* 35. 34.

5 And in cutting of ſtones to [4] ſet *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanſhip.

6 And I, behold, I have given [5] with him, Aholiab the ſon of Ahiſamach of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all that are [6] wiſe-hearted I have [7] put wiſdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee:

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[4] *Ch.* 28.11. and 35.33. ¶ [5] God uſually joyns two together in all weighty affairs, *ch.*4.14,15. and 6.26. *Matth.*10. 2,3. *Luke* 10.1. *Acts* 13.2. *Hag.*1.14. (for *Eccl.*4.9.) ¶ [6] *ch.* 35.10. and 36.1. Skilful Artiſts, (yet in an inferior degree to *Bezaleel* and *Aholiab.*) ¶ [7] Indued 'em with peculiar ability for this work.

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the teſtimony, and the mercy-ſeat that *is* thereupon, and all the † furniture of the taber- † Heb. *veſſels.*
nacle,

8 And the table and his furniture, and the [8] pure candleſtick with all his furniture, and the altar of incenſe,

9 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

10 And the [9] clothes of ſervice, and the holy garments for Aaron the prieſt, and the garments of his ſons, to miniſter in the prieſts office,

[8] *Ch.*25.31. ¶ [9] *ch.* 35.19. Hangings for the tabernacle (*ch.*26. and *ch.*36.) and coverings, *Numb.* 4.5,6.

11 And the anointing oyl, and ſweet incenſe for the holy *place*: according to all that I have commanded thee, ſhall they do.

12 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

13 Speak thou alſo unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, [10] Verily my ſabbaths ye ſhall keep: for it *is* a [11] ſign between me and you throughout your generations; [12] that ye may know that I *am* the LORD, that doth [13] ſanctifie you.

[10] or, Notwithſtanding; *q. d.* Tho' the work of the Tabernacle be holy, and be diligently and ſpeedily to be done, yet I'll not have any of it done on the ſabbath days. ¶ [11] *v.* 11. *Ezek.*20.12. *Viz.* that you own me for your God, (*Ezek.*20. 20.) who am the Creator of heaven and earth, (*v.* 17.) and redeemed you out of *Egypt*, (*Deut.*5.15.) and that I own you for my people, and do ſanctifie you by my ordinances on this day. ¶ [12] *Ezek.*20.12. ¶ [13] *Viz.* By my word and ordinances, (chiefly diſpens'd on this day.)

14 * Ye ſhall [14] keep the ſabbath therefore: * Chap.20.8. Deut.5.12. Ezek.20.12.
for it *is* holy unto you. Every one that defileth it, ſhall ſurely be put to death: for whoſoever doeth *any* work therein, that ſoul ſhall be [15] cut off from amongſt his people.

[14] *Ch.*16.23. &c. and 20.8. See there. ¶ [15] *v.*15. *Numb.* 15.35,36. This includes not only death inflicted by the Magiſtrate, but alſo the immediate ſtroke of God when that was neglected; and eſpecially God's caſting him off from being one of his people, both here and hereafter.

15 Six days may work be done, but in the ſeventh *is* the ſabbath of reſt, † holy to the † Heb. *holineſs.*
LORD: whoſoever doeth *any* work in the ſabbath day, he ſhall ſurely be put to death.

16 Wherefore the children of Iſrael ſhall keep the ſabbath, to obſerve the ſabbath throughout their generations, *for* a [16] perpetual covenant.

[16] *Gen.*17.7. By a perpetual law, which is part of the Covenant.

17 It *is* a [17] ſign between me, and the children of Iſrael for ever: for * *in* ſix days the LORD * Geni.1.31. and 2.2.
made heaven and earth, and on the ſeventh day he reſted, and was [17] refreſhed.

[17] Spoken after the manner of men, to note the pleaſure and delight God took in reflecting upon his works, *Gen.*1.31.

18 ¶ And he gave unto Moſes, when he had [18] made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, * two tables of [19] teſtimony, * Deut.9.10.
tables of [20] ſtone, written with [21] the finger of God.

[18] When forty days were expired ¶ [19] See on *ch.* 25.16. ¶ [20] *Ch.*24.12. and 32.16. and 34.1,4. *Deut.* 5.21. and 9.10. *Ezek.*11.19. 2 *Cor.*3.3. to note the perpetual obligation of the law, and the ſtonineſs of man's heart by nature. ¶ [21] *Ch.* 8. 19. and 32.16. The immediate power and work of God, to note, that it was the work of God alone to write this law upon men's hearts, *Jer.*31.33. 2 *Cor.*3.7,8.

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CHAP. XXXII.

1 *The people cauſe Aaron to make a calf.* 19 *Moſes breaketh the tables.* 25 *The idolaters ſlain.* 30 *Moſes prayeth.*

AND when the [1] people ſaw that Moſes [2] delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themſelves together unto Aaron, * Acts 7. 40. and ſaid unto him, * Up, make us [3] gods which ſhall go before us: for *as for* this Moſes, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

[1] 1 *Cor.*10.7. The generality, *v.*3. ¶ [2] *ch.*34.28. *Matth.* 24.48. ¶ [3] An image or repreſentation of God, as a viſible ſign of his preſence among us.

2 And Aaron ſaid unto them, Break off the golden [4] ear-rings which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your ſons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me.

[4] *Ch.*12.35,36. *Ezek.*16. 11,12,17. When he ſaw no diſſwaſions would prevail, probably he propounded this, as conceiving they'd never yield to it.

3 And all the people [5] brake off the golden ear-rings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron.

[5] *Iſa.*46. 6. *Hoſ.* 2. 8. *Ezek.* 16. 17,

4 * And he received *them* at their hand, and * 1 Kin.12.28. Pſal.106.19. [6] faſhioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a [7] molten calf: and they ſaid, [8] Theſe *be* thy gods, O Iſrael, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

[6] Commanded it to be done. ¶ [7] *Pſal.*106.19–21. *Rom.* 1.23. or, Ox, (*Pſal.* 106. 20.) in which ſhape the Egyptians worſhip'd their God *Apis*; whom probably the Iſraelites followed herein. ¶ [8] 1 *Kings* 12.28. *Neh.* 9.18. Hereby it appears that ſome of 'em at leaſt did mean to worſhip the true God in this falſe manner; tho' the groſſer ſort might haply commit down-right idolatry, *v.*8.

5 And when Aaron [9] ſaw *it*, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made proclamation, and ſaid, To morrow *is* a feaſt to the [10] LORD.

[9] *Viz.* How violently the people purſued their purpoſe, and that in this Idol they ſtill intended to worſhip the true God, he yielded further upon their motion to build an Altar, and proclaim a holy day. ¶ [10] *Acts* 7.41. *Lev.* 17. 7. He ſtill ſeeks to ſtop the mouth of his conſcience with this pretence, that all was ſtill for the worſhip of the true God.

6 And they roſe up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings: and the * [11] people ſat down to [12] eat and * 1 Cor. 10.7. to drink, and roſe up to [13] play.

[11] Some of them, 1 *Cor.*10.7. ¶ [12] To feaſt on the ſacrifices they offer'd to the Idol. ¶ [13] To dance and rejoyce in a carnal manner, *v.*17.*&c.*

7 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, * [14] Go, * Deut.9.12. get thee down: for [15] thy people which thou broughteſt out of the land of Egypt, have [16] corrupted *themſelves*.

[14] *Viz.* quickly, *Deut.*9.12. ¶ [15] He diſdains to call 'em [his people] any more, (*Iſa.*59.1,2.) and entitles *Moſes* to 'em, that he might be the more ſolicitous to reduce 'em again into the right way. ¶ [16] *Deut.* 32.5. Defiled themſelves by their idolatry, and ſo expos'd themſelves to judgment, *Gen.*6. 11–13.

8 They have turned aſide [17] quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worſhipped it, and ſacrificed thereunto, and ſaid, Theſe *be* thy gods, O Iſrael, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

[17] *Viz.* After their entring into covenant with me, and promiſing obedience, *ch.*19.8. and 24.7.

9 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, * I have * Chap.33.3. Deut.9.13. ſeen this people, and behold, it *is* [18] a ſtiff-necked people.

[18] *Ch.* 33 3,5. & 34.9. *Deut.*9.6,13.& 10.16.& 31.27. *Prov.* 29.1. *Iſa.*48.4. *Jer.*7 26.& 19.15. *Ezek.*20.43,44.and 36.31,32. *Neh.*9.17,29. *Acts* 7.51. Stubborn and diſobedient, like unruly, unbroken heifers that will not ſubmit their necks to the yoke, *Hoſ.*4.16. *Jer.*5.5. and 27.8.

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10 Now therefore [19] let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot againſt them, and that I may [20] conſume them: and I will [21] make of thee a great nation.

[19] *Gen.*32.26.Enterpoſe not. ¶ [20] *Deut.*9.14. ¶ [21] *Num.* 14.12. *Matth.* 3.9.

11 * And Moſes [22] beſought † the LORD his God, and ſaid, LORD, [23] why doth thy wrath wax hot againſt thy people, which thou haſt brought forth out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and with a mighty hand? * Pſal.106.23. † Heb. *the face of the LORD.*

[22] *Pſal.*106.23. *Deut.*9.18.) ¶ [23] *Gen.*18.23–25. *Pſal.*10.1. and 44.24. *Iſa.*64.12. *i. e.* Let not thy wrath wax hot, (as *Matth.*8.29. with *Luke* 8.28.)

12 * [24] Wherefore ſhould the Egyptians ſpeak and ſay, [25] For miſchief did he bring them out, to ſlay them in the mountains, and to conſume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and [26] repent of this evil againſt thy people. * Num.14.13.

[24] *Numb.*14.13. *Joſh.*7.9. *Deut.*9.28. and 32.27. ¶ [25] With a deſign to deſtroy 'em. ¶ [26] *v.* 14. *Gen.*6.6. See there. Inflict not this puniſhment.

13 [27] Remember [28] Abraham, [28] Iſaac, and [28] Iſrael thy ſervants, to whom thou ſwareſt [29] by thine own ſelf, and ſaidſt unto them, * I will * Gen.12.7. and 15. 7. and 48.16. multiply your ſeed as the ſtars of heaven, and all this land that I have ſpoken of, will I [30] give unto your ſeed, and they ſhall inherit *it* for ever.

[27] *Deut.* 9. 27. ¶ [28] The promiſes made to them. ¶ [29] *Gen.*22.16–18. *Hebr.*6.13,17. ¶ [30] See on *Gen.*12.7.

14 And the LORD [31] repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

15 ¶ And Moſes turned, and went down from the [32] mount, and the two tables of the teſtimony *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their ſides; on the [33] one ſide and [33] on the other *were* they written.

[31] *v.* 12. *Jon.*3.10. Changed his ſentence, and ſlew only three thouſand of 'em. ¶ [32] *ch.*24.18. ¶ [33] Some on the right hand, and ſome on the left; for the convenience of writing.

16 And the * tables *were* the [34] work of * Chap.31.18. God, and the writing *was* the writing of God graven upon the tables.

[34] *Ch.* 31.-18. and 34. 1.

17 And when Joſhua heard the noiſe of the people as they ſhouted, he ſaid unto Moſes, *There is* a noiſe of war in the camp.

18 And he ſaid, *It is* not the voice of *them that* ſhout for maſtery, neither *is it* the voice of *them that* cry for † being overcome: *but* the noiſe of *them that* [35] ſing, do I hear. † Heb. *weakneſs.*

[35] Out of wantonneſs and voluptuouſneſs, *v.*-6.

19 ¶ And it came to paſs aſſoon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he ſaw the calf, and the dancing: and Moſes anger [36] waxed hot, and he caſt the tables out of his hands, and [37] brake them beneath the mount.

[36] *Numb.*12.3. *Mark* 3.5. ¶ [37] Not raſhly, but adviſedly, in a holy anger, by the inſtinct of God's Spirit, (*Deut.* 9. 17.) to ſhew how heinous their ſin was which depriv'd 'em of ſo great a jewel; and that the covenant made between God and them was now broken, and of none effect.

20 * And he took the calf which they had * Deut.9.21. made, and [38] burnt *it* in the fire, and [39] ground *it* to powder, and ſtrawed *it* upon the water, and made the [40] children of Iſrael [41] drink *of it*.

[38] Calcin'd it. ¶ [39] *Deut.* 9. 21. ¶ [40] Some who were the ringleaders in this ſin. ¶ [41] To ſhew 'em the vanity of ſuch god's.

21 And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou haſt brought ſo great a ſin upon them?

22 And Aaron ſaid, Let not the anger of my lord

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lord wax hot: thou knoweſt the people that they *are* [42] *ſet* on miſchief.

[42] 1 *Sam.*15.-24. 1 *Joh.*5.19. *Pſal.*36.4. *Prov.*4.16.

23 For they ſaid unto me, Make us gods, which ſhall go before us; for *as for* this Moſes, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

24 And I ſaid unto them, Whoſoever hath any gold, let them break *it* off: So they gave *it* me: then I caſt it into the fire, and there [43] came out this calf.

[43] A frivolous excuſe.

25 ¶ And when Moſes ſaw that the people *were* naked (for Aaron had made them [44] naked unto *their* [45] ſhame, amongſt † their [46] enemies.)

† Heb. *thoſe that roſe up againſt them.*

[44] *Gen.*3.10. 2 *Chron.*28.19. *Rev.* 3. 18. and 16.15. deprived of their innocency, and of the favor and protection of God, and ſo might eaſily be ſurprized by their enemies. ¶ [45] *Rom.*6.21. and 2.23,24. ¶ [46] Whoſe conſtancy to their Idols would reproach them for their fickleneſs in forſaking their God ſo quickly and eaſily.

26 Then Moſes ſtood in the gate of the camp, and ſaid, [47] Who *is* on the LORD's ſide? *let him come* unto me. And [48] all the ſons of [49] Levi gathered themſelves together unto him.

[47] 2 *King.*9.32. Who will take God's part againſt Idolatry, and Idolaters? ¶ [48] In a manner all (for ſome were puniſh'd with the reſt, *Deut.*33.9.) ¶ [49] *Deut.*9.20. and 33. 8, 9.

27 And he ſaid unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, Put every man his ſword by his ſide, *and* go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and ſlay every man his [50] brother, and every man his [50] companion, and every man his [50] neighbor.

[50] *Deut.*33.9. The Ringleaders, tho they be your neareſt Relations.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moſes: and there fell of the people that day about [51] three thouſand men.

[51] The principal Authors (for that many more were guilty, appears from *v.*30. *&c.*)

‖ Or, *and Moſes ſaid, Conſecrate your ſelves to day to the Lord, becauſe every man* hath been *againſt his ſon, and againſt his brother*, &c. † Heb. *Fill your hands.*

29 ‖ For Moſes had ſaid, † [52] Conſecrate your ſelves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his [53] ſon, and upon his [53] brother; that he may beſtow upon you a bleſſing this day.

[52] *q.d.* Perform this holy Service to God, which will be inſtead of a Sacrifice of Conſecration, whereby you ſhall be inveſted in the Prieſts Office, 1 *Sam.* 15. 22. *Prov.* 21. 3. ¶ [53] *Deut.*13.6. and 33.9. *Zach.*13.-3.

30 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow, that Moſes ſaid unto the people, Ye have ſinned a great ſin: and now I [54] will go up unto the LORD; [55] peradventure I ſhall make an [56] atonemen for your ſin.

[54] 1 *Sam.* 12. 23. Tho he had before interceded and prevailed (*v.*14.) yet for fear of the worſt, he reſolves to intercede further for 'em, and acquaint 'em with it, that they might the more deeply repent of their ſin. ¶ [55] *Joſh.*14. 12. 1 *Sam.*14.6. 2 *Sam.*16.12. *Am.* 5. 15. He ſpeaks doubtfully, both becauſe he was uncertain how far God would pardon 'em, and alſo to quicken 'em to the more ſerious repentance. ¶ [56] *Numb.* 25.8.

31 And Moſes returned unto the [57] LORD, and ſaid, Oh, this people have ſinned a great ſin, and have made them gods of gold.

[57] And ſtaid 40 days again, praying for the people, *ch.*34. 28. *Deut.*9.18.

32 Yet now [58] if thou wilt, forgive their ſin: and if not, [59] blot me, I pray thee, out [60] of thy book which thou haſt written.

[58] *i.e.* I pray thee forgive (as *Gen.* 24. 42. and 28.-20.) ¶ [59] *Rom.*9.1-3. ¶ [60] *Luk.*10.20. *Phil.*4. 3. *Rev.* 3. 5. and 13.8. and 20. 12. out of the number of thoſe that ſhall be ſaved: wherein he does not expreſs what he thought might be done, but only wiſh it rather than that the people ſhould be deſtroy'd. Wherein he was a type of Chriſt, who laid down his life (*Joh.* 10. 15.) and was made a curſe for us, *Gal.*3.13.

33 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, [61] Whoſoever hath ſinned againſt me, him [62] will I blot out of my book.

[61] *Ezek.*18.4. ¶ [62] *Rev.*3.5.

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34 Therefore now [63] go, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have ſpoken unto thee: Behold, [64] mine angel ſhall go before thee: nevertheleſs, [65] in the day when I viſit, I will viſit their ſin upon them.

[63] *Iſa.*59.1,2. ¶ [64] The Angel of the Covenant promiſed, *ch.* 23.20. ¶ [65] *q. d.* I'le ſpare 'em for this time, but if they provoke me again, I'le reckon with 'em for all together.

35 And the LORD [66] plagued the people, becauſe they made the calf, which Aaron [67] made.

[66] *i.e.* He afterwards puniſh'd 'em for this ſin alſo. ¶ [67] *V.*8. cauſed to be made, (as 2 *Sam.* 12.9.)

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *The Lord refuſeth to go with the people.* 9 *The Lord talketh with Moſes.* 12 *Moſes deſireth to ſee the glory of God.*

AND the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Depart, *and* go up hence, thou and the people which thou haſt brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I ſware unto Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob, ſaying, * Unto thy [1] ſeed will I give it: * Gen.12.7.

2 * And I will ſend an [2] angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebuſite. * Deut.7. 22. Joſh.24. 11.

[1] *Gen.*12.7. ¶ [2] See on *ch.* 32.34.

3 Unto a land flowing with [3] milk and hony: for I will [4] not go up in the midſt of thee, for thou *art* a * [5] ſtiff-necked people, leſt I [6] conſume thee in the way. * Chap.32.9. Deut.9. 13.

[3] See on *ch.*3.8. ¶ [4] *Viz.* in favor, and with a viſible ſign of my preſence; (yet afterwards he was intreated, *v.*14.) ¶ [5] See on *ch.* 32.9. ¶ [6] *v.* 5. *Am.* 3. 13, 14. *viz.* if thou ſhouldſt treſpaſs again ſo abominably, as in the matter of the Golden Calf.

4 ¶ And when the people heard theſe evil tidings, they [7] mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments.

[7] 2 *Sam.*14.2. *Dan.*10.2,3.

5 For the LORD had ſaid unto Moſes, Say unto the children of Iſrael, Ye *are* [8] a ſtiff-necked people: [8] I will come up into the midſt of thee in a moment, and conſume thee: therefore now [9] put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may [10] know what to do unto thee.

[8] *Viz.* If thou repent not. ¶ [9] 2 *Sam.*12. 20. and 19. 24. humble thy ſelf, and ſhew fruits of repentance. ¶ [10] Whether thou wilt repent, or perſiſt in thy ſin; and ſo do accordingly, *Gen.*18.-21. and 22.12. *Act.* 15. 18.

6 And the children of Iſrael ſtript themſelves of their ornaments, by the mount Horeb.

7 And Moſes took the [11] tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, [12] afar off from the camp, and called it the [13] tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to paſs, *that* every one which ſought the LORD, went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which *was* without the camp.

[11] Some peculiar Tent erected by *Moſes* for the worſhip of God, till the great Tabernacle was finiſh'd: the removal whereof from the Camp was a ſign of God's diſpleaſure againſt 'em, and departure from 'em. ¶ [12] *Prov.* 15. 29. *Pſal.*10.1. and 35.-22. *Iſa.*59.1. ¶ [13] Implying, that whoſoever would ſeek the Lord, muſt come thither.

8 And it came to paſs, when Moſes went out [14] unto the tabernacle, *that* all the people roſe up, and ſtood every man at his [15] tent-door, and [16] looked after Moſes, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

[14] *Viz.* to intercede with God for the people. ¶ [15] Acknowledging themſelves unworthy to approach nearer. ¶ [16] To

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[16] To obſerve what ſigns of favor he ſhould receive from God in anſwer to his prayers.

9 And it came to paſs, as Moſes entred into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar [17] deſcended, and ſtood at the door of the tabernacle, and the *LORD* [18] talked with Moſes.

[17] Whereby God teſtified his approbation of *Moſes*, and of what he had done, which might ſeem to ſome ſo ſevere and cruel. ¶ [18] *Viz.* out of the cloudy pillar; which was a ſign of favor, *Pſal.*99.7.

10 And all the people ſaw the cloudy pillar ſtand at the tabernacle-door: and all the people roſe up and worſhiped, every man in his tent-door.

11 And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes [19] face to face, as a man ſpeaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp; but his ſervant Joſhua the ſon of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

[19] *Gen.*32.30. *Deut.*5.4. and 34.10. *Numb.* 12.8. familiarly, and immediately, in humane ſhape, as with *Abraham*, *Gen.*18.

12 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the LORD, See, thou ſayeſt unto me, Bring up this people: and thou haſt not let me know whom thou wilt ſend with me. Yet thou haſt ſaid, I know thee [20] by name, and thou haſt alſo found grace in my ſight.

[20] *Ch.*31.2. in a ſpecial and particular manner, as one whom I have much convers'd with, and great kindneſs for.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy ſight, ſhew me now [21] thy way, [22] that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy ſight: and conſider that this nation *is* [23] thy people.

[21] *Pſal.*77.20. What courſe thou meanſt now to take with us. ¶ [22] *i.e.* That by proof and experience I may know how good thou art to them that ſeek thee, and may be aſſured that I have found grace in thy ſight. ¶ [23] Not mine, *ch.* 32.7.

14 And he ſaid, [24] My preſence ſhall go *with thee*, and I will give thee [25] reſt.

[24] I my ſelf (2 *Sam.* 17. 11. *Iſa.* 63.9.) by the Pillar of Cloud, and in the Tabernacle; (ſo this is a revocation of the ſentence, *v.*3.) ¶ [25] *Viz.* From thy preſent perplexity, and will in due time bring thy people to their reſting-place.

15 And he ſaid unto him, If thy [24] preſence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence.

16 For wherein ſhall it be known here, that I and thy people have found grace in thy ſight? *Is it* not in that thou goeſt with us? So ſhall we be [26] ſeparated, I and thy people, [27] from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

[26] *Ch.*8.22. *Pſal.*4.4. Diſtinguiſh'd by thy peculiar kindneſs, and priviledges vouchſafed to us. ¶ [27] *Deut.*4.7.

17 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, [28] I will do this thing alſo that thou haſt ſpoken: for thou haſt found grace in my ſight, and I know thee by [20] name.

18 And he ſaid, I beſeech thee, ſhew me thy [29] glory.

[28] *Iſa.*65.24. ¶ [29] Thy face (*v.*20.) *i.e.* the higheſt manifeſtation of thy divine glory that I am capable of. He ſtill encroaches and grows upon God, from *v.*13,16,18. *ch.* 34.9.

19 And he ſaid, I will make all [30] my goodneſs [31] paſs paſs before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and [32] will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will ſhew mercy on whom I will ſhew mercy.

[30] *Pſal.*65.-4. *Jer.*31.-14. *Moſes*'s requeſt was for God's glory; he anſwers him by [*goodneſs*;] intimating, that however in themſelves all God's Attributes are glorious, yet he glories moſt in the manifeſtation of his goodneſs, and his Creatures magnifie this moſt. ¶ [31] That ſo thou mayeſt have a tranſient view of it. ¶ [32] *Ch.*34.5-7. *Rom.*9.15. *q.d.* I'le ſhew this peculiar favor to thee, and I'le alſo be gracious towards the people thou pleadeſt for; but not promiſcuouſly to all: Some I'le pardon and ſave meerly out of my own free grace, but others I'le puniſh eternally.

20 And he ſaid, Thou [33] canſt not ſee my [34] face: for there ſhall [35] no man ſee me, and live.

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[33] 1 *Tim.*6.16. ¶ [34] The Majeſty and Glory attending that external ſhape I have now aſſumed. ¶ [35] *Gen.*32.30. *Deut.* 5. 24. *Judg.*13.22. *Rev.*1.16,17.

21 And the LORD ſaid, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou ſhalt ſtand upon a rock.

22 And it ſhall come to paſs, while my glory paſſeth by, that I will put thee in [36] a clift of the rock; and will [37] cover thee with my hand while I paſs by.

[36] Which might limit his view of the Glory of God, that he might not be overwhelmed by it. ¶ [37] *Pſal.*91.1,4. and 119.173.

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou ſhalt ſee my [38] back-parts: but my face ſhall [39] not be ſeen.

[38] Some more obſcure repreſentations of my glory; as much as thou canſt bear. ¶ [39] *Job* 11.-7. 1 *Tim.*6.16.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *The tables are renewed.* 5 *The name of the LORD proclaimed.* 10 *God maketh a covenant with them.*

AND the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, * [1] Hew thee [2] two tables of ſtone like unto the firſt: and I will write upon *theſe* tables the [3] words that were in the firſt table which thou brakeſt. * Deut.10.1.

[1] *Ch.*31.18. and 32.16. *Deut.*10.1. This might ſignifie the preparing their hearts to receive mercies, and perform duties. Here the covenant is renewed (*v.*10.) between God and the people; and hereby God teſtifies, that he received them into favor again. Yet tho the wound was healed, a skar remains, in that he would not make theſe Tables himſelf, as he did the former. ¶ [2] This might ſignifie that tho the firſt Tables were broken, to ſhew, that there was no hope for Mankind to be ſaved by the keeping of the Law, yet that God would have the Law to be in force ſtill, as a Rule of Obedience; and that God by his Spirit writing the Law in their hearts, would enable them, in ſome good meaſure, to conform their lives thereto. ¶ [3] *Mal.* 3.6. the moral Law is unalterable.

2 And be ready in the morning, and [4] come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and preſent thy ſelf there to me in the top of the mount.

[4] And now he continued forty days again in the Mount in prayer for them, *Deut.*9. 25.

3 And [5] no man * ſhall come up with thee, neither let any man be ſeen throughout all the mount: neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. * Chap.19.12.

4 ¶ And he hewed two tables of ſtone, like unto the firſt; and Moſes roſe up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of ſtone.

5 And the LORD [6] deſcended in the cloud, and ſtood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

[5] *Ch.*19. 12,13. ¶ [6] *Ch.*19.18. and 33. 9. *Numb.* 11. 17, 25. in the tokens of his glorious preſence.

6 And the LORD paſſed by before him, and proclaimed, [7] The LORD, The LORD God, [8] merciful and [9] gracious, long-ſuffering, and abundant in [10] goodneſs and truth.

[7] *Numb.*14.17,18. ¶ [8] *Numb.* 14. 18. *Deut.*5. 10. *Neh.*9. -17. *Pſal.*103.7. *&c. ch.*86,15. *Jer.*32.18. *Jon.*4.-2. in pitying their miſery. ¶ [9] In ſhewing favor to them, tho unworthy. ¶ [10] *Pſal.*31.19.

7 [11] Keeping mercy for [12] thouſands, [13] forgiving iniquity and tranſgreſſion and ſin, and that will by [14] no means clear *the guilty*; * [15] viſiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the [16] children, and upon the childrens children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*. * Chap. 20. 5. Deut.5.9. Jer.32. 18.

[11] *Jer.*32.18. ¶ [12] *Viz.* of Generations, *ch.*20.6. ¶ [13] *Pſal.* 32. 1,2. *Rom.*4.6,7. ¶ [14] *Numb.*14.18. *Neh.*1.3. ¶ [15] *Deut.* 5.9. *Jer.*32.18. *Joſh.*24.-19. *Job* 10.14. puniſhing (*ch.*20.5.) Its a property of goodneſs (*v.*6.) to hate evil, and conſequently

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quently to puniſh it. ¶ [16] *Viz.* If they walk in their Fathers ſteps.

8 And Moſes made haſte, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worſhipped.

9 And he ſaid, If now I have found grace in thy ſight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, [17] go amongſt us [18] (for it *is* a [19] ſtiff-necked people) and pardon our iniquity and our ſin, and take us for thine [20] inheritance.

[17] *Ch.*33.17. *Viz.* with the cloudy pillar. ¶ [18] *q. d.* If thou ſhouldſt ſend the moſt tender-hearted Angel in heaven to conduct them, their provocations are ſo many that they would be a loſt people; therefore go thy ſelf with 'em. ¶ [19] See on *ch.*32.9. ¶ [20] *Pſal.*33.-12. *Zach.* 2.12.

* Deut.5.2. 10 ¶ And he ſaid, Behold, * [21] I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do [22] marvels, ſuch as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people amongſt which thou *art*, ſhall ſee the work of the LORD; for it *is* a [23] terrible thing that I will do [24] with thee.

[21] *Deut.*5.2. Renew. ¶ [22] *Joſh.*10.12,13. and 6. 20. *Pſal.* 78.20. ¶ [23] *Pſal.* 45.-4. Such as ſhall ſtrike terror into the hearts of the wicked, and teach all to fear me. ¶ [24] By thy conduct, and on thine and their behalf.

11 Obſerve thou that which I command thee this day: Behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebuſite.

*Chap. 23.32. Deut.7.2. 12 * [25] Take heed to thy ſelf, leſt thou make [26] a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whether thou goeſt, leſt it be for a [27] ſnare in the midſt of thee.

[25] *Ch.*23.32. *Deut.*7.-2. ¶ [26] Becauſe God had determin'd to deſtroy theſe people. ¶ [27] See on *ch.*23.-33.

13 But ye ſhall deſtroy their altars, [28] break †Heb. *ſtatues.* their † images, and [29] cut down their [30] groves.

[28] *Ch.*23.-24. *Deut.*12.3. ¶ [29] *Judg.* 6.25. 2 *Kings* 18.4. and 23.14. ¶ [30] The Patriarchs of old (*Gen.*21.33. See there.) and the heathen, in imitation of them, had groves and ſhady places both for privacy, that they might not be interrupted by any worldly diſtractions, and alſo to make 'em more intent in their devotions, being affected with a kind of awful fear, by this ſhady ſolitarineſs.

14 For thou ſhalt worſhip no other god: for * Chap.20.5. the LORD, [31] whoſe name *is* Jealous, *is* a * [32] jealous God:

[31] Who has made himſelf known by, and glories in that name, and whereby he is diſtinguiſh'd from all other gods. ¶ [32] *ch.*20.5. See there.

15 Leſt thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go [33] a whoring after their gods, and do ſacrifice unto their gods, and *one* [34] call thee, and thou [35] eat of his ſacrifice,

[33] *Lev.*17.7. and 20.5,6. *Numb.*15.-39. *Deut.*31.16. *Judg.*2. 17. and 8.33. 2 *Chron.*21.13. *Pſal.*73.27. *Ezek.* 6.9. and 23. 30. *Hoſ.* 4. 12. and 9. 1. *Pſal.* 106. 39. *Jam.* 4. 4. Forſake the Lord, and cleave unto Idols. ¶ [34] *Numb.* 25.2. *Prov.* 9. 15. ¶ [35] And ſo partake with him in idolatrous worſhip; becauſe ſuch feaſts were a part of the worſhip offer'd to the idol, 1 *Cor.* 10.20. *Rev.*2.20. *Pſal.* 106.28. *Ezek.*18.6.

* 1 King.11.2. 16 And [36] thou take of * their daughters unto thy ſons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy ſons go a whoring after their gods.

[36] 1 *Kings* 11.2. *Ezra* 9.2. *Neh.*13.-25.

17 Thou ſhalt make thee no [37] molten gods.

[37] *Ch.*20.23. *Lev.*19.4. Nor any other kind of idol.

* Chap.23.15. 18 ¶ The feaſt of * [38] unleavened bread ſhalt thou keep: Seven days ſhalt thou eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee in the time of the * Chap.13.4. month [39] Abib: for in the * month Abib thou cameſt out from Egypt.

[38] *Ch.*12.15. &c. and 23.15. ¶ [39] *ch.*13.4.

* Chap.22.29. Ezek.44.30. 19 * [40] All that openeth the matrix *is* mine: and every firſtling among thy cattel, *whether* ox or ſheep, *that is male.*

[40] *Ch.*13.2,12. and 22.-29,30. *Num.*18.15. *Ezek.*44.30. *Luke* 2.23.

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20 But the firſtling of an [41] aſs thou ſhalt redeem with a ‖ lamb: and if thou redeem *him* not, ‖ Or, *kid.* then ſhalt thou break his neck. All the firſt-born of thy ſons thou ſhalt redeem: and none ſhall appear before me * [42] empty. * Chap.23.15.

[41] *Ch.*13.13. *Num.*18.-15. ¶ [42] *Ch.*23.-15. 1 *Sam.*9.7,8. 2 *Sam.*24.24.

21 ¶ * [43] Six days thou ſhalt work, but on * Chap.23.12. Deut.5.12. the ſeventh day thou ſhalt reſt: [44] in earing-time Luke 13.14. and in harveſt thou ſhalt reſt.

[43] *Ch.*20.9. and 23.12. *Lev.*23.3. *Deut.* 5.13. *Luke* 13.-14. ¶ [44] Plowing, fallowing, and ſtirring.

22 * ¶ And thou ſhalt obſerve the feaſt [45] of * Chap.23.16. weeks, of the firſt-fruits of wheat-harveſt, and the feaſt of [46] in-gathering at the † years † Heb. *revolution of the year.* end.

[45] See on *Exod.*23.16. and on *Deut.*16.10. ¶ [46] *Ch.*23.16. See there.

23 ¶ * [47] Thrice in the year ſhall all your *Ch,23.14,17. men-children appear before the Lord GOD, the Deut. 16.16. God of Iſrael.

24 For I will caſt out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither ſhall any man [48] deſire thy land, when thou ſhalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God, thrice in the year.

[47] *Ch.*23.16. *Deut.*12.5. and 16.16. ¶ [48] *Gen.*35.5. *Prov.* 16.7. *Acts* 18.10.

25 *Thou ſhalt not offer the blood of [49] my ſa- * Chap.23.18. crifice with [50] leaven, neither ſhall the ſacrifice of the feaſt of paſſover be left unto the [51] morning.

[49] *Viz.* of the Paſſover, *ch.*23.18. ¶ [50] *i. e.* So long as there is any leavened bread in the houſe. ¶ [51] *ch.* 12.10. See there.

26 The firſt of the [52] firſt-fruits of thy land thou ſhalt bring unto the houſe of the LORD thy God. Thou ſhalt not [53] ſeethe a * kid in his * Chap.23.19. mothers milk. Deut.14.21.

[52] *Ch.*23.19. *Deut.*26.2. ¶ [53] *ch.*23.19. See there.

27 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, [54] Write thou * theſe words: for after the tenour of * Deut.4.13. theſe words I have made a covenant with thee and with Iſrael.

[54] *Viz.* In the Book of the Law; as *ch.* 17.14.

28 * And he was there with the LORD * Chap.24.18. [55] forty days and forty nights; he did neither Deut.9.9. eat bread, nor drink water: and [56] he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten † commandments. † Heb. *words.*

[55] See *n.* 4. Beſides thoſe *ch.* 24.18. ¶ [56] *i. e.* God, *v.* 1. *Deut.*10.2.

29 ¶ And it came to paſs when Moſes came down from mount Sinai (with the two tables of teſtimony in Moſes hand, when he came down from the mount) that Moſes wiſt not that the skin of his face [57] ſhone, while he talked with him.

[57] Noting, the exceeding purity and brightneſs of the law, which no ſinner is able to look upon, (2 *Cor.* 3.7. &c.) No ſuch thing befel him before, when he was the firſt time with God in the Mount, becauſe then God had not ſhewed him his glory in ſo great a degree, as now.

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Iſrael ſaw Moſes, behold, the skin of his face ſhone, and they were [58] afraid to come nigh him.

[58] Becauſe the Law gives the knowledge of ſin, and cauſes wrath, (*Rom.*3.20. and 4.15.) and his miniſtration was death, and condemnation, 2 *Cor.*3.7,9.

31 And Moſes called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moſes talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Iſrael came nigh: and he [59] gave them in command- [59] *Mat.* 28.20. ment all that the LORD had ſpoken with him 1 *Cor.*11.23. in mount Sinai.

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33 And *till* Moſes had done ſpeaking with them, he [60] put * a vail on his face.

[60] 2 *Cor.*3.13,14. In condeſcention to their weakneſs: noting (1) The Obſcurity of the Law, whoſe true and proper meaning and end could not eaſily be diſcern'd. (2) The darkneſs that is in all mens hearts naturally, till God take it away, 2 *Cor.*3.14.&c.

* 2 Cor.3.13.

34 But when Moſes went in before the LORD to ſpeak with him, he [61] took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out and ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, *that* which he was commanded.

[61] *Hebr.*4.13.

35 And the children of Iſrael ſaw the face of Moſes, that the skin of Moſes face ſhone: and Moſes put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to ſpeak with him.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *The ſabbath.* 4 *The free gifts for the tabernacle.* 20 *The readineſs of the people to offer.*

AND Moſes gathered all the congregation of the children of Iſrael together, and ſaid unto them, Theſe *are* the words which the LORD hath commanded, that ye ſhould [1] do them.

[1] *Matth.*7.21. See there. *Rom.*2.13. *Jam.*1.22.

Chap.20.9. Lev.23.3. Deut.5.12. Luke 13.14. † Heb. *holineſs.*

2 * [2] Six days ſhall work be done, but on the ſeventh day there ſhall be to you † an [3] holy day, a ſabbath of [4] reſt to the LORD: whoſoever doth [5] work therein, ſhall be put to death.

[2] *Ch.*34.21. See there. The obſervation of the Sabbath is ſo often urged, and upon ſuch ſeveral penalties impoſed, becauſe of the great importance of it to God's glory, and man's good, and the proneſs of our corrupt nature either to forget it, or to profane it. ¶ [3] *ch.*31.13.&c. ¶ [4] *ch.* 16.23. ¶ [5] *Iſa.* 58.13.

3 Ye ſhall [6] kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the ſabbath day.

[6] *Ch.*16.23. *Viz.* For any handy work about the Tabernacle (now a making;) much leſs for any other trade or mechanic employment.

4 ¶ And Moſes ſpake unto all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, ſaying, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded, ſaying,

5 Take ye from amongſt you an offering unto the LORD: * whoſoever *is* of a [7] willing heart, let him bring it an [8] offering of the LORD; gold, and ſilver, and braſs,

* Chap. 25.2.

[7] *Ch.*25.2. See there. ¶ [8] *ch.*25.3–7.

6 And blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine linen, and goats *hair*,

7 And rams ſkins died red, and badgers ſkins, and ſhittim-wood,

8 And [9] oyl for the light, and ſpices for [10] anointing oyl, and for the ſweet incenſe,

9 And onyx-ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet for the [11] ephod, and for the [12] breaſt-plate.

[9] *Ch.*27.20. ¶ [10] *ch.*30.23. ¶ [11] *ch.*28.6. ¶ [12] *ch.*28.15.

10 And every [13] wiſe-hearted among you, ſhall come and make all that the LORD hath commanded;

[13] *Ch.*31.6. See there. ¶ [14] *ch.* 26. 1. &c. The woodwork. ¶ [15] The covering of goats hair, *ch.* 36. 14, 18. ¶ [16] *Viz.* of Rams ſkins, and Badgers ſkins, *ch.* 26. 14. and 36. 19.

* Chap.26.1. &c.

11 * The [14] tabernacle, his [15] tent, and his [16] covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his ſockets,

12 The [17] ark and the ſtaves thereof, *with* the mercy-ſeat, and the vail of the [18] covering,

13 The [19] table and his ſtaves, and all his veſſels, and the [20] ſhew-bread,

[17] *Ch.* 25. 10.&c. ¶ [18] *ch.* 26. 31. ¶ [19] *ch.* 25. 23. &c. ¶ [20] *ch.*25.30.

14 The [21] candleſtick alſo for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oyl for the light,

15 * And the [22] incenſe-altar, and his ſtaves, and the anointing oyl, and the ſweet incenſe, and the [23] hanging for the door at the entring in of the tabernacle,

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* Chap.30.1.

[21] *Ch.*25.31. ¶ [22] *ch.*30.1.&c. ¶ [23] *ch.* 26.36.

16 * [24] The altar of burnt-offering, with his braſen grate, his ſtaves, and all his veſſels, the laver and his [25] foot,

* Chap.27.1.

17 The [26] hangings of the court, his pillars, and their ſockets, and the hanging for the door of the court,

[24] *Ch.* 27. 1. &c. ¶ [25] *ch.* 30. 18. ¶ [26] *ch.* 27.9.

18 The [27] pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords,

19 The clothes of [28] ſervice, to do ſervice in the holy *place*, the holy garments for Aaron the prieſt, and the garments of his ſons to miniſter in the prieſts office.

[27] *Ch.* 27.-19. ¶ [28] *ch.*31.10.

20 ¶ And all the congregation of the children of Iſrael departed from the preſence of Moſes.

21 And they came every one whoſe heart [29] ſtirred him up, and every one whom his [30] ſpirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORDs offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his ſervice, and for the holy garments.

[29] *Judg.* 5.9. 2 *Sam.* 7.-27. ¶ [30] *v.*29. Whoſe judgment and underſtanding in ſuch kind of work inclin'd him to a willingneſs to undertake it.

22 And they came both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, *and* brought [31] bracelets, and ear-rings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered, *offered* an offering of gold unto the LORD.

[31] Contributing theſe things now as willingly for the ſervice of the tabernacle, as before towards the golden calf.

23 And every man with whom [32] was found blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine linen, and goats *hair*, and red ſkins of rams, and badgers ſkins, brought *them*.

24 Every one that did offer an offering of ſilver and braſs, brought the LORDs offering: and every man with whom was found ſhittim-wood for any work of the ſervice, brought *it*.

25 And all the [33] women that were wiſe-hearted, did [34] ſpin with their hands, and brought that which they had ſpun, *both* of blue, and of purple, *and* of ſcarlet, and of fine linen.

[32] 2 *Cor.*8.12. ¶ [33] *Gal.*3.28. *Luke* 8.2,3. ¶ [34] *Prov.*31.19. *Phil.*4.3. *Rom.*16.3,6,12.

26 And all the women whoſe heart ſtirred them up in wiſdom, ſpun goats *hair*.

27 And the rulers brought onyx-ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet for the ephod, and for the breaſt-plate:

28 And * ſpice, and oyl for the light, and for the anointing oyl, and for the ſweet incenſe.

* Chap.30.23.

29 The children of Iſrael brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman whoſe heart [35] made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had [36] commanded to be made, by the hand of Moſes.

[35] 2 *Cor.*9.7. 1 *Chron.*29.3,6,9,10. *Judg.* 5.9. ¶ [36] *Deut.* 12.8. *Iſa.*8.20. *Matth.*28.20.

30 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, See, * the LORD hath called by name [37] Bezaleel the ſon of Uri, the ſon of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

* Chap.31.2.

[37] *Ch.* 31. 2. 1 *Kings* 7.13,14. 1 *Chr.* 3.10.

31 And he hath [38] filled him with the ſpirit of God, in wiſdom, in underſtanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanſhip;

[38] *Jam.*

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[38] *Jam.*1.17. 1 *Cor.* 12.5. *Isa.* 28.26.

32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones to set *them*, and in carving of wood to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, [39] *both* he and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.

35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work of the engraver, and of the [40] cunning work-man, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, *even* of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

[39] See on *ch.*31.6. ¶ [40] Who wrought both sides alike: whereas the Embroiderer wrought but on the one side. Hereby were figured the variety of graces which were abundantly to be seen in the first building of Christs Church, 1 *Cor.* 1.5,7. and 12.4,8–12. *Gal.*3.2,5. *Act.*19 4,6.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *The offerings are delivered to the work-men.* 5 *The liberality of the people restrained.*

THen wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every [1] wise-hearted man, in whom the LORD [2] put wisdom and understanding, to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to [3] all that the LORD had commanded.

[1] *Ch.* 31. 6. see there. ¶ [2] *Ch.*35.31,35. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 39.-1, 5.7.21,26,29, 31,32,42,43. *Psal.*119.6. *Matth.*28.20. *Luk.*1.6.

2 And Moses [4] called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had [2] put wisdom, *even* every one [5] whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it.

[4] Besides their gifts, they had a Call to this work, *Heb.* 5. 4. *Act.*6.-3. *Col.*4.17. ¶ [5] *Ch.*35.21. see there.

3 And they received of Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought, for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *withall*. And they brought yet unto him free offerings [6] every morning.

[6] *Psal.*5.3. and 101. 8. *Isa.*50.4. *Jer.*21.12.

4 And all the [1] wise men that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made.

5 ¶ And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring [7] much more then enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded to make.

[7] 2 Cor.8. 3.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

8 ¶ * And every [1] wise-hearted man, among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle, made [8] ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with [9] cherubims of cunning work made he them.

*Chap.26.3,4.

[8] *Ch.*26.1. ¶ [9] See on *ch.* 25. 18.

9 The length of one curtain *was* † twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains *were* all of one size.

† Seventeen yards and two inches.

10 And he [10] coupled the five curtains one unto another: and *the other* five curtains he coupled one unto another.

[10] *Psal.*122.3. *Eph.*4.3,4. 1 *Cor.*1.10. *Phil.*2.2. and 3.15. *Eph.* 1.23. and 5. 19. *Gal.* 5.20. *Act.*2.1. *Zeph.*3.9. 1 *Cor.*12. 20,27.

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11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain, from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of *another* curtain in the coupling of the second.

12 * Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which *was* in the coupling of the second: the loops held one *curtain* to another.

* Chap.26.10.

13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches. So it became one tabernacle.

14 ¶ And he made curtains *of* goats *hair*, for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.

15 The length of one curtain *was* *b* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains *were* of one size.

b Eighteen yards and a quarter.

16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain, which coupleth the second.

18 And he made fifty taches *of* brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 And he made a covering for the tent, *of* rams skins died red, and a covering *of* badgers skins above *that*.

20 ¶ And he made boards for the tabernacle *of* shittim-wood, standing up.

21 The length of a board *was* ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south-side, south-ward.

24 And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards: two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle *which is* toward the north-corner, he made twenty boards,

26 And their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward, he made six boards.

28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

29 And they were † coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

† Heb. *twinned.*

30 And there were eight boards, and their sockets *were* sixteen sockets of silver, † under every board two sockets.

† Heb. *two sockets, two sockets under one board.*

31 ¶ And he made * bars *of* shittim-wood: five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

* Chap.25.28. & 30. 5.

32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides west-ward.

33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings *of* gold *to be* places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 ¶ And he made [11] a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: *with* cherubims made he it of cunning work.

[11] *Ch.*

Chap. 37. 2515.

[11] *Ch.*26. 31. for the moſt holy place.

36 And he made thereunto four pillars of ſhittim-*wood*, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks *were of* gold, and he caſt for them four ſockets of ſilver.

[11] Ch. 26. 36.

37 ¶ And he made an [12] hanging for the tabernacle door, *of* blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen, † of needle-work.

† Heb. *the the work of a needle-worker*, or *embroiderer*.

38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters, and their fillets with gold: but their five ſockets *were of* braſs.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *The ark*, 6 *The mercy-ſeat with cherubims*, 10 *The table*, 17 *The candleſtick*, 25 *and altar of incenſe.*

[1] See on *ch.*25. 10.

AND Bezaleel made the [1] ark *of* ſhittim-wood: two cubits and a half *was* the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it.

[2] See on *ch.* 30. 3.

2 And he [2] overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a [2] crown of gold to it round about.

3 And he caſt for it four rings of gold, *to be ſet* by the four corners of it: even two rings upon the one ſide of it, and two rings upon the other ſide of it.

4 And he made ſtaves *of* ſhittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the ſtaves into the rings by the ſide of the ark, to bear the ark.

[3] See on *ch.*25. 17.

6 ¶ And he made the [3] mercy-ſeat *of* pure gold: two cubits and an half *was* the length thereof, and one cubit and an half the breadth thereof.

7 And he made two cherubims *of* gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy-ſeat:

‖ Or, *out of*, &c.

8 One cherub ‖ on the end on this ſide, and another cherub ‖ on the *other* end on that ſide: out of the mercy-ſeat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

‖ Or, *out of*, &c.

[4] *Pſal.* 80. 2.

9 And the cherubims [4] ſpread out their wings on high, *and* covered with their wings over the mercy-ſeat, with their faces one to another; *even* [5] to the mercy-ſeat-ward were the faces of the cherubims.

[5] 1 Pet. 1. 12.

10 ¶ And he made the tables *of* ſhittim-wood; two cubits *was* the length thereof, and a cubit the breath thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.

12 Alſo he made thereunto a border of an hand breadth, round about: and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

13 And he caſt for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that *were* in the four feet thereof.

14 Over againſt the border were the rings, the places for the ſtaves, to bear the table.

15 And he made the ſtaves *of* ſhittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

16 And he made the veſſels which *were* upon the table, his * diſhes, and his ſpoons, and his bowls, and his covers ‖ to cover withal, *of* pure gold.

* Chap. 25. 29.

‖ Or, *to pour out withal.*

* Chap. 25. 31.

17 ¶ And he made the * candleſtick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work made he the candleſtick, his ſhaft and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers were of the ſame.

18 And ſix branches going out of the ſides thereof: three branches of the candleſtick out of the one ſide thereof, and three branches of the candleſtick out of the other ſide thereof.

Chap. 38. 2515.

19 Three bowls made after the faſhion of almonds, in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds, in another branch, a knop and a flower: ſo throughout the ſix branches, going out of the candleſtick.

20 And in the candleſtick *were* four bowls made like almonds, his knops and his flowers.

21 And a knop under two branches of the ſame, and a knop under two branches of the ſame, and a knop under two branches of the ſame, according to the ſix branches going out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the ſame: all of it *was* [6] one beaten work *of* pure gold.

23 And he made his [7] ſeven lamps, and his ſnuffers, and his ſnuff-diſhes, *of* pure gold.

[6] *Col.*3.5. 1 *Cor.*9.27. ¶ [7] *Zach.*4. 2. *Rev.*4.-5.

24 *Of* a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the veſſels thereof.

* Chap. 30. 1.

25 ¶ * And he made the incenſe-altar *of* ſhittim-wood; the length of it *was* a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit (*it was* four-ſquare) and two cubits *was* the height of it; the horns thereof were of the ſame.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, *both* the top of it, and the ſides thereof round about, and the horns of it: alſo he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two ſides thereof, to be places for the ſtaves to bear it withal.

28 And he made the ſtaves *of* ſhittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

* Chap. 30. 35.

29 ¶ And he made * the holy anointing oyl, and the pure incenſe of ſweet ſpices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *The altar of burnt-offering.* 8 *The laver of braſs.* 9 *The court.* 21 *The ſum of the offering.*

* Chap. 27. 1.

AND * he made the [1] altar of burnt-offering *of* ſhittim-wood: *a* five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof (*it was* [2] four-ſquare) and three cubits the height thereof.

[1] *Ch.*27.1. ¶ *a* Nine feet two inches. ¶ [2] *Exek.* 43. 16 *Rev.*21. 16.

2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it: the horns thereof were of the ſame, and he overlaid it with braſs.

[3] 1 Sam. 2. 13.

3 And he made all the veſſels of the altar, the pots, and the ſhovels, and the baſons, *and* the [3] fleſh-hooks, and the fire-pans: all the veſſels thereof made he *of* braſs.

[4] Chap. 35. 16.

4 And he made for the altar [4] a braſen grate of net-work, under the compaſs thereof, beneath unto the midſt of it.

5 And he caſt four rings for the four ends of the grate of braſs, *to be* places for the ſtaves.

6 And he made the ſtaves *of* ſhittim-wood, and overlaid them with braſs.

7 And he put the ſtaves into the rings on the ſides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

‖ Or, *braſen glaſſes.*

† Heb. *aſſembling by troops.*

8 ¶ And he made the [5] laver *of* braſs, and the foot of it, *of* braſs, of the ‖ [6] looking-glaſſes of *the women* † [7] aſſembling, which aſſembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[5] *Ch.*

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[5] *Ch.*30.18. See there. ¶ [6] *Jam.*1.23,24. ¶ [7] *Luke* 2. 37. 1 *Tim.*5.-5. *Prov.*8.34. To be imploy'd in the ſervice of the tabernacle, (as 1 *Sam.*2.22.) or to exerciſe themſelves in faſting and prayer; as *Luke* 2. 37.

9 ¶ And he made the court: on the ſouth-ſide ſouth-ward, the hangings of the court *were of* fine twined linen, an *a* hundred cubits.

a Sixty one yards almoſt.

10 Their pillars *were* twenty, and their braſen ſockets twenty: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *were of* ſilver.

11 And for the north-ſide *the hangings were a* an hundred cubits, their pillars *were* twenty, and their ſockets of braſs twenty: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets *of* ſilver.

12 And for the weſt-ſide *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their ſockets ten: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, *of* ſilver.

13 And for the eaſt-ſide eaſt-ward fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one ſide *of the gate were b* fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their ſockets three.

b Nine yards and a little more.

15 And for the other ſide of the court-gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of *b* fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their ſockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about, *were* of fine twined linen.

17 And the ſockets for the pillars *were of* braſs; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, *of* ſilver; and the overlaying of their chapiters *of* ſilver; and all the pillars of the court *were* filleted with ſilver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court *was* needle-work, *of* blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen: and *c* twenty cubits *was* the length, and the height in the breadth *was* five cubits, anſwerable to the hangings of the court.

c Twelve yards and a little more.

19 And their pillars *were* four, and their ſockets *of* braſs four, their hooks *of* ſilver, and the overlaying of their chapiters, and their fillets *of* ſilver.

* Chap.27.19. 20 And all the * [8] pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, *were of* braſs.

[8] *Ezra* 9. 8. *Eccl.* 12. 11. *Iſa.* 33. 20.

21 ¶ [9] This is the ſum of the tabernacle, *even* of the tabernacle of [10] teſtimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moſes, *for* the ſervice of the Levites, by the hand [11] of Ithamar, ſon to Aaron the prieſt.

[9] *i. e.* The particulars of the tabernacle and holy things belonging to it; which were taken, as it were in an inventory, by *Ithamar* at the commandment of *Moſes*, and ſo delivered into the cuſtody of the Levites that nothing might be loſt. ¶ [10] *Ch.*25.16. See there. ¶ [11] *Numb.*4.29,33.

22 And Bezaleel the ſon of Uri, the ſon of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moſes.

23 And with him *was* Aholiab, ſon of Ahiſamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in ſcarlet, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was occupied for the work, in all the work of the holy *place*, even the gold of the offering, was [12] twenty and nine talents, and [13] ſeven hundred and thirty ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the [13] ſanctuary.

[12] Which amounts unto one hundred fifty nine thouſand, one hundred and ſeven pounds five ſhillings of our mony. [13] See on *ch.*30.13.

25 And the ſilver of them that were numbred of the congregation, *was* an [14] hundred talents, and a [14] thouſand ſeven hundred and threeſcore and fifteen ſhekels, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary.

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[14] That is thirty four thouſand four hundred twenty one pounds, four ſhillings and two pence half peny.

26 A bekah for † every man, *that is*, half a ſhekel, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, for every one that went to be numbred, from twenty years old and upward, for ſix hundred thouſand and three thouſand and five hundred and fifty *men*.

† Heb. *a poll.*

27 And of the hundred talents of ſilver, were caſt the ſockets of the ſanctuary, and the ſockets of the vail; an hundred ſockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a ſocket.

28 And of the thouſand ſeven hundred ſeventy and five *ſhekels*, he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.

29 And the braſs of the offering *was* [15] ſeventy talents, and [15] two thouſand and four hundred ſhekels.

[15] Which is in weight ſix thouſand ſix hundred thirty ſeven pounds and a half *Avoirdupois*.

30 And therewith he made the ſockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the braſen altar, and the braſen grate for it, and all the veſſels of the altar,

31 And the ſockets of the court round about, and the ſockets of the court-gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *The clothes of ſervice, and holy garments.* 2 *The ephod.* 8 *The breaſt-plate.* 22 *The robe of the ephod.*

AND of the blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, they made [1] clothes of ſervice to do ſervice in the [2] holy *place*, and * made the [3] holy garments for Aaron; [4] as the LORD commanded Moſes.

* Chap. 31.10. and 35.19.

[1] *Ch.*31.10. See there. ¶ [2] *Pſal.*93.-5. ¶ [3] See on *ch.* 28.2. ¶ [4] See on *ch.*36.1.

2 And he made the [5] ephod *of* gold, blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen.

[5] *ch.*28. 6,7.

3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut *it into* wires; to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the ſcarlet, and in the fine linen, *with* cunning work.

4 They made ſhoulder-pieces for it, to couple *it* together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

5 And the [6] curious girdle of his ephod that *was* upon it, *was* of the ſame, according to the work thereof; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen; [4] as the LORD commanded Moſes.

[6] *ch.*28.8. *Iſa.*11.5.

6 ¶ And they wrought [7] onyx-ſtones enclоſed in ouches of gold, graven as ſignets are graven, with the [7] names of the children of Iſrael.

[7] *ch.*28.9.

7 And he put them on the ſhoulders of the ephod, *that they ſhould be* ſtones for a [8] memorial to the children of Iſrael; as the LORD commanded Moſes.

[8] See on *ch.* 28. 12.

8 ¶ And he made the breaſt-plate *of* cunning work, like the work of the ephod; *of* gold, blue and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was four-ſquare, they made the breaſt-plate double: a ſpan *was* the length thereof, and a ſpan the breadth thereof *being* doubled.

10 And they ſet in it four rows of ſtones: *the firſt* row *was* a ‖ ſardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this *was* the firſt row.

‖ Or, *rubys.*

11 And

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11 And the ſecond row, an emeraud, a ſapphire, and a diamond.
12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyſt.
13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jaſper: *they were* incloſed in ouches of gold in their incloſings.
14 And the ſtones *were* according to the names of the children of Iſrael, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a ſignet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.
15 And they made upon the breaſt-plate chains, at the ends, *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.
16 And they made two ouches *of* gold, and two gold rings: and put the two rings in the two ends of the breaſt-plate.
17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breaſt-plate.
18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they faſtened in the two ouches, and put them on the ſhoulder-pieces of the ephod, before it.
19 And they made two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of the breaſt-plate upon the border of it, which *was* on the ſide of the ephod inward.
20 And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two ſides of the ephod underneath, toward the fore-part of it, over againſt the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.
21 And they did bind the breaſt-plate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod, with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breaſt-plate might not be looſed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moſes.
22 ¶ And he made the robe of the ephod *of* woven work, all *of* blue.
23 And *there was* a hole in the midſt of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, *with* a band round about the hole, that it ſhould not rent.
24 And they made upon the hems of the robe, pomegranates *of* blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, *and* twined *linen*.
* Chap.28.33. 25 And they made * bells *of* pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates, upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates.
26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate round about the hem of the robe to miniſter in; as the LORD commanded Moſes.
27 ¶ And they made coats *of* fine linen, *of* woven work, for Aaron and for his ſons,
28 And a mitre *of* fine linen, and goodly bonnets *of* fine linen, and * linen breeches *of* fine twined linen,
* Chap.28.42.
29 And a girdle *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and ſcarlet *of* needle-work; as the LORD commanded Moſes.
9 *Heb.* 28.36. and 29.6. 30 ¶ And they made the plate of 9 the holy crown *of* pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a ſignet, 10 HOLINESS TO THE LORD.
10 *ch.* 28. 36. See there.
31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to faſten *it* on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moſes.
32 ¶ Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finiſhed: and the children of Iſrael did according to all that the LORD commanded Moſes, 11 ſo did they.
11 1 *Tim.* 5. 21. and 6. 13, 14. *Hebr.* 3. 2.
33 ¶ And they brought the tabernacle unto Moſes, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his ſockets,
34 And the 12 covering of rams ſkins died red, and the covering of badgers ſkins, and the vail of the covering,
12 *Mat.*11. 25.
35 The ark of the teſtimony, and the ſtaves thereof, and the mercy-ſeat,
36 The table, *and* all the veſſels thereof, and the ſhew-bread,
37 The pure candleſtick, *with* the lamps thereof, *even with* the lamps to be ſet in order, and all the veſſels thereof, and the oyl for light,
38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oyl, and † the ſweet incenſe, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,
† Heb. *the incenſe of ſweet ſpices.*
39 The braſen altar, and his grate of braſs, his ſtaves, and all his veſſels, the laver and his foot,
40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his ſockets, and the hanging for the court-gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the veſſels of the ſervice of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,
41 The clothes of ſervice to do ſervice in the holy *place*, and the holy garments for Aaron the prieſt, and his ſons garments to miniſter in the prieſts office.
42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo the children of Iſrael made all the work.
43 And Moſes did 13 look upon all the work, and behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even ſo had they done it: and Moſes 14 bleſſed them.
13 *Gen.*1.31. ¶ 14 As God's publick Miniſter he pronounced a bleſſing in God's name, both on the people, for their liberal contributions, and on the workmen, for their care and induſtry.

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CHAP. XL.

1 *The tabernacle is commanded to be reared,* 9 *and anointed,* 13 *Aaron and his ſons to be ſanctified.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,
2 On the firſt day of the firſt month ſhalt thou ſet up the tabernacle 1 of the tent of the 2 congregation:
1 *i. e.* Covered with the tent or covering of goats hair, *ch.*35.11. See there. and 36.14. ¶ 2 See on *ch.*27.21.
3 And thou ſhalt put therein the ark of the teſtimony, and 3 cover the ark with the 4 vail.
3 Hang the vail before the Ark. ¶ 4 *ch.* 26.33.
4 And * thou ſhalt bring in the table, and ſet in order † the 5 things that are to be ſet in order upon it, and thou ſhalt bring in the candleſtick, and light the lamps thereof.
* Chap. 26.35. † Heb. *the order thereof.*
5 And thou ſhalt ſet the altar of gold for the incenſe before the ark of the teſtimony, and put the 6 hanging of the door to the tabernacle.
5 The Shew-bread, *ch.* 25. 30. ¶ 6 *ch.* 26.36.
6 And thou ſhalt ſet the offering of the burnt-offering, before the door of the tabernacle of the 1 tent of the 2 congregation.
7 And thou ſhalt ſet the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and ſhalt put water therein.
8 And thou ſhalt ſet up the court round about and hang up the hanging at the court-gate.
9 And thou ſhalt take the 7 anointing oyl, and anoint the tabernacle and all that *is* therein, and ſhalt hallow it, and all the veſſels thereof: and it ſhall be holy.
7 *Ch.*30.23. *Lev.*8.10. *Numb.*7.1.

10 And

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10 And thou shalt anoint the [8] altar of the burnt-offering, and all his vessels, and sanctifie the altar; and it shall be an altar †[9] most holy.

† Heb. *holiness of holinesses.*

[8] *Ch.*29.36. *Lev.*8.11. ¶ [9] *Ch.*29.37. See there.

11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctifie it.

12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctifie him, that he may minister unto me in the priests office.

14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:

15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priests office: for their anointing shall surely be an [10] everlasting priesthood, throughout their generations.

[10] *i.e.* A sign or seal that their Priesthood shall continue as long as their Polity shall last; and this Unction shall be sufficient for all succeeding Priests, that they shall not need to be anointed again, except the High Priest.

16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

17 ¶ And it came to pass, in the first month in the second year, on the first *day* of the month, *that* the * tabernacle was reared up.

* Numb.7.1.

18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

19 And he spread abroad the [11] tent over the tabernacle, and put the [12] covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.

20 ¶ And he took and put the [13] testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark.

[11] The curtains of Goats-hair, *ch.* 36.14,18. ¶ [12] Both that of Rams skins and Badgers skins, *ch.*26.14. and 36.19. ¶ [13] See on *ch.*25.16.

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and * set up the vail of the covering, and [3] covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.

* Chap.35.12.

22 ¶ And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle north-ward, without the vail.

23 And he set the bread in order upon it, before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 ¶ And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle south-ward.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

26 ¶ And he put the [14] golden altar in the tent of the congregation, before the vail.

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[14] All these being in the most holy and holy places, hidden with Vails from the eyes of the people, signifyed the obscurity of Gospel-mysteries before the Vail of Christs flesh was rent, and the treasures of his grace more fully opened, *Heb.*10.1. *Rom.*16.25,26. *Eph.*3.5.

27 And he burnt sweet incense thereon, as the LORD commanded Moses.

28 ¶ And he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt-offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt-offering, and the meat-offering, [15] as the * LORD * commanded Moses.

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[15] This clause is so often repeated, to shew, that in God's worship, we must do nothing of our own heads, but what we have express warrant for from God.

30 ¶ And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation, and the altar, and put water there, to wash *withal.*

31 And Moses, and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat.

32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.

33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle, and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate: so Moses finished the work.

34 ¶ * Then a [16] cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD [17] filled the tabernacle.

* Numb.9.15. 1 King.8.10.

[16] *Numb.*9.15. *Isa.*5.4. *Rev.*15.8. That Cloud (*ch.* 13.21,22.) miraculously removed hither, as a testimony of Gods presence and approbation. ¶ [17] Whereby God took possession of it, *ch.*25.8. So 1 *King.*8.10,12. *Ezek.*43.4,5,7. *Rev.*21.11.

35 And Moses was [18] not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

[18] 2 *Chron.*5.14. and 7.2, *Rev.*15.8. partly because of the extraordinary thickness and brightness of the Cloud, which both dazled his eyes, and struck him with horror, (as 1 *King.* 8.11.) and partly because of his great reverence and dread of that eminent, and glorious appearance of God; and partly because he was not called to it.

36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel †[19] went onward in all their journeys:

† Heb. *journyed.*

37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journyed not, till the day that it was taken up.

38 For the [20] cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

[19] *Numb.*9.17,23. [20] *Neh.*9.19. *Psal.*78.14. and 105.39.

LEVITICUS.

The ARGUMENT.

THe Tabernacle being erected and furnish'd (Exod.40.) *which was the place of God's public Worship, God then settles the way of his Worship there; in reference both to the several sorts of Sacrifices to be offered (which was the principal part of their public Worship)* ch. 1-7. *and also to the Persons Officiating (whom he chose to be the Tribe of* Levi, *from whence this Book is called* Leviticus) *ch.*8--15. *After which sundry other Laws are given about Marriages,* ch. 18. *Festivals,* ch. 23. *and* 25. *Vows,* ch. 27. *and other things; together with promises to the Obedient, and Threatnings against the Disobedient,* ch.26. *All which was dispatch'd within the compass of a Month.*

CHAP. I.

1 *The burnt-offerings,* 3 *of the herd,* 10 *of the flocks,* 14 *of the fowls.*

AND the LORD [1] called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the [2] tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

[1] *Exod.*29.-42. ¶ [2] *Exod.*40.34. *Numb.* 1.1.

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an [3] offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattel, *even* of the herd, and of the flock.

[3] *Ch.* 22. 18. These Offerings were now first prescribed (which before were free) and regulated as to time, place, occasion, and seasons of their celebration.

3 If his offering *be* a [4] burnt-sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a [5] male [5] without blemish: he shall offer it of his own [6] voluntary will, [7] at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation [8] before the LORD.

[4] There were five sorts of Sacrifices (which were a sort of Prayers) Burnt-offerings (*ch.* 1.) Meat-offerings, (*c.*2.) Peace-offerings, (*ch.* 3.) Sin-offerings (*ch.*4.) and Trespass-offerings (*ch.* 5. 15. *&c.*) and there were so many of them, as well to represent the several perfections of Christ, the true Sacrifice, and the various benefits of his Death; as also the several duties which men owe to their Creator and Redeemer; all which could not be so well express'd by one sort of Sacrifice. The Burnt-offering was the first and principal, wherewith God was served every day by the Children of *Israel*, (*Numb.*28.3.) So called, because it was all burnt (*v.*8,9,13.) except the skin (*ch.*7.8.) whereas of all other Sacrifices only part was burnt. It typified Christs offering up of his whole self to make atonement (*Heb.*10.5. *&c.*) and therefore is said to make atonement, and procure reconciliation (*v.*4.) not upon its own account, but by faith in the blood of Christ. Morally it typified the presenting our bodies to God's service, (*Rom.*12.1.) and was a sort of covenanting with God, *Psal.* 50.-5. ¶ [5] See on *Exod.* 12. 5. ¶ [6] 2 *Cor.*9.7. to teach, that all service done to God must be done willingly. ¶ [7] *Ch.*17.4. *Deu.*12.5,6,13,14,26, 27. and 14.23,26. *Ezek.*20.40. the door of the Court, close within which the Altar for Burnt-offerings stood; to signifie, that their Sacrifices (and every service) were sanctified and made acceptable only in and thro' Christ (*Heb.*9.11. and 10.19,20. *Joh.*14.6. and 10.7,9.) This was the ordinary rule; but in extraordinary cases it was otherwise, 1 *Sam.* 7. 9. and 11. 2, 15. 2 *Sam.*24.18. 1 *King.*8. 64. and 18. 32. *Judg.* 2.5. and 6. 26. ¶ [8] Before the door of the Tabernacle (*v.* 11.) where God was pleased to afford his special presence.

* Exod.29.10. 4 * And he shall [9] put his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering: and it shall be accepted for him [10] to make atonement for him.

[9] To testifie (1) That he acknowledged himself worthy of death. (2) That he laid his sins upon the Sacrifice. (3) That he trusted in Christ for the expiation of his sins. (4) That he devoted himself to God. ¶ [10] To appease God's wrath, through Christ, for general sins: (for, for special sins there was a special Sacrifice and Sin-offering, *ch.* 4.) and to be a token and seal of the Expiation which should be made through the Messiah, *Rom.*5.25. 2 *Cor.*5.19. *Eph.*1. 7. *Col.*1.14,19,20.

5 And [11] he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests Aarons sons shall bring the blood, and [12] sprinkle the blood [13] round about upon the altar, that *is* by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[11] *Viz.* By the hands of the Priests or Levites. ¶ [12] 1 *Pet.* 1.2. *Isa.*52. 15. *Heb.* 12. 24. to note our sanctification by the sprinkling of Christs blood, *Heb.* 9.14. ¶ [13] To note, that all the Church partake of the benefit of Christs blood.

6 And he shall [14] flay the burnt-offering, and [15] cut it into his pieces.

[14] To note, that God chiefly regards the inside, and will one day make 'em visible to others; and because nothing was burnt upon the Altar but what was usually eaten by men. ¶ [15] To note, the sufferings of Christ in the several parts of his body.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall [16] put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire.

[16] Renew it, and make it up again, (*ch.*6.12,13.) So we should not quench the Spirit (1 *Thess.*5.19.) but stir it up, (2 *Tim.*1.6. 1 *Tim.*4.14.) and keep grace in exercise.

8 And the priests Aarons sons shall [17] lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar.

[17] *Ch.*8.20,21. and 9.13. *Exod.*29.17,18. 1 *King.*18.23, 33.

9 But his [18] inwards and his legs shall he [19] wash in water: and the priest shall [20] burn all on the altar, *to be* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a [21] sweet savour unto the LORD.

[18] The Pluck, and Guts. ¶ [19] To note, the universal purity, both of the heart, and actions which was in Christ, and should be in all Christians, *Ezek.* 36. 25. *Heb.* 10. 22. ¶ [20] Noting the sufferings of Christ and his Members, whereby they are consecrated to God, *Heb.* 2. 10. and 13. 11, 12. 1 *Pet.*4.1. and refined, *Zach.*13.9. ¶ [21] *Ezr.*6.10. *Job* 42.8. acceptable to God through Christ, *Eph.*5.2.

10 ¶ And if his offering *be* of the flocks, *namely* of the [22] sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish.

11 And he shall kill it on the side of the altar [23] north-ward before the LORD: and the priests Aarons sons shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar.

[22] *Isa.*53.7. *Joh.*1.29. ¶ [23] To design the place of Christs death, *viz. Mount Calvary*, which was on the North-west side of *Jerusalem.*

12 And he shall [15] cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar.

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13 But he shall [19] wash the [18] inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring *it* [24] all, and burn *it* upon the altar: it *is* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

[24] So whole Christ is ours by faith (*Gal.*1.20.) and we should wholly give our selves to God by him, 1 *Thess.*5.23.

14 ¶ And if the burnt-sacrifice for his offering to the LORD *be* [25] of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of [26] turtle-doves, or of young pigeons.

[25] *Ch.*5.7. and 12.8. *Luke* 2.24. ¶ [26] Noting the innocency and meekness of Christ and his Members.

15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, ‖ Or, *pinch off the head with the nail.* and ‖ wring off his head, and burn *it* on the altar: and the blood thereof shall be wrung out at the side of the altar.

16 And he shall pluck away his crop with ‖ Or, *the filth thereof.* ‖ his feathers, and [27] cast it beside the altar on the east-part, by the place of the ashes.

[27] To teach, that all uncleanness was to be removed out of God's sight.

17 And he shall cleave it, with the wings thereof, *but* shall [24] not divide *it* asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that *is* upon the fire: it *is* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a [28] sweet savour unto the LORD.

[28] See on *v.*9. God comforts the poor, by promising a like acceptance of his small sacrifice, as of the great ones of the richer sort, 2 *Cor.*8.12. *Mark* 12.43.

CHAP. II.

1 *The meat-offering of flour with oyl and incense,* 12 *and of the first-fruits in the ear.* 13 *The salt of the meat offering.*

AND when any will offer a [1] meat-offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be *of* [2] fine flour; and he shall pour [2] oyl upon it, and put [2] frankincense thereon.

[1] *Viz.* A distinct offering of it self, and not joyn'd with others, (as some meat-offerings were, *Numb.* 15.4,7, 10:) ¶ [2] A special type of Christ, the Bread of Life, (*John* 6.35.) anointed with the Spirit, (*Luke* 4.18.) whose intercession is as sweet incense, (*Rev.*8.3.) It also notes the Saints, brought as a meat-offering to God, (*Isa.*66.20.) being sifted from the bran of corruption, and made as fine flour by faith and repentance; being also anointed and season'd with the graces of the Spirit, offering up unto God the incense of their prayers, in the mediation of Christ, *Psal.* 141.2. *Mal.* 1.11.

2 And he shall bring it to Aarons sons the priests: and [3] he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oyl thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the [4] memorial of it upon the altar, *to be* an offering made by fire, of [5] a sweet savour unto the LORD.

[3] The Priest to whom he brought it. ¶ [4] *Ch.*5.12. and 6.-15. *Exod.*30.-16. *Numb.*5.26. Whereby God was, as it were, put in mind of his Covenant to accept the services of his people thro' Christ, (*Psal.*20.3. *Acts* 10.4. *Neh.* 13.14, 22.) and they were put in mind to acknowledge that all their store was from God, and therefore to be consecrated to his service. ¶ [5] *ch.* 1.-9. See there.

* Eccles. 7.31. 3 And * the remnant of the meat-offering *shall be* [6] Aarons and his [6] sons: *it is* a thing [7] most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

[6] For their maintenance and livelihood, (*Numb.*18.9,10.) to be eaten in the Sanctuary, *ch.* 6.16. ¶ [7] *Ch.*6.17,25. and 7.1. &c. and 21.22. *Numb.*18.9. The most holy things were eaten only by the Priests in the Court of the Tabernacle: the less holy things, as tithes, first-fruits, &c. were for the Priests, their sons and daughters, (*Numb.*18.9. &c.) to be eaten in the place which the Lord should choose, *Deut.*12.5. &c.

4 ¶ And if thou bring an oblation of a meat offering [8] baken in the oven, *it shall be* [9] un-

leavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oyl, or unleavened wafers anointed with oyl.

[8] 1 *Chron.* 23.28, 29. *Ezek.* 46.-20. ¶ [9] 1 *Cor.*5.8.

5 ¶ And if thy oblation *be* a meat-offering, *baken* ‖ in a pan, it shall be *of* fine flour unleavened, mingled with oyl. ‖ Or, *on a flat plate, or slice.*

6 Thou shalt part it [10] in pieces, and pour oyl thereon: it *is* a meat offering. [10] *Ch.* 1.6. See there.

7 ¶ And if thy oblation *be* a meat-offering *baken* in the frying-pan, it shall be made *of* fine flour with oyl.

8 And thou shalt bring the meat-offering that is made of these things, unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the priest shall take from the meat-offering *[4] a memorial thereof, and shall burn *it* upon the altar: *it is* * an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD. * Vers.2. * Exod.29.18.

10 And that which is left of the meat-offering, *shall be* Aarons and his sons: *it is* a thing most holy, of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

11 [11] No meat-offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with [11] leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any [12] hony, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

[11] *Viz.* Which is offer'd of free-will; (for in other offerings it might be used, *ch.*7.13. and 23.17.) Leaven was here forbidden, (1) To put 'em still in mind of their deliverance out of *Egypt*, a type of their Redemption by Christ. (2) To teach 'em to worship God as he had appointed, and that all humane inventions therein are an abomination to him. (3) To shew the perfect purity of Christ, and that sincerity wherewith all our services should be attended, *Luke* 12.1. 1 *Cor.* 5.8. ¶ [12] Forbidden, because (1) it has a kind of leavening nature. (2) More fully to exclude all humane devices in God's worship. (3) Perhaps to note the abstaining from all carnal pleasures by those that devote themselves to God's service.

12 ¶ As for the oblation of the first-fruits, ye shall offer [13] them unto the LORD: but they shall not † be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour. † Heb. *ascend.*

[13] *Viz.* Tho' they are baken with leaven, (*ch.* 23.17.) or there be hony with 'em, 2 *Chron.* 31.5.

13 And every oblation of thy meat-offering * shalt thou season with [14] salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt [15] of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat-offering: [16] with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. * Mark 9.49.

[14] Noting, incorruption or soundness of mind, and sincerity of grace, (*Mar.*9.49. *Col.*4.6.) and in testimony of that communion they had with God in these exercises of his worship. (Salt being the great symbol of friendship in all Nations and Ages.) ¶ [15] So called, because (1) it fitly represented the durableness of God's covenant with them; which is designed by salt, *Numb.*18.9. 2 *Chron.*13.5. (2) Because it was so particularly and peremptorily requir'd as a condition of their covenant with God; in the following words. ¶ [16] *Ezek.*43.24. *Mark* 9.49.

14 And if thou offer a [17] meat-offering of thy [18] first-fruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat-offering of the first-fruits, green ears of corn [19] dried by the fire, *even* corn [19] beaten out of full ears.

[17] *i. e.* A free-will-offering, besides what was enjoyn'd. ¶ [18] *ch.*22.29. ¶ [19] Noting Christ's sufferings, *Isa.* 53.5.

15 And thou shalt put [2] oyl upon it, and lay [2] frankincense thereon: it *is* a meat-offering.

16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, *part* of the beaten corn thereof, and *part* of the oyl thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: *it is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

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CHAP. III.

1 *The peace-offering of the herd,* 6 *of the flock,* 7 *either a lamb,* 12 *or a goat.*

AND if his oblation *be* a ſacrifice of [1] peace-offering, if he offer *it* of the herd, whether *it be* a male or [2] female; he ſhall offer it [3] without blemiſh before the LORD.

[1] Theſe were offer'd either to obtain ſome bleſſing which they wanted, or by way of thankſgiving for ſome mercy receiv'd; and ſome times when men in their troubles pray'd to God for peace and deliverance, *Judg.* 20. 26. and 21. 4. 1 *Chron.*21.26. They typified Chriſt, who by his death became our peace, *Eph.*2.13.&c. Morally they ſet out our duty of thankſgiving to God, and were a ſort of praiſe, *Hebr.* 13.15. ¶ [2] *Gal.*3.28. 1 *Pet.*1.17. To note that God accepts not only the ſacrifice of Chriſt, (figur'd by the male) but ours alſo in him, (*Hebr.*13.15.) and it was left to the choice of the offerer, becauſe theſe ſacrifices did chiefly reſpect his benefit. ¶ [3] See on *Exod.*12.5.

2 And he ſhall [4] lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the [5] door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aarons ſons the prieſts ſhall [6] ſprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

[4] See on *ch.*1.4. ¶ [5] The burnt-offering was killed near the Altar, (*ch.*1.11.) but this was not ſo holy, part of it being eaten by the offerer, whereas the other was eaten only by the Prieſts. ¶ [6] *ch.*1.5.

3 And he ſhall offer of the ſacrifice of the peace-offering, [7] an offering made by fire unto the LORD, * the ‖ [8] fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards.

* Exod.29.22.
‖ Or, *ſuet.*

[7] *i. e.* So much of it as is afterwards expreſt; beſides which the breaſt and right ſhoulder were waved and given to the Prieſt, (*ch.*7.30.) and then the remainder belonged to him that brought it, *ch.*7.15,16. ¶ [8] See on *Exod.*29.13.

4 And the two kidneys, and the [8] fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, *and* the ‖ caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away.

‖ Or, *midriff over the liver* and *over the kidneys.*

5 And Aarons ſons ſhall burn it on the altar [9] upon the burnt-ſacrifice, which *is* upon the wood that *is* on the fire: *it is* an offering made by fire of a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD.

[9] To note that we are firſt to be reconciled to God by the death of Chriſt, before any oblation of ours can be acceptable.

6 ¶ And if his offering for a ſacrifice of peace-offering unto the LORD be *of* the flock, male or [2] female; he ſhall offer it without blemiſh.

7 If he offer a lamb for his offering, then ſhall he offer it before the LORD.

8 And he ſhall [4] lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aarons ſons ſhall ſprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar.

9 And he ſhall offer of the ſacrifice of the peace-offering, an offering made by fire unto the LORD: the fat thereof *and* the whole [10] rump, it ſhall he take off hard by the back-bone: and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards.

[10] *Matth.*10.-22. *Rev.*2.10. 1 *Cor.* 1. 17. Which in thoſe parts was large, ſweet, and very fat.

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away.

11 And the prieſt ſhall burn it upon the altar: *it is* the [11] food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

[11] That which the fire was to eat up and conſume; (called alſo his Bread, *Numb.*28.2. *Ezek.* 44. 7. *Lev.* 21. 6, 8.) to note God's acceptance of it.

12 ¶ And if his offering *be* a goat, then he ſhall offer it before the LORD:

13 And he ſhall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the ſons of Aaron ſhall ſprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.

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14 And he ſhall offer thereof his offering, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards.

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away.

16 And the prieſt ſhall burn them upon the altar: *it is* the [11] food of the offering made by fire, for a ſweet ſavour. * All the [12] fat *is* the [13] LORDs. * Chap.7.25.

[12] See on *Exod.*29.13. *v.*-17. *ch.*7.23,25. *Viz.* Of the inwards, (which we call the tallow or ſuet) and of beaſts ſacrificed, *ch.*7.25. (for the fat of other clean beaſts they might eat, *Neh.*8.10. *Iſa.*25.6. and 55.-2.) ¶ [13] Reſerved as God's portion, to be burnt upon the Altar, *ch.* 4. 8--10. and 17. 6. *Deut.*32.38. 1 *Sam.*2.15,16.

17 *It ſhall be* a perpetual ſtatute for your generations [14] throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither [15] fat nor * [16] blood. * Gen.9.4. Chap.7.26. and 17.14.

[14] Therefore they might not eat this kind of fat of any beaſts whatſoever of theſe kinds, tho' kill'd at home. ¶ [15] (1) To note that we ſhould not aſcribe to our ſelves, neither our redemption, (which is only by the blood of Chriſt, *Eph.*1.7.) nor our ſanctification, (which is the work of the Spirit, *Eph.*5.26. *Hebr.*10.10.) (2) To exerciſe them in obedience, ſelf-denial, and mortification of their appetites. (3) To teach them to avoid cruelty. ¶ [16] *Ch.*7.26. and 17. 14. *Gen.*9.4. *Acts* 15.29. 1 *Sam.* 14. 33, 34.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The ſin-offering of ignorance,* 3 *for the prieſt,* 13 *the congregation,* 22 *the ruler,* 27 *or for the people.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, 2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, If a ſoul ſhall [1] ſin through [2] ignorance againſt any of the commandments of the LORD (*concerning things* which ought not to be done) and ſhall do againſt any of them:

[1] Such a ſin as is of a more heinous nature than a meer humane infirmity, (for they were expiated by the daily ſacrifice) and for which their conſciences were like to check, and ſmite 'em. ¶ [2] *Numb.*15.24. *Deut.*15.4. *Pſal.*19.13. *Gal.* 6.1. *Hebr.*9.7. and 5.-3. By error, ignorance, imprudence, ſurpriſe, temptation, violence of affection, and the like; and either does not take notice of it, or is not affected with it, at preſent, *v.* 13,14.

3 If the [3] prieſt that is [4] anointed, do ſin according to the ſin of the people: then let him bring for his ſin which he hath ſinned, a young [5] bullock without blemiſh, unto the LORD for a ſin-offering.

[3] Any Prieſt; (for elſe there's no proviſion made for any of them to have an intereſt in this ſin-offering.) ¶ [4] *Viz.* In their forefathers, when they were firſt ſet apart to God, *ch.* 7. 35. ¶ [5] *ch.*9.2. A greater ſacrifice, than for common perſons, (*v.*28.) or than for rulers, (*v.* 22.) and equal to that for the congregation, (*v.*14.) becauſe his ſin was moſt pernicious to the people, and much aggravated by his quality.

4 And he ſhall bring the bullock unto the [6] door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and ſhall [7] lay his hand upon the bullocks head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.

[6] See on *ch.*1.3. ¶ [7] See on *ch.* 1. 4.

5 And the prieſt that is anointed ſhall take of the bullocks blood, and bring it [8] to the tabernacle of the congregation.

[8] *i. e.* Into; (as appears by *v.*6.) to note, that the way into heaven is open'd by the blood of Chriſt, *Hebr.* 10.19,20.

6 And the prieſt ſhall dip his finger in the blood, and [9] ſprinkle of the blood [10] ſeven times before the LORD, before [11] the vail of the ſanctuary.

[9] *Pſ.* 1,

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[9] *Pſal.*51.2. ¶ [10] *v.*17. Signifying the full and perfect cleanſing of ſin by the ſprinkling of Chriſt's blood, (*Hebr.* 9. 13,14. 1 *Pet.*1.2. 1 *John* 1.7.) and the full ſatisfaction that was given to God. ¶ [11] *Hebr.* 10.19,20.

7 And the prieſt ſhall [12] put *ſome* of the blood upon the horns of the [12] altar of ſweet incenſe before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of
* Chap.5.9. the congregation; and ſhall [13] pour * [14] all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which *is* at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[12] To note, that by faith in the blood of Chriſt our prayers are acceptable to God, and our ſins forgiven. ¶ [13] *V.* 18,30, 34. ¶ [14] The remainder, beſides that *v.* 5.

8 And he ſhall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the ſin-offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards.

9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away.

10 As it was [15] taken off from the bullock of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings: and the prieſt ſhall burn them upon the altar of the burnt-offering.

* Exod.29.14. Numb.19.5. 11 * And the [16] skin of the bullock, and all his fleſh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung;

[15] *Ch.*3.3,4. ¶ [16] *Exod.* 29. 14. *Numb.* 19. 5.

†Heb. *to without the camp.* †Heb.13.11. †Heb. *at the pouring out of the aſhes.* 12 Even the whole bullock ſhall he carry forth †[17] without the camp, unto a clean place, where the aſhes are poured out, and † burn him on the wood with fire: † where the aſhes are poured out ſhall he be burnt.

[17] *V.*21. and *ch.* 16. 27. *Exod.* 29. 14. which *Paul* opens, *Heb.*13.11–14. ſee there: To teach us (1) How deteſtable ſin is; eſpecially the ſins of ſacred perſons; or the common ſins of the whole Congregation. (2) That Chriſt was to ſuffer without *Jeruſalem.* (3) That by Chiſts ſufferings our ſins are perfectly forgiven, and removed far from us, *Pſal.* 103.12.

13 ¶ And if the [18] whole congregation of
* Chap. 5.2,3, 4. Iſrael ſin through [2] ignorance, and * the thing be [19] hid from the eyes of the aſſembly, and they have done *ſomewhat againſt* any of the commandments of the LORD, *concerning things* which ſhould not be done, and are guilty:

[18] *Joſh.*7.1. The body of the people, or the greater part of them, their Rulers concurring with them. ¶ [19] *ch.*5. 3.

14 When the ſin which they have ſinned againſt it, [20] is known, then the congregation ſhall offer a young bullock for the ſin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation ſhall [21] lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock ſhall be killed before the LORD.

[20] And he be touched in conſcience for it. ¶ [21] See on *ch.*1.4.

16 And the prieſt that is [4] anointed, ſhall bring of the bullocks blood to the tabernacle of the congregation.

17 And the prieſt ſhall dip his finger *in ſome* of the blood, and ſprinkle it [10] ſeven times before the LORD, *even* before the vail.

18 And he ſhall [12] put *ſome* of the blood upon the horns of the altar, which *is* before the LORD; that *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation, and ſhall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

19 And he ſhall take all his fat from him, and burn *it* upon the altar.

20 And he ſhall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a [22] ſin-offering, ſo ſhall he do with this: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for them, and it ſhall be forgiven them.

[22] *Viz.* for the Prieſt, *v.*3.11,12.

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21 And he ſhall carry forth the bullock [17] without the camp, and burn him as he burned the firſt bullock: it *is* a ſin-offering for the congregation.

22 ¶ When a ruler hath ſinned, and done *ſomewhat* through [2] ignorance *againſt* any of the commandments of the LORD his God, *concerning things* which ſhould not be done, and is guilty;

23 Or if his ſin, wherein he hath ſinned, come to his knowledge: he ſhall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemiſh.

24 And he ſhall [7] lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the [23] place where they kill the burnt-offering before the LORD: it *is* a ſin-offering.

25 And the prieſt ſhall take of the blood of the ſin-offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of [24] burnt-offering, and ſhall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering.

[23] *Ch.*1.11. ¶ [24] Whereas the blood of the two former Sacrifices, *viz.* for the Prieſt, and Congregation was put on the horns of the Altar of Incenſe (*v.*7,18.) this was to be put upon the horns of the Altar of Burn-offering, to note, that the ſin of the Prieſt and Congregation was more heinous than that of the ruler, and therefore there was a more ſolemn manner of atonement for it.

26 And he ſhall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him as concerning his ſin, and it ſhallbe [25] forgiven him.

[25] Both ceremonially and judicially, as to all Eccleſiaſtical Cenſures, or civil puniſhments; and alſo Really upon condition of their Repentance and Faith in the Meſſiah to come.

†Heb. *any ſoul.* †Heb. *people of the land.* 27 ¶ And if †[26] any one of the † [27] common people ſin through ignorance, while he doth *ſomewhat againſt* any of the commandments of the LORD, *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

[26] *Numb.* 5. 6. and 15.27. ¶ [27] To note, that the common people are not ſo valuable as Rulers, *v.* 23.

28 Or if his ſin, which he hath ſinned, come to his knowledge: then he ſhall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemiſh, for his ſin which he hath ſinned.

29 And he ſhall lay his hand upon the head of the ſin-offering, and ſlay the ſin-offering in the place of the burnt-offering.

30 And the prieſt ſhall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of [24] burnt-offering, and ſhall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

31 And * he ſhall take away all the fat there- * Chap. 3.14.
of, as the fat is taken away from off the ſacrifice of peace-offerings; and the prieſt ſhall burn *it* upon the altar, for a * ſweet ſavour unto the * Exod.29.18.
LORD: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him, and it ſhall be forgiven him.

32 And if he bring a lamb for a ſin-offering, he ſhall bring it a female without blemiſh.

33 And he ſhall lay his hand upon the head of the ſin-offering, and ſlay it for a ſin-offering, in the place where they kill the burnt-offering.

34 And the prieſt ſhall take of the blood of the ſin-offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and ſhall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

35 And he ſhall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the ſacrifice of the peace-offerings: and the prieſt

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prieſt ſhall burn [28] them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for his ſin that he hath committed, and it ſhall be forgiven him.

[28] The ſeveral ſorts of fat.

CHAP. V.

1 *Of him that concealeth his knowledge in touching of an unclean thing,* 4 *of making an oath.* 14 *The treſpaſs-offering in ſacriledge,* 17 *and in ſins of ignorance.*

AND if a ſoul [1] ſin, [2] and hear the [3] voice of ſwearing, and *is* a witneſs, whether he hath [4] ſeen or [5] known *of it*; if he do not utter *it*, then he ſhall bear his [6] iniquity.

[1] *Viz.* In matters of leſs importance, as the omiſſion of ſome ceremonial waſhings and the like; (and therefore the Offerings for theſe were leſs, if the offendor was poor, (*v.* 7,11.) but not ſo for thoſe in the former Chapter.) ¶ [2] *i. e.* by hearing. ¶ [3] Blaſphemy or curſing uttered againſt God or his Neighbor. ¶ [4] Been preſent when it was ſaid. ¶ [5] By certain relation of others. ¶ [6] *ch.*19. 8. and 20. 17. the puniſhment due to it.

2 Or if a ſoul touch any [7] unclean thing, whether *it be* a [8] carcaſe of an unclean beaſt, or a carcaſe of unclean cattel, or the carcaſe of unclean creeping things, and *if* it be [9] hidden from him; he alſo ſhall be [10] unclean, and guilty.

[7] *Numb.*19.8. ¶ [8] *ch.*11.8,31. ¶ [9] That he did not know it to be unclean; to teach 'em to watch againſt, and be humbled for, unknown and unobſerved ſins, *Pſal.*19.12. 1 *Joh.*3.20. ¶ [10] *Viz.* Ceremonially, which ſhews the pollution we contract by partaking with other mens ſins.

3 Or if he touch the uncleanneſs of man, whatſoever uncleanneſs *it be* that a man ſhall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth *of it*, then he ſhall be [11] guilty.

[11] *Viz.* More than before.

4 Or if a ſoul [12] ſwear, pronouncing with *his* lips to do [13] evil, or to do [14] good, whatſoever *it be* that a man ſhall pronounce with an oath, and it be [15] hid from him; when he [16] knoweth *of it*, then he ſhall be guilty [17] in one of theſe.

[12] *Viz.* raſhly and unadviſedly (as 1 *Sam.*25.22. *Matth.*14. 7.) ¶ [13] *Act.*23.12. ¶ [14] Which is not in his power to do. ¶ [15] That what he ſwore to do, was, or would be impoſſible or unlawful. ¶ [16] Is convinced of his ſin. ¶ [17] Either in ſwearing raſhly to do good or evil.

5 And it ſhall be, when he ſhall be guilty [18] in one of theſe *things*, that he ſhall [19] confeſs that he hath ſinned in that *thing*.

[18] In any of the forementioned particulars wherein he has tranſgreſs'd. ¶ [19] *Numb.*5.7. *viz.* before the Lord, in the place of publick worſhip.

6 And he ſhall bring his [20] treſpaſs-offering unto the LORD for his ſin which he hath ſinned, [21] a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a ſin-offering: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him concerning his ſin.

[20] There ſeems to be no great difference between this and the Sin-offering (for this alſo is called a Sin-offering, at the latter end of this ſentence) but this ſeems to be for a leſs fault. See *n.* 1. [21] ¶ See on *ch.* 3.1.

† Heb. *his hand cannot reach to the ſufficiency of a lamb.*

7 And if † he be [22] not able to bring a lamb, then he ſhall bring for his treſpaſs which he hath committed, two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, unto the LORD; one for a [23] ſin-offering, and the other for a [24] burnt-offering.

[22] *Ch.*12.8. and 14.21. 2 *Cor.*5.12. ¶ [23] Which was for the expiation of ſome particular ſin. ¶ [24] Which was for the expiation of ſin in general.

8 And he ſhall bring them unto the prieſt, who ſhall offer *that* which *is* for the ſin-offering [25] firſt, and * [26] wring off his head from his neck, but ſhall [27] not divide *it* aſunder.

* Chap.1.15.

[25] To teach us, that we muſt not reſt in general confeſſions and repentance, but ſearch out, and confeſs our ſins as particularly as we can. ¶ [26] *ch.*1.15. ¶ [27] *ch.*1.17.

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9 And he ſhall ſprinkle of the blood of the ſin-offering upon the ſide of the altar; and the reſt of the blood ſhall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it *is* a ſin-offering.

10 And he ſhall offer the ſecond *for* a burnt-offering, according to the ‖ [28] manner: and the prieſt ſhall make [29] an atonement for him, for his ſin which he had ſinned, and it ſhall be forgiven him.

‖ Or, *ordinance.*

[28] Preſcribed; *ch.*1.15. &c. ¶ [29] *Viz.* Ceremonially, and typically; which became valid by its relation to Chriſt, and faith in him.

11 ¶ But if he be not able to bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons; then he that ſinned, ſhall bring for his offering the [30] tenth part of an ephah of fine flower for a ſin-offering: he ſhall put [31] no oyl upon it, neither ſhall he put [31] *any* frankincenſe thereon: for it *is* a ſin-offering.

[30] About a pottle. ¶ [31] To ſignifie, that by this ſin he deſerved to be deprived both of the gifts, graces, and comforts of the Spirit, and of God's acceptance of his Prayers and Sacrifices; and to teach 'em the evil of ſin; how hateful to God, and uncomfortable to themſelves.

12 Then ſhall he bring it to the prieſt, and the prieſt ſhall take his handful of it, * *even* [32] a memorial thereof, and burn *it* on the altar, * according to the offerings [33] made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a ſin-offering.

* Chap. 2. 2.

* Chap. 4. 35.

[32] *Ch.* 2.2. ¶ [33] *Ch.* 6. 25.

13 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him, as touching his ſin that he hath ſinned in one of theſe, and it ſhall be forgiven him: and *the remnant* ſhall be the [34] prieſts, as [35] a meat-offering.

[34] 1 *Cor.*9.13. ¶ [35] *Ch.* 2. 3. and 29.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

15 If a ſoul [36] commit a treſpaſs, and ſin [37] through ignorance, [38] in the holy things of the LORD; then he ſhall bring for his treſpaſs unto the LORD, [39] a ram without blemiſh out of the flocks, with [40] thy eſtimation by ſhekels of ſilver, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, for a treſpaſs-offering.

[36] When God was wronged in his Offerings. [37] See on *ch.* 4. 2. ¶ [38] In detaining what was due to the Prieſt, or eating conſecrated things. ¶ [39] A greater Sacrifice than in other Treſpaſs-offerings; to ſhew the greatneſs of the ſin. ¶ [40] *ch.* 27. 8,12. &c.

16 And he ſhall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and ſhall add the [41] fifth part thereto, and give it unto the prieſt: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him with the ram of the treſpaſs-offering, and it ſhall be forgiven him.

[41] *Ch.* 27.13. &c. and 22.14. *Numb.*5. 7.

17 ¶ And if a * [42] ſoul ſin, and commit any of theſe things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he [43] wiſt *it* not, yet is he guilty, and ſhall bear his iniquity.

* Chap.4. 2.

[42] *Ch.* 4. 2. *Numb.* 5.6. ¶ [43] *Pſal.*19.13. *Luk.*12.48. *Heb.* 5.2. This was for ſins never known: the former caſes, (*v.* 4,15.) for ſins they came to know of afterwards.

18 And he ſhall bring a ram without blemiſh out of the flock, with thy eſtimation, for a treſpaſs-offering unto the prieſt: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wiſt *it* not; and it ſhall be forgiven him.

19 It *is* a treſpaſs-offering: he hath certainly treſpaſs'd againſt the LORD.

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CHAP. VI.

1 *The treſpaſs-offering for ſins done wittingly.*
19 *The offering at the conſecration of a prieſt.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 If a ſoul ſin, and commit a [1] treſpaſs [2] againſt the LORD, and [3] lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in ‖ † fellowſhip, or in a thing taken away by [4] violence, or hath [5] deceived his neighbour;

‖ Or, *in dealing.* † Heb. *putting of the hand.*

[1] *Ch.* 5.15. *Viz.* knowingly. ¶ [2] *Numb.* 5.6. *Acts* 5.4. *Gen.*20.6. 2 *Sam.* 12. 9. In ſuch a way as that no man can take cogniſance of it, and where God only is both Witneſs and Judge. ¶ [3] *ch.*19.11. ¶ [4] *Judg.*9.25. ¶ [5] *Luk.*19.8.

3 Or have found that which was [6] loſt, and lieth concerning it, and * ſweareth falſly; in any of all theſe that a man doth, ſinning therein;

* Numb.5.6.

4 Then it ſhall be, becauſe he hath ſinned and is [7] guilty, that he ſhall reſtore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the loſt thing which he found,

[6] *Deut.*22.2. *Exod.*23.4. ¶ [7] And does freely acknowledge it.

5 Or all that about which he hath ſworn falſly; he ſhall even * [8] reſtore it in [9] the principal, and ſhall add the [10] fifth part more thereto, *and* give it unto him to whom it [11] appertaineth, ‖ † [12] in the day of his treſpaſs-offering.

* Chap.5.16.

‖ Or, *in the day of his being found guilty.* † Heb. *in the day of his treſpaſs.*

[8] And confeſs his ſin beſides, *Numb.*5.7. ¶ [9] Either the thing it ſelf, or the full value of it. ¶ [10] As *ch.*5.16. But if he was judicially convicted, he was to pay double, *Exod.*22.9. ¶ [11] Either to the perſon himſelf, or his heir; or if he have no kinſman, it muſt be recompens'd to the Lord; *i. e.* the Prieſt, *Numb.*5.8. ¶ [12] *Matth.*5.23.

6 And he ſhall bring his treſpaſs-offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemiſh out of the * flock, with thy eſtimation, for a treſpaſs-offering, unto the prieſt.

* Chap.5.15.

[13] *ch.*1.-4. See there.

7 And the prieſt ſhall make an [13] atonement for him, before the LORD: and it ſhall be forgiven him, for any thing of all that he hath done, in treſpaſſing therein.

8 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

9 Command Aaron and his ſons, ſaying, [14] This *is* the law of the [15] burnt-offering: (It *is* the burnt-offering, ‖ becauſe of the burning upon the altar, [16] all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar ſhall be burning in it)

‖ Or, *for the burning.*

[14] Having ſhew'd the ſacrifices themſelves, he now comes to ſhew the manner of 'em. ¶ [15] *Ch.*1.3. The daily burnt-offering, (*Ex.*29.38. *Num.*28.3.) which was offer'd firſt in the morning, and laſt at night. ¶ [16] With a flow fire, and piece after piece; to ſignifie, that we ſhould honour God by night as well as by day; and meditate on him in the night, *Pſal.*44. and 63.6.

10 And the Prieſt ſhall put on his [17] linen garment, and his linen breeches ſhall he put [18] upon his fleſh, and take up the aſhes which the fire hath conſumed with the burnt-offering on the altar, and he ſhall put them [19] beſides the altar.

[17] *Exod.*28.40,41. *Ezek.*44.17.18. ¶ [18] To cover his nakedneſs, *Exod.*28.42. ¶ [19] On the eaſt ſide, furtheſt from the Sanctuary, *ch.*1.16.

11 And he ſhall put off his garments, and put on [20] other garments, and carry forth the aſhes [21] without the camp, unto a [22] clean place.

[20] *Ezek.*44.19. Not abſolutely common, but leſs holy, ſay the Jews ¶ [21] See on *ch.*4.12. ¶ [22] *ch.* 4.12. Where no dung nor filth was laid. See *ch.*14.40,41.

12 And the fire upon the altar ſhall be burning in it, it ſhall [23] not be put out: and the prieſt ſhall [24] burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt-offering in order upon it, and he ſhall burn [25] thereon the fat of the peace-offerings.

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[23] *v.*13. *Matth.*28.20. ¶ [24] Cleanſe the Altar, and make a new fire. ¶ [25] See on *ch.*3.5.

13 The fire ſhall [26] ever be burning upon the altar: it ſhall never go out.

[26] That ſo the fire that came from heaven might be kept alive continually. To note (1) the excluding of all humane devices in God's worſhip. (2) That no ſervice is acceptable but what is done with ardor of affection kindled by the Spirit.

14 ¶ * And this *is* the law of the [27] meat-offering: the ſons of Aaron ſhall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.

* Chap. 2.1. Numb.15.4.

[27] *Ch.* 2. 1. *Numb.*15.4. *Viz.* when it is offer'd alone.

15 And he ſhall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat-offering, and of the oyl thereof, and all the frankincenſe which *is* upon the meat-offering, and ſhall burn *it* upon the altar, *for* [28] a ſweet ſavour, *even* the * [28] memorial of it unto the LORD.

* Chap.2.9.

16 And the [29] remainder thereof ſhall Aaron and his ſons eat: with [30] unleavened bread ſhall it be eaten in the holy place: in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they ſhall eat it.

[28] See on *ch.*2.2. ¶ [29] *ch.*2.3. 1 *Cor.*9.13,14. ¶ [30] See on *Exod.*12.8.

17 It ſhall not be baken with [31] leaven: I have given it *unto them for* their portion of my offerings made by fire: it *is* [32] moſt holy, as *is* the ſin-offering, and as the treſpaſs-offering.

[31] *Ch.* 2. 11. ¶ [32] See on *ch.* 2. -3.

18 All the males among the children of Aaron ſhall eat of it: *it ſhall be* a ſtatute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: * [33] Every one that toucheth them ſhall be holy.

* Exod.29.37.

[33] *v.*27. *ch.*22.4-6. *Exod.*29.37. rather, *Every thing*, (*v.*27, 28.) as knife, ſpoon, &c. that touches them, ſhall not be imploy'd in common uſes.

19 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

20 This *is* the offering of Aaron, and of his [34] ſons, which they ſhall offer unto the LORD, in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an * ephah of fine flour for a meat-offering [35] perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.

* Exod. 16.36.

[34] *Viz.* As they come to be conſecrated High-prieſts ſucceſſively. ¶ [35] Whenſoever any of them ſhall be ſo anointed.

21 In a pan it ſhall be made with oyl, *and when it is* baken, thou ſhalt bring it in: *and* the baken pieces of the meat-offering ſhalt thou offer *for* a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD.

22 And the prieſt of his ſons that is anointed in his ſtead, ſhall offer it: *It is* a ſtatute for ever unto the LORD, it ſhall be [36] wholly burnt.

[36] The Prieſt's eating of the ſin-offering figured his typical bearing of the ſinners iniquity, (*ch.*10. 17.) but becauſe no Prieſt, being a ſinner, could bear his own iniquity, or make atonement for himſelf: therefore his meat-offering might not be eaten, but all burnt, to teach him to expect ſalvation, not by himſelf, but by Chriſt.

23 For every meat-offering for the prieſt ſhall be wholly burnt: it ſhall not be eaten.

24 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

25 Speak unto Aaron and to his ſons, ſaying, This *is* the law of the [37] ſin-offering: In the [38] place where the burnt-offering is killed, ſhall the ſin-offering be killed before the LORD: it *is* moſt holy.

[37] *Ch.*4.-3. ¶ [38] *ch.*1.3,5,11. See there. ¶ [39] *ch.*21.22. ¶ [40] And ſo bear the iniquity of the ſinner, (*ch.*10.-17) and

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(in type) aboliſh the ſame; and it noted our communion with Chriſt our Sacrifice.

27 Whatſoever ſhall touch the fleſh thereof ſhall be [41] holy: and when there is [42] ſprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou ſhalt [43] waſh that whereon it was ſprinkled, in the holy place.

[41] *Exod.*29.36,37. ¶ [42] *Viz.* By chance. ¶ [43] *ch.*11.-32. For decency and reverence to the blood of Sacrifices.

28 But the earthen veſſel wherein it is ſod-
*Chap.11.33. den, * ſhall be [44] broken: and if it be ſodden in a braſen pot, it ſhall be both ſcoured, and rinſed in water.

29 All the males among the prieſts ſhall eat thereof: it *is* moſt holy.

*Hebr.13.11. 30 * And [45] no ſin-offering whereof *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile *withal* in the holy *place*, ſhall be [46] eaten: it ſhall be [47] burnt in the fire.

[44] *Ch.*11.-33. ¶ [45] *ch.*4.5,16. ¶ [46] This might ſignifie that men cleaving to the legal Prieſthood could not be ſaved. ¶ [47] To ſhew the inability of that legal Prieſthood to reconcile men to God.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The law of the treſpaſs-offering*, 11 *and of the peace-offerings.* 22 *The fat*, 26 *and the blood are forbidden.*

[1] *ch.*5.6.
[2] *ch.*2.-3. and 21.22.
[3] *ch.*6.25.
[4] *ch.*1.5. and 3.2,8.
[5] See on *ch.* 3. 4,9.
[6] *Pſal.*51.6. *Jer.*4.14.
[7] *ch.* 3.4.

LIkewiſe this *is* the law of the [1] treſpaſs-offering: it *is* [2] moſt holy.

2 [3] In the place where they kill the burnt-offering, ſhall they kill the treſpaſs-offering: and the blood thereof ſhall he [4] ſprinkle round about upon the altar.

3 And he ſhall offer of it, all the [5] fat thereof; the [5] rump, and the fat that covereth the [6] inwards,

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* [7] on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul *that is* above the liver, with the kidneys, it ſhall he take away.

5 And the prieſt ſhall burn them upon the altar, *for* an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a treſpaſs-offering.

[8] *Numb.*17.10. [9] *ch.*6.16,26.

6 [8] Every male among the prieſts ſhall eat thereof: it ſhall be eaten in the [9] holy place: it *is* moſt holy.

7 As the ſin-offering *is*, ſo *is* the treſpaſs-offering: *there is* one law for them: the prieſt that maketh atonement therewith, ſhall have [10] *it*.

[10] That part that God aſſigned to the Prieſt.

8 And the prieſt that offereth any mans burnt-offering, *even* the prieſt ſhall have to himſelf the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered.

9 And [11] all the meat-offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dreſſed in the [12] frying-pan, and || in the pan, ſhall be the prieſts that offereth it.

|| Or, *on the flat plate*, or *ſlice.*

[11] Except that part reſerved by God, *ch.*2.2,9. ¶ [12] *ch.*2. 5,6.

10 And every meat-offering mingled with oyl, and [13] dry, ſhall all the ſons of Aaron have, [14] one *as much* as another.

[13] *Ch.*5.11. Without oyl, or a drink-offering. ¶ [14] It ſhall be equally divided among all the Prieſts.

11 And this *is* the law of the ſacrifice [15] of peace-offerings, which he ſhall offer unto the LORD.

12 If he offer it for [16] a thankſgiving, then he ſhall offer with the ſacrifice of [16] thankſgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oyl, and [17] unleavened wafers anointed with oyl, and cakes mingled with oyl, of fine flour, [18] fryed.

[15] *Ch.*3.1. *Gen.*28.20. ¶ [16] *Ch.*22.29. *Pſal.*50.14. 2 *Chron.* 29.31. and 33.16. ¶ [17] *Ch.*2.4. ¶ [18] *ch.*6.21.

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13 Beſides the cakes, he ſhall offer *for* his offering, [19] leavened bread with the ſacrifice of thankſgiving of his peace-offerings.

[19] That prohibition (*ch.*2.11.) concerned only things burnt upon the Altar, which this was not, but was offer'd only for the Prieſt's food. (2) This was a Sacrifice of Thankſgiving for God's bleſſings; among which leavened bread was one: and it might note, that God rejects not the ſervices of his people, tho' tainted and mingled with corruption.

14 And of it he ſhall offer one out of the whole oblation, *for* an [20] heave-offering unto the LORD, *and* it ſhall be the prieſts that ſprinkleth the blood of the peace-offerings.

15 And the fleſh of the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings for thankſgiving, ſhall be eaten the [21] ſame day that it is offered: he ſhall [22] not leave any of it until the morning.

[20] See on *Exod.*29.27. ¶ [21] *Ch.*22.30. To teach 'em that they ſhould not delay to accept of Chriſt, to receive his grace, and to return thanks for mercies received. ¶ [22] This might make 'em willing to call the poor to partake with 'em.

16 But if the ſacrifice of his offering *be* a [23] vow, or a [24] voluntary offering, it ſhall be eaten the ſame day that he offereth his ſacrifice: and on the morrow alſo the remainder of it ſhall be eaten.

[23] *Numb.*30.2. Offer'd in performance of a vow. ¶ [24] *ch.* 22.23. By way of thankfulneſs for ſome mercy received; or to teſtifie his zeal to God's glory.

17 But the remainder of the fleſh of the ſacrifice on the third day, ſhall be [25] burnt with fire.

[25] Leſt it ſhould putrifie, and ſo be expoſed to contempt; and to prevent their diſtruſt of God's providence; but chiefly becauſe our communion with Chriſt is principally in his death, (*Rom.*6.3,4. 1 *Cor.*10.16.) and not in his reſurrection, which was on the third day.

18 And if *any* of the fleſh of the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it ſhall not be accepted, neither ſhall it be [26] imputed unto him that offereth it; it ſhall be [27] an abomination, and the ſoul that eateth of it, ſhall bear his iniquity.

[26] *Viz.* As an acceptable ſervice to God, but reckon'd as if it had not been offer'd at all. ¶ [27] *Ch.*19.7. *Ezek.*4.-14.

19 And the [28] fleſh that toucheth any unclean *thing*, ſhall not be eaten, it ſhall [25] be burnt with fire: and as for the [29] fleſh, all that be clean ſhall eat thereof.

[28] *Viz.* Of the Peace-offerings, *v.* 18. ¶ [29] *Viz.* Which abides clean, and fit to be eaten.

20 But the ſoul that eateth *of* the fleſh of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings, that *pertain* unto the LORD, * [30] having his uncleanneſs upon him, even that ſoul ſhall be [31] cut off from his people. * Chap.15.3.

[30] *Ch.*15.3. To note, that all that draw nigh to God, living in ſin unmortified, and unrepented of, ſhall be rejected, *Pſal.* 66.18. ¶ [31] See on *Gen.*13.14.

21 Moreover, the ſoul that ſhall touch any unclean *thing*, *as* the [32] uncleanneſs of man, or *any* unclean beaſt, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the fleſh of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings which *pertain* unto the LORD, even that ſoul ſhall be cut off from his people.

[32] Of any unclean man, who had a leproſie, running iſſue, or the like.

22 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

23 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, * Ye ſhall eat no manner [33] fat of ox, or of ſheep, or of goat. * Chap.3.17. [33] See on *ch.*3. 16.

24 And the fat of the † beaſt that [34] dieth of it ſelf, and the fat of that which is torn with beaſts, may be uſed in any other uſe: but ye ſhall in no wiſe eat of it. † Heb. *carcaſe.*

[34] *Ch.*

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[34] *Ch.*17.15. and 22.8. *Exod.*22.31. *Deut.*14.21. *Ezek.* 4. 14. and 44.31.

25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth *it*, shall be cut off from his people.

* Gen. 9.4. Chap.3.17. & 17.14.

26 * Moreover, ye shall eat no manner [33] of blood, *whether it be* of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whatsoever soul *it be* that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

28 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

29 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace-offerings unto the LORD, shall bring [35] his oblation [36] unto the LORD, of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings.

[35] That portion which was given out of his Peace-offerings to the Lord. ¶ [36] To the Tabernacle.

30 His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may

* Exod.29.24. be * [37] waved *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

[37] See on *Exod.* 29. 24. moved to and fro by his own hands, which were directed by the hands of the Priest.

31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aarons and his sons.

32 And the right shoulder shall ye give unto

[38] See on *Exod.* 29.17. the priest for [38] an heave-offering, of the sacrifice of your peace-offerings.

33 He among the sons of Aaron that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for *his* part.

34 For the wave-breast and the heave-shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel, from off the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest, and unto his sons, by a statute [39] for ever, from among the children of Israel.

[39] During the continuance of the Jewish dispensation.

35 ¶ This *is the portion* [40] of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, [41] in the day *when* he presented them, to minister unto the LORD in the priests office:

[40] *i.e.* Of his anointed function; or, which he had by reason of his anointing. ¶ [41] From that day forward for ever.

36 Which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, *by* a statute for ever, throughout their generations.

37 This *is* the law of the burnt-offering, of the meat-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the trespass-offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace-offerings.

38 Which the LORD commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Moses consecrateth Aaron and his sons. 14 Their sin-offering. 18 Their burnt-offering. 22 The ram of consecrations. 31 The place and time of their consecration.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Take [1] Aaron and his sons with him, and

* Exod. 28.2,4. * Exod.30.24. the * [2] garments, and * the anointing [3] oyl, and a bullock for the [4] sin-offering, and [5] two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread, *

[1] Hitherto God has given Laws for holy things, now for holy persons, to *ch.* 15. ¶ [2] *Exod.* 28. 2, &c. and 39.1. &c. ¶ [3] *Exod.*30.23. ¶ [4] *ch.*4.3. *Exod.*29.1,2. ¶ [5] The one for a Burnt-offering, (*v.*18.) the other for consecration, *v.* 22.

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3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the [6] door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moses [7] did as the LORD commanded him, and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[6] *Ch.* 1. 3. see there. ¶ [7] *V.* 9, 13, 17, 21, 29, 35.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, * This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded to be done. * Exod.29.4.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with [8] water. [8] See on *Exod.* 29.4.

7 And he put upon him the [9] coat, and [9] girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound *it* unto him therewith. [9] See on *Exod.* 29.5.

8 And he put the [10] breast-plate upon him: also he * put in the breast-plate the [11] Urim and Thummim. * Exod.28.30.

[10] See on *Exod.*28.15. ¶ [11] See on *Exod.* 28. 30.

9 And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, *even* upon [12] his fore-front did he put the golden plate, the holy [13] crown; as the LORD * commanded Moses. * Exod.28.39. &c.

[12] *Exod.* 28.37. ¶ [13] *Exod.* 28. 36. and 29.6.

10 And Moses took the anointing [14] oyl, and anointed the tabernacle, and all that *was* therein, and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar [15] seven times, and anointed the altar, and all his vessels, both the [16] laver and his foot, to sanctifie them.

[14] See on *Exod.*30.23–25. ¶ [15] See on *ch.*4.6. ¶ [16] Where the Priests wash themselves and the Sacrifices, and Vessels, and Instruments of holy ministration.

12 And he *[17] poured of the anointing oyl upon Aarons head, and anointed him to sanctifie him. * Psal.133.2. Eccluf.45. 15.

[17] *Exod.*29.7. *Psal.*133.2. whereas other persons or things were only anointed or sprinkled.

13 And Moses [18] brought Aarons sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and † put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses. [18] Exod.29.8. † Heb. *bound*

14 * And he brought the bullock for the [19] sin-offering: and Aaron and his sons [20] laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin-offering. * Exod.29.1.

[19] *Exod.*29. 10,14. ¶ [20] See on *ch.*1.4. and on *Exod.*29. 10.

15 And he [21] slew *it*, and Moses took the blood, and put *it* upon the [22] horns of the altar round about with his finger, and [23] purified the altar; and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and [24] sanctified it to make reconciliation upon it.

[21] *Heb.*9.22,18. ¶ [22] *Ch.*7.25. *Exod.* 29.12. ¶ [23] *V.*19, 20. *ch.*16.16. and 14. 49,52,53. *Exod.* 29.36. ¶ [24] Set apart for that use.

16 And he took all the [25] fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar.

[25] *Ch.* 3. 3–5. and 4. 8. *Exod.* 29. 13.

17 But the bullock and his hide, his flesh and his dung, he burnt with fire [26] without the camp; as the LORD * commanded Moses. * Exod. 29.14.

18 ¶ And he brought the ram for [27] the burnt-offering: and Aaron and his sons [28] laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

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[26] See on *Exod.*29.14. ¶ [27] See on *ch.*1. 2. &c. *Exod.* 29. 15. &c.

19 And he [21] killed *it*, and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces, and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it *was* a burnt-sacrifice for a sweet savour, *and* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

* Exod.29.31. [28] Exod.29.19. 22 ¶ And * he brought the [28] other ram, the ram of consecration; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23 And he slew *it*, and Moses took of the blood of it, and put *it* upon the tip of Aarons right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aarons sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right [29] ear, and upon the thumbs of their right [29] hands, and upon the great toes of their right [29] feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood [30] upon the altar round about.

[29] See on *Exod.* 29.20. ¶ [30] To note, that the perfection of their consecration was in Christ.

† *ch.* 3.9. 25 And he took the fat, and the [31] rump, and all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder.

26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread that *was* before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of [32] oyled bread, and

‡ Exod.29.2. one [32] wafer, and put *them* on the fat, and upon the right shoulder.

27 And he put all upon Aarons hands, and upon his sons hands, and [33] waved them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

[33] See on *Exod.* 29.24.

28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt *them* on the altar, upon the burnt-offering: they *were* consecrations for a sweet savour: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it *for* a wave-offering before the LORD: *for*

‖ Exod.29.26. of the ram of consecration it was [34] Moses * part; as the LORD commanded Moses.

[34] *Exod.*29.26. Who now performing the Priests Office, had the Priests share.

‡ Exod.29.21. 30 And Moses took of the [35] anointing oyl, and of the blood which *was* upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, *and* upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons garments with him: and sanctified Aaron *and* his garments, and his sons, and his sons garments with him.

31 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron, and to his

‖ Exod.29.31. sons, [36] Boyl the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and there eat it with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

32 And that which [37] remaineth of the flesh and of the bread, shall ye burn with fire.

33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation *in* [38] seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an

‖ Exod.29.35. end: for * seven days shall [39] he consecrate you.

[37] *Exod.*12.10. and 29.34. ¶ [38] See on *Exod.* 29.35. *Heb.* 3.13,14. ¶ [39] God by *Moses*.

34 As he hath done this day, *so* the LORD hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shall ye [40] abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night, seven days, and keep [41] the charge of the LORD, that ye [42] die not: for so I am commanded.

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[40] Ministers must give diligent and constant attendance on their charge. ¶ [41] *ch.* 18. 30. *Deut.* 11. 1. Command, (as *Numb.*9.19.) ¶ [42] *ch.* 10. 1.

36 So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by [43] the hand of Moses.

[43] Ministry and direction.

CHAP. IX.

1, 8 Aarons sin-offering, and burnt-offering for himself and the people. 23 The people blessed. 24 Fire from heaven.

AND it came to pass on the [1] eighth day, *that* Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel.

[1] *Ezek.*43.26,27. which was the very next day after the seven days of their consecration were ended, (*ch.*8.33.) to teach us, that we must not draw nigh to God until we are thorowly prepared, and then we may.

2 And he said unto Aaron, [2] Take thee a young calf for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering without blemish, and [3] offer *them* before the LORD.

[2] *Exod.*29.1. ¶ [3] To make atonement for thy self and the people, *v.* 7.

3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, [4] Take ye a kid of the goats, for [5] a sin-offering; and a calf, and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt-offering.

[4] *Ch.*4.23. *Ezr.*6.17. ¶ [5] For the people, *v.* 15.

4 Also a bullock and a ram, for [6] peace-offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a [7] meat-offering mingled with oyl: for to day the LORD will [8] appear unto you.

[6] See on *ch.*3.1. ¶ [7] See on *ch.*2. 1. ¶ [8] *viz.* In a glorious manner, *v.*6,24.

5 ¶ And they brought *that* which Moses commanded, before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood [9] before the LORD.

[9] At the door of the Tabernacle where the glory of the Lord appeared.

6 And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do; and the [10] glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

[10] *Exod.*24.16. and 40.34,35. *Ezek.*43.2. the glorious manifestation of God's powerful and gracious presence, *v.* 24. see there.

7 And Moses said unto Aaron, [11] Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make an atonement for thy [12] self, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

[11] *Heb.* 7.4. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 8.34. *Heb.* 5.3. and 9.7. and 7.27,28.

8 ¶ Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which *was* for himself.

9 And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him; and he [13] dipt his finger in the blood, and put *it* upon the [14] horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the [14] bottom of the altar.

[13] *Ch.*4.25. see there. ¶ [14] *Viz.* Of Burnt-offering. And herein this first Sin-offering seem'd to differ from all that followed, whose Blood was to be carried into the Sanctuary, (*ch.*4.4-7.) because *Aaron* had not access as yet into the holy place till he had prepared a way by this first Sacrifice in the Court. The like is observed in the peoples Sin-offering, *v.* 15. compared with *ch.*4.13,17,18.

10 But the [15] fat and the kidneys, and the caul *above* the liver of the sin-offering he

[15] See on *ch.*4. 8. &c.

burnt,

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burnt upon the altar; as the LORD commanded Moſes.

11 And the [16] fleſh and the [16] hide he burnt with fire, without the camp.

[16] *i.e.* the whole beaſt, *ch.* 4. 11, 12.

12 And he ſlew the [17] burnt-offering; and Aarons ſons preſented unto him the blood, which he ſprinkled round about upon the altar.

[17] The former offering was to purge from ſin; this to render them acceptable to God in Chriſt, by the communication of his grace.

13 And they preſented the burnt-offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt *them* upon the altar.

14 And he did waſh the inwards and the legs, and burnt *them* upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

15 ¶ And he brought the peoples offering, and took the goat which *was* the ſin-offering for the people, and ſlew it, and offered it for [18] ſin, as the [19] firſt.

[18] To make atonement for ſin, *v.* 7. ¶ [19] *v.* 8.

‖ Or, *ordinance.*

16 And he brought the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the ‖ [20] manner.

17 And he brought the meat-offering, and

†Heb. *filled his hand out of it.*

† [21] took an handful thereof, and burnt *it* upon

* Exod. 29. 38.

the altar, * beſide the burnt-ſacrifice of the [22] morning.

[20] Preſcribed, *ch.* 1. 10. ¶ [21] *ch.* 2. 2. ¶ [22] *Ex.* 29. 38, 39.

18 He ſlew alſo the bullock and the ram, *for* a ſacrifice of [6] peace-offerings, which *was* for the people: and Aarons ſons preſented unto him

[23] *ch.* 3. 2.

the blood (which he [23] ſprinkled upon the altar round about)

19 And the fat of the bullock, and of the ram the rump, and that which covereth *the inwards*, and the kidneys, and the caul *above* the liver.

20 And they put the fat upon the breaſts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar:

21 And the breaſts and the right ſhoulder Aaron [24] waved *for* a wave-offering before the LORD; as Moſes commanded.

[24] *Ch.* 7. 30. &c. *Exod.* 29. 24. See there.

22 And Aaron [25] lift up his hand towards the people, and [26] bleſſed them; and came down from offering of the ſin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and peace-offerings.

[25] Thereby, as it were applying the Sacrifice to them, and making known that God did graciouſly accept theſe Sacrifices for them. ¶ [26] *Numb.* 6. 23–27. *Deut.* 10. 8. 1 *Chron.* 23. 13. *Luke* 24. 50. Pray'd to God for his bleſſing upon 'em; and particularly for his gracious acceptation of theſe and all ſucceeding Sacrifices.

23 And Moſes and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and [27] bleſſed the people: and the [28] glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

[27] A ſecond time. ¶ [28] See *v.* 6. An extraordinary ſplendor, or brightneſs, appearing out of the cloudy pillar, (as *Exod.* 16. 10.) which was a token of God's gracious acceptation of them and their ſervices, 1 *Kings* 8. 10–12.

* Gen. 4. 4.
1 Kin. 18, 38.
2 Chron. 7. 1.
2 Mac. 2. 10, 11.

24 And * there came [29] a fire out [30] from before the LORD, and [31] conſumed upon the altar the burnt-offering, and the fat: *which* when all the people ſaw, they [32] ſhouted, and [33] fell on their faces.

[29] Which was to be carefully kept, and not ſuffered to go out, (*ch.* 6. 13.) Another ſign of God's favour, (as *Judg.* 6. 21. and 13. 19, 20. 1 *Chron.* 21. 26.) ¶ [30] From the Holy of holies, 2 *Kings* 19. 15. 2 *Chron.* 6. 2. *Pſal.* 80. 1. ¶ [31] In token of acceptation, (*Pſal.* 20. 4.) and approbation of the Prieſthood now inſtituted, and the Sacrifices now offer'd. (So 2 *Chron.* 7. 1. &c. 1 *Kings* 18. 38, 39.) ¶ [32] 2 *Chron.* 7. 3. As wondring at, rejoycing in, and bleſſing God for this extraordinary and gracious diſcovery of himſelf, and his favour therein. [33] *Gen.* 17. 3. See there.

CHAP. X.

1 *Nadab and Abihu burnt.* 8 *The prieſts forbidden wine.*

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AND [1] Nadab and [1] Abihu, the ſons of Aaron, took either of them his cenſer, and put fire therein, and put incenſe thereon, and offered [2] ſtrange fire [3] before the LORD, which he [4] commanded them [4] not.

[1] *Numb.* 3. 4. and 26. 61. 1 *Chron.* 24. 2. ¶ [2] Other than what was on the Altar, which was ſent from heaven, *ch.* 9. 24. ¶ [3] Upon the Altar of Incenſe. ¶ [4] *Jer.* 7. 31. and 19. 5. and 32. 35. 2 *Sam.* 7. 7. *Deut.* 17. 3. *Prov.* 30. 6. Religious worſhip and ſervice may not be performed at the pleaſure or precept of man, (*Iſa.* 29. 13. *Matth.* 15. 9.) but as it is commanded of God, and if it be not commanded, 'tis unlawful, *Deut.* 4. 2. and 12. 32.

2 And there went out [5] fire [6] from the LORD and [7] devoured them, and they died [8] before the LORD.

[5] So *Numb.* 16. 35. ¶ [6] From the Sanctuary, or Altar of Burnt-offering, which, like lightning, ſtruck them with ſudden death. ¶ [7] *Hebr.* 12. 29. *Deut.* 4. 24. Slew them; (for neither their bodies nor clothes were conſumed, *v.* 5.) ¶ [8] 1 *Chron.* 13. 10.

3 Then Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, This *is it* that the LORD [9] ſpake, ſaying, I will be [10] ſanctified in them that come [11] nigh me, and before all the people I will be [12] glorified. And Aaron [13] held his peace.

[9] *Viz.* As to the ſubſtance thereof, *ch.* 8. 35. *Exod.* 19. 22. ¶ [10] Owned to be a holy God by the holy carriage of my ſervants, (1 *Pet.* 1. 15. *Ezek.* 20. 41.) or manifeſted to be ſo by my impartial puniſhment of tranſgreſſors, (as *Iſa.* 5. 16. *Ezek.* 28. 22. and 38. 16, 23.) ¶ [11] *Exod.* 19. 22. *Ezek.* 42. 13, 14. Into my ſpecial preſence, to perform any duty of worſhip, *ch.* 9. 5. *Iſa.* 29. 13. ¶ [12] Have the glory of my Soveraignty acknowledged, by an exact conformity to my Laws. ¶ [13] *Pſal.* 39. 9. *Ezek.* 24. 17.

4 And Moſes called Miſhael and Elzaphan, the ſons of Uzziel the [14] uncle of Aaron, and

[14] *Ex.* 6. 18, 20.

ſaid unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the ſanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moſes had ſaid.

6 And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar his ſons, [15] Uncover not your heads, neither [16] rend your clothes; leſt you die, and leſt [17] wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole houſe of Iſrael, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

[15] *Viz.* By ſhaving off the hair of your heads and Beards, as mourners did, (*Job* 1. 20. *Jer.* 7. 29. and 41. 5. *Ezek.* 44. 20. *Mich.* 1. 16.) and by putting off your Mitres and Bonnets (and other Prieſtly attire) and ſo giving over the ſervice in hand, to turn mourners, by putting on the uſual vail and covering of mourners. ¶ [16] See on *Gen.* 37. 34. (1) To teſtifie their ſubmiſſion to the juſtice of God. (2) Becauſe their public miniſtration might not be interrupted, *v.* 7. ¶ [17] *Joſh.* 7. 1. &c. and 22. 20. 2 *Sam.* 24. 1, 15, 17.

7 And ye ſhall [18] not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, leſt you die: for the [19] anointing oyl of the LORD *is* upon you. And they did according to the word of Moſes.

[18] *Ch.* 21. 12. ¶ [19] You are perſons peculiarly conſecrated to God's ſervice; which therefore you muſt prefer before all funeral ſolemnities.

8 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Aaron, ſaying,

9 Do not drink [20] wine nor [21] ſtrong drink, thou, nor thy ſons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, leſt ye die: *It ſhall be* a ſtatute for ever throughout your generations:

[20] *Prov.* 31. 5. *Iſa.* 28. 7. *Ezek.* 44. 21. 1 *Tim.* 3. 2, 3. ¶ [21] Any kind of liquor whereby men may be made drunk.

10 And that ye may [22] put difference between

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holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean:

[23] *Ch.*20.25. *Ezek.*44.23. and 22.26. *Jer.* 15.19. That by temperance, (*v.*9.) having the full use of your reason and understanding, you may be the better able to judge of, and distinguish between clean and unclean, (1) In matters of Doctrine, *v.*11. (2) Of Cere mony, *ch.*11. (3) Of manners or morality, (*ch.* 18) and to teach the people accordingly, *v.*11 *ch.*14.57.

11 And [23] that ye may teach the children of Israel [24] all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

[23] Which persons in drink are unfit to do. ¶ [24] *Deut.* 33.10. *Mal.*2.7. *Matth.*28.20. *Acts*20.27.

12 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar his sons, that were left, Take the [25] meat-offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it [26] without leaven beside the altar: for it [27] *is* most holy.

[25] *Ch.*9.17. ¶ [26] *ch.*6.16. ¶ [27] *ch.* 21.22.

13 And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it *is* thy due and thy sons due of the sacrifices of the LORD made by fire: for so I am commanded.

Exod.29.24. 14 And * the [28] wave-breast and [28] heave-shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for *they be* thy due, and thy sons due, *which* are given out of the sacrifices of peace-offerings of the children of Israel.

[28] *Ch.*9. 21. See on *Exod.* 29. 24, 27.

15 The heave-shoulder, and the wave-breast shall they bring, with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave *it for* a wave-offering before the LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy sons with thee, by a statute [29] for ever; as the LORD hath commanded.

[29] *ch.*7.34. See there.

16 ¶ And Moses diligently sought the [30] goat of the sin-offering, and behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron, *which were* left *alive*, saying,

[30] *ch.*9.15.

17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-offering in the holy place, seeing it *is* most holy, and *God* hath given it to you [31] to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?

[31] To take away the punishment. So Christ *John* 1. 29. 1 *Pet.*2.24.

18 Behold, the blood of it was [32] not brought in, within the holy *place*: ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy *place*, * as I commanded.

* Chap.6.26.

[32] For if it had, then it must have been burnt, (*ch.* 6. 30.) but otherwise it was to be eaten, *ch.* 6.26.

19 And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, this day have they [33] offered their sin-offering, and their burnt-offering before the LORD; and [34] such things have befallen me: and *if* I had eaten the sin-offering to day, should it have been [35] accepted in the sight of the LORD?

[33] Done the substance, tho' they have mistaken this one circumstance. ¶ [34] The death of my two sons. ¶ [35] Because such as did eat thereof should rejoyce, *Deut.* 12.7. and 16.14. *Hos.*9.4.

20 And when Moses heard *that*, he was [36] content.

[36] Because it was not done wittingly, but thro' humane frailty; they being perplext with grief. The letter of the Law gives place to great necessity, *Matth.*12.3,4. 2 *Chron.*30. 18–20.

CHAP. XI.

1. *Of meats clean,* 43. *and unclean.*

AND the LORD spake unto [1] Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them,

[1] Because it belonged both to the Magistrates and Priests to see these Laws executed, *Numb.* 9.6. 2 *Chron* 29. 15. *Ezek.* 44. 23.

2 Speak unto the [2] children of Israel, saying, These *are* the beasts which ye shall [3] eat among all the beasts that *are* on the earth.

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[2] *Psal.*147. 19, 20. Because these Laws concerned only them and proselytes. ¶ [3] *Deut.*14.4. &c. *Acts* 10.12,14. ¶ [4] Tho' every creature of God be good, and pure in it self, (*Gen.*1.31. *Matth.*15.11. *Rom.*14.14. *Tit.*1.15.) yet it pleased God to make a difference between certain creatures, as for divers other reasons, so for moral signification, to teach 'em. (1) To abhor that filthiness and those other ill qualities, for which some of these creatures are noted. (2) What special purity God requir'd of them above other Nations, *v.*44. (3) That they should not familiarly converse with the heathen, *Acts* 10.11–15. and 11.6, 7.

3 Whatsoever [5] parteth the hoof, and is [6] cloven-footed, *and* [7] cheweth the cud among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

[5] *Deut.*14.6. ¶ [6] To note such as can discern between things that differ, *Hebr.*5.14. ¶ [7] To note meditating in the Law, (*Psal.*1.2.) which is the food of the soul, (*Amos* 8.11.) and therefore should be recall'd to mind, *Mal.* 4. 3. 1 *Cor.*11.2. *Acts* 17.11. *Deut.*6.7.

4 Nevertheless, these shall ye [8] not eat, of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the [9] camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.

[8] *Deut.*14.7. ¶ [9] Which were wont to carry treasures, (*Isa.*30.–6.) and so it may note the defilement of rich men, *Matth.*19.24.

5 And the [10] cony, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof: he *is* unclean unto you.

[10] Fearful creatures: to note that fearfulness is a great sin, and to be avoided, *Rev.*21.8.

6 And the [10] hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof: he *is* unclean unto you.

7 And * the [11] swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed; yet he cheweth not the cud: he *is* unclean to you.

* 2 Mac. 6.18.

[11] 2 *Pet.*2.22. *Isa.*65.4. and 66.3,17. To teach us to abstain from the pollution of sin.

8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not [12] touch: they *are* unclean to you.

[12] *Viz.* In order to eating; to teach us to abstain from fellowship with the wicked, *Eph.*5.7,11. 2 *Cor.*6.17. *Isa.*52.11. See on *v.* 24.

9 ¶ These shall ye eat, of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.

10 And all that have not fins nor scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing, which *is* in the waters, they *shall* be an [13] abomination unto you.

[13] *Deut.*14.10.

11 They shall be even an abomination unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, but you shall have their carcases in abomination.

12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that *shall be* an abomination unto you.

13 ¶ And these *are they which* ye shall have in abomination among the fowls, they shall not be eaten, they *are* an abomination: the [14] eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,

[14] Used to signifie violent Persecutors, *Lam.*4.19. *Jer.*4.13. and 48.40. *Hos.*8.1. *Hab.*1.8. Most of the fowls here named are ravenous, to signifie, how far we should be from oppression, rapine, and all such unjust courses.

14 And the vulture, and the kite, after his kinds;

15 Every raven after his kind;

16 And the [15] owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,

[15] These are all night-birds, and so might signifie, that we should shun all works of darkness, and be children of the light.

17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,

18 And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier-eagle,

19 And

Chap. 11. 19 And the ſtork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

2514. 20 All fowls that [16] creep, going upon [17] *all* four, *ſhall be* an abomination unto you.

[16] Noting men wholly given to the cares and delights of the world. ¶ [17] Noting that Apoſtates, and Mungrels in Religion are abominable to God.

21 Yet theſe may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon *all* four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth.

22 *Even* theſe of them ye may eat: the locuſt after his kind, and the bald-locuſt after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the graſshopper after his kind.

23 But all *other* flying creeping things, which have four feet, *ſhall be* an abomination unto you.

24 And for theſe ye ſhall be unclean: whoſoever toucheth the [18] carcaſe of them, ſhall be unclean until the [19] even.

[18] Nothing while it is alive, defiles, but man only; other things, not till they be dead; to note the pollution of ſinners, who are ſpiritually dead, *Eph.*2.1. ¶ [19] To ſignifie, that even the ſmalleſt defilements could not be cleanſed but by the death of Chriſt, who was to come and offer up himſelf in the evening or laſt days of the World, *Heb.*1.2.

25 And whoſoever beareth *ought* of the carcaſe of them, ſhall [20] waſh his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

[20] To note Repentance and Sanctification by the Spirit, *Heb.*10.22.

26 *The carcaſes* of every beaſt which divideth the hoof, and *is* not cloven-footed, nor cheweth the cud, *are* unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them ſhall be unclean.

27 And whatſoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beaſts that go on *all* four, thoſe *are* unclean unto you: whoſo toucheth their carcaſe, ſhall be unclean until the even.

28 And he that beareth the carcaſe of them ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they *are* unclean unto you.

29 ¶ Theſe alſo *ſhall be* unclean unto you among the [21] creeping things that creep upon the earth: the weaſel, and the mouſe, and the tortoiſe after his kind,

[21] To note, that our affections muſt not be low and flat in God's ſervice, nor ſet upon things below, *Col.*3.2.

30 And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the ſnail, and the mole.

31 Theſe *are* unclean to you among all that creep: whoſoever doth touch them when they be dead, ſhall be unclean until the even.

32 And upon whatſoever *any* of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it ſhall be unclean; whether *it be* any veſſel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or ſack, whatſoever veſſel *it be*, wherein *any* work is done, it muſt be put into water, and it ſhall be unclean until the even: ſo it ſhall be cleanſed.

33 And every earthen veſſel whereinto *any* of them falleth, whatſoever *is* in it ſhall be unclean; and * ye ſhall [22] break it. * Chap.6.28.

[22] *Ch.*6.28. to note the utter abolishing of ſin.

34 Of all meat which may be eaten, *that* on which *ſuch* water cometh, ſhall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every *ſuch* veſſel, ſhall be unclean.

35 And every *thing* whereupon *any part* of their carcaſe falleth, ſhall be unclean; *whether it be* oven, or ranges for pots, they ſhall be broken down: *for* they *are* unclean, and ſhall be unclean unto you.

36 Nevertheleſs, a fountain or pit, † *wherein there is* plenty of water, ſhall be clean; but that which toucheth their carcaſe, ſhall be unclean. † Heb. *a gathering together of waters.*

37 And if *any part* of their carcaſe fall upon any ſowing ſeed which is to be ſown; it *ſhall be* clean. Chap. 12. 2514.

38 But if *any* water be put upon the ſeed, and *any part* of their carcaſe fall thereon; it *ſhall be* unclean unto you.

39 And if any beaſt of which ye may eat, [23] die; he that toucheth the carcaſe thereof, ſhall be unclean until the even.

[23] *Viz.* of it ſelf, or be ſtrangled, or torn.

40 And he that [24] eateth of the carcaſe of it, ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he alſo that beareth the carcaſe of it, ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

[24] *Ch.*17.15. and 22.8. *Ezek.* 4.14. and 44.31. *viz.* unwittingly.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, *ſhall be* an abomination: it ſhall not be eaten.

42 Whatſoever goeth upon the belly, and whatſoever goeth upon *all* four, or whatſoever † hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth; them ye ſhall not eat, for they *are* an abomination. † Heb. *doth multiply feet.*

43 [25] Ye ſhall not make † your ſelves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither ſhall ye make your ſelves unclean with them, that ye ſhould be defiled thereby. † Heb. *ſouls.*

44 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye ſhall therefore ſanctifie your ſelves, and * ye ſhall be [26] holy; for I *am* holy: neither ſhall ye defile your ſelves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. * Chap.19.2. & 20.7. 1 Pet.1.15.

[25] *Gh.* 20.25. ¶ [26] *ch.*19.2. and 20.7. 1 *Pet.*1.15,16.

45 For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the Land of Egypt, to be your God: ye ſhall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

46 This *is* the law of the beaſts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the arth:

47 To make a [27] difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beaſt that may be eaten, and the beaſt that may not be eaten. [27] *ch.*10.10.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Womens purifications,* 6 *and offerings.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, If a * woman have conceived ſeed, and born a man-child: then ſhe ſhall be [1] unclean ſeven days, according to the days of the ſeparation for her infirmity, ſhall ſhe be unclean. * Chap.15.19.

[1] *Ch.*15.19. ¶ [2] *Luk.*2.22. to ſhew how exceeding corrupt man is, even from the very conception (*Pſal.* 51.5. *Rom.* 5.19.) who renders his Mother unclean by bearing him.

3 And in the * [3] eighth day, the fleſh of his fore-ſkin ſhall be [4] circumciſed. * Luke 1.21. John 7.22.

[3] *Gen.* 17.12. See there. ¶ [4] Se on *Gen.* 17.11.

4 And ſhe ſhall then continue in the blood [5] of her purifying [6] three and thirty days: ſhe ſhall [7] touch no [8] hallowed thing, nor come into the ſanctuary, [9] until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

[5] Whereby her Body is cleanſed and purified. ¶ [6] Beſides the ſeven mentioned, *v.* 2. to note Mortification and Humiliation for that hereditary ſin which is conveyed from Parents to Children. ¶ [7] *Hag.* 2.13. ¶ [8] But for common things, and all civil affairs, ſhe was clean after the firſt ſeven days. ¶ [9] *Luke* 2.21,22.

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5 But if ſhe bear a maid-child, then ſhe ſhall be unclean [10] two weeks, as in her ſeparation: and ſhe ſhall continue in the blood of her purifying threeſcore and ſix days.

[10] Double to that for a male, *v.*2. (1) To ſet a blot upon that Sex for being the firſt in man's tranſgreſſion, 1 *Tim.* 2.14. (2) To put an honor upon the Sacrament of Circumciſion, which being adminiſtred to the Males, did put an end to the Mothers pollution ſooner than ſhould have been. (3) To ſhew the privileg of the Man above the Woman.

6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a ſon, or for a daughter; ſhe ſhall bring a lamb † of the firſt year for a [11] burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtle-dove for a [12] ſin-offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the prieſt:

† Heb. *a ſon of his year.*

[11] See on *ch.*1.3. noting her ſanctification and dedication unto God. ¶ [12] To make atonement for thoſe particular ſins ſhe might be guilty of in reference to the time and ſtate of child-bearing.

7 Who ſhall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her, and ſhe ſhall be cleanſed from the iſſue of her blood. This *is* the law for her that hath born a [13] male or a [13] female.

[13] Both are alike cleanſed by Chriſt, *Gal.*3.28.

* Luke 2. 24. † Heb. *her hand find not ſufficiency of.* [14] See on *ch.*5. 7.

8 * And if † ſhe be [14] not able to bring a lamb, then ſhe ſhall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt-offering, and the other for a ſin-offering: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for her, and ſhe ſhall be clean.

CHAP. XIII.

Tokens to diſcern the leproſie.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes and Aaron, ſaying,

2 When a man ſhall have in the ſkin of his fleſh, a ‖ riſing, a ſcab, or [1] bright ſpot, and it be in the skin of his fleſh *like* the plague of [2] leproſie; then he ſhall be brought unto Aaron the [3] prieſt, or unto one of his ſons the prieſts.

‖ Or, *ſwelling.*

[1] A wheal, or pimple, ſhining like the ſcale of a fiſh. ¶ [2] *Numb.*12.10. 2 *King.*5.27. 2 *Chron.*26.19. which figur'd the many ſins which infect and defile the Soul. ¶ [3] (1) Becauſe the main thing queſtioned concerning them was, whether they might come into the Sanctuary, *&c.* (2) Becauſe there were certain Rites, Ceremonies, and Sacrifices appointed for their cleanſing, which the Prieſt was to ſee done. (3) Becauſe it was not ſo much a Diſeaſe, as a Defilement.

3 And the prieſt ſhall [4] look on the plague in the skin of the fleſh: and *when* the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in ſight *be* deeper then the skin of his fleſh; it *is* a plague of leproſie: and the prieſt ſhall look on him, and [5] pronounce him unclean.

[4] *Act.*10.18. *Heb.*13.7. 1 *Tim.*3.2. ¶ [5] This made no alteration in the ſtate of the Lepers Body, but only in his civil or eccleſiaſtical ſtate; to render him capable or uncapable of civil Society, or Church-fellowſhip. And ſo it is as to that power Chriſt has given to his Miniſters, *Matth.* 16. 19. and 18. 18. *Joh.*20.23.

4 If the bright ſpot *be* white in the skin of his fleſh, and in ſight *be* not deeper then the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the prieſt ſhall [6] ſhut up *him that hath* the plague ſeven days.

[6] To teach Miniſters not to be raſh in their judgments and cenſures, but to be well-adviſed, 1 *Cor.*4.5. 1 *Tim.*5.24.

5 And the prieſt ſhall look on him the ſeventh day: and behold, *if* the plague in his ſight be at a ſtay, *and* the plague ſpread not in the skin; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut him up ſeven days more.

6 And the prieſt ſhall look on him again the ſeventh day: and behold, *if* the plague be ſomewhat dark, and the plague ſpread not in the skin; the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him clean: it is *but* a ſcab: and he ſhall [7] waſh his clothes, and be clean.

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[7] To teach, that no ſin was ſo ſmall, which did not need to be waſh'd by the blood of Chriſt.

7 But if the ſcab [8] ſpread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been ſeen of the prieſt for his cleanſing; he ſhall be ſeen of the prieſt again.

[8] *V.*27,35. Noting the dominion of ſin, and likewiſe the malignity and contagion thereof, 2 *Tim.*2.17.

8 And *if* the prieſt ſee, that behold, the ſcab [8] ſpreadeth in the skin; then the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him unclean; it *is* a leproſie.

9 ¶ When the plague of leproſie is in a man, then he ſhall be brought unto the prieſt.

10 And the prieſt ſhall ſee *him*: and behold, *if* the riſing *be* white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and *there be* † quick raw fleſh in the riſing;

† Heb. *the quickning of living fleſh.*

11 It *is* an old leproſie in the skin of his fleſh, and the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean, and ſhall not ſhut him up: for he is unclean

12 And if a leproſie break out abroad in the skin, and the leproſie cover all the skin of *him that hath* the plague, from his head even to his foot, whereſoever the prieſt looketh;

13 Then the prieſt ſhall conſider: and behold, *if* the leproſie have covered all his fleſh, he ſhall [5] pronounce *him* [9] clean *that hath* the plague: it is all turned white: he *is* clean.

[9] Becauſe, when the Diſeaſe was all driven out, it argued ſtrength of nature conquering the Diſtemper, and ſending the ill humours to the outward parts.

14 But when [10] raw fleſh appeareth in him, he ſhall be [10] unclean.

[10] Which was a ſign that the poyſon of the Diſeaſe was not wholly driven out, but did ſtill lurk within the fleſh, and ſo rendred the Diſeaſe more dangerous to him that had it, and more infectious to others.

15 And the prieſt ſhall ſee the raw fleſh, and pronounce him to be unclean: *for* the raw fleſh *is* unclean: it *is* a leproſie.

16 Or if the raw fleſh turn again, and be changed unto white; he ſhall come unto the prieſt:

17 And the prieſt ſhall ſee him: and behold, *if* the plague be turned into white; then the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: he *is* clean.

18 ¶ The fleſh alſo, in which, *even* in the skin thereof, was a bile, and is healed,

19 And in the place of the bile there be a white riſing, or a bright ſpot white; and ſomewhat reddiſh, and it be ſhewed to the prieſt;

20 And if when the prieſt ſeeth it, behold, it *be* in ſight lower then the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague of leproſie [11] broken out of the bile.

[11] Thus a return to ſin after a ſeeming reformation, makes our condition worſe than afore, *Matth.* 12. 45. *Joh.* 5. 14. 2 *Pet.*2.20.

21 But if the prieſt look on it, and behold, *there be* no white hairs therein, and *if* it *be* not lower then the skin, but *be* ſomewhat dark; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut him up ſeven days.

22 And if it ſpread much abroad in the skin, then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean; it *is* a plague.

23 But if the bright ſpot ſtay in his place, *and* ſpread not, it *is* a burning bile: and the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him [12] clean.

[12] *Job* 40.4,5. 1 *Pet.*4.2,3. 2 *Sam.* 12. 13. *Matth.* 26. 75.

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to note, that tho' the marks of our former ſins do remain, yet if they ſpread not, *i. e.* do not reign in us, they ſhall not be imputed to us.

24 ¶ Or if there be *any* fleſh, in the skin whereof *there is* † a hot burning, and the quick *fleſh* that burneth have a white bright ſpot, ſomewhat reddiſh, or white;

† Heb. *a burning of fire.*

25 Then the prieſt ſhall look upon it: and behold, if the hair in the bright ſpot be turned white, and it *be in* ſight deeper then the skin; it *is* a leproſie [11] broken out of the burning: wherefore the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leproſie.

26 But if the prieſt look on it, and behold, *there be* no white hair on the bright ſpot, and it *be* no lower then the *other* skin, but *be* ſomewhat dark; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut him up ſeven days.

27 And the prieſt ſhall look upon him the ſeventh day: *and* if it be ſpread [13] much abroad in the skin, then the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leproſie.

[13] 2 *Tim.* 2. 17. and 3. 13. *Jer.* 9.-3.

28 And if the bright ſpot ſtay in his place, *and* ſpread not in the skin, but it *be* ſomewhat dark; it *is* a riſing of the burning, and the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him [12] clean: for it *is* an inflammation of the burning.

29 ¶ If a man or woman hath a plague upon the [14] head or the beard;

[14] *Iſa.* 1.-5. *Mich.* 3. 11. 2 *Pet.* 2. 1, 2.

30 Then the prieſt ſhall ſee the plague: and behold, if it *be* in ſight deeper then the skin, and *there be* in it a yellow thin hair; then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a dry ſcall, *even* a leproſie upon the head or beard.

31 And if the prieſt look on the plague of the ſcall, and behold, it *be* not in ſight deeper then the skin, and *that there is* no black hair in it; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut up *him that hath* the plague of the ſcall ſeven days.

32 And in the ſeventh day the prieſt ſhall look on the plague: and behold, *if* the ſcall ſpread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the ſcall *be* not in ſight deeper then the skin;

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34 And in the ſeventh day the prieſt ſhall look on the ſcall: and behold, *if* the ſcall be not ſpread in the skin, nor *be* in ſight deeper then the skin; then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him clean: and he ſhall waſh his clothes, and be clean.

35 But if the ſcall ſpread much in the skin after his cleanſing;

36 Then the prieſt ſhall look on him: and behold, if the ſcall be ſpread in the skin, the prieſt ſhall not ſeek for yellow hair; he *is* unclean.

37 But if the ſcall be in his ſight at a ſtay, and *that* there is black hair grown up therein; the ſcall is healed, he *is* clean: and the prieſt ſhall pronounce him clean.

38 ¶ If a man alſo or a woman have in the skin of their fleſh bright ſpots, *even* white bright ſpots;

39 Then the prieſt ſhall look: and behold, *if* the bright ſpots in the skin of their fleſh *be* darkiſh white; it *is* a freckled ſpot *that* groweth in the skin; he *is* [15] clean.

[15] *Viz.* From the leproſie: for tho' it ſpotted the skin, it fretted not the fleſh. God hereby ſhews himſelf merciful to the infirmities of his people, not eſteeming every ſpot in them as a malignant ſin.

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43 Then the prieſt ſhall look upon it: and behold, *if* the riſing of the ſore *be* white reddiſh in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leproſie appeareth in the skin of the fleſh;

44 He *is* a leprous man, he *is* unclean: the prieſt ſhall pronounce him [16] utterly unclean, his plague *is* in his head.

[16] To note, that if unto infirmity be added preſumption, it makes the ſinner loathſom to God.

45 And the leper in whom the plague *is*, his clothes ſhall be [17] rent, and his head bare, and he ſhall put a covering upon his upper lip, and ſhall cry, [18] Unclean, unclean.

[17] To teſtifie their ſorrow for their ſins, which had provok'd God thus to puniſh 'em. See on *Gen.* 37.29. ¶ [18] *Lam.* 4.15. *Iſa.* 52.11. and 64.6. To note confeſſion of ſin.

46 All the days wherein the plague *ſhall be* in him, he ſhall be defiled; he *is* unclean: he ſhall dwell [19] alone, * without the camp *ſhall* his habitation *be*.

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47 ¶ The garment alſo that the plague of leproſie *is* in, *whether it be* a woollen garment, or a linen garment;

48 Whether *it be* in the warp, or woof, of linen or of woollen, whether in a skin, or in any † thing made of skin:

† Heb. *work of.*

49 And if the plague be greeniſh or reddiſh in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any † thing of skin; it *is* a plague of leproſie, and ſhall be ſhewed unto the prieſt.

† Heb. *veſſel, or, inſtrument.*

50 And the prieſt ſhall look upon the plague, and ſhut up *it that hath* the plague, ſeven days.

51 And he ſhall look on the plague on the ſeventh day: if the plague be ſpread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, *or* in any work that is made of skin; the plague *is* a fretting leproſie.

52 He ſhall therefore [20] burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it *is* a fretting leproſie; it ſhall be burnt in the fire.

[20] To note, that all inſtruments and monuments of ſin are to be deſtroy'd. *Deut.* 7.25. *Iſa.* 30.22. *Jude* 23. *Acts.* 19.19.

53 And if the prieſt ſhall look, and behold, the plague be not ſpread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin;

54 Then the prieſt ſhall command that they waſh *the thing* wherein the plague *is*, and he ſhall ſhut it up ſeven days more.

55 And the prieſt ſhall look on the plague after that it is waſhed: and behold, *if* the plague have not changed his colour, and the plague be not ſpread; it *is* unclean, thou ſhalt burn it in the fire; it *is* fret inward, † *whether* it *be* bare within or without.

† Heb. whether *it* be *bald in the head thereof, or in the forehead thereof.*

56 And if the prieſt look, and behold, the plague *be* ſomewhat dark after the waſhing of it, then he ſhall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof.

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5 But if ſhe bear a maid-child, then ſhe ſhall be unclean [10] two weeks, as in her ſeparation: and ſhe ſhall continue in the blood of her purifying threeſcore and ſix days.

[10] Double to that for a male, *v.*2. (1) To ſet a blot upon that Sex for being the firſt in man's tranſgreſſion, 1 *Tim.* 2.14. (2) To put an honor upon the Sacrament of Circumciſion, which being adminiſtred to the Males, did put an end to the Mothers pollution ſooner than ſhould have been. (3) To ſhew the priviledg of the Man above the Woman.

6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a ſon, or for a daughter; ſhe ſhall bring a lamb † of the firſt year for a [11] burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtle-dove for a [12] ſin-offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the prieſt:

† Heb. *a ſon of his year.*

[11] See on *ch.*1.3. noting her ſanctification and dedication unto God. ¶ [12] To make atonement for thoſe particular ſins ſhe might be guilty of in reference to the time and ſtate of child-bearing.

7 Who ſhall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her, and ſhe ſhall be cleanſed from the iſſue of her blood. This *is* the law for her that hath born a [13] male or a [13] female.

[13] Both are alike cleanſed by Chriſt, *Gal.*3.28.

8 * And if † ſhe be [14] not able to bring a lamb, then ſhe ſhall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt-offering, and the other for a ſin-offering: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for her, and ſhe ſhall be clean.

* Luke 2. 24.
† Heb. *her hand find not ſufficiency of.*
[14] See on *ch.*5. 7.

CHAP. XIII.

Tokens to diſcern the leproſie.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes and Aaron, ſaying,

2 When a man ſhall have in the skin of his fleſh, a ‖ riſing, a ſcab, or [1] bright ſpot, and it be in the skin of his fleſh *like* the plague of [2] leproſie; then he ſhall be brought unto Aaron the [3] prieſt, or unto one of his ſons the prieſts.

‖ Or, *ſwelling.*

[1] A wheal, or pimple, ſhining like the ſcale of a fiſh. ¶ [2] *Numb.*12.10. 2 *King.*5.27. 2 *Chron.*26.19. which figur'd the many ſins which infect and defile the Soul. ¶ [3] (1) Becauſe the main thing queſtioned concerning them was, whether they might come into the Sanctuary, *&c.* (2) Becauſe there were certain Rites, Ceremonies, and Sacrifices appointed for their cleanſing, which the Prieſt was to ſee done. (3) Becauſe it was not ſo much a Diſeaſe, as a Defilement.

3 And the prieſt ſhall [4] look on the plague in the skin of the fleſh: and *when* the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in ſight *be* deeper then the skin of his fleſh; it *is* a plague of leproſie: and the prieſt ſhall look on him, and [5] pronounce him unclean.

[4] *Act.*20.28. *Heb.*13.7. 1 *Tim.*3.2. ¶ [5] This made no alteration in the ſtate of the Lepers Body, but only in his civil or eccleſiaſtical ſtate; to render him capable or uncapable of civil Society, or Church-fellowſhip. And ſo it is as to that power Chriſt has given to his Miniſters, *Matth.* 16. 19. and 18. 18. *Joh.*20.23.

4 If the bright ſpot *be* white in the skin of his fleſh, and in ſight *be* not deeper then the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the prieſt ſhall [6] ſhut up *him that hath* the plague ſeven days.

[6] To teach Miniſters not to be raſh in their judgments and cenſures, but to be well-adviſed, 1 *Cor.*4.5. 1 *Tim.*5.24.

5 And the prieſt ſhall look on him the ſeventh day: and behold, *if* the plague in his ſight be at a ſtay, *and* the plague ſpread not in the skin; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut him up ſeven days more.

6 And the prieſt ſhall look on him again the ſeventh day: and behold, *if* the plague be ſomewhat dark, and the plague ſpread not in the skin; the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him clean: it is *but* a ſcab: and he ſhall [7] waſh his clothes, and be clean.

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[7] To teach, that no ſin was ſo ſmall, which did not need to be waſh'd by the blood of Chriſt.

7 But if the ſcab [8] ſpread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been ſeen of the prieſt for his cleanſing; he ſhall be ſeen of the prieſt again.

[8] *V.*27,35. Noting the dominion of ſin, and likewiſe the malignity and contagion thereof, 2 *Tim.*2.17.

8 And *if* the prieſt ſee, that behold, the ſcab [8] ſpreadeth in the skin; then the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him unclean; it *is* a leproſie.

9 ¶ When the plague of leproſie is in a man, then he ſhall be brought unto the prieſt.

10 And the prieſt ſhall ſee *him*: and behold, *if* the riſing *be* white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and *there be* † quick raw fleſh in the riſing;

† Heb. *the quickning of living fleſh.*

11 It *is* an old leproſie in the skin of his fleſh, and the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean, and ſhall not ſhut him up: for he is unclean

12 And if a leproſie break out abroad in the skin, and the leproſie cover all the skin of *him that hath* the plague, from his head even to his foot, whereſoever the prieſt looketh;

13 Then the prieſt ſhall conſider: and behold, *if* the leproſie have covered all his fleſh, he ſhall [5] pronounce *him* [9] clean *that hath* the plague: it is all turned white: he *is* clean.

[9] Becauſe, when the Diſeaſe was all driven out, it argued ſtrength of nature conquering the Diſtemper, and ſending the ill humours to the outward parts.

14 But when [10] raw fleſh appeareth in him, he ſhall be [10] unclean.

[10] Which was a ſign that the poyſon of the Diſeaſe was not wholly driven out, but did ſtill lurk within the fleſh, and ſo rendred the Diſeaſe more dangerous to him that had it, and more infectious to others.

15 And the prieſt ſhall ſee the raw fleſh, and pronounce him to be unclean: *for* the raw fleſh *is* unclean: it *is* a leproſie.

16 Or if the raw fleſh turn again, and be changed unto white; he ſhall come unto the prieſt:

17 And the prieſt ſhall ſee him: and behold, *if* the plague be turned into white; then the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce *him* [9] clean *that hath* the plague: he *is* clean.

18 ¶ The fleſh alſo, in which, *even* in the skin thereof, was a bile, and is healed,

19 And in the place of the bile there be a white riſing, or a bright ſpot white; and ſomewhat reddiſh, and it be ſhewed to the prieſt;

20 And if when the prieſt ſeeth it, behold, it *be* in ſight lower then the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague of leproſie [11] broken out of the bile.

[11] Thus a return to ſin after a ſeeming reformation, makes our condition worſe than afore, *Matth.* 12. 45. *Joh.* 5. 14. 2 *Pet.*2.20.

21 But if the prieſt look on it, and behold, *there be* no white hairs therein, and *if* it *be* not lower then the skin, but *be* ſomewhat dark; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut him up ſeven days.

22 And if it ſpread much abroad in the skin, then the prieſt ſhall pronounce him unclean; it *is* a plague.

23 But if the bright ſpot ſtay in his place, *and* ſpread not, it *is* a burning bile: and the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him [12] clean.

[12] *Job* 40.4,5. 1 *Pet.*4.2,3. 2 *Sam.* 12. 13. *Matth.* 26. 75.

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to note, that tho' the marks of our former ſins do remain, yet if they ſpread not, *i. e.* do not reign in us, they ſhall not be imputed to us.

24 ¶ Or if there be *any* fleſh; in the skin whereof *there is* † a hot burning, and the quick *fleſh* that burneth have a white bright ſpot, ſomewhat reddiſh, or white;

† Heb. *a burning of fire.*

25 Then the prieſt ſhall look upon it: and behold, if the hair in the bright ſpot be turned white, and it *be in* ſight deeper then the skin; it *is* a leproſie [11] broken out of the burning: wherefore the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leproſie.

26 But if the prieſt look on it, and behold, *there be* no white hair on the bright ſpot, and it *be* no lower then the *other* skin, but *be* ſomewhat dark; then the prieſt ſhall ſhut him up ſeven days.

27 And the prieſt ſhall look upon him the ſeventh day: *and* if it be ſpread [13] much abroad in the skin, then the prieſt ſhall [5] pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leproſie.

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48 Whether *it be* in the warp, or woof, of linen or of woollen, whether in a skin, or in any † thing made of skin:

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49 And if the plague be greeniſh or reddiſh in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any † thing of skin; it *is* a plague of leproſie, and ſhall be ſhewed unto the prieſt.

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54 Then the prieſt ſhall command that they waſh *the thing* wherein the plague *is*, and he ſhall ſhut it up ſeven days more.

55 And the prieſt ſhall look on the plague after that it is waſhed: and behold, *if* the plague have not changed his colour, and the plague be not ſpread; it *is* unclean, thou ſhalt burn it in the fire; it *is* fret inward, † *whether* it *be* bare within or without.

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56 And if the prieſt look, and behold, the plague *be* ſomewhat dark after the waſhing of it; then he ſhall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof.

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57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it *is* a spreading *plague:* thou shalt burn that wherein the plague *is*, with fire.

58 And the garment, either warp or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin *it be*, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the [21] second time, and shall be clean.

[21] 2 *Chron.*33.12,13. *Psal.*51.2. 2 *Cor.* 12.8.

59 This *is* the law of the plague of leprosie in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

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1 *The rites and sacrifices in cleansing of the leper.* 33 *The signs of leprosie in an house.* 48 *The cleansing of that house.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 This shall be the [1] law of the leper, in the day of his cleansing: He * shall be brought unto the [2] priest:

* Matth.8.2. Mark 1.40. Luke 5.12.

[1] These solemn Rites were ordained, (1) To shew how God abhors the spiritual uncleanness of sin. (2) To testifie the lepers thankfulness to God for so great a mercy, *Mat.*8.4. ¶ [2] *Mat.*8.4. The power of the Priest in this case represented the power of the Ministers of the Gospel in admitting into, and excluding from the Christian Church; See *ch.*6.13.*n.*5. (as that Law (*Deut.*25.4.) was to teach the equity of their maintenance, 1 *Cor.*9.9,10.)

3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp: and the [3] priest shall look, and behold, *if* the plague of leprosie be [3] healed in the leper;

[3] 1 *Cor.*6.11. *Luke* 17.19. God can only forgive sins: the Minister is only to pronounce according to what God has done.

4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed, [4] two ‖ birds alive, *and* clean, and [5] cedar-wood, and [6] scarlet, and [7] hyssop.

‖ Or, *sparrows.*

[4] The one to represent Christ as dying for his sins; the other, as rising again for his purification, or justification. ¶ [5] Which putrifies not: to note, that he was now freed from that putrifaction or corruption which his leprosie had brought upon him. ¶ [6] To note, both the Leper's sinfulness, and the efficacy of Christ's blood to cleanse him. ¶ [7] *Exod.*12.22. *Psal.*51.7. The fragrant smell of this herb might signifie that the evil savour of the leprosie was now removed.

5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be [4] killed in an [8] earthen vessel, [9] over running water.

[8] To note the infirmity of the Ministers of the Gospel, by whom this blood is presented to men in the preaching thereof, 2 *Cor.*4.7. ¶ [9] To note that the death of Christ accompanied with the sanctification of the Spirit, is the only means to cleanse us from sin.

6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar-wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the [11] living bird, in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water.

7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosie, [10] seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird [11] loose † into the open field.

† Heb. *upon the face of the field.*

[10] 2 *Kings* 5. 10. To note his perfect cleansing, *Psal.*51.2. ¶ [11] To note the intercession of Christ, who is gone with blood to the Mercy-seat, and that the person cleansed was now at liberty to return to his former habitation, and conversation with other men.

8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and [12] shave off all his [13] hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that, he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent [14] seven days.

[12] *Numb.*8.7. *Isa.*7.20. ¶ [13] *Judg.* 16.17. To teach him to put off his old lusts, and become a new man. ¶ [14] For a further trial of his thorow healing.

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9 But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall [15] shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eye-brows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

[15] The second time: to shew how exactly careful we should be to cleanse our selves from all filthiness of sin.

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs without blemish, and one ew-lamb † of the first year, without blemish, and three tenth-deals of fine flour *for* a meat-offering, mingled with [16] oyl, and one log of oyl.

† Heb. *the daughter of her year.*

[16] Signifying the graces of the Spirit whereby we are renew'd.

11 And the priest that [17] maketh *him* clean, shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things before the LORD, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

[17] Perform the rites of his cleansing.

12 And the priest shall take one he-lamb, and offer him for a [18] trespass-offering, and the log of oyl, and * wave them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

* Exod. 29.24.

[18] See on *ch.*5.6. To teach 'em, that as sin was the cause of all diseases, so they should seek to God in Christ for the cure of 'em.

13 And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he [19] shall kill the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, in the holy place: for * as the sin-offering *is* the priests, *so is* the trespass-offering: it *is* most holy.

* Chap.7.7.

[19] Uses to kill. See on *ch.* 1. 11.

14 And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put *it* upon the [20] tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the [20] thumb of his right hand, and upon the great [20] toe of his right foot.

[20] *Ch.*8.24. *Exod.*29.20. To note, that he was now free to hear God's word; to touch any person or thing; and to go whither he would.

15 And the priest shall take *some* of the log of [16] oyl, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand:

16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oyl that *is* in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oyl with his finger, seven times [21] before the LORD.

[21] Before the second Vail.

17 And of the rest of the oyl that is in his hand, shall the priest put upon the [20] tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the [20] thumb of his right hand, and upon the great [20] toe of his right foot, upon the [22] blood of the trespass-offering.

[22] Upon the same place where the blood was put, (*v.*28.) to note the bestowing of grace upon all that are redeemed by the blood of Christ, 1 *John* 2.20. 2 *Cor.*1.21.

18 And the remnant of the oyl that *is* in the priests hand, he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD.

19 And the priest shall offer the sin-offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness, and [23] afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering.

[23] Because reconciliation for sin must be before any service can be accepted.

20 And the priest shall offer the burnt-offering, and the [24] meat-offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

[24] See on *ch.* 2.1.

21 And

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† Heb. *his hand reach not.* [25] *ch.* 5. 7. see there.

† Heb. *for a waving.*

21 And if he *be* poor, and † [25] cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb *for* a trespass-offering † to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth-deal of fine flower mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering, and a log of oyl:

22 And two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering.

23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day, for his cleansing, unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the log of oyl, and the priest shall wave them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass-offering, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

26 And the priest shall pour of the oyl into the palm of his own left hand.

27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger, *some* of the oyl that *is* in his left hand, seven times before the LORD.

28 And the priest shall put of the oyl that *is* in his hand, upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot; upon the place of the blood of the trespass-offering.

29 And the rest of the oyl that *is* in the priests hand, he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD.

30 And he shall offer the one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get:

31 *Even* such as he is able to get, the one *for* a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, with the meat-offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the LORD.

32 This *is* the law *of him* in whom *is* the plague of leprosie, whose hand *is* not able to get *that which pertaineth* to his cleansing.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,

34 When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I [26] put the plague of leprosie in a house of the land of your possession;

[26] *Matth.* 8. 9. *Isa.* 45. 5, 7. *Exod.* 15. 26. *Deut.* 7. 15.

35 And he that oweth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me *there is* as it were a plague in the house:

36 Then the priest shall commmand that they ‖ empty the house, before the priest go *into it* to see the plague; that all that *is* in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house.

‖ Or, *prepare.*

37 And he shall look on the plague, and behold, *if* the plague *be* in the walls of the house, with hollow strakes, greenish or reddish, which in sight *are* lower than the wall;

38 Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days.

39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and behold, *if* the plague be spread in the walls of the house;

40 Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones, in which the plague *is*, and they shall cast them into an unclean place without the city.

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41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off, without the city into an unclean place.

42 And they shall take other stones, and put *them* in the place of those stones; and he shall take other morter, and shall plaister the house.

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is plaistered;

44 Then the priest shall come and look, and behold, *if* the plague be spread in the house, it *is* a fretting leprosie in the house: it *is* unclean.

45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the morter of the house: and he shall carry *them* forth out of the city into into an unclean place.

46 Moreover, he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up, shall be unclean until the even.

47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes: and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 And if the priest † shall come in, and look *upon it*, and behold, the plague hath not spread in the house after the house was plaistered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

† Heb. *in coming in shall come in,* &c.

49 And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssop.

50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel, over running water.

51 And he shall take the cedar-wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar-wood; and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet.

53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

54 This *is* the law for all manner plague of leprosie, and * scall,

* Chap. 13. 30.

55 And for the leprosie of a garment, and of an house,

56 And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot:

57 To teach † when *it is* unclean, and when *it is* clean: this *is* the law of leprosie.

† Heb. *in the day of the unclean, and in the day of the clean.*

CHAP. XV.

1, 19 *Uncleanness by issues.* 13, 28 *Their cleansing.*

AND the LORD spake unto [1] Moses, and to [1] Aaron, saying.

[1] *Ch.* 11. 1. See there. and 15. 1.

2 Speak unto the [2] children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man hath a ‖ [3] running issue out of his flesh, because of his issue he *is* unclean.

‖ Or, *running of the reins.*

[2] See on *ch.* 11. 2. ¶ [3] *Numb.* 5. 2. the running of the Reins: This notes the defiling nature of sin, which flows from the corruption of our natures, *Mark* 7. 20—23.

3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his * flesh run with his issue, or his flesh

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be [5] ſtopped from his iſſue, [6] it *is* his uncleanneſs.

[4] *i.e.* There be a continual running of it from his ſecret parts, *ch.*12. 3. *Ezek.* 16. 26. and 23.20. ¶ [5] It come only by fits. ¶ [6] He is unclean by reaſon of it.

[7] Tit.1. 15. † Heb. *veſſel.*

4 Every bed whereon he lieth that hath the iſſue, is unclean: and [7] every † thing whereon he ſitteth ſhall be unclean.

5 And whoſoever toucheth his bed, ſhall [8] waſh his clothes, and bathe *himſelf* in water, and be unclean [9] until the even.

[8] See on *ch.* 11. 25. [9] See on *ch.* 11. 24.

6 And he that ſitteth on *any* thing whereon he ſat that hath the iſſue, ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe *himſelf* in water, and be unclean until the even.

7 And he that toucheth the fleſh of him that hath the iſſue, ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe *himſelf* in water, and be unclean until the even.

8 And if he that hath the iſſue [10] ſpit upon him that is clean; then he ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe *himſelf* in water, and be [10] unclean until the even.

[10] To note how apt we are to be defiled by converſe with Sinners.

9 And what ſaddle ſoever he rideth upon, that hath the iſſue, ſhall be unclean.

10 And whoſoever toucheth any thing that was under him, ſhall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth *any of* thoſe things, ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe *himſelf* in water, and be unclean until the even.

11 And whomſoever he toucheth that hath the iſſue (and hath [11] not rinſed his hands in water) he ſhall [8] waſh his clothes, and bathe *himſelf* in water, and be unclean until the even.

[11] *Jam.*4.8. the perſon that was toucht.

* Chap.6.28.

12 And the * veſſel of earth, that he toucheth which hath the iſſue, ſhall be [12] broken: and every veſſel of wood ſhall be rinſed in water.

13 And when he that hath an iſſue is cleanſed of his iſſue, then he ſhall number to himſelf [13] ſeven days for his cleanſing, and waſh his clothes, and bathe his fleſh in [14] running water, and ſhall be [15] clean.

[12] See on *ch.* 11. 33. and 6. 28. ¶ [13] *Numb.* 19. 11, 12. ¶ [14] Noting the Blood and Spirit of Chriſt, *Rev.*1.5. and 22. 1. ¶ [15] Admitted to the public Worſhip of God, and Society with Men, and have his ſins pardon'd upon Repentance and Faith, *Ezek.* 36. 25,29. *Jer.*33.8. *Luk.*8.43,44,48.

14 And on the eighth day he ſhall take to him [16] two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the prieſt.

[16] So the Woman (*v.*29.) and the Woman in child-bed, (*ch.*12.6,8.) and the Leper (*ch.*14.22,23.) All others were clean by waſhing: As the pollutions were greater, ſo were the Expiations; to teach, that our repentance muſt bear ſome proportion to our ſin.

15 And the prieſt ſhall offer them, the one *for* a ſin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering; and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him before the LORD, [17] for his iſſue.

[17] *V.*-30. For his ceremonial uncleanneſs by reaſon of his iſſue (which was ſometimes a puniſhment for ſin, 2 *Sam.* 3. 29.)

16 And if any mans ſeed of copulation [18] go out from him, then he ſhall waſh all his fleſh in water, and be unclean until [19] the even.

[18] *Viz.* in his ſleep, or by any accident, *Deut.*23.10. ¶ [19] See on *ch.*11.24.

17 And every garment, and every skin whereon is the ſeed of copulation, ſhall be waſhed with water, and be unclean until the even.

18 The woman alſo with whom man ſhall lie with ſeed of copulation, they ſhall *both* [20] bathe *themſelves* in water, and be unclean until the even.

[20] To ſhew how apt the corruption of nature is to diſcover it ſelf in that lawful act (perhaps more than in others;) and becauſe that original corruption is conveyed to us in our firſt conception by that very ſubſtance whereof we are made.

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19 ¶ And if a woman have an iſſue, *and* her iſſue in her fleſh be [21] blood, ſhe ſhall be † [22] put apart ſeven days: and whoſoever toucheth her, ſhall be unclean until the even.

† Heb. *in her ſeparation.*

[21] *Viz.* Of her monthly Diſeaſe. ¶ [22] From all holy things, and the conjugal ſociety of her Husband.

20 And every thing that ſhe lieth upon in her ſeparation, ſhall be unclean: every thing alſo that ſhe ſitteth upon, ſhall be unclean.

21 And whoſoever toucheth her bed, ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe *himſelf* in water, and be unclean until the even.

22 And whoſoever toucheth any thing that ſhe ſat upon, ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe *himſelf* in water, and be unclean until the even.

23 And if it *be* on *her* bed, or on any thing whereon ſhe ſitteth, when he toucheth it, he ſhall be unclean until the even.

24 And if any man [23] lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he ſhall be unclean ſeven days: and all the bed whereon he lieth, ſhall be unclean.

[23] *Viz.* ignorantly: (for, *ch.* 20.18. *Ezek.*22.10.)

25 And if a woman have an iſſue of her blood [24] many days out of the time of her ſeparation, or if it run beyond the time of her ſeparation; all the days of the iſſue of her uncleanneſs ſhall be as the days of her ſeparation: ſhe *ſhall be* unclean.

[24] Which was a kind of Diſeaſe (as *Mar.*5.25,26.)

26 Every bed whereon ſhe lieth all the days of her iſſue, ſhall be unto her as the bed of her ſeparation: and whatſoever ſhe ſitteth upon, ſhall be unclean, as the uncleanneſs of her ſeparation.

27 And whoſoever toucheth thoſe things ſhall be unclean, and ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe *himſelf* in water, and be unclean until the even.

28 But if ſhe be cleanſed of her iſſue, then ſhe ſhall number to her ſelf ſeven days, and after that ſhe ſhall be clean.

29 And on the eighth day ſhe ſhall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the prieſt to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

30 And the prieſt ſhall offer the one *for* a ſin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering; and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for her before the LORD, [17] for the iſſue of her uncleanneſs.

31 Thus ſhall ye [25] ſeparate the children of Iſrael from their uncleanneſs; that they [26] die not in their uncleanneſs, when they defile my tabernacle that *is* among them.

[25] *Ch.*13.67. See on *ch.* 10.10. ¶ [26] *Pſal.*66.18.

32 This *is* the law of him that hath an iſſue, and *of him* whoſe ſeed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith:

33 And of her that is ſick of her flowers, and of him that hath an iſſue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her which is unclean.

CHAP. XVI.

11 *The high-prieſts ſin-offering.* 20 *The ſcape-goat.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, [1] after * the death of the two ſons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died.

* Chap. 10. 2.

[1] *Ch.*

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[1] *Ch.*10.1,2. *i. e.* Upon that occasion; lest they should again endanger themselves by being guilty of some miscarriage.

2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he * come [2] not at all times into the [3] holy *place* within the vail, before the mercy-seat, which *is* upon the ark; that he die not: for I will [4] appear in the [5] cloud upon the mercy-seat.

* Exod.30.10. Hebr.9.7.

[2] *Exod.*30.10. *Hebr.* 9. 6–8. Not whensoever he pleases, but only when I appoint; *viz.* once a year: or, to take it down for removal. But now, *Hebr.* 10. 19, 20. ¶ [3] The most holy. ¶ [4] *Exod.* 3. 5. and 40. 35. 1 *Kings* 8. 11, 12. *Viz.* In a visible and glorious manner; whereby that place shall become as my Presence-chamber; and therefore the Priest shall not dare to come but when I call him. ¶ [5] *Viz.* Of Incense, *v.* 13.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young [6] bullock for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering

[6] The blood thereof, *v.* 14.

4 He shall put on the [7] holy [8] linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with the linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments, therefore shall he [9] wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.

[7] Set apart for holy uses; as *Exod.* 28. 2. and 29. 31. and 30.25. 2 *Chron.*5.5. ¶ [8] *Ezek.*44.17,18. The High-priests garments for this day were mean, in comparison of what he wore at other times, because this was a day of humiliation; and also chiefly to represent Christ's state of humiliation, *Isa.* 53.2.&c. ¶ [9] *Hebr.*10.22. *Psal.*132.9.

5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel, two kids of the goats for a [10] sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.

6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin-offering, which *is* for himself, and * make an atonement for [11] himself, and for his [12] house,

* Hebr.9.7.

[10] 2 *Cor.*5.21. ¶ [11] *Hebr.*5.1.&c. and 7.28. ¶ [12] All the Priests. *Psal.*135.-19.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron shall cast [13] lots upon the two goats; one lot [14] for the LORD, and the other lot for the † scape-goat.

†Heb. *Azazel.*

[13] *Prov.*16.33. To note that the sufferings of Christ were order'd by the providence of God, *Acts* 4.28. ¶ [14] For his use and service, by way of sacrifice.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORDs lot † fell, and offer him *for* a [15] sin-offering.

†Heb. *went up.*

[15] To represent Christ's sufferings in his human nature, 1 *Pet.*3.-18.

10 But the goat on which the lot fell to be the [16] scape-goat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an [17] atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scape-goat into the wilderness.

[16] Representing Christ rising again. ¶ [17] 1 *John* 2.2. and 4.10. By confessing of sin in the name of the people, and praying that God would transfer their guilt upon the goat, *v.* 21. 22.

11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin-offering, which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin-offering, which *is* for himself.

12 And he shall take a censer-full of [18] burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands-full of [19] sweet incense [20] beaten small, and bring *it* [21] within the vail.

[18] Noting the ardency of prayer, *Rom.*12.11. ¶ [19] Noting the intercession of Christ, whereby their prayers were made acceptable, *Rev.*8.3,4. ¶ [20] Noting Christ's agony in his prayers before his sufferings, *Luke* 22.44. *Hebr.*5.7. ¶ [21] To note that the prayers of Christ should enter heaven, and come before God, *Hebr.*9.24.

13 And he shall put the [22] incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may [23] cover the mercy-seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not.

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[22] To note that no mercy is to be expected, but thro' the satisfaction and intercession of Christ ¶ [23] To shew with what reverence we ought to present our selves before God.

14 And † he shall take of the [22] blood of the bullock, and * sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the [24] mercy-seat [25] east-ward: and [26] before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger [27] seven times.

† Heb.9.13. and 10.4. * Chap.4.6.

[24] To shew that by the blood of Christ God's mercy is bestowed upon us. ¶ [25] Where the people were; to shew that God accepted it on their behalf. ¶ [26] On the ground. ¶ [27] *Ch.*4.6. To note our perfect reconciliation by the blood of Christ.

15 ¶ Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-offering that *is* for [28] the people, and bring his blood [29] within the vail, and do with that blood, as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-seat.

[28] *Hebr.* 9. 7. ¶ [29] *Hebr.* 6. 19, 20. and 10. 19.

16 And he shall make an atonement [30] for the holy *place*, because of the [31] uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their [32] transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation that † remaineth among them, [33] in the midst of their uncleanness.

† Heb. *dwelleth.*

[30] *v.*19,20. *ch.*8.15. and 14.49,52,53. *Exod.*29.36. For any defilement it might have contracted, by the peoples coming thither, either in any ceremonial, or moral uncleanness. ¶ [31] The imperfections and miscarriages of their holy services, which would have hindred the efficacy of the High-Priest's mediation on their behalf, if God had not been reconciled to them. ¶ [32] Aggravating circumstances thereof. ¶ [33] In the midst of a sinful people, who defile not themselves only, but God's Sanctuary also, *Ezek.* 23.38,39.

17 * And there shall be [34] no man in the [35] tabernacle of the congregation, when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

* Luke 1. 10.

[34] None of the Priests or Levites; to note that Christ was alone in this work, *Isa.*53.6. 1 *Pet.* 2.24. *Hebr.* 1. 3. *Col.* 1.20. ¶ [35] In the holy place, where the Priests and Levites were at other times.

18 And he shall go out unto the [36] altar that *is* [37] before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about.

[36] *Viz.* Of incense, (*Exod.* 30. 10.) to note that the infirmities of the Saints in their prayers, and other holy duties, are to be purified by the death and blood of Christ. ¶ [37] See on *ch.*1.-3. Before the Holy of holies, where God in a special manner dwells.

19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger [27] seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the [31] uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20 ¶ And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron shall [38] lay both his hands upon the head of the [16] live goat, and confess over him all the [39] iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their [39] transgressions in all their sins, [40] putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of † [41] a fit man into [42] the wilderness.

† Heb. *a man of opportunity.*

[38] See on *ch.* 1. 4. ¶ [39] Sins of all sorts: the smallest needed, and the greatest are not excluded from the benefit of Christ's death, here represented. ¶ [40] *Isa.*53.6. 2 *Cor.* 5.21. ¶ [41] One who for ability of body, knowledge of the way, and sufficiency for this service was chosen, and ready for it. ¶ [42] To note the removal of their sins far away, *Ps.*103.12.

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22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities, unto a land †;[47] not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

† Heb. *of separation.*

23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy *place*, and shall [43] leave them there.

24 And he shall [44] wash his flesh with water [45] in the holy place, and put on his [46] garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering, and the burnt-offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

[43] *Ezek.*44.19. ¶ [44] *Hebr.*9.10. and 10.22. See on *Exod.* 30.19,20. ¶ [45] *ch.*6.16. ¶ [46] His High-Priest's garments appointed, *Exod.* 28.

25 And the [47] fat of the sin-offering shall he burn upon the altar.

26 And he that let go the goat for the scape-goat, shall [48] wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

[47] See on *Exod.*29.13. ¶ [48] *ch.* 15.5, 8. *Numb.*19.8.

* Chap.6.30. Hebr. 13.11.

27 * And the bullock *for* the sin-offering, and the goat *for* the sin-offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall *one* carry forth [49] without the camp, and they shall burn in the fire their skins and their flesh, and their dung.

[49] *Ch.*4. 12. and 6. 30. *Hebr.* 9. 12. and 13.11,14.

28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 ¶ And *this* shall be a statute [50] for ever unto you: *that* in the [51] seventh month, on the [52] tenth *day* of the month, ye shall [53] afflict your souls, and do [54] no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own countrey, or a stranger that sojourneth among you.

[50] *i. e.* Till Christ should come in whom all these figures should have an end; as *Exod.* 21. 6. ¶ [51] 1 *Kings* 8. 2. ¶ [52] *ch.*23.27. *Numb.* 29.7. ¶ [53] *v.* 31. *Acts* 27. 9. Deeply humble your selves before God, both inwardly, by godly sorrow, (2 *Cor.*7.10,11.) judging your selves, (1 *Cor.*11.31.) and loathing your selves, (*Ezek.*6.9.) and outwardly, by fasting and abstinence from all carnal comforts and delights, (*Psal.* 35.13.) as also forsaking all sin, and amending your lives. ¶ [54] To note that they must cease from their own works, and do the work of the day, *Hebr.*4.10. *John* 6. 29.

30 For on that day shall *the priest* make an [55] atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 It *shall be* [56] a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls by a statute for ever.

[55] See on *ch.* 23. 27. [56] Observed as a Sabbath, by ceasing from all servile and worldly works, and diligent attendance upon God's worship and service.

† Heb. *fill his hand.*

32 And the priest [57] whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall † consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his fathers stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments.

[57] Who shall be anointed.

33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar: and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.

34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, [58] once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

[58] *Exod.* 30. 10. *Hebr.* 10. 7.

CHAP. XVII.

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1 *Blood of beasts offered.* 10 *Blood forbidden.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying,

3 What man soever *there be* of the [1] house of Israel, that [2] killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat in the camp, or that killeth *it* out of the camp.

[1] Or Profelytes, (*v.*8.) that were turn'd to the Religion of the Jews. ¶ [2] *Viz.* For Sacrifice, *v.*4, 5, 8. *Deut.* 12. 5, 15,21.

4 And [3] bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD, [4] blood shall be imputed unto that man, he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people.

[3] See on *ch.* 1. 3. ¶ [4] He shall be accounted as bad as a murderer, (*Isa.*66.3.) and dealt with accordingly.

5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they [5] offer in the [6] open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the [7] door of the tabernacle of the congregation unto the priest, and offer them *for* [8] peace-offerings unto the LORD.

[5] Are wont to offer. ¶ [6] *Viz.* Before the building of the tabernacle. ¶ [7] See on *ch.*1.3. ¶ [8] *q. d.* Tho' they be but Peace-offerings (which are less holy than the Burnt-offerings) they shall be brought to the door of the tabernacle; much more their Burnt-offerings.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon [9] the altar of the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and [10] burn the fat for a [11] sweet savour unto the LORD.

[9] To note that their Sacrifices were acceptable only in Christ. ¶ [10] See on *ch.*1.9. ¶ [11] *ch.*4.31. *Exod.*29.18.

7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto [12] devils, after whom they have gone a [13] whoring: This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

[12] So idols were commonly called in Scripture, (*Deut.*32.17. *Psal.*106.37. 1 *Cor.*10.20. 2 *Chron.*11.15. *Rev.*9.20.) because, (1) The Devil is eminently served in the worship of Idols And (2) the Spirits which they supposed did inhabit them were evil Spirits or Devils. (3) In and by them the Devil oftimes manifested himself to men, and gave 'em answers, and received their worship. ¶ [13] See on *Exod.*34.15.

8 ¶ And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the [14] strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt-offering or [15] sacrifice,

[14] Proselytes. ¶ [15] *Viz.* Of Peace-offering, *ch.*3.1.

9 And [3] bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 ¶ And whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of [16] blood; I will even [17] set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

[16] See on *ch.*7.26. *Viz.* At his own Table; (for as the former Laws were for the sanctifying the people in their holy things, so these that follow are for their civil conversation.) This was to keep 'em at a further distance from shedding man's blood. ¶ [17] *ch.*20.3. and 26.17. *Ezek.*14.8.&c. 1 *Pet.* 3.12.

11 For the [18] life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and [19] I have given it to you upon the altar, [20] to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the [21] blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

[18] *v.* 14. The life of all living creatures depends upon the blood; is preserved and nourish'd by it, and extinguish'd when that is gon. ¶ [19] *q. d.* I have set it apart for a better employment, and

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and therefore it must not be eaten. ¶ 20 To be the ransom for your life and souls; as a type of the blood of Christ, *Matth.* 26. 28. and 20. 28. *Heb.* 9. 12. and 10. 19. 1 *John* 1. 7. ¶ 21 *Viz.* Of the Sacrifice, sacramentally and typically; and of Christ, that makes atonement really, *Rom.* 3. 25. *Col.* 1. 20. *Heb.* 9. 12.

12 22 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you, eat blood.

22 *Viz.* That men might be kept in a due estimation of the blood of Christ. ‖

13 And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, †which 23 hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even 24 pour out the blood thereof, and 25 cover it with dust.

† Heb. *that hunteth any hunting.*

23 The same reason holds for tame beasts, *Deut.* 12. 21, 23. and 15. 22, 23. ¶ 24 1 *Sam.* 14. 32–34. ¶ 25 To shew, that some respect is to be had even to the life of Beasts; yet that no guilt was contracted by the killing of them: (for as the not covering of blood speaks punishment, so the covering of it speaks impunity.)

* Gen. 9. 4.

14 * For *it is* the life of all flesh, the blood of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh 26 *is* the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it, shall be cut off.

26 *i.e.* Is in the Blood, *v.* 11.

† Heb. *a carcase.*

15 And every soul that 27 eateth that which died *of it self*, or † that which was 28 torn *with beasts* (*whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger) he shall both 29 wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean.

27 *Viz.* Ignorantly. ¶ 28 *Exod.* 22. 31. See there. Not quite dead. 29 See on *ch.* 15. 5.

16 But if he wash *them* not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear 30 his iniquity.

30 The punishment of his disobedience.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Unlawful marriages,* 19 *Unlawful lusts.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I *am* the LORD 1 your God.

1 *Gen.* 17. 7. *Psal.* 33. 12. (who therefore have authority to command what I please, and whom you are bound absolutely to obey.)

3 After the doings of the land of 2 Egypt wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of 3 Canaan whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their 4 ordinances.

2 *Ezek.* 20. 7, 8. and 23. 8. ¶ 3 *Ch.* 20. 23. ¶ 4 *Eph.* 5. 8, 9. 1 *Pet.* 4. 2, 3.

4 Ye shall do my 5 judgments, and keep mine 5 ordinances to walk therein: I *am* the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments: *which if a man 6 do, he shall 7 live in them: I *am* the LORD.

* Ezek. 20. 11. Rom. 10. 5. Gal. 3. 12.

5 2 *King.* 17. 36–38. ¶ 6 *Viz.* sincerely: (since he cannot perfectly.) ¶ 7 *Ezek.* 20. 11, 13. *Luk.* 10. 28. *Rom.* 10. 5. *Gal.* 3. 12. be rewarded with Life, thro' the grace of God, and merit of Christ.

6 ¶ None of you shall 8 approach to any that is † near of kin to him, to 9 uncover their nakedness: I *am* the LORD.

† Heb. *remainder of his flesh.*

8 *V.* 14. *Gen.* 20. 4. *Ezek.* 18. 6. Contract Marriage with any akin unto thee in the following instances, and thereby have right to discover their nakedness; (for he speaks chiefly of Marriage all along; as appears by *v.* 17, 18.) And the obligation of these Laws is universal to all persons, and perpetual at all times; as appears, because the Heathen are condemned for the neglect thereof, *v.* 24–28. and *ch.* 20. 2–23. 1 *Cor.* 5. 1. ¶ 9 *Deut.* 22. 30. to know 'em carnally.

7 10 The nakedness of thy father, 11 or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not 10 uncover: she *is* thy mother, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

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10 That is, Thou shalt not marry thy own Mother. (The Consequent [*uncover*] put for the Antecedent [*marry*.] So *v.* 14, 16.) ¶ 11 That is.

8 * The nakedness of thy 12 fathers wife shalt thou not uncover: 13 it *is* thy fathers nakedness.

* Chap. 20. 11.

12 *Ch.* 20. 11. *Deut.* 22. 30. and 27. 20. *Am* 2. 7. thy Mother-in-law, or Step-mother, (as *Gen.* 35. 22.) A practice infamous among the Heathen, 1 *Cor.* 5. 1. ¶ 13 *Ch.* 20. 11. *i.e.* She is as near akin to thee as thy Father; whose nakedness thou mayest not uncover, *v.* 7.

9 The nakedness of thy 14 sister, the daughter of thy 15 father, or daughter of thy 15 mother, *whether she be* born at 16 home, or born 17 abroad, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

14 *Ch.* 20. 17. 2 *Sam.* 13. 12. *Ezek.* 22. 11. by both Parents. ¶ 15 Or whether she be thy Sister by either of thy Parents, *i.e.* thy half-sister. ¶ 16 *Viz.* Of thy Father by another Wife whom he has taken into his house. ¶ 17 Either, of thy Mother by another Husband in another House and Family, or of thy Father by some strange Woman.

10 The nakedness of thy 18 sons daughter, or of thy 18 daughters daughter, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs *is* 19 thine own nakedness.

18 Much more thy own Daughters: and so, tho' it be never so far off in a right line; and therefore if *Adam* were now alive, he might not marry any woman in the world. ¶ 19 The nakedness of one most neerly related to thee, as proceding from thy self; and so not to be uncovered by thee.

11 The nakedness of thy 20 fathers wives daughter, begotten of thy father, (she *is* thy sister) thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

20 The Daughter of thy Fathers Brother by his Wife, whom thy Father has now married by vertue of that Law, *Deut.* 25. 5. by which Marriage there was such a neer kindred contracted between the two Families, that the Son of the one could not marry the Daughter of the other.

12 * Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy 21 fathers sister: she *is* thy fathers near kinswoman.

* Chap. 20. 19.

21 *Ch.* 20. 19. thy own Aunt, by the Fathers side.

13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy 22 mothers sister: for she *is* thy mothers near kinswoman.

22 Thy own Aunt by the Mother's side.

14 * Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy 23 fathers brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she *is* thine 24 aunt.

* Chap. 20. 20.

23 *Ch.* 20. 20. *i.e.* of his Wife: the same Degrees that are forbidden in Consanguinity, are forbidden in Affinity. ¶ 24 *i.e.* As neerly related to thee as thy Unkle.

15 ¶ * Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy 25 daughter in law: she *is* thy 26 sons wife, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

* Chap. 20. 12.

25 *Ch.* 20. 12. *Gen.* 38. 18. *Ezek.* 22. 11. ¶ 26 And so as neerly related to thee as he is.

16 * Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy 27 brothers wife: it *is* thy 28 brothers nakedness.

* Chap. 20. 21.

27 *Ch.* 20. 21. *Matth.* 14. 4. except in that case (*Deut.* 25. 5.) And it holds equally against a man's marrying his Wife's Sister, or a Womans marrying her Husbands Brother. ¶ 28 *q.d.* She is as neerly related to thee as thy Brother; and therefore thou shalt not marry her.

17 Thou shalt not 29 uncover the nakedness of a 29 woman and her 29 daughter, neither shalt thou 30 take her sons daughter, or her daughters daughter, to uncover her nakedness, *for* they *are* her near kinswomen: it *is* 31 wickedness.

29 Marry them either together, or one after another. ¶ 30 *Viz.* to Wife. ¶ 31 *Ch.* 20. 14. a high degree of wickedness.

18 Neither shalt thou take ‖ a wife to 32 her sister, 33 to vex *her*, to uncover her nakedness besides the other in her life-*time*.

‖ Or, one wife to another.

32 *i.e.* To any other Woman. ¶ 33 1 *Sam.* 1. 6. *Gen.* 4. 19; 23.

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23. and 30.15. *viz.* purposely for that end; (for it seems not to be so much the thing it self, as the end and design of doing it, which is here condemned.)

* Chap.20. 18. 19 * Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is [34] put apart for her uncleanness.

[34] *Ch.*15.19,24. and 20. 18. *Ezek.* 22. 10.

20 Moreover, thou shalt not [35] lie carnally with thy neighbors wife, to defile thy self with her.

[35] *Ch.*19,20. and 20. 10. *Exod.* 20. 14.

* Chap.20.2. 2 King.23. 10. * Called Acts 7.43. *Moloch.* 21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed * [36] pass through *the fire* to * [37] Molech, neither shalt thou [38] profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

[36] *Ch.*20.2. *Deut.*18.10. 2 *King.*16. 3. and 23.10. 2 *Chron.* 33.6. *Jer.*32.35. sometimes they were burnt to death by way of Sacrifice (2 *King.*3.27. 2 *Chron.*28.3. *Jer.*7. 31. and 19. 5. *Psal.*106.37,38. *Isa.*57.5.) Sometimes they pass'd only between two fires for a sign of Consecration or Purgation. And it was a piece of Witchcraft to preserve 'em from a violent Death. This was spiritual whoredom. (*ch.*20.5.) and therefore here forbidden among the sorts of Whoredom and Incest. ¶ [37] An Idol or Star (*Am.* 5. 26.) or multitude of Stars, *Act.*7.42. *Jer.* 8.2. ¶ [38] *Ch.* 22. 32. *Rom.*2. 24. Dishonour it by departing from God to serve such an Idol in such an abominable manner.

22 Thou shalt not lie with [39] mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

[39] *Ch.*20.13. *Gen.*19.5. 1 *King.*14.24. *Rom.*1.27. 1 *Cor.* 6. 9,10. 1 *Tim.*1.10. *Jude* 7.

* Chap.20.15. 23 * Neither shalt thou lie with any [40] beast to defile thy self therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* [41] confusion.

[40] *Ch.*20.15,16. ¶ [41] A horrid confounding and disturbing the order of nature, and a monstrous confusion of all modesty and honesty.

24 Defile not you your selves in any of these things: for in all these the [42] nations are defiled which I cast out before you.

[42] (And therefore these Laws did not only oblige the Jews, but all other Nations; and the sins here forbidden were such as were against the law and light of nature.)

25 And the land is defiled: therefore [43] I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land it self [44] vomiteth out her inhabitants.

[43] *Isa.*26.21. I am now about to punish it for these iniquities. ¶ [44] *Ch.*20.22. *Jer.*9.19. *Ezek.* 36.13.

26 Ye shall therefore [45] keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations: *neither* any of your own nation, nor any [46] stranger that sojourneth among you:

[45] *Ch.*20.22. ¶ [46] Who was to be restrained by the Magistrate from the public contempt and violation of these Laws.

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which *were* before you, and the land is defiled)

28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that *were* before you.

29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit *them*, shall be [47] cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall ye [48] keep mine ordinance, that *ye* commit not *any one* of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not your selves therein: I *am* the LORD your God.

[47] *Ch.*20.7. and 17.4. *Gen.*17.14. by Death inflicted by the Magistrate: or, in his neglect, by God himself. ¶ [48] *Num.*3.7.

CHAP. XIX.

A repetition of sundry laws.

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AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, And say unto them, * Ye shall be [1] holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy. * Chap. 11.44. & 20.7. 1 Pet.1. 16.

[1] *Ch.*11.44. and 20.7,26. 1 *Pet.*1.15,16. separated from all the forementioned defilements, and intirely consecrated to my service.

3 ¶ Ye shall [2] fear every man his [3] mother and his [4] father, [2] and keep my [5] sabbaths: [6] I *am* the LORD your God.

[2] *Exod.*20.12. *Prov.*1. 8. *q. d.* Inferiors must have such an awful respect to their Superiors, as willingly to be guided by them in the sanctification of the Sabbath. ¶ [3] She is first mentioned, because most apt to be despised. ¶ [4] All Superiors. ¶ [5] *Exod.*31.13. both the seventh day, and all other days of holy rest. ¶ [6] See on *ch.*18.2.

4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to your selves [7] molten gods: I *am* the LORD your God.

[7] *Exod.*20.21. and 32.8,31. and 34.17. *Deut.*27. 15. *Hab.* 2.18.

5 ¶ And if ye offer a sacrifice of [8] peace-offerings unto the LORD; ye shall offer it, at your own will.

6 It shall be eaten the [9] same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

[8] See on *ch.*3.1. ¶ [9] See on *ch.* 7. 16,18.

7 And [9] if it be eaten at all on the third day, it *is* abominable; it shall not be accepted.

8 Therefore *every one* that eateth it, shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 ¶ * And when ye [10] reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. * Chap.23.22.

[10] *Ch.*23.22. *Deut.*24.19. *Ruth* 2. 15,16.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather [11] *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and [12] stranger: I [13] *am* the LORD your God.

[11] *Deut.*24.19,20. ¶ [12] Chiefly the Proselyte. ¶ [13] *Deut.* 24.22. Who have made you my Stewards to dispose of these things according to my direction.

11 ¶ Ye shall not [14] steal, neither [15] deal falsly, neither [16] lie one to another.

[14] *Ch.*6.2. *Exod.* 20. 15. and 22.1,7, 10. ¶ [15] *Act.* 5. 3. ¶ [16] Upon no occasion whatsoever; and particularly, not thereby to defraud another.

12 ¶ And ye shall not [17] swear by my name [18] falsly, nether shalt thou [19] profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

[17] *Ch.*6.3. *Exod.*20.7. *Deut.*5.11. *Matth.*5.34. *Jam.* 5. 12. ¶ [18] *Jer.* 4.2. ¶ [19] By rash, vain, unadvised, needless, false Oaths; or any other abuse of my Name, by using it in common discourse, whereby it should come into contempt.

13 ¶ * Thou shalt not [20] defraud thy neighbor, neither rob *him*: * the [21] wages of him that is hired, shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. * Eccl.10.6. * Deut.24.14, 15. Tobit.4.14.

[20] *Luke* 3.14. 1 *Thess.*4.6. *Ezek.*22.29. *Jer.*22.3. *Isa.*3.14. *Eccles.*4.1. *Psal.* 62. 10. ¶ [21] *Deut.* 24. 14, 15. *Jer.* 22. 13. *Mal.*3.5. *Jam.* 5.4.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not curse the [22] deaf, * nor put a [23] stumbling-block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD. * Deut.27. 18.

[22] Or any other (*Rom.* 12.-14.) Hereby is forbidden all other injuries done to such as are unable to right or defend themselves. ¶ [23] *Deut.* 27. 18. much more any occasion of sin, *Rom.*14.13. and 16.17. 1 *Cor.*8. 9-13. *Rev.* 2. 14.

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15 ¶ Ye shall do no [24] unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not * [25] respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

* Exod.23.3. Deut.1.17. and 16.19. Prov.24.23. James 2.9.

[24] *v.*35. *Deut.*25.16. *Psal.*82.2. ¶ [25] *Exod.*23.3. See on *Rom.*2.11. Not regard the qualification or condition of men's persons, but the merits of the cause.

16 ¶ Thou shalt not go up and down *as a* [26] tale-bearer among thy people; neither shalt thou [27] stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I *am* the LORD.

[26] *Exod.*23.1. *Prov.*11.13. and 20.19. *Jer.*6.28. and 9.4. *Ezek.*22.9. 2 *Tim.*3.3. 1 *Tim.* 3.11. ¶ [27] Do any thing against his life; particularly, not appear as a false accuser or witness in Courts of Justice.

* 1 Joh. 2.11. * Eccl. 19.13. Matth. 18.15. ‖ Or, *that thou bear not sin for him.*

17 ¶ * Thou shalt not [28] hate thy brother in thine heart: * thou shalt in any wise [29] rebuke thy neighbour, ‖ and not suffer sin upon him.

[28] 1 *John* 3.15. *Viz.* For any offence against thee ¶ [29] *Mat.* 18.15. *Eph.*5.11. *Luke* 17.3. *Psal.*141.5. *Prov.*3.12. and 9.8. and 19.25. and 24.25.

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23. and 30.15. *viz.* purposely for that end; (for it seems not to be so much the thing it self, as the end and design of doing it, which is here condemned.)

* Chap.20. 18. 19 * Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is [34] put apart for her uncleanness.

[34] *Ch.*15.19,24. and 20. 18. *Ezek.* 22. 10.

20 Moreover, thou shalt not [35] lie carnally with thy neighbors wife, to defile thy self with her.

[35] *Ch.*19,20. and 20. 10. *Exod.* 20. 14.

* Chap.20.2. 2 King.23. 10. * Called Acts 7.43. *Moloch.* 21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed * [36] pass through *the fire* to * [37] Molech, neither shalt thou [38] profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

[36] *Ch.*20.2. *Deut.*18.10. 2 *King.*16. 3. and 23.10. 2 *Chron.* 33.6. *Jer.*32.35. sometimes they were burnt to death by way of Sacrifice (2 *King.*3.27. 2 *Chron.*28.3. *Jer.*7. 31. and 19. 5. *Psal.*106.37,38. *Isa.*57.5.) Sometimes they pass'd only between two fires for a sign of Consecration or Purgation. And it was a piece of Witchcraft to preserve 'em from a violent Death. This was spiritual whoredom. (*ch.*20.5.) and therefore here forbidden among the sorts of Whoredom and Incest. ¶ [37] An Idol or Star (*Am.* 5. 26.) or multitude of Stars, *Act.*7.42. *Jer.* 8.2. ¶ [38] *Ch.* 22. 32. *Rom.*2. 24. Dishonour it by departing from God to serve such an Idol in such an abominable manner.

22 Thou shalt not lie with [39] mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

[39] *Ch.*20.13. *Gen.*19.5. 1 *King.*14.24. *Rom.*1.27. 1 *Cor.* 6. 9,10. 1 *Tim.*1.10. *Jude* 7.

* Chap.20.15. 23 * Neither shalt thou lie with any [40] beast to defile thy self therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* [41] confusion.

[40] *Ch.*20. 15,16. ¶ [41] A horrid confounding and disturbing the order of nature, and a monstrous confusion of all modesty and honesty.

24 Defile not you your selves in any of these things: for in all these the [42] nations are defiled which I cast out before you.

[42] (And therefore these Laws did not only oblige the Jews, but all other Nations; and the sins here forbidden were such as were against the law and light of nature.)

25 And the land is defiled: therefore [43] I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land it self [44] vomiteth out her inhabitants.

[43] *Isa.*26.21. I am now about to punish it for these iniquities. ¶ [44] *Ch.*20.-22. *Jer.*9.-19. *Ezek.* 36.13.

26 Ye shall therefore [45] keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations: *neither* any of your own nation, nor any [46] stranger that sojourneth among you:

[45] *Ch.*20.22. ¶ [46] Who was to be restrained by the Magistrate from the public contempt and violation of these Laws.

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which *were* before you, and the land is defiled)

28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that *were* before you.

29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit *them*, shall be [47] cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall ye [48] keep mine ordinance, that *ye* commit not *any one* of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not your selves therein: I *am* the LORD your God.

[47] *Ch.*20.7. and 17.4. *Gen.*17.14. by Death inflicted by the Magistrate: or, in his neglect, by God himself. ¶ [48] *Num.*3.7.

CHAP. XIX.

A repetition of sundry laws.

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AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, And say unto them, * Ye shall be [1] holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy. * Chap. 11.44. & 20.7. 1 Pet. 1. 16.

[1] *Ch.*11.44. and 20.7,26. 1 *Pet.*1.15,16. separated from all the forementioned defilements, and intirely consecrated to my service.

3 ¶ Ye shall [2] fear every man his [3] mother and his [4] father, [2] and keep my [5] sabbaths: [6] I *am* the LORD your God.

[2] *Exod.*20.12. *Prov.*1. 8. *q. d.* Inferiors must have such an awful respect to their Superiors, as willingly to be guided by them in the sanctification of the Sabbath. ¶ [3] She is first mentioned, because most apt to be despised. ¶ [4] All Superiors. ¶ [5] *Exod.*31.13. both the seventh day, and all other days of holy rest. ¶ [6] See on *ch.*18.2.

4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to your selves [7] molten gods: I *am* the LORD your God.

[7] *Exod.*20.21. and 32.8,31. and 34.17. *Deut.*27. 15. *Hab.* 2.18.

5 ¶ And if ye offer a sacrifice of [8] peace-offerings unto the LORD; ye shall offer it, at your own will.

6 It shall be eaten the [9] same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

[8] See on *ch.*3.1. ¶ [9] See on *ch.* 7. 16,18.

7 And [9] if it be eaten at all on the third day, it *is* abominable; it shall not be accepted.

8 Therefore *every one* that eateth it, shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 ¶ * And when ye [10] reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. * Chap.23.22.

[10] *Ch.*23.22. *Deut.*24.19. *Ruth* 2. 15,16.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather [11] *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and [12] stranger: I [13] *am* the LORD your God.

[11] *Deut.*24.19,20. ¶ [12] Chiefly the Proselyte. ¶ [13] *Deut.* 24.22. Who have made you my Stewards to dispose of these things according to my direction.

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[14] *Ch.*6.2. *Exod.* 20. 15. and 22.1,7, 10. ¶ [15] *Act.* 5. 3. ¶ [16] Upon no occasion whatsoever; and particularly, not thereby to defraud another.

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[17] *Ch.*6.3. *Exod.*20.7. *Deut.*5.11. *Matth.*5.34. *Jam.* 5. 12. ¶ [18] *Jer.* 4.2. ¶ [19] By rash, vain, unadvised, needless, false Oaths; or any other abuse of my Name, by using it in common discourse, whereby it should come into contempt.

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1 *Of giving ſeed to Molech:* 6 *Of wizards:* 9 *Of curſing parents.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,
2 Again, thou ſhalt ſay to the children of Iſrael, Whoſoever *he be* of the children of Iſrael, or of the [1] ſtrangers that ſojourn in Iſrael, that giveth *any* of his ſeed unto [2] Molech, he ſhall ſurely be put to death; the people of the land ſhall [3] ſtone him with ſtones.

[1] Any foreigner, whether he be convert or no; becauſe the law is moral. ¶ [2] See on *ch.* 18.21. ¶ [3] *Deut.*17.6,7.

3 And I will [4] ſet my face againſt that man, and will cut him off from among his people: becauſe he hath given of his ſeed unto Molech, to [5] defile my ſanctuary, and to [6] profane my holy name.

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4 And if the people of the land do any ways [7] hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his ſeed unto Molech, and kill him not:

[7] Neglect to puniſh, *Acts* 17.30.

5 Then I will ſet my face againſt that man, and againſt his [8] family, and will [9] cut him off, and all that go [10] a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

[8] *Exod.*20.5. Such of his poſterity or kindred as are guilty of the ſame ſin. ¶ [9] *Jer.*32.28,29,32,34,35,36. ¶ [10] See on *Exod.*34.15.

6 ¶ And the ſoul that turneth after ſuch as [11] have familiar ſpirits, and after [11] wizards, to [12] go a whoring after them, I will even [4] ſet my face againſt that ſoul, and will cut him off from among his people.

[11] See on *ch.*19.31. ¶ [12] Seek for counſel and help from them; which is idolatry.

7 ¶ [13] Sanctifie your ſelves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.

[13] *Ch.*19.2. and 11.44. 1 *Pet.* 1.16.

8 And ye ſhall keep my ſtatutes, and do them: I *am* the LORD which [14] ſanctifie you.

[14] Separate you from the reſt of the world, and endue you with my Spirit and Grace to make you holy.

* Exod.21.17. Prov. 20.20. Matth.15.4. 9 ¶ * For every one that [15] curſeth his father or his mother, ſhall be ſurely put to death: he hath curſed his father or his mother; [16] his blood *ſhall be* upon him.

[15] *Exod.*21.17. *Deut.*27.16. *Prov.*20.20. *Matth.* 15.4. Reviles or reproaches any way. ¶ [16] *Joſh.* 2.19. *Judg.* 9.24. 2 *Sam.* 1.16. *Ezek.* 3.-18. *Matth.* 27.25. The guilt of his blood or death ſhall lye upon himſelf.

* Deut.22.22. John 8.4, 5. 10 ¶ And * the man that committeth adultery with *another* mans wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbours wife, the adulterer and the adulteress ſhall ſurely be [17] put to death.

[17] *Deut.* 22.22. Ston'd, *John* 8.4, 5.

* Chap. 18.8. 11 * And the man that lieth with his [18] fathers wife, hath uncovered his fathers nakedneſs: both of them ſhall ſurely be [19] put to death; their blood *ſhall be* upon them.

[18] *Ch.* 18.8. ¶ [19] Ston'd, as *v.* 10.

12 And if a man lie with his [20] daughter in law, both of them ſhall ſurely be put to death: they have wrought [21] confuſion; their blood *ſhall be* upon them.

[20] *Ch.* 18.15. *Deut.*27.23. ¶ [21] (1) By perverting the order which God has appointed. (2) Mixing the blood which God would have ſeparated. (3) Making the ſame off-ſpring both his immediate child, and his grandchild.

* Chap.18.22. 13 * If a man alſo lie with [22] mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they ſhall ſurely be put to death; their blood *ſhall be* upon them.

14 And if a man take a [23] wife and [23] her mother, it *is* [23] wickedneſs: they ſhall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedneſs among you.

[22] *Ch.* 18.22. ¶ [23] *ch.* 18.17. See there.

15 And if a man lie with a [24] beaſt, he ſhall ſurely be [25] put to death: and ye ſhall ſlay the beaſt.

[24] *Ch.*18.23. ¶ [25] To take away the remembrance of ſo heinous a ſin, and to deter all others from the like abomination.

16 And if a woman [26] approach unto any beaſt, and lie down thereto, thou ſhalt kill the woman and the beaſt: they ſhall ſurely be put to death; their blood *ſhall be* upon them.

17 And if a man ſhall take his [27] ſiſter, his fathers daughter, or his mothers daughter, and ſee her nakedneſs, and ſhe ſee his nakedneſs; it *is* a [28] wicked thing; and they ſhall be cut off in the ſight of their people: he hath uncovered his ſiſters nakedneſs, he ſhall bear his iniquity.

[26] *Ch.*18.-23. ¶ [27] *Ch.*18.9. *Deut.*27.22. ¶ [28] 2 *Sam.* 13.-12.

18 And if a man ſhall lie with a woman having her [29] ſickneſs, and ſhall uncover her nakedneſs; he hath † diſcovered [30] her fountain, and ſhe hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them ſhall be [31] cut off from among their people.

† Heb. *made naked.*

[29] *Ch.*18.19. ¶ [30] The iſſue of her blood, *Mark* 5.29. with *Luke* 8.44. (The fountain put for the ſtream; the cauſe for the effect; which is common.) ¶ [31] *Viz.* By the hand of God for preſumptuous doing againſt this law: or if it were known, ſhe was beaten by the Magiſtrate.

19 And thou ſhalt not uncover the nakedneſs of thy [32] mothers ſiſter, nor of thy [32] fathers ſiſter: for he uncovereth his near kin: they ſhall bear their iniquity.

20 And if a man ſhall lie with his [33] uncles wife, he hath uncovered his uncles nakedneſs: they ſhall bear their ſin, they ſhall die [34] childleſs.

[32] *Ch.*18.12,13. ¶ [33] *ch.*18.14. ¶ [34] Either they ſhall have no children, or their children ſhall die before 'em.

21 And if a man ſhall take his [35] brothers wife, it *is* † an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brothers nakedneſs, they ſhall be childleſs.

[35] See on *ch.* 18.16. † Heb. *a ſeparation.*

22 ¶ Ye ſhall therefore keep all my * ſtatutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land whether I bring you to dwell therein, [36] ſpue you not out.

* Chap.18.26. [36] *ch.* 18.25-28.

23 And ye ſhall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I caſt out before you: for they committed all theſe things, and * therefore I [37] abhorred them.

* Deut.9.5. [37] *Pſal.* 95.10.

24 But I have ſaid unto you, Ye ſhall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to poſſeſs it, a land that floweth with [38] milk and hony: I *am* the LORD your God, which have [39] ſeparated you from *other* people.

[38] See on *Exod.* 3.-8. ¶ [39] 1 *Kings* 8.53. *Exod.* 19.5. *Deut.*7.6. Taken you to be my own peculiar people, to know, love, and ſerve me, *v.*26.

25 Ye ſhall therefore put difference between [40] clean beaſts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye ſhall [41] not make your ſouls abominable by beaſt or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that ‖ creepeth on the ground, which I have ſeparated from you as unclean.

‖ Or, *moveth.*

[40] *Ch.*11.2. *Deut.*14.4. (but now *Rom.*14.14.) ¶ [41] *ch.*11.43. [42] See on *ch.* 19.2.

26 And ye ſhall be [42] holy unto me: * for I the LORD *am* holy, and have [43] ſevered you from *other* people, that ye ſhould be mine.

* Verſ.7. Chap.19.2. 1 Pet.1.16. [43] *Tit.* 2.14.

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27 ¶ * A man also or woman that [44] hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood *shall be* upon them.

* Deut.8. 11. 1 Sam.28. 7.

[44] See on *ch.* 19.31.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Of the priests mourning,* 7 *and marriages.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, Speak unto the [1] priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none be [2] defiled for the dead among his people.

[1] The inferior Priests: (for there was a particular law for the High-priest.) ¶ [2] *Numb.*19.14,16. *Ezek.*44.25. *&c.* that they might not be hindred from the exercise of their Function; and to teach 'em, that a greater degree of holiness is required in them than in others.

2 But for [3] his kin, that is [4] near unto him, *that is* for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

[3] *Ch.*18.6. *viz.* Those after mentioned. ¶ [4] *Viz.* in habitation, being still members of the same Family, and so a greater kindness supposed to be between them.

3 And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband: for her [5] may he be defiled.

[5] 'Tis his duty to bury, and mourn for such near kindred.

‖ Or, *being an husband among his people he shall not defile himself* for his wife, &c.

4 *But* ‖ he shall not defile himself, [6] *being* a chief man among his people, to [7] profane himself.

[6] Since he is one in a more eminent station than any of the people. ¶ [7] Make himself as a common person and unclean; and so unfit to execute his office.

[8] See on *ch.*19. 27,28.

5 They shall not [8] make baldness upon their head, neither shall they [8] shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any [8] cuttings in their flesh.

6 They shall be [9] holy unto their God, and not [10] profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the [11] bread [12] of their God they do offer: therefore they shall be holy.

[9] Always in readiness and fitness for their service. ¶ [10] See on *ch.*18.-21. disparage the service of God by making it give way to such slight occasions. ¶ [11] *V.* 8. All other Offerings besides Burnt-offerings (which were the Priests food.) ¶ [12] Appointed by him, offered to him, and given by him to the Priests.

7 They shall not take a wife *that is* a whore, or [13] profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he *is* holy unto his God.

[13] Whose chastity is violated, tho she did not prostitute her self as a common Whore. A Minister should have none in his Family of an ill fame.

8 [14] Thou shalt sanctifie him therefore, for he offereth the [11] bread of thy [12] God: he shall [15] be holy unto thee: for I the LORD which sanctifie you, *am* holy.

[14] Thou *Moses* shalt command him to be thus sanctified. ¶ [15] Carry himself so as to give no occasion for any one to esteem him otherwise, *Tit.*2.-15.

9 ¶ And the daughter of any priest, if she profane her self by playing the whore, she [16] profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

[16] Exposes his Person and Office to contempt.

10 And *he that is* the [17] high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anoynting oyl was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall [18] not uncover his head, nor rent his clothes:

[17] Who, because he was a more eminent type of Christ, was to have a special care of his sanctity. ¶ [18] See on *ch.*10. 6. not put off his Mitre, to put on a mourning habit, but continue in the exercise of his Office.

[19] *Num.*19. 14.

11 Neither shall he [19] go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or for his mother.

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12 Neither shall he [20] go out of the sanctuary, nor [10] profane the sanctuary of his God; for [21] the crown of the anointing oyl of his God *is* upon him: I *am* the LORD.

[20] *Viz.* To attend the Funerals of any person, during the time of his ministration there. ¶ [21] The anointing oyl; which to him is instead of a Crown, by which he was advanc'd higher than the rest of his brethren, and above all the people.

13 And he shall take a wife in her [22] virginity.

[22] To shew, that the Church, the Spouse of Christ, is to be holy, chaste, and pure, 2 *Cor.*11.2, *Rev.*14. 4.

14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, *or* an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of [23] his own people to wife.

[23] Of some of the Tribes of *Israel*, *Ezek.*44. 22.

15 Neither shall he [24] profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do [25] sanctifie him.

[24] Render his Sons unfit for the Priestly Office, by marrying any here forbidden. ¶ [25] *V.*-23. have separated him from all other sorts of men for my immediate service, and therefore will not have that race corrupted.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in [26] their generations, that hath *any* [27] blemish, let him not approach to offer the ‖ [11] bread [12] of his God.

‖ Or, *food.*

[26] In all succeeding ages. ¶ [27] Because they were types of Christ, who was holy; and to teach all Christians, especially Ministers; what purity and perfection of heart and life they should labor after; and that notorious blemishes in the mind or conversation render a man unfit for the Ministry of the Gospel.

18 For whatsoever man *he be* that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: [28] a blind man, or a [29] lame, or he that hath a [30] flat nose, or any thing [31] superfluous,

[28] *Ch.*22.22. *Isa.*56. 10. in whole or in part. ¶ [29] *Gal.* 2. 14. 1 *King.* 18. 18. that has any imperfection in his gate or feet. ¶ [30] *Matth.*16.-23. ¶ [31] *Ch.*22. 23.

19 Or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed,

20 Or crook-backt, or a ‖ [32] dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken:

‖ Or, *too slender.*

21 No man that hath [33] a blemish, of the seed of Aaron the priest, shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire, he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.

[32] 1 *Tim.*3.3. ¶ [33] 1 *Tim.*3.2. *Heb.* 9.14. any other notorious blemish besides these named.

22 He shall [34] eat the bread of his God, *both* of the most holy, and of the holy.

[34] Which a Priest having any uncleanness upon him might not do; to shew the difference between natural infirmities sent by God, and moral defilements contracted by himself. Involuntary weaknesses debar not from benefit by Christ.

23 Only he shall not go in unto the [35] vail, nor come nigh unto the [36] altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD [37] do sanctifie them.

[35] *Ezek.*44. 11–14. into that part of the Sanctuary, where the second vail was, *viz.* to dress the Lamps, order the Shew-bread, *&c.* ¶ [36] *Viz.* Of Burnt-offering, *i.e.* he shall execute no part of the Priests Office. ¶ [37] *V.*-15. Do set 'em apart for high and holy uses, to manifest my presence and grace, and to receive my worship and service in them, and therefore will not have 'em polluted, or disparaged by the admission of defiled or deformed Priests to minister therein.

24 And Moses told *it* unto Aaron, and to his sons, and [38] unto all the children of Israel.

[38] Because as it concerns the Priests to take heed that they sin'd not in their ministration, so the people were to look that no disallowable person served in the Sanctuary.

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CHAP. XXII.

The priests when to abstain from holy things.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, that they [1] separate themselves [2] from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they [3] profane not my holy name, *in those things* which [4] they [5] hallow unto me: I *am* the LORD.

[1] *Ch.*15.31. *viz.* when any uncleanness is upon them, *v.*3. *&c.* ¶ [2] From eating those parts of the Offerings which belong to them (yet they might eat the tithes.) ¶ [3] *V.* 15, 32. *ch.*18.21. *viz.* by eating the holy things while they are unclean. ¶ [4] The children of *Israel*, *v.* 3. ¶ [5] *Exod.* 13.2. *Deut.*15.19.

3 Say unto them, Whosoever *he be* of all your seed, among your generations, that goeth unto the [6] holy things which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his [7] uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I *am* the LORD.

[6] To eat of or touch the Sacrifices, first-fruits, heave-offerings, *&c.* ¶ [7] *ch.*7.20.

4 [8] What man soever of the seed of Aaron *is* a leper, or hath * a † [9] running issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth any thing *that is* unclean [10] *by* the dead, or a man whose [11] seed goeth from him:

* Chap.15.2. †Heb. *running of the reins.*

[8] Or woman of the Daughters of *Aaron*, *v.*13. *Numb.* 18.11,19. ¶ [9] *ch.*15.2. ¶ [10] *Numb.*19.11,14. ¶ [11] *ch.*15.16.

5 Or whosoever toucheth any [12] creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may [13] take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath:

[12] *Viz.* that is dead: *ch.* 11, 24, 31. ¶ [13] *ch.* 13.45. and 15. 5. *&c.*

6 The soul which hath touched any such, shall be unclean [14] until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he [15] wash his flesh with water.

[14] Till the end of that day, and beginning of a new. See on *ch.*11.24. ¶ [15] See on *ch.*11.25.

7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things, because it *is* his food.

8 * That which [16] dieth of it self, or is [16] torn *with beasts*, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith: I *am* the LORD.

* Exod.22.31. Ezek.44. 31.

[16] *Ch.* 17. 15. *Exod.*22.31. *Ezek.* 44. 31.

9 They shall therefore keep mine [17] ordinance, lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the LORD do sanctifie them.

[17] That great ordinance whereby I have made 'em the Guardians of holy places and things, to keep 'em from all defilement, by themselves or others.

10 There shall no [18] stranger eat *of* the [19] holy thing: a sojourner of the priest, or an hired servant shall not eat *of* the holy thing.

[18] That is not of the priestly Family, *v.*12. 1 *Sam.*21.6. *Matth.*12.4. ¶ [19] Those parts of the Offerings which fell to the Priests share, as the Breast and Shoulder.

11 But if the priest [20] buy *any* soul † with his mony, he shall [21] eat of it, and he that [20] is born in his house: they shall eat of his meat.

† Heb. *with the purchase of his mony.*

[20] Because they were wholly his. ¶ [21] *Numb.*18.11. *Eph.* 2.11–13.

12 If the priests daughter also be *married* unto † a [18] stranger, she may [22] not eat of an offering of the holy things.

† Heb. *a man a stranger.*

[22] Because the Wife passes into the state and condition of her Husband.

13 But if the priests daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her fathers house, * as in her youth, she shall eat of her fathers meat; but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

* Chap.10.14.

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14 ¶ And if a man eat *of* the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the [23] fifth *part* thereof unto it, and shall give *it* unto the priest, [24] with the holy thing.

[23] *Ch.* 5.16. ¶ [24] *i. e.* with the value of it.

15 And [25] they shall [26] not profane the holy things of the children of Israel which they offer unto the LORD.

[25] Neither Priests nor People. ¶ [26] Either by eating 'em being unclean, (*v.*3.) or suffering the people to eat 'em, *v.*10.

16 [27] Or ‖ suffer them to bear the iniquity of trespass, when they eat their holy things: for I the LORD do sanctifie them.

‖ Or, *lade themselves with the iniquity of trespass in their eating.*

[27] *i.e.* The Priests shall not suffer the people to incur any guilt in these respects.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whatsoever *he be* of the house of Israel, or of the [28] strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his [29] vows, and for all his [29] free-will-offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt-offering.

[28] Proselytes, or converted Gentiles. ¶ [29] *ch.*7. 16.

19 *Ye shall offer* [30] at your own will a male [31] without blemish of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the [32] goats.

[30] What and when you please. ¶ [31] *ch.* 1. 3. and 4.–32. *Mal.*1.14. *Heb.*9.14. 1 *Pet.*1.19. ¶ [32] *ch.*1. 14.

20 * *But* whatsoever hath a blemish, *that* shall ye not offer: for it shall [33] not be acceptable for you.

* Deut.15. 21. & 17.1.

[33] *Mal.*1.8,13,14. *Deut.*17.–1. and 15.21.

21 And whosoever offereth a [34] sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, to [35] accomplish *his* vow, or a free-will-offering in beeves, or ‖ sheep, it shall be perfect, to be accepted: there shall be [36] no blemish therein.

‖ Or, *goats.*

[34] *Ch.*3.1. ¶ [35] *Numb.*15. 3,8. ¶ [36] *Exod.* 12. 5.

22 [37] Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.

[37] *Ch.*21. 18. in whole or part.

23 Either a bullock, or a ‖ lamb that hath any thing * [38] superfluous or [39] lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer *for* a [40] free-will-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

‖ Or, *kid.* * Chap.21. 18.

[38] *Ch.*21.–18. bigger than the ordinary proportions of nature. ¶ [39] In the length or bigness. ¶ [40] See on *ch.*7.16.

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall you make *any* offering *thereof* in your land.

25 Neither from a [41] strangers hand shall ye offer the [42] bread of your God of [43] any of these, because [44] their corruption is in them, *and* blemishes *be* in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

[41] *Ezr.* 6.8–10. much less from *Israelites.* ¶ [42] Any Offering or Sacrifice. See on *ch.*21.–6. ¶ [43] So corrupted or defective. ¶ [44] They are vicious and unlawful Sacrifices.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
27 When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat is brought forth, then it shall be [45] seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth, it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

[45] See on *Exod.* 22.30.

28 And *whether it be* cow or ‖ ewe, ye shall not kill [46] it * and [46] her young both in one day.

‖ Or, *she-goat.* * Deut.22.6.

[46] *Deut.*22.6. to teach 'em mercy, and restrain 'em from cruelty.

29 And when ye will offer a sacrifice [47] of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer *it* [30] at your own will.

[47] *ch.* 7.12.

30 On

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30 On the same day it shall be eaten up, ye shall leave * none of it [48] until the morrow: I *am* the LORD.

* Chap. 7. 15.

31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.

[48] See on *ch.* 7. 18.

32 Neither shall ye [49] profane my holy name, but * I will be [50] hallowed among the children of Israel: I *am* the LORD which [51] hallow you,

* Chap. 10. 3.

[49] *Ch.* 18.-21. By the wilful and presumptuous breach of any of my laws, and thereby cause it to be blasphemed. ¶ [50] *Ch.* 10. 3. Acknowledged and declared to be that God who punishes transgressors, and rewards well-doers. ¶ [51] Give you holy laws to live by, and the grace you have to live according to those laws.

33 That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Of sundry feasts.* 26 *The day of atonement.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall [1] proclaim *to be* [2] holy convocations, *even* these *are* my feasts.

[1] *Numb.* 10. 8, 9. ¶ [2] Times to meet together for my worship.

3 [3] Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day *is* the [4] sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do [5] no work *therein*: it *is* the sabbath [6] of the LORD [7] in all your dwellings.

[3] *Ch.* 19. 3. *Exod.* 20. 9. and 23. 12. and 31. 13. and 34. 21. *Deut.* 5. 13. *Luke* 13. 14. ¶ [4] *Exod.* 16. 23. *Isa.* 58. 13. The weekly sabbaths are the first of God's solemn Feasts. ¶ [5] *Viz.* Appertaining to your worldly businesses and employments. ¶ [6] To his honour and service. See on *Exod.* 20. 10. ¶ [7] Not only to be observed at the Sanctuary, (as other Festivals are, *Exod.* 23. &c.) but wherever you dwell, *Acts* 15. 21.

4 ¶ These *are* the feasts [6] of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

* Exod. 12. 18. Numb. 28. 16.

5 * In the fourteenth *day* of the [8] first month [9] at even, *is* the LORDs [9] passover.

[8] *Exod.* 12. 2. and 13. 3, 4. and 23. 15. and 34. 18. *Numb.* 9. 2. and 28. 16. *Deut.* 16. 1. ¶ [9] In the afternoon, is the time of killing the Passover. See on *Exod.* 12. 6.

6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month, *is* the feast of [10] unleavened bread unto the LORD: [11] seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

[10] *Exod.* 12. 15. and 13. 6. *Numb.* 28. 17. Immediately following the passover. ¶ [11] To teach us holiness of life all our days, 1 *Cor.* 5. 8. (Seven is a number of perfection.)

7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do [5] no servile work therein.

8 But ye shall offer an [12] offering made by fire unto the LORD [13] seven days: in the seventh day *is* an holy convocation, ye shall do no servile work *therein.*

[12] *Ch.* 1. 9. *Numb.* 28. 19. ¶ [13] *Numb.* 28. 24. and 29. 17. &c.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall [14] reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall [16] bring a ‖ † [17] sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest:

‖ Or, *handful.* † Heb. *omer.*

[14] *Exod.* 23. 16. *Numb.* 28. 26. Are ready to reap your barley harvest. ¶ [16] *Viz.* At the public charge of the Church, *ch.* 24.-8. ¶ [17] Whereby the whole harvest was sanctified unto them. *Prov.* 3. 9, 10. *Ezek.* 44. 30. *Rom.* 11. 16.

11 And he shall [18] wave the sheaf before the LORD, [19] to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the [20] sabbath the priest shall wave it.

[18] See on *Exod.* 29. 24. ¶ [19] That God may accept of you, and bless you in the rest of your harvest. ¶ [20] Not the weekly sabbath, but the sabbath of the passover; which was the first day of unleavened bread, *v.* 7.

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12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf, an [21] he-lamb without blemish, of the first year, for a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

[21] *Viz.* Besides the daily sacrifice, and all other for the feast, *Numb.* 28. 19, 24.

13 And the meat-offering thereof *shall be* two tenth-deals of fine flour mingled with oyl, an offering made by fire unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour: and the drink-offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin.

14 And ye shall eat [22] neither bread nor parched corn, nor [23] green ears, until the self-same day that ye have brought an offering unto your [24] God: *It shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

[22] To teach 'em that they had no right to any of the fruits of the land, (which was God's, *ch.* 25. 23.) till by offering the first-fruits they had made public profession both of their faith in christ to come, and of their thankfulness to God for his mercies. ¶ [23] *Ch.* 2. 14. *Josh.* 5. 11. *Ruth* 2. 14. 1 *Sam.* 17. 17. *Matth.* 12. 1. ¶ [24] Good reason God should be first served, and owned as the supream Landlord.

15 ¶ And ye shall [25] count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven [26] sabbaths shall be complete:

[25] *Deut.* 16. 9. ¶ [26] Weeks, (as *Luke* 18. 12. *Acts* 20. 7 1 *Cor.* 16. 2.)

16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath, shall ye number [27] fifty days, and ye shall offer [28] a new meat-offering unto the LORD.

[27] Hence called Pentecost, (*Acts* 2. 1. 1 *Cor.* 16. 8.) or the Feast of Weeks, *Deut.* 16. 10. ¶ [28] Of the first-fruits of the Wheat-harvest; (as the former was of the Barley-harvest) therefore this was called also the day of the First-fruits, *Numb.* 28. 26.

17 Ye shall [16] bring out [29] of your habitations [30] two wave-loves of two tenth-deals: they shall be of fine flour, they shall be baken with [31] leaven, *they are* the first-fruits unto the LORD.

[29] Of the wheat of your own land. ¶ [30] As wheat is better than barley, so their first-fruits for this was more than for barley, and with more sacrifices. ¶ [31] *Ch.* 7. 13. These were wholly for the Priest's food, and therefore allow'd to be leaven'd; whereas when any part was to be burnt upon the altar, there must be no leaven, *ch.* 2. 11.

18 And ye shall offer with the bread [35] seven lambs without blemish, of the first year, and one young bullock and two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt-offering unto the LORD, with their meat-offering, and their [36] drink-offerings, *even* an offering made by fire of sweet savour unto the LORD.

[35] *Numb.* 28.-27. ¶ [36] *Numb.* 28. 5. &c.

19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats, for a [37] sin-offering, and two lambs of the first year, for a sacrifice of [38] peace-offerings.

[37] *Ch.* 4. 23, 28. To make atonement for their sins, which rendred 'em unworthy of any mercy. ¶ [38] Whereby they gave thanks and praises to God for his mercies.

20 And the priest shall [39] wave [40] them with the bread of the first-fruits, *for* a wave-offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be [41] holy to the LORD [42] for the priest.

[39] See on *Exod.* 29. 24. ¶ [40] Some part of 'em, instead of the whole. ¶ [41] *Numb.* 18. 12. *Deut.* 18. 4. Most holy: The Peace-offerings of particular persons were less holy; but of the whole congregation, most holy. ¶ [42] *Numb.* 18. 8. &c.

21 And ye shall proclaim on the self-same day, *that* it may be an [43] holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein*: *It shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

[43] This was the Feast of Pentecost, in remembrance of their coming out of *Egypt*, (*Deut.* 16. 12.) and giving of the

Chap. 23. Law at this time of the year, (*Exod.*19.1,11.) to fore-shadow the publishing of the Gospel to all Nations, *Acts* 2. begin.

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22 ¶ And * when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make [44] clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest,* neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

* Chap.19.9. * Deut.24.19.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the * [45] seventh month, in the first *day* of the month shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of [46] blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

* Numb.29.1.

[44] See on *chap.* 19.9. *Deut.* 16.11, 14. and 24.19–22. ¶ [45] *Numb.* 29.1. As the seventh day of every week was a sabbath, and every seventh year was kept as a holy sabbatical year, so the seventh month was to be holy in some singular manner above the rest of the months, wherein there were more holy days than in all the year besides, *viz.* the Feast of Trumpets, of Expiation, and of Tabernacles. ¶ [46] *Numb.* 10.10. *Psal.*81.3. 1 *Chron.*15.28. solemnized, with the blowing of Trumpets; to note the preaching of the Gospel, *Isa.*58.1. *Hos.*8.1.

25 Ye shall do [5] no servile work *therein*; but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 * Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month, *there shall be* a day of [47] atonement, it shall be an holy convocation unto you, and ye shall [48] afflict your souls, and offer an [49] offering made by fire unto the LORD.

* Chap.16.30. Numb.29.7.

[47] Or, reconciliation to God, that they might have forgiveness of all their sins by Christ. ¶ [48] See on *ch.* 16.29. With fasting, and bitter repentance for all their sins, but especially national sins. ¶ [49] *Numb.*29.7.&c.

28 And ye shall do [5] no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be [50] cut off from among his people.

[50] To note the desperate condition of all impenitent persons.

30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: *It shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls in the [51] ninth *day* of the month at even: from even unto even shall ye † celebrate your sabbath.

† Heb. *rest.*

[51] Beginning to do it then, and ending on the tenth day at even, *v.*27.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, * The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of [52] tabernacles *for* [53] seven days unto the LORD.

* Num.29.12.

[52] *Numb.*29.12. *Deut.*16.13. *Neh.*8.16. *John* 7.2. Or Booths, or Arbors. (1) In remembrance of God's protection of 'em in the wilderness, when they dwelt in booths, or tabernacles, *v.*43. (2) To shew their thankfulness for the fruits now reap'd, *Deut.* 16.13, 14. (3) To figure out Christ's coming into the world about this time of the year to dwell in the tabernacle of our flesh, *John* 1.14. (4) To shew that we are but strangers and travellers here in this world. ¶ [53] To note, that the remembrance of these things should remain with us all our life. See *n.* 11.

35 On the first day *shall be* an [54] holy convocation: ye shall do no [5] servile work *therein*.

[54] To learn the Law, *Deut.*31.11,12. *Neh.* 8.18.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an [55] offering made by fire unto the LORD: * on the [56] eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you, and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a † solemn assembly, *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

* John 7.37.

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[55] *Numb.* 29.13. &c. ¶ [56] *John* 7.37. Wherein they re-mov'd out of their booths into their houses again, and so it noted their settlement in the land of *Canaan* after their forty years abode in the wilderness.

† Heb. day of *restraint.*

37 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, and a meat-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 [57] Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your [58] gifts, and beside all [59] your vows, and beside all your free-will-offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

[57] Besides the weekly sabbath and the sacrifices thereto belonging. ¶ [58] *Viz.* Of first-born cattel, and first-fruits, and such other burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings as the people would give at the feast, *Deut.* 16.10, 17. 2 *Chron.* 35.7, 8. ¶ [59] Vowed sacrifices, *Deut.*12.6.&c.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have [60] gathered in the [61] fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath.

[60] Hence called, the feast of Ingathering, *Exod.* 23.16. ¶ [61] Not Corn, (which was gathered long before) but of Vines, Olives, &c.

40 And ye shall take you on the first day the † [62] boughs of [63] goodly trees, branches of [64] palm-trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall [65] rejoyce before the LORD your God seven days.

† Heb. *fruit.*

[62] *Neh.*8.15. With the fruit on. ¶ [63] Olive, Pine, Mirtle, Palm, &c. *Neh.* 8.15. ¶ [64] *Matth.* 21.8. *John* 12.13. ¶ [65] With spiritual joy, in remembrance of former deliverances, (*v.*43.) and for your present blessings, (*Deut.*16.15.) and in expectation of future good things to be bestow'd in Christ, *Zach.*14.16.&c.

41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year: *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations, ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 Ye shall [66] dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born, shall dwell in booths:

43 That your generations may [67] know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

[66] *Gen.*33.17. *Job* 27.-18. Which in *Jerusalem* they made on the tops of their houses, in their court-yards, in gardens, in the streets, &c. *Neh.*8.16. ¶ [67] *Exod.* 12.37.

44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

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10 *Shelomiths son blasphemeth.* 13 *The law of blasphemy,* 17 *of murder,* 18 *of damage.* 23 *The blasphemer stoned.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [1] Command the children of Israel that they [2] bring unto thee pure [3] oyl-olive, [3] beaten, for the light, † to cause the [4] lamps to burn [5] continually.

† Heb. *to cause to ascend.*

[1] *Exod.*27.20. ¶ [2] At the common charge of the people, (*v.*-8.) because the ministration was chiefly for them. (So *ch.*23.10.) ¶ [3] See on *Exod.*27.20. ¶ [4] *Numb.*8.2. 1 *Sam.* 3.3. ¶ [5] Every night, and all night.

3 Without the [6] vail [7] of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it [8] from the evening unto the morning, before the LORD continually: *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations.

[6] *Viz.* The second vail, which parted the holy and most holy places. ¶ [7] Which is before the testimony, (*Exod.* 27.11.) or the tables within the Ark, *Exod.*25.21. ¶ [8] Putting in

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in ſo much Oyl as may keep it burning all night; (for that it went out in the morning, appears by 1 *Sam.*3.3.)

4 He ſhall order the lamps upon the * [9] pure candleſtick before the LORD continually.

* Exod. 31. 8.

[9] *Exod.*31.8. of pure gold (*Exod.*25.31.) and which was daily to be purified and made clean by the Prieſts.

5 ¶ And thou ſhalt take fine flower, and bake [10] twelve* cakes thereof: two tenth-deals ſhall be in one cake.

* Exod.25. 30.

[10] *Exod.*25. 30. anſwerable to the number of the twelve Tribes repreſented by them; and in them, all God's Elect, *Act.*26.7. A ſpecial type of Chriſt, the bread of life for all his people, *Joh.*6. 35.

6 And thou ſhalt ſet them in [11] two rows, ſix on a row, upon the [12] pure table before the LORD.

[11] One beſides another; (as the Frankincenſe put upon each (*v* 7.) ſhews.) ¶ [12] Covered with pure gold, *Exod.* 25. 24.

7 And thou ſhalt put pure frankincenſe upon [13] *each* row, that it may be [14] on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

[13] To note, that all Chriſts members are accepted thro' him. ¶ [14] *i. e.* part of the Incenſe ſhall be burnt upon the Altar, which ſhall be a memorial for the Bread; (as the handful of the Meat-offering with the Oyl and Incenſe, is called the Memorial thereof, *ch.*2.2.) bringing to God's remembrance his Covenant with his people, *Gen.*9.14–16.

8 Every ſabbath [15] he ſhall ſet it in order before the LORD [16] continually, *being* [17] *taken* from the children of Iſrael by an everlaſting covenant.

[15] The Prieſts, who miniſtred in their courſes. ¶ [16] *Num.* 4.–7. ¶ [17] Bought with the mony which the people gave, *Neh.*10.32,33.

* Exod.29. 33. Chap.8. 31. Matth. 12.4.

9 And * it ſhall be [18] Aarons and his ſons, and they ſhall eat it in the holy [19] place: for it *is* moſt holy unto him, [20] of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual ſtatute.

[18] *Ch.*8.31. *Exod.*29.33. 1 *Sam.*21.6. *Matth.*12.4. for the High-Prieſt, and ſuch other Prieſts as did the ſervice. ¶ [19] After it had ſtood a week upon the table before the Lord: to note, that none have right to Chriſt, but ſpiritual Prieſts. ¶ [20] The incenſe being offered by fire inſtead of the Bread (*v.*7.) the Bread was reputed to be offered ſo too.

10 ¶ And the ſon of an Iſraelitiſh woman, [21] whoſe father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Iſrael; and this ſon of the Iſraelitiſh *woman*, and a man of Iſrael ſtrove together in the camp;

[21] *Exod.*12.38.

11 And the Iſraelitiſh womans ſon [22] blaſphemed the name *of the* LORD, and curſed: and [23] they brought him unto Moſes (and his mothers name *was* Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan)

[22] Uttered ſome reproachful ſpeeches in his fury, againſt God, *v.*15. ¶ [23] *Exod.*18.22,26. So *Numb.*27.5. and 15. 34.

* Num.15.34. † Heb. *to expound unto them according to the mouth of the* LORD.

12 And they * put him in ward, † that the mind of the LORD might be ſhewed them.

13 And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

14 Bring forth him that hath curſed, [24] without the camp, and let all that heard *him*, * [25] lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation ſtone him.

* Deut.13.9. and 17. 7.

[24] Becauſe the Camp was holy, and all unclean perſons were to be put out of it. ¶ [25] *Deut.*17.7. and 13.9. to note (1) that they did charge this ſin upon him, and did approve of the puniſhment to be inflicted for it. (2) That having witneſs'd nothing but the truth, they were free from his blood, which therefore muſt be on his own head. (3) To imply, that he was to be a Sacrifice to the juſtice of God.

15 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, Whoſoever [22] curſeth his God, ſhall bear his ſin.

16 And he that [26] blaſphemeth the name of the LORD, he ſhall ſurely be put to death, *and* [27] all the congregation ſhall certainly ſtone him: as well the ſtranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blaſphemeth the name *of the LORD*, ſhall be put to death. *

[26] Profanely mentions the name of God, or ſpeaks any thing tending to his diſhonor. ¶ [27] To ſhew their zeal in revenging the diſhonour done to God.

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17 ¶ * And he that † [28] killeth any man, ſhall ſurely be put to death.

* Exod.21. 12. Deut.19.21. † Heb. *ſmiteth the life of a man.*

[28] *Gen.*9.6. *Exod.*21.12. *Numb.*35.31. *Deut.* 19. 21.

18 And he that killeth a beaſt, ſhall make it good; † beaſt for beaſt.

† Heb. *life for life.*

19 And if a man cauſe a blemiſh in his neighbour; as * he hath done, ſo ſhall it be [29] done unto him.

* Exod.21.24. Deut.19. 21. Matth.5. 38.

[29] *Matth.* 7. 2. *Exod.*21.24. *Deut.*19. 21. *viz.* by the Magiſtrate: except he buy it off, *Exod.* 21. 18, 19. (which yet could not be done in caſe of murder.)

20 [30] Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath cauſed a blemiſh in a man, ſo ſhall it be done to him *again.*

21 And he that [31] killeth a beaſt, he ſhall reſtore it: and he that killeth a man, he ſhall be put to death.

[30] *Matth.*5.38,39. ¶ [31] Or hurts, *Exod.*21.33. and 22.5,6.

22 Ye ſhall have * [32] one manner of law, as well for the ſtranger, as for one of your own country: for I *am* the LORD your God.

* Exod.12.49.

[32] *Exod.*12.49. *viz.* in matters of common right: (but not as to Church-priviledges.)

23 ¶ And Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, that they ſhould bring forth him that had curſed out of the camp, and [33] ſtone him with ſtones: and the children of Iſrael did as the LORD commanded Moſes.

[33] Deut. 17. 7.

CHAP. XXV.

8 *The jubile.* 14 *Of oppreſſion,* 35 *and compaſſion.*

AND the LORD [1] ſpake unto Moſes in [2] mount Sinai, ſaying,

[1] Out of the Tabernacle, which was newly rear'd, *ch.* 1. 1. *Numb.*1.1. ¶ [2] In the plain about it, where *Iſrael* camped ſtill, *Numb.*10.11,12.

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then ſhall the land † [3] keep* a ſabbath [4] unto the LORD.

† Heb. *reſt.* * Exod.23.10.

[3] Enjoy freedom and reſt from tillage; to teach 'em that it was the Lords, *v.* 23. *Iſa.*8.–8. *Hoſ.* 9.3. ¶ [4] According to his command, and to his honor.

3 Six years thou ſhalt ſow thy field; and ſix years thou ſhalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof.

4 But in the ſeventh year ſhall be a ſabbath of reſt unto the land, a ſabbath for the LORD: thou ſhalt neither [5] ſow thy field, nor [5] prune thy vineyard.

[5] Nor do any other work of Husbandry.

5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harveſt, thou ſhalt [6] not reap, neither gather the grapes † of thy vine undreſſed; *for* it is a year of reſt unto the land.

† Heb. *of thy ſeparation.*

[6] 2 *King.*19.29. *viz.* by a peculiar right and intereſt, but only in common, as others did, taking only what might ſerve for preſent ſuſtenance.

6 And the [7] ſabbath of the land ſhall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy ſervant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired ſervant, and for thy ſtranger that ſojourneth with thee,

[7] The fruits of this ſabbatical year.

7 And for thy cattel, and for the beaſt that *are* in thy land, ſhall all the increaſe thereof be meat.

8 ¶ And [8] thou ſhalt number [9] ſeven ſabbaths of years unto thee, ſeven times ſeven years, and the ſpace of the ſeven ſabbaths of years ſhall be unto thee forty and nine years.

[8] The Magiſtrate, to whom ſuch things belong. ¶ [9] *ch.* 23. 15.

9 Then

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9 Then ſhalt thou cauſe the [10] trumpet † of the [11] jubile to ſound, on the tenth day of the ſeventh month; in the day of [12] atonement ſhall ye make the trumpet ſound throughout all your land.

† Heb. *loud of ſound.*

[10] See on *ch.*23.24. ¶ [11] Which ſignifies the true liberty from our ſpiritual debts and ſlaveries to be purchas'd by Chriſt, and publiſh'd to the world by the ſound of the Goſpel. ¶ [12] See on *ch.*23.27. to ſhew (1) That freedom from ſpiritual bondage is thro' the atonement made by Chriſt, *Heb.* 2.12.15. (2) That the way to attain ſpiritual joy and comfort, is to humble and afflict our ſouls; as the Jews did on this day. (3) That as we expect mercy from God in the pardon of our ſins (which was aſſur'd to them on this day) we ſhould ſhew mercy to our brethren; as they did now by releaſing their ſervants and reſtoring poſſeſſions.

10 And ye ſhall hallow the [13] fiftieth year, and proclaim [14] liberty throughout *all* the land, unto all the [15] inhabitants thereof; it ſhall be a jubile unto you, and ye ſhall return every man unto his [16] poſſeſſion, and ye ſhall return every man unto his [17] family.

[13] The next year after the ſeventh ſeventh, ſo that two holy years came together. ¶ [14] *V.*39.-41. *Exod.*21.26. *Jer.*34.8,9. ¶ [15] *Viz.* Iſraelites; chiefly ſervants, and the poor, who were now acquitted from all their debts, and reſtored to their poſſeſſions. ¶ [16] (1) To prevent the confuſion of the Tribes, by the alienation of their lands. (2) That the rich might not ſwallow up the inheritance of their poor brethren. (3) That they might ſtill look upon themſelves as Sojourners, and their land to be Gods. ¶ [17] From which he was departed, while thro' poverty he was ſold to another Family.

11 A jubile ſhall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye ſhall not ſow, neither reap that which groweth of it ſelf in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undreſſed.

12 For it *is* the jubile, it ſhall be [18] holy unto you: ye ſhall eat the [19] increaſe thereof [20] out of the field.

[18] Dedicated to God, and to the exerciſe of holy joy and thankfulneſs, and a type of that ſpiritual liberty they were to enjoy by Chriſt. ¶ [19] That which it produces of it ſelf. ¶ [20] See *n.* 7. Not out of the barn: Hereby God meant to wean them from the world, and teach 'em not to care for to morrow, but to depend on him for their daily bread, *Matth.*6.31,34.

13 In the year of this jubile ye ſhall return every man unto his [16] poſſeſſion.

14 And if thou ſell ought unto thy neighbor, or buyeſt *ought* of thy neighbors hand; ye ſhall not [21] oppreſs one another.

[21] Either by ſelling too dear, or buying too cheap.

15 According to the number of years after the jubile, thou ſhalt buy of thy neighbour, *and* according unto the number of years of the fruits he ſhall ſell unto thee:

16 According to the multitude of years thou ſhalt increaſe the price thereof, and according to the fewneſs of years thou ſhalt diminiſh the price of it: for *according* to the number *of the years* of the fruits doth he ſell unto thee.

17 Ye ſhall not therefore [21] oppreſs one another; but thou ſhalt [22] fear thy God: For I *am* the LORD your God.

[22] *V.*-43. *Deut.*25.-18. *Mal.*3.-5. *Rom.* 5. 18. by abſtaining from this evil, and doing the contrary good.

18 ¶ Wherefore ye ſhall do my ſtatutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye ſhall dwell in the land in [23] ſafety.

[23] *Ch.*26.-5. *Deut.*12.10. and 33.12,28. *Job* 11.18. *Pſal.* 4. 9. and 78.53. *Prov.*1.33. *Ezek.*28.26. and 34.27,28.

19 And the land ſhall [24] yield her fruit, and ye ſhall eat your fill, and dwell therein in ſafety.

[24] *Ch.*26.4. *Pſal.*67.6. and 85.-12.

[25] Matth.6.25, 26,33.

20 And if ye ſhall ſay, [25] What ſhall we eat the ſeventh year? behold, we ſhall not ſow, nor gather in our increaſe:

21 Then I will [26] command my bleſſing upon you in the ſixth year, and it ſhall bring forth fruit for three years.

[26] *Deut.*28.8. *Pſal.*133.3. and 147.15. and 68. 28. 2 *Sam.* 17. 14.

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22 And ye ſhall ſow the eighth year, and eat *yet* of old fruit, until the ninth year; until her fruits come in, ye ſhall eat *of* the old *ſtore.*

23 ¶ The land ſhall not be [27] ſold ‖ † for ever: for the land *is* [28] mine, for ye *are* ſtrangers and [29] ſojourners [30] with me.

‖ Or, *to be quite cut off.*
† Heb. *for cutting off.*

[27] *Ezek.*48.14. 1 *King.*21.3. ¶ [28] *Hoſ.*9.3. *Iſa.*8.-8. *Zech.* 2.2. *viz.* in a more eſpecial manner, being ſanctified to be the Inheritance of his Church here on earth, and a figure of the Inheritance of the Saints in Heaven, (*Heb.*11.9,10.) and therefore could not be alienated from them, *Rom.* 8. 38, 39. 1 *Pet.*1.4,5. ¶ [29] 1 *Chron.*29.15. *Pſal.*39.12. and 119. 19. 1 *Pet.*2.11. ¶ [30] In my land or houſes.

24 And in all the land of your poſſeſſion, ye ſhall [31] grant a redemption for the land.

[31] Suffer it to be redeemed, *viz.* at the year of Jubile.

25 ¶ If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath ſold away *ſome* of his poſſeſſion, and if any [32] of his kin come to redeem it, then ſhall he redeem that which his brother ſold.

[32] To typifie our redemption by Chriſt, who was made near of kin to us, by taking our fleſh, that he might perform the work of Redemption for us.

26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and † himſelf be [33] able to redeem it:

† Heb. *his hand hath attained, and found ſufficiency.*

27 Then let him count the years [34] of the ſale thereof, and reſtore the over-plus unto the man to whom he ſold it; that he may return unto his poſſeſſion.

[33] *ch.* 5.7.

[34] From the time of the ſale to the Jubile.

28 But if he be not able to reſtore *it* to him, then that which is ſold ſhall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it, until the year of jubile: and in the jubile it ſhall go [35] out, and he ſhall return unto his poſſeſſion.

[35] Out of the buyers hand without any redemption-mony.

29 And if a man ſell a dwelling houſe in a [36] walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is ſold: *within* a full year may he redeem it.

[36] The difference between theſe houſes and lands might be for theſe reaſons, (1) Becauſe they might either be made much better, or grown much worſe in a few years. (2) This did not make ſuch a confuſion as alienating of Lands. (3) Their lands might yield food and ſuſtenance, which their houſes could not.

30 And if it be not redeemed within the ſpace of a full year; then the houſe that *is* in the walled city, ſhall be eſtabliſhed for ever to him that bought it, throughout his generations: it ſhall not go out in the jubile.

31 But the houſes of the villages which have no walls round about them, ſhall be counted as the fields of the country: † they [37] may be redeemed, and they ſhall go out in the jubile.

† Heb. *redemption belongeth unto it.*

[37] Becauſe Lands could not be without ſuch Farm-houſes.

32 Notwithſtanding, the cities of the Levites, *and* the houſes of the cities of their poſſeſſion, may the Levites redeem at any time.

33 And if ‖ a man purchaſe of the Levites, then the houſe that was ſold, and the city of his poſſeſſion ſhall go out in the *year of* jubile: for the houſes of the cities of the Levites, *are* their poſſeſſion among the children of Iſrael.

‖ Or, one *of the Levites redeem* them.

34 But the field of the ſuburbs of their cities may [38] not be ſold, for it *is* their perpetual poſſeſſion.

[38] 1 Pet.1. 4.

35 ¶ And if thy brother be waxen poor, and † fallen in decay with thee; then thou ſhalt † [39] relieve him: *yea though he be* [40] a ſtranger, or a [40] ſojourner; that he may live with thee.

† Heb. *his hand faileth.*
† Heb. *ſtrengthen.*

[39] *Deut.*15.7,8. *Ezek.*16.49. 1 *Theſſ.*5.14. *Jam.*5.16,20. ¶ [40] A Proſelyte.

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36 * Take thou no [42] usury of him, or [42] increase: but [43] fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

* Exod.22.25. Deut.23.19. Prov.28.8. Ezek.18.8. and 22.12.

[41] *Exod.*22.25. *Deut.*23.19. *Prov.* 28. 8. *Ezek.* 18. 8. and 22.12. ¶ [42] *Ezek.*18. 8, 13, 17. Any consideration, advantage, or overplus for the loan of any thing. ¶ [43] *Neh.*5.9.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy mony upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

38 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, *and* to be your God.

39 ¶ And * if thy [44] brother *that dwelleth* by thee be waxen poor, and be [45] sold unto thee; thou shalt not † compel him to serve as [46] a bond-servant:

* Exod.21.2. Deut.15.12. Jer.34.14.

† Heb. *serve thy self with him with the service*, &c.

[44] *Exod.*21.2. *Deut.*15.12. *Jer.*34.14. ¶ [45] 2 *Kings* 4.1. *Exod.*22.3. ¶ [46] To do base and slavish works, (1 *King.*9.22.) and to serve thee for ever; and be treated with rigour, *v.*43.

40 *But* as an hired servant, *and* as a [47] sojourner, he shall be with thee, *and* shall serve thee unto the year of jubile.

[47] To be used kindly, and as a brother, *v.*43,46.

41 And *then* shall he depart from thee, *both* he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

42 For they *are* [48] my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold † as bond-men.

† Heb. *with the sale of a bondman.*

[48] *v.* 55. 1 *Cor.*7.23 *Rom.*6.22. Members of my Church, as well as your selves; and therefore not to be treated like slaves.

43 * Thou shalt not rule over him [49] with rigour, but shalt [22] fear thy God.

* Ephes.6.9. Col.4.1.

[49] *Exod.*1.13. (1) He shall not be put to such vile and base employments. (2) Not held in perpetual bondage. (3) Not sold to others.

44 Both thy bond-men and thy bond-maids, which thou shalt have, *shall be* of [50] the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bond-men and bond-maids.

45 Moreover, of the children of the [51] strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that *are* with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession.

[50] *Psal.* 2. 9. *Isa.*14.1,2. ¶ [51] Such as were in the land, but not joyn'd to the Church.

46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit *them for* a possession, † they shall be your bond-men for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.

† Heb. *ye shall serve your selves with them.*

47 ¶ And if a sojourner or stranger † wax rich by thee, and thy brother *that dwelleth* by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger *or* sojourner by thee, or to the [52] stock of the strangers family:

† Heb. *his hand obtain*, &c.

[52] Any one of a foreign extraction transplanted into the land of *Israel.*

48 After that he is sold, he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:

49 Either his uncle, or his uncles son may redeem him, or *any* that is nigh of kin unto him, of his family, may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.

50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him, from the year that he was sold to him, unto the year of jubile: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to [53] the time of an hired servant shall it be with him.

[53] *i. e.* Allowance shall be made for the time wherein he has served, proportionably to that which is given to an hired servant for so long service.

51 If *there be* yet many years *behind*; according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption, out of the mony that he was bought for.

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52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he shall count with him, *and* according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.

53 *And* as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: and *the other* shall not rule with rigour over him [54] in thy sight.

[54] Thou winking at it; but every Israelite was bound to hinder him what he could, and the Magistrate might restrain him from rigour.

54 And if he be not redeemed ‖ in these *years*, then he shall go out in the year of jubile, *both* he, and his children with him.

‖ Or, *by these* means.

55 For unto me the children of Israel *are* servants, they *are* my servants, whom [55] I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

[55] *Exod.* 13. 3. and 20. 2. *Isa.* 43. 3.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Of idolatry.* 3 *A blessing promised.* 14 *A curse threatned.*

YE shall make you no *[1] idols, nor [1] graven image, neither rear you up a ‖ [2] standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* ‖ † image [3] of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.

* Exod.20.4. Deut.5.8. and 16.12. Psal.97.7.

‖ Or, *pillar.*

‖ Or, *figured stone.*

[1] *Ch.*19.4. *Exod.* 20.4. *Deut.* 5. 8. and 16. 12. and 27. 15 *Psal.*77.7. ¶ [2] *Viz.* For worship, *Deut.*16.22. ¶ [3] *Numb.*33. 52. *Isa.*2.-16.

† Heb. *a stone of picture.*

2 * Ye shall [4] keep my sabbaths, and [4] reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

* Chap.19.30.

3 ¶ * If ye [5] walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

* Deut.28.1.

[4] See on *ch.* 19. 30. ¶ [5] *Deut.* 28. 1.

4 * Then [6] I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall [7] yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

[6] *Deut.* 11.14. and 28.12. *Jer.*5.24. and 14.22. ¶ [7] *Psal.* 67.6. *Ezek.*34.26,27.

5 And your threshing shall [8] reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing-time: and ye shall eat your bread to [9] the full, and * [10] dwell in your land safely.

* Job.11.18.

[8] *Am.*9.13. You shall have such a plentiful harvest, that before you can have thresh'd out your corn; the vintage shall come; and such a rich vintage, that before that be ended it shall be time to sow your seed. ¶ [9] *Exod.*16.8. ¶ [10] *ch.* 25.-18. See there.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and * ye shall lie down, and [11] none shall make *you* afraid: and I will † rid [12] evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

* Job.11.19.

† Heb. *cause to cease.*

[11] *Job* 11.19. *Isa.*35.9. *Jer.*30.-10. *Ezek.*34.-28. *Mich.*4.4. ¶ [12] *Ezek.*34.25. 2 *Kings* 2.24. and 17. 25,26.

7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall [13] fall before you by the sword.

8 And * [14] five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

* Josh.23.10.

[13] *v.*-8. *Numb.*14.3. ¶ [14] *Josh.*23.10. *Deut.*32.30. as 1 *Chron.* 11.11,18. 2 *Sam.*23.8,18.

9 For I will have [15] respect unto you, and make you [16] fruitful, and multiply you, and [17] establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat [18] old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

[15] 2 *Kings* 13.23. ¶ [16] *Exod.*1.7. *Neh.* 9.23. *Jer.* 23. 3. ¶ [17] *Gen.*6.18. Faithfully perform whatsoever I have promis'd you. ¶ [18] *Ch.*25.22.

11 * And

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11 * And I will [19] set my tabernacle amongst you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

[19] *Ezek.*37.-26. Cause my grace and favour, my word and worship to abide continually among you.

* Ezek. 37.26.

12 * And I will [20] walk among you, and will be [21] your God, and ye shall be my [22] people.

* 2 Cor.6.16.

[20] *Rev.*2.1. 2 *Cor.*6.16. Protect, conduct, instruct and comfort you. ¶ [21] See on *Gen.*17.7. ¶ [22] I'll own you for that peculiar people whom I have singled out of the mass of mankind, to bless you here, and save you hereafter.

13 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bond-men, and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go [23] upright.

14 ¶ * But if ye will not [24] hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

* Deut.28 15. Lam.2.17. Mal.2.2.

[23] With liberty, security, confidence and glory. ¶ [24] *v.*18. *Deut.*28.15. *Mal.*2.2.

15 And if ye shall [25] despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will [26] not do all my commandments, *but* that ye [27] break my covenant:

[25] *V.*43. 2 *Kings* 17.15. *Jer.*6.19. *Ezek.*5.6.and 20.13,24. ¶ [26] *Jer.*32.23. ¶ [27] *Gen.*17.-14. *Deut.*31.16,20. *Isa.* 24.8. *Jer.*11.10. *Ezek.*16.59.

16 I also will do this unto you, I will even [28] appoint † over you [29] terrour, [30] consumption, and the [30] burning ague; that shall [31] consume the eyes, and cause [32] sorrow of heart, and ye shall [33] sow your seed in vain, for your [34] enemies shall eat it.

† Heb. *upon you.*

[28] *Psal.* 109. 6. Send with commission from my self. ¶ [29] *Psal.*78.33. *Jer.*15.-8. ¶ [30] *Deut.*28.22. ¶ [31] 1 *Sam.* 2.33. *Psal.*69.3. ¶ [32] *Deut.*28.65. *Jer.*31.25. ¶ [33] *Job* 31. 8. *Jer.*5.17. and 12.13. ¶ [34] *Deut.*28.33,51. *Jer.* 5.17.

17 And I will [35] set my face against you, and ye shall be [36] slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall [37] reign over you, and * ye shall flee when [38] none pursueth you.

† Prov.28.1.

[35] *Ch.* 17.10. and 20.5. 6. *Psal.* 21. 9. ¶ [36] *Judg.* 2. 14. 1 *Sam.*4.1. [37] *Neh.* 9. 28. *Psal.* 106. 41. ¶ [38] *Psal.* 53. 5. *Prov.*28.1. *Job* 15.20. &c.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you [39] seven times more for your sins.

[39] Many times, *v.* 21, 24, 28.

19 And I will break the [40] pride of your power; and I will make your heaven [41] as iron, and your earth as brass:

[40] *Ezek.*7.24. Your exceeding great strength, and your Ark and Sanctuary, wherein you are wont to pride your selves. ¶ [41] *Deut.*28.23. *Jer.*14.1.&c.

20 And your strength shall be spent in [42] vain: for your land shall [43] not yield her increase, neither shall the [44] trees of the land yield their fruits.

[42] *Psal.*127.1. ¶ [43] *Deut.* 11.17. *Hag.* 1. 10. ¶ [44] *Joel* 1.12. *Jer.*8.13.

21 ¶ And if ye walk ‖ contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times mo plagues upon you, according to your sins.

‖ Or, *at all adventures with me*, and so vers.24.

22 I will also send [45] wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattel, and make you few in number, and your *high*-ways shall [46] be desolate.

[45] *Deut.*32.24. *Ezek.*5.17. as *Numb.* 21. 6. 2 *Kings* 17. 25. and 2.24. *Isa.*13.21,22. [46] *Judg.*5.6. 2 *Chron.*15.5. *Isa.*33.8. *Ezek.*14.15. *Lam.*1.4. *Mich.*3.12.

23 And if ye will not be reformed by me [47] by these things, but will walk contrary unto me:

24 * Then will I also walk [48] contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

* 2 Sam.22.27. Psal.18.26.

[47] *Am.*4.8,9. ¶ [48] 2 *Sam.*22.27. *Psal.*18.26.

25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the [49] quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send [50] the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

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[49] My quarrel against you for breaking my covenant. ¶ [50] *Ezek.*14.19,21.

26 *And* when I have [51] broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat and [52] not be satisfied.

[51] *Psal.*105.-16. *Ezek.*4.16. and 5.-16. and 14.13. Deprived you of that which is the support of life, *Psal.* 104.-15. ¶ [52] *Hos.*4.10. *Mich.*6.14. *Hag.* 1.6.

27 And [53] if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me:

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury: and I, [54] even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

[53] *V.* 18, 23. ¶ [54] *Isa.* 43. 11, 25. and 51. 12.

29 * And ye shall [55] eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

* Deut. 28.53.

[55] *Deut.*28.53.&c. *Ezek.*5.10. 2 *Kings* 6.29. *Lam.*4.10.

30 And I will destroy your [56] high places, and * cut down your [57] images, and [58] cast your carcases upon the [59] carcases of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

* 2 Chr. 34.7.

[56] Erected on a hill whereon fair-spreading trees grew, under which they set up Chappels and Altars, (*Ezek.* 20. 28, 29.) which were used by idolaters, (*Jer.*32.35. *Ezek.* 16.16. 2 *Chron.*11.15.and 33.3.) where they assembled for worship and sacrifice, (2 *Chron.*1.3. 1 *Kings* 3.4.) and used also by idolatrous Israelites, (1 *Kings* 14. 23.) yet true worshippers also used them as convenient places after the Tabernacle and Ark were removed from *Shiloh.* ¶ [57] *Ezek.* 6. 4, 6. Sun-images, set on high, above the Altars, (2 *Chron.* 34. 4.) and worshipped, 2 *Chron.*23.5. 2 *Kings* 23.11. ¶ [58] *Jer.* 8.1,2. 2 *Chron.*34.5. 2 *Kings* 23.20. *Psal.*79.1,2,3. *Ezek.* 6. 4,5,13. ¶ [59] Your idols broken to pieces.

31 And I will make your cities [60] waste, and bring your [61] sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will [62] not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

[60] *V.*-33. *Neh.*2.17. *Jer.*9.11. ¶ [61] *Lam.* 1.10. and 2. 7. *Ezek.*9.6. and 21.7. The Tabernacle, Temple, and the several Buildings about 'em. ¶ [62] *Gen.*8.21. Not accept; (as 1 *Sam.* 26.19. *Am.*5.21.)

32 And I will bring the land [63] into desolation: and your enemies which [64] dwell therein, shall be [65] astonished at it.

[63] *Ezek.*33.28,29. *Isa.*1.7,8. ¶ [64] Having driven you out, and possessed your places. ¶ [65] *Lam.*5.12.

33 And I will [66] scatter you among the heathen, and will [67] draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

[66] *Deut.* 4. 27. and 28. 62, 64. *Psal.* 44. 11. *Zech.* 7.-14. ¶ [67] *Jer.*9.16. *Ezek.*12,14.&c. Pursue you with the sword into a strange land, and you shall have no rest there.

34 Then shall the land enjoy [68] her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

[68] *Ch.*25.2. *Deut.*15.1. 2 *Chron.* 36. 21. Those sabbatical years of rest from tillage, which you, thro' covetousness, often times would not give it.

35 As long as it lieth desolate, it shall [69] rest: because it did [70] not rest in your sabbaths when ye dwelt upon it.

[69] Both from people, and tillage, *ch.* 25. 4. ¶ [70] *Viz.* From tillage, and from bearing their sins, *Jer.* 23. 10. *Rom.* 8. 22.

36 And upon them that are left *alive* of you, I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and [71] the sound of a † shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword: and they shall fall when none pursueth.

† Heb. *driven.*

[71] *Job* 15. 21, 22, *Prov.* 28. 1.

37 And

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37 And they ſhall [72] fall one upon another, as it were before a ſword, when none purſueth: and ye ſhall have no power to ſtand before your enemies.

[72] *Iſa.*10. 4. through weakneſs or haſte.

38 And ye ſhall [73] periſh among the heathen, and the land of your enemies ſhall [74] eat you up.

[73] *Iſa.*27.13. *Jer.*50.6. ¶ [74] You ſhall die, and be buried there.

39 And they that are left of you, ſhall [75] pine away in their iniquity in your enemies land; and alſo in the iniquities of their [76] fathers ſhall they pine away with them.

[75] *Ezek.*33.10. and 24.23. *Hoſ.*5.15. conſume and periſh in the puniſhment of your iniquities. ¶ [76] *Exod.*20.5. *viz.* if they walk in their Fathers ſteps.

40 If they ſhall [77] confeſs their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their treſpaſs which they treſpaſſed againſt me, and that alſo they have walked contrary unto me;

[77] *Neh.*1.4. *&c.* and 9.1,2,29. *&c. Dan.*9.3. *&c.*

41 And *that* I alſo have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their [78] uncircumciſed hearts be [79] humbled, and they then [80] accept of the puniſhment of their iniquity.

[78] *Jer.*6.10. and 9.26. continuing in its natural condition, and under the power of ſin unmortified. ¶ [79] 2 *Chron.*7.14. and 32.26. and 30.11. ¶ [80] *Iſa.*40.2. patiently ſubmit to God's correcting hand, and yield to it (as a man would to a bitter potion for his health) and own God's Juſtice therein, *Pſal.*51.4.

42 Then will I [81] remember my covenant with Jacob, and alſo my covenant with Iſaac, and alſo my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the [82] land.

[81] *Deut.*4.31. *Pſal.*106.45. *Ezek.*16.60. *Luke* 1.72. perform the things promis'd there. ¶ [82] Which now ſeems to be forgotten and neglected (but ſhall be inhabited again, and tilled, *Ezek.*36.33,34. *Pſal.*85.1,2.)

43 The land alſo ſhall be left of them, and ſhall enjoy her [83] ſabbaths, while ſhe lieth deſolate without them: and they ſhall [80] accept of the puniſhment of their iniquity; becauſe, [83] even becauſe they deſpiſed my judgments, and becauſe their ſoul abhorred my ſtatutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, * [84] I will not caſt them away, neither will I abhor them, to deſtroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with [85] them: for I *am* the LORD [86] their God.

* Deut.4.31. Rom.11.26.

[83] *Ezek.*13.10. ¶ [84] *Deut.*4.31. *Rom.*11.26. ¶ [85] *Deut.* 4.29. *&c. Ezek.*14.22,23. *Neh.*9.31. ¶ [86] *Pſal.*144.15. and 33.12.

45 But I will for [87] their ſakes [88] remember the covenant of their anceſtors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt, in the ſight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I *am* the LORD.

[87] Rather for their good and benefit. ¶ [88] *V.* 42. Thus he cloſes the curſe of the Law due to Tranſgreſſors, with promiſes of grace to be beſtowed in the latter days.

46 Theſe *are* the ſtatutes, and judgments, and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Iſrael, in mount Sinai, by the hand of Moſes.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Concerning vows.* 28 *No devoted thing may be redeemed.* 32 *The tithe may not be changed.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,
2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When a man ſhall [1] make a ſingular [2] vow, the perſons *ſhall be* [3] for the LORD, [4] by thy eſtimation.

[1] After a ſingular manner ſeparate any perſon by vow, from a common uſe to God's ſervice. ¶ [2] *Numb.*21.2,3. See on *Gen.*28.20. ¶ [3] *Deut.*23.21. ſet apart for his ſervice, or elſe redeemed. ¶ [4] 2 *King.*12.4. according to that value which the Prieſt, by the direction here given, ſhall ſet upon them.

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3 And thy eſtimation ſhall be, of the male from twenty years old, even unto ſixty years old; even thy eſtimation ſhall be [5] fifty ſhekels of ſilver, after the ſhekel [6] of the ſanctuary.

[5] Five pounds fourteen ſhillings of our mony. ¶ [6] See on *Exod.*30.13.

4 And if *it be* a female, then thy eſtimation ſhall be [7] thirty ſhekels.

[7] Three pounds eight ſhillings and five pence leſs than for a man; becauſe the labor and ſervice of a man is uſually more worth than of a woman.

5 And if *it be* from five years old, even unto twenty years old; then thy eſtimation ſhall be of the male † twenty ſhekels, and for the female ten ſhekels.

† Two pounds five ſhillings and ſeven pence half-penny.

6 And if *it be* from a [8] month old, even unto [8] *Numb.*18.16. five years old; then thy eſtimation ſhall be of the male five ſhekels of ſilver, and for the female thy eſtimation *ſhall be* three ſhekels of ſilver.

7 And if *it be* from ſixty years old and above; if *it be* a male, then thy eſtimation ſhall be fifteen ſhekels, and for the female ten ſhekels.

8 But if it be [9] poorer then thy eſtimation; then he ſhall preſent himſelf before the prieſt, and the prieſt ſhall value him: [10] according to his ability that vowed, ſhall the prieſt value him.

[9] If after his vow he be impoveriſht, and not able to pay the price ſet according to the rules here given. ¶ [10] *ch.*14.21,22. and 5.7. *Mark* 14.8. 2 *Cor.*8.12.

9 And if *it be* a beaſt whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD; all that *any man* giveth of ſuch unto the LORD, ſhall be [11] holy.

[11] Conſecrated to God, either to be ſacrificed, or given to the Prieſt, according to the manner of the Vow, or the intention of him that vows.

10 He ſhall [12] not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he ſhall at all change beaſt for beaſt; then it, and the exchange thereof ſhall be holy.

[12] All inconſtancy in holy things muſt be avoided.

11 And if *it be* any unclean beaſt of which they do not offer a ſacrifice unto the LORD; then he ſhall preſent the beaſt before the prieſt:
12 And the prieſt ſhall value it, whether it be good or bad: † as thou valueſt it who art the prieſt, [13] ſo ſhall it be.

† Heb. *according to thy eſtimation, O prieſt, &c.*

[13] That ſhall be the price of it for any one that comes to buy it.

13 But if he will at all redeem it, then he ſhall add a [14] fifth *part* thereof unto thy eſtimation.

[14] *Ch.*5.16. and 6.4,5. and 22.14. that men might learn to be ſtable-minded even in ſuch voluntary Vows.

14 ¶ And when a man ſhall ſanctifie [15] his houſe *to be* [16] holy unto the LORD; then the prieſt ſhall eſtimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the prieſt ſhall eſtimate it, ſo ſhall it ſtand.

[15] (And ſo by proportion, any of his moveable goods:) which men were wont to do, as deſiring to obtain from God a ſafe, healthful, and proſperous habitation in 'em. ¶ [16] Set apart either for the maintenance of the Prieſts (*v.*21. *Numb.* 18.14.) or for reparations, or expences of the Sanctuary.

15 And if he that ſanctified it, will redeem his houſe, then he ſhall add the fifth part of the mony of thy eſtimation unto it, and it ſhall be his.

16 And if a man ſhall ſanctifie unto the LORD *ſome part* of a field of his poſſeſſion; then thy eſtimation ſhall be according to the

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¶ Or, the land of *an homer*, &c.

[17] seed thereof: an ‖ homer of barley-seed *shall be valued* at [5] fifty shekels of silver.

[17] Wherewith it is usually sown.

17 If he sanctifie his field from the year of jubile, according to thy [18] estimation it [13] shall stand.

[18] *Viz.* of fifty shekels before mentioned.

18 But if he sanctifie his field after the jubile; then the priest shall reckon unto him the mony according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubile, and it shall be abated from thy estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field, will in any wise redeem it; then he shall add the fifth *part* of the mony of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if [19] he have sold the field to another man: it shall not be redeemed any more.

[19] The Priest.

21 But the field, when it goeth [20] out in the jubile, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted: the possession thereof shall be the priests.

[20] Out of the hand of him that bought it of the Priest.

22 And if *a man* sanctifie unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which *is* [21] not of the fields of his possession;

[21] See *v.* 16. but farmed by him till the jubile.

23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, *even* unto the year of the jubile: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, *as* a holy thing unto the LORD.

24 In the year of the jubile, the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, *even* to him to whom the possession of the land *did* [22] *belong*.

[22] By original right.

25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the [6] sanctuary: * [6] twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

* Exod. 30.13. Numb. 3.47. Ezek. 45.12.

26 ¶ Only the † firstling of the beasts, [23] which † Heb. *firstborn*, &c. should be the LORD's firstling, no man shall sanctifie it: whether *it be* ox or sheep: [24] it *is* the LORD's.

[23] Which was of any beast that might be sacrificed. ¶ [24] *Exod.* 13.2,26.

27 And if *it be* of an [25] unclean beast, then he shall [26] redeem *it* according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth *part* of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

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[25] Not fit for Sacrifice, *v.* 11. ¶ [26] *Viz.* if he please.

28 * Notwithstanding, no [27] devoted thing that a man shall devote unto the LORD, of all that he hath, *both* [28] of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing *is* [29] most holy unto the LORD.

* Josh. 6. 19.

[27] Absolutely set apart to God without power of redemption, and with a curse upon himself or any one else, that put it to a private use, or did not dispose of it according to the vow. ¶ [28] Of his Slaves; which were his to give, sell, or devote, as his Beasts. ¶ [29] *ch.* 2.3. only to be touched or employed by the Priests.

29 [30] None devoted, which shall be [31] devoted [32] of men, shall be redeemed: *but* shall surely be put to death.

[30] No persons: Persons might be devoted not only by God, (as when he devoted *Jerico* (*Josh.* 6.17.) and the *Amalekites*, *Deut.* 25.19. 1 *Sam.* 15.3.) but by men; as in special Vows, (*Numb.* 21.2.3.) or when they were adjudged to death for sin, *Exod.* 22.20. ¶ [31] *Viz.* By God or by Men, in conformity to God's revealed will. ¶ [32] Being a man.

30 And all the [33] tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land, *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD's: *it is* [34] holy unto the LORD.

[33] *Gen.* 28.22. *Numb.* 18. 21, 24. *Mal.* 3.8,10. ¶ [34] (And therefore to be eaten before the Lord, *Deut.* 12.5. *&c.*)

31 And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatsoever [35] passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

[35] *Jer.* 33.13. as the Beasts of their own accord went out of the Fold.

33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These *are* the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses, for the children of Israel, in mount [36] Sinai.

[36] *ch.* 25. 1.

NUMBERS.

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The ARGUMENT.

THis Book contains the Hiſtory of the Iſraelites abode and Travels in the Wilderneſs, for almoſt thirty nine years together, till all they were dead that came out of Egypt, except Moſes, Joſhua, *and* Caleb, *and that they were ready to paſs over* Jordan *into the land of* Canaan. *Wherein divers memorable paſſages are related: as, Their Numbring not long after they came out of* Egypt, ch. 1. *and again, not long before they paſſed over* Jordan, ch. 26. *(from which, and ſome other Numbrings, 'tis called* Numbers*) their encamping about the Tabernacle,* ch. 2. *the eſtabliſhment of the Tribe of* Levi *in the Prieſthood, upon occaſion of* Korah's *Rebellion,* ch. 16. and 17. *Their ſeveral Murmurings and Seditions, and their puniſhments for 'em,* ch. 20. *How they were ſtung with fiery Serpents, and cured by the braſen one,* ch. 21. Balaam's *Curſe turn'd to a Bleſſing,* ch. 22. and 23. and 24. *Their Conqueſt of that part of the Land on this ſide* Jordan, ch. 21. and 31. *Rules for the Diviſion of the Land,* ch. 34. *Cities of Refuge appointed,* ch. 35. *God's ſpeech to* Moſes *concerning his Death, and his Succeſſor* Joſhua, ch. 27. *All which are intermix'd with the addition and explanation of ſundry Laws, Civil and Military, but chiefly Ceremonial.*

CHAP. I.

1, 17 *Men of war numbred.* 47 *The Levites exempted.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes in the wilderneſs of Sinai, in the [1] tabernacle of the congregation, on the firſt *day* of the ſecond month, in the ſecond year, after they were come out of the land of Egypt, ſaying,

[1] From the Mercy-ſeat.

2 * Take ye the [2] ſum of all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, after their [3] families, by the houſe of their [4] fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their [5] poll.

* Exod. 30. 12.

[2] This people was numbred thrice by *Moſes*. (1) Soon after their coming out of *Egypt*, *Exod.* 30. 11. *&c.* and 38. 25, 26. (2) When they were to be ſet in order for their encamping about the Sanctuary, *Numb.* 1. and 2. and 3. and 4. (3) In the fortieth year, when all this generation being dead, their Sons were numbred to receive their inheritance in the land of promiſe. And this was done, that thereby they might diſcern God's Faithfulneſs in multiplying them according to his promiſe; and alſo his Power and Providence in maintaining ſo great a multitude in ſuch a deſart place. ¶ [3] They who next deſcended of thoſe twelve Tribes, as *ch.* 26. 5. ¶ [4] The next Deſcendents of the Families aforeſaid. ¶ [5] *Exod.* 38. 26.

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Iſrael; thou and Aaron ſhall number them by their armies.

4 And with you there ſhall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the houſe of his fathers.

5 ¶ And theſe *are* the names of the men that ſhall ſtand with you: Of *the tribe of* Reuben; Elizur the ſon of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the ſon of Zuriſhaddai.

7 Of Judah; Nahſhon the ſon of Amminadab.

8 Of Iſſachar; Nethaneel the ſon of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the ſon of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joſeph: of Ephraim, Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud; of Manaſſeh, Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

11 Of Benjamin; Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

12 Of Dan; Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai.

13 Of Aſher; Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

14 Of Gad; Eliaſaph the ſon of Deuel.

15 Of Naphtali; Ahira the ſon of Enan.

16 Theſe *were* the [6] renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of [7] thouſands in Iſrael.

[6] *Ch.* 16. 2. and 26. 9. ¶ [7] *Judg.* 6. 15. *Mich.* 5. 2. Companies conſiſting of a thouſand men apiece.

17 ¶ And Moſes and Aaron took theſe men, which are expreſſed by *their* names.

18 And they aſſembled all the congregation together on the firſt *day* of the ſecond month, and they declared their pedegrees after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their poll.

19 As the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo he numbred them in the wilderneſs of Sinai.

20 And the children of Reuben Iſraels eldeſt ſon, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their poll, every male from twenty years old and upward; all that were able to go forth to war;

21 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Reuben, *were* forty and ſix thouſand and five hundred.

22 ¶ Of the children of Simeon by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, thoſe that were numbred of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty and nine thouſand and three hundred.

24 ¶ Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

25 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Gad, *were* forty and five thouſand ſix hundred and fifty.

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26 ¶ Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were* [9] threeſcore and fourteen thouſand and ſix hundred.

[9] Far more than in any other tribe; whereby *Jacob*'s Prophecy was accompliſh'd, *Gen.*49.8.

28 ¶ Of the children of Iſſachar, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Iſſachar, *were* fifty and four thouſand and four hundred.

30 ¶ Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty and ſeven thouſand and four hundred.

32 ¶ Of the children of Joſeph, *namely*, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* forty thouſand and five hundred.

34 ¶ Of the children of Manaſſeh, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Manaſſeh, *were* thirty and two thouſand and two hundred.

36 ¶ Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty and five thouſand and four hundred.

38 ¶ Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Dan, *were* threeſcore and two thouſand and ſeven hundred.

40 ¶ Of the children of Aſher, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Aſher, *were* forty and one thouſand and five hundred.

42 ¶ Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* fifty and three thouſand and four hundred.

44 ¶ Theſe *are* thoſe that were numbred, which Moſes and Aaron numbred, and the princes of Iſrael, *being* twelve men: each one was for the houſe of his fathers.

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45 So were all thoſe that were numbred of the children of Iſrael, by the houſe of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Iſrael;

46 Even all they that were numbred, were [10] ſix hundred thouſand and three thouſand and five hundred and fifty.

[10] *Ch.*23.10. *Deut.*10.22. *Hebr.*11.11,12.

47 ¶ But the Levites, after the tribe of their fathers, were [11] not numbred among them.

[11] Becauſe they were not to be imploy'd in Military affairs, (which was the occaſion of this muſtering, *v.* 3.) but only about the ſervice of the Tabernacle, *v.*50.

48 For the LORD had ſpoken unto Moſes, ſaying,

49 Only thou ſhalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the ſum of them among the children of Iſrael:

50 But thou ſhalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle [12] of teſtimony, and over all the veſſels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they ſhall [13] bear the tabernacle, and all the veſſels thereof, and they ſhall miniſter unto it, and ſhall encamp round about the tabernacle.

[12] *Exod.*31.18. and 38.21. So called becauſe it was made chiefly for the ſake of the Ark of the Teſtimony. See on *Exod.*26.33. ¶ [13] *ch.*4.25,31,36.

51 And when the tabernacle [14] ſetteth forward, the Levites ſhall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites ſhall [15] ſet it up: and the [16] ſtranger that cometh [17] nigh, ſhall be [18] put to death.

[14] *Ch.*10.11.17,21. ¶ [15] *ch.*10.-21. ¶ [16] Any one that is not of the Tribe of *Levi*. ¶ [17] To perform any of the Offices mentioned, *v.* 50. ¶ [18] 2 *Sam.*6.7.

52 And the children of Iſrael ſhall pitch their tents every man by his own camp, and every man by his own [19] ſtandard, throughout their hoſts.

[19] *ch.* 2. 2.

53 But the Levites ſhall pitch round about the tabernacle of teſtimony; that there be [20] no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Iſrael: and the Levites ſhall keep the [21] charge of the tabernacle of teſtimony.

[20] *V.*-51. ¶ [21] *Ch.*3.7. &c. and 18.5. The watch and ward, and do the works appointed by God.

54 And the children of Iſrael did [22] according to all that the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo did they.

[22] *Mat.* 28.20.

CHAP. II.

The order of the tribes in their tents.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

2 Every man of the children of Iſrael ſhall pitch by his [1] own ſtandard, with the [2] enſign of their fathers houſe: † [3] far off [4] about the tabernacle of the congregation ſhall they pitch.

† Heb. *over againſt.*

[1] Every Regiment had a Standard for the three Tribes that belonged to it. ¶ [2] Every Tribe had a particular Enſign for it ſelf, beſides the Standard for the quarter. ¶ [3] Probably about two thouſand cubits, or an Engliſh mile; which is a Sabbath-days journy, *Joſh.*3.4. ¶ [4] *Ezek.*48.31. *Rev.*4. 2,4.&c. *Pſal.*76.-11. For the better defence, and more ready acceſs and proſpect.

3 ¶ And on the eaſt-ſide toward the riſing of the ſun, ſhall they of the ſtandard of the camp of Judah pitch, throughout their armies: and Nahſhon the ſon of Amminadab *ſhall be* captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* threeſcore and fourteen thouſand and ſix hundred.

5 And

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5 And those that do pitch next unto him, *shall be* the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar *shall be* captain of the children of Issachar.

6 And his host, and those that were numbred thereof, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

7 *Then* the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon, *shall be* captain of the children of Zebulun.

8 And his host, and those that were numbred thereof, *were* fifty and seven thousand, and four hundred.

9 All that were numbred in the camp of Judah, *were* an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies: these shall [5] first set forth.

[5] *ch.*10. 14.

10 ¶ On the south-side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben, *shall be* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

11 And his host, and those that were numbred thereof, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

12 And those which pitch by him, *shall be* the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon, *shall be* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

13 And his host, and those that were numbred of them, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad, *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Reuel.

15 And his host, and those that were numbred of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbred in the camp of Reuben, *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies: and they shall set forth in the [6] second rank.

17 ¶ Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites, in the midst of the camp: [7] as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man [8] in his place by their standards.

[6] *Ch.*10.18. ¶ [7] *ch.*3.38. ¶ [8] 1 *Cor.*14.40. *Col.*2.-5. *Psal.* 50. 23.

18 ¶ On the west-side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim, *shall be* Elishama the son of Ammihud.

19 And his host, and those that were numbred of them, were forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And by him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh, *shall be* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

21 And his host, and those that were numbred of them, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin, *shall be* Abidan the son of Gideoni.

23 And his host, and those that were numbred of them, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbred of the camp of Ephraim, were an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies: and they shall go forward in the third rank.

25 ¶ The standard of the camp of [9] Dan *shall be* on the north-side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan, *shall be* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

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[9] All three were the sons of the hand-maids.

26 And his host, and those that were numbred of them, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

27 And those that encamp by him, *shall be* the tribe of [9] Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher, *shall be* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

28 And his host, and those that were numbred of them, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of [9] Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali, *shall be* Ahira the son of Enan.

30 And his host, and those that were numbred of them, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbred in the camp of Dan, *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred: they shall go hindmost with their standards.

32 ¶ These *are* those which were numbred of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers; all those that were numbred of the camps throughout their hosts, *were* six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Levites were not numbred among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

34 And the children of Israel did [10] according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they [11] pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

[10] *Exod.*39.42. *Psal.*119.6. *Luk.*1.6. ¶ [11] *Col.*2.5,6. *Numb.* 23.9,10,21. and 25.4,6. *Cant.*6.4.

CHAP. III.

5 The Levites service. 40 The first-born freed.

THese also *are* the [1] generations of [2] Aaron and Moses, in the day that the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sinai.

[1] Their Genealogy, and the things that befel them, (as *Gen.*5.1. See there.) ¶ [2] *Aaron* is set afore *Moses*, because the Priesthood was bestowed on his Posterity, whereas the Posterity of *Moses* were but common *Levites*.

2 And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the * first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

* Exod.6.23.

3 These *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, † whom he [3] consecrated to minister in the priests office.

† Heb. *whose hand he filled.*

4 * And Nadab and Abihu [4] died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministred in the priests office, [5] in the sight of Aaron their father.

* Levit. 10. 1. Chap.26. 61. 1 Chron.24.2.

[3] *Exod.*28.41. ¶ [4] *Ch.*26.61. *Lev.*10.1,2. 1 *Chron.* 24. 1, 2. ¶ [5] While he lived.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may [6] minister unto him.

[6] Assist him in the holy ministrations.

7 And they shall [7] keep his charge, and the charge [8] of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, [9] to do the service of the tabernacle.

[7] Be

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26 ¶ Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were* [9] threeſcore and fourteen thouſand and ſix hundred.

[9] Far more than in any other tribe; whereby *Jacob*'s Prophecy was accompliſh'd, *Gen.*49.8.

28 ¶ Of the children of Iſſachar, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Iſſachar, *were* fifty and four thouſand and four hundred.

30 ¶ Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty and ſeven thouſand and four hundred.

32 ¶ Of the children of Joſeph, *namely*, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* forty thouſand and five hundred.

34 ¶ Of the children of Manaſſeh, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Manaſſeh, *were* thirty and two thouſand and two hundred.

36 ¶ Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty and five thouſand and four hundred.

38 ¶ Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Dan, *were* threeſcore and two thouſand and ſeven hundred.

40 ¶ Of the children of Aſher, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Aſher, *were* forty and one thouſand and five hundred.

42 ¶ Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* fifty and three thouſand and four hundred.

44 ¶ Theſe *are* thoſe that were numbred, which Moſes and Aaron numbred, and the princes of Iſrael, *being* twelve men: each one was for the houſe of his fathers.

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45 So were all thoſe that were numbred of the children of Iſrael, by the houſe of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Iſrael;

46 Even all they that were numbred, were [10] ſix hundred thouſand and three thouſand and five hundred and fifty.

[10] *Ch.*23.10. *Deut.*10.22. *Hebr.*11.11,12.

47 ¶ But the Levites, after the tribe of their fathers, were [11] not numbred among them.

[11] Becauſe they were not to be imploy'd in Military affairs, (which was the occaſion of this muſtering, *v.* 3.) but only about the ſervice of the Tabernacle, *v.*50.

48 For the LORD had ſpoken unto Moſes, ſaying,

49 Only thou ſhalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the ſum of them among the children of Iſrael:

50 But thou ſhalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle [12] of teſtimony, and over all the veſſels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they ſhall [13] bear the tabernacle, and all the veſſels thereof, and they ſhall miniſter unto it, and ſhall encamp round about the tabernacle.

[12] *Exod.*31.18. and 38.21. So called becauſe it was made chiefly for the ſake of the Ark of the Teſtimony. See on *Exod.*26.33. ¶ [13] *ch.*4.25,31,36.

51 And when the tabernacle [14] ſetteth forward, the Levites ſhall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites ſhall [15] ſet it up: and the [16] ſtranger that cometh [17] nigh, ſhall be [18] put to death.

[14] *Ch.*10.11.17,21. ¶ [15] *ch.*10.-21. ¶ [16] Any one that is not of the Tribe of *Levi*. ¶ [17] To perform any of the Offices mentioned, *v.* 50. ¶ [18] 2 *Sam.*6.7.

52 And the children of Iſrael ſhall pitch their tents every man by his own camp, and every man by his own [19] ſtandard, throughout their hoſts. [19] *ch.* 2. 2.

53 But the Levites ſhall pitch round about the tabernacle of teſtimony; that there be [20] no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Iſrael: and the Levites ſhall keep the [21] charge of the tabernacle of teſtimony.

[20] *V.*-51. ¶ [21] *Ch.*3.7. &c. and 18.3. The watch and ward, and do the works appointed by God.

54 And the children of Iſrael did [22] according to all that the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo did they. [22] *Mat.* 28.20.

CHAP. II.

The order of the tribes in their tents.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

2 Every man of the children of Iſrael ſhall pitch by his [1] own ſtandard, with the [2] enſign of their fathers houſe: † [3] far off [4] about the tabernacle of the congregation ſhall they pitch. † Heb. *over against.*

[1] Every Regiment had a Standard for the three Tribes that belonged to it. ¶ [2] Every Tribe had a particular Enſign for it ſelf, beſides the Standard for the quarter. ¶ [3] Probably about two thouſand cubits, or an Engliſh mile; which is a Sabbath-days journy, *Joſh.*3.4. ¶ [4] *Ezek.* 43.12. *Rev.* 4. 2,4. &c. *Pſal.*76.-11. For the better defence, and more ready acceſs and proſpect.

3 ¶ And on the eaſt-ſide toward the riſing of the ſun, ſhall they of the ſtandard of the camp of Judah pitch, throughout their armies: and Nahſhon the ſon of Amminadab *ſhall be* captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* threeſcore and fourteen thouſand and ſix hundred.

5 And

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5 And thoſe that do pitch next unto him, *ſhall be* the tribe of Iſſachar: and Nethaneel the ſon of Zuar *ſhall be* captain of the children of Iſſachar.

6 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred thereof, *were* fifty and four thouſand and four hundred.

7 *Then* the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the ſon of Helon, *ſhall be* captain of the children of Zebulun.

8 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred thereof, *were* fifty and ſeven thouſand, and four hundred.

9 All that were numbred in the camp of Judah, *were* an hundred thouſand and fourſcore thouſand and ſix thouſand and four hundred, throughout their armies: theſe ſhall [5] firſt ſet forth.

[5] *ch.*10. 14.

10 ¶ On the ſouth-ſide *ſhall be* the ſtandard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben, *ſhall be* Elizur the ſon of Shedeur.

11 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred thereof, *were* forty and ſix thouſand and five hundred.

12 And thoſe which pitch by him, *ſhall be* the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon, *ſhall be* Shelumiel the ſon of Zuriſhaddai.

13 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* fifty and nine thouſand and three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the ſons of Gad, *ſhall be* Eliaſaph the ſon of Reuel.

15 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, were forty and five thouſand and ſix hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbred in the camp of Reuben, *were* an hundred thouſand and fifty and one thouſand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies: and they ſhall ſet forth in the [6] ſecond rank.

17 ¶ Then the tabernacle of the congregation ſhall ſet forward with the camp of the Levites, in the midſt of the camp: [7] as they encamp, ſo ſhall they ſet forward, every man [8] in his place by their ſtandards.

[6] *Ch.*10.18. ¶ [7] *ch.*3.38. ¶ [8] 1 *Cor.*14.40. *Col.*2.-5. *Pſal.* 50. 23.

18 ¶ On the weſt-ſide *ſhall be* the ſtandard of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies: and the captain of the ſons of Ephraim, *ſhall be* Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud.

19 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, were forty thouſand and five hundred.

20 And by him *ſhall be* the tribe of Manaſſeh: and the captain of the children of Manaſſeh, *ſhall be* Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

21 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* thirty and two thouſand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the ſons of Benjamin, *ſhall be* Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

23 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* thirty and five thouſand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbred of the camp of Ephraim, were an hundred thouſand and eight thouſand and an hundred, throughout their armies: and they ſhall go forward in the third rank.

25 ¶ The ſtandard of the camp of [9] Dan *ſhall be* on the north-ſide by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan, *ſhall be* Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai. Chap. 3. 2514.

[9] All three were the ſons of the hand-maids.

26 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* threeſcore and two thouſand and ſeven hundred.

27 And thoſe that encamp by him, *ſhall be* the tribe of [9] Aſher: and the captain of the children of Aſher, *ſhall be* Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

28 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* forty and one thouſand and five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of [9] Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali, *ſhall be* Ahira the ſon of Enan.

30 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* fifty and three thouſand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbred in the camp of Dan, *were* an hundred thouſand and fifty and ſeven thouſand and ſix hundred: they ſhall go hindmoſt with their ſtandards.

32 ¶ Theſe *are* thoſe which were numbred of the children of Iſrael by the houſe of their fathers; all thoſe that were numbred of the camps throughout their hoſts, *were* ſix hundred thouſand and three thouſand and five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Levites were not numbred among the children of Iſrael; as the LORD commanded Moſes.

34 And the children of Iſrael did [10] according to all that the LORD commanded Moſes: ſo they [11] pitched by their ſtandards, and ſo they ſet forward, every one after their families, according to the houſe of their fathers.

[10] *Exod.*39.42. *Pſal.*119.6. *Luk.*1.6. ¶ [11] *Col.*2.5,6. *Numb.* 23.9,10,21. and 25.4,6. *Cant.*6.4.

CHAP. III.

5 The Levites ſervice. 40 The firſt-born freed.

THeſe alſo *are* the [1] generations of [2] Aaron and Moſes, in the day that the LORD ſpake with Moſes in mount Sinai.

[1] Their Genealogy, and the things that befel them, (as *Gen.*5.1. See there.) ¶ [2] *Aaron* is ſet afore *Moſes*, becauſe the Prieſthood was beſtowed on his Poſterity, whereas the Poſterity of *Moſes* were but common *Levites*.

2 And theſe *are* the names of the ſons of Aaron; Nadab the * firſt-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. * Exod.6.23.

3 Theſe *are* the names of the ſons of Aaron, the prieſts which were anointed, † whom he [3] conſecrated to miniſter in the prieſts office. †Heb. *whoſe hand he filled.*

4 * And Nadab and Abihu [4] died before the LORD, when they offered ſtrange fire before the LORD, in the wilderneſs of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar miniſtred in the prieſts office, [5] in the ſight of Aaron their father. * Levit. 10. 1. Chap.26. 61. 1 Chron.24.2.

[3] *Exod.*28.41. ¶ [4] *Ch.*26.61. *Lev.*10.1,2. 1 *Chron.* 24. 1, 2. ¶ [5] While he lived.

5 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and preſent them before Aaron the prieſt, that they may [6] miniſter unto him.

[6] Aſſiſt him in the holy miniſtrations.

7 And they ſhall [7] keep his charge, and the charge [8] of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, [9] to do the ſervice of the tabernacle.

[7] Be

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[7] Be ready to obſerve his directions according to the Law. ¶ [8] For their benefit, and on their behalf, *ch.*1.53. *Exod.* 19. 22. and 27.-21. ¶ [9] *Ch.*8.-11.

8 And they ſhall keep all the inſtruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the [10] charge of the children of Iſrael, to do the ſervice of the tabernacle.

[10] That which belonged to them to take care of, tho not to be performed in their own perſons, yet by others in their ſtead.

9 And thou ſhalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his ſons: they *are* wholly given [11] unto him out of the children of Iſrael.

[11] For his help in the work of the Sanctuary.

10 And thou ſhalt appoint Aaron and his ſons, and [12] they ſhall wait on their [13] prieſts office: and the [14] ſtranger that [15] cometh nigh, ſhall be [16] put to death.

[12] They themſelves in their own perſons (*Ezek.* 44. 8.) and not turn over the work of the Sanctuary to the Levites. ¶ [13] *Ch.*18.7. ¶ [14] *ch.*1.-51. any one that is not of *Aarons* ſeed, *ch.*16.40. See *ch.*18.3. ¶ [15] *viz.* to execute any part of the Prieſts Office. ¶ [16] *ch.*16.32.

11 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

12 And I, behold, [17] I have taken the Levites from among the children of Iſrael, in ſtead of all the [18] firſt-born that [19] openeth the matrice among the children of Iſrael: therefore the Levites ſhall be [20] mine.

[17] *Ch.*8.16. and 18.6. ¶ [18] *v.*45. *Exod.*24.5. and 32. 26, 29. *Deut.*33.9. ¶ [19] *ch.*18.15. *Exod.*13.2. and 34.19. ¶ [20] Dedicated and ſet apart for my peculiar ſervice.

* Exod. 13. 2. Levit.27. 26. Chap.8. 16. Luke 2. 23.

13 Becauſe all the [21] firſt-born *are* mine, **for* on the day that I [22] ſmote all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, I hallowed unto me all the firſt-born in Iſrael, both man and beaſt, mine they ſhall be: I *am* the [23] LORD.

[21] *Ch.*8.16. *Exod.*13.2. *Lev.*27.26. *Luk.*2. 23. ¶ [22] *Exod.* 12.29,30. and 13.12,15. ¶ [23] Who may appoint whom I pleaſe to do my Service.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes in the wilderneſs of Sinai, ſaying,

15 Number the children of Levi, after the houſe of their fathers, by their families: every male from a [24] month old and upward, ſhalt thou number them.

[24] Becauſe the redemption of the Firſt-born was to be from a month old, *ch.*18.15,16.

16 And Moſes numbred them according to † Heb. *mouth.* the † word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

* Gen. 46.-11. Exod.6. 16. Chap.26. 57. 1 Chron.6. 1. 23.6.

17 * And theſe were the [25] ſons of Levi, by their names; Gerſhon, and Kohath, and Merari.

[25] *Gen.*46.11. *Exod.*6.16. and 26.57. 1 *Chron.*6. 1, 2. and

[26] Exod.6.17.

18 And *theſe* are the names of the [26] ſons of Gerſhon by their families; Libni, and Shimei.

[27] Exod. 6. 18.

19 And the ſons [27] of Kohath by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

[28] Exod. 6. 19.

20 And the [28] ſons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Muſhi: theſe *are* the families of the Levites, according to the houſe of their fathers.

21 Of Gerſhon *was* the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites: theſe *are* the families of the Gerſhonites.

22 Thoſe that were numbred of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *even* thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* ſeven thouſand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gerſhonites ſhall pitch behind the tabernacle weſt-ward.

24 And the chief of the houſe of the father of the Gerſhonites, *ſhall be* Eliaſaph the ſon of Lael.

25 And the [29] charge of the ſons of Gerſhon, [30] in the tabernacle of the congregation, *ſhall be* the [31] tabernacle, and the [32] tent, the [33] covering thereof, and the [35] hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

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[29] The holy things which they are to carry, keep, and look unto. ¶ [30] About the removal of it, as *ch.*4.-15. (for they might not come into the Tabernacle.) ¶ [31] The ten curtains, mentioned *Exod.*26.1. and called the Tabernacle there. ¶ [32] The eleven curtains of Goats hair, *Exod.*26.7. called the Tent there, *v.*-11,12,13. ¶ [33] Of Badgers skins and Rams skins, mentioned, *Exod.*26.14. ¶ [35] *Exod.*26. 36.

26 And the [36] hangings of the court, and the [37] curtain for the door of the court, [38] which *is* by the tabernacle, and by the [38] altar round about, and the cords of it, for all the ſervice thereof.

[36] *Exod.*27.9. ¶ [37] *Exod.*27.16. ¶ [38] *ch.*4.26. which Court compaſſes about the Tabernacle and Altar of Burnt-offering, *Exod.*27. 16.

27 ¶ And of Kohath *was* the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: theſe *are* the families of the Koathites.

28 In the number of all the males from a month old and upward, *were* eight thouſand and ſix hundred, keeping the charge of the [39] ſanctuary.

[39] The moſt holy things there, *v.*31.

29 The families of the ſons of Kohath ſhall pitch on the ſide of the tabernacle ſouth-ward.

30 And the chief of the houſe of the father of the families of the Kohathites, *ſhall be* Elizaphan the ſon of Uzziel.

31 And their charge *ſhall be* the ark, and the table, and the candleſtick, and the altars, and the veſſels of the ſanctuary wherewith they miniſter, and the [40] hanging, and all the [41] ſervice thereof.

[40] The Vail. ¶ [41] *i. e.* the Veſſels which belong to the ſervice, *ch.*4.14,26.

32 And Eleazar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt, *ſhall be* [42] chief over the chief of the Levites, *and have* the overſight of them that keep the charge of the ſanctuary.

[42] Next to the High-Prieſt, called the Second Prieſt, (2 *King.*25.18.) who ſupplied the place of the High-Prieſt upon any ſpecial occaſion, and had ſuperiority over all the reſt of the Prieſts and Levites, 1 *Chron.*9.20.

33 ¶ Of Merari *was* the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Muſhites: theſe *are* the families of Merari.

34 And thoſe that were numbred of them, according to the number of all the males from a month old and upward, *were* ſix thouſand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the houſe of the father of the families of Merari, *was* Zuriel the ſon of Abihail: *theſe* ſhall pitch on the ſide of the tabernacle north-ward.

36 And † *under* the cuſtody and charge of the ſons of Merari, *ſhall be* the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the ſockets thereof, and all the veſſels thereof, and all that ſerveth thereto, † Heb. *of the office of the charge.*

37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their ſockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 ¶ But thoſe that encamp before the tabernacle toward the eaſt: *even* before the tabernacle of the congregation eaſt-ward, *ſhall be* Moſes and Aaron, and his ſons, keeping the charge of the ſanctuary, for [8] the charge of the children of Iſrael; and the [14] ſtranger that cometh nigh ſhall be put to death.

39 All that were numbred of the Levites, which Moſes and Aaron numbred at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families,

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families, all the males from a month old and upward, were [43] twenty and two thouſand.

[43] The particulars here make up twenty two thouſand three hundred, (and ſo they are ſaid to be, *ch.*26.62.) but out of them muſt be deducted *Aaron* and the Prieſts, and the firſt-born of the Levites, which were the Lord's after a peculiar manner, (*Exod.*13.2.) and ſo could not be given to him again inſtead of the other firſt-born, *Lev.*27.26.

40 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Number all the firſt-born of the males of the children of Iſrael, from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou ſhalt take the Levites for me (I *am* the LORD) in ſtead of all the firſt-born among the children of Iſrael; and the cattel of the Levites, in ſtead of all the firſtlings among the cattel of the children of Iſrael.

42 And Moſes numbred, as the LORD commanded him, all the firſt-born among the children of Iſrael.

43 And all the firſt-born males, by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of thoſe that were numbred of them, were twenty and two thouſand two hundred and threeſcore and thirteen.

44 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

** *v.*12,13,41.

45 Take the [44] Levites in ſtead of all the firſt-born among the children of Iſrael, and the cattel of the Levites in ſtead of their cattel, and the Levites ſhall be mine: I *am* the LORD.

46 And for thoſe that are to be redeemed of the two hundred threeſcore and thirteen, of the firſt-born of the children of Iſrael, which are more then the Levites;

47 Thou ſhalt even take five [45] ſhekels apiece by the poll, after the ſhekel [46] of the ſanctuary ſhalt thou take *them:* * the ſhekel *is* [46] twenty gerahs.

* Exod.30.13. Lev.27.25. Chap.18.16. Ezek.45.12.

[45] *Ch.*18.16. *Lev.*27.6. This was raiſed either by lot, or paid in common by 'em all. ¶ [46] See on *Exod.* 30.13.

48 And thou ſhalt give the mony, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron, and to his ſons.

49 And Moſes took the redemption-mony of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites.

50 Of the firſt-born of the children of Iſrael took he the mony; [47] a thouſand three hundred and threeſcore and five *ſhekels*, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary.

[47] Which makes one hundred fifty five pounds thirteen ſhillings and eleven pence, of our mony.

51 And Moſes gave the mony of them that were redeemed, unto Aaron, and to his ſons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moſes.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The Levites ſervice,* 17 *and office.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

2 Take the ſum of the ſons of Kohath from among the ſons of Levi, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers;

3 From [1] thirty years old and upward, even until [2] fifty years old, all that enter into the [3] hoſt, to do the [4] work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

[1] They began to be Probationers at 25 years old, (*ch.*8.24.) but were not admitted to their full Miniſtration till 30. Which was alter'd by *David*, (by direction from God, 1 *Chron.*28.13,19.) to 20 years old, becauſe then there was no occaſion for their carrying the Tabernacle; and ſo not ſo much bodily ſtrength required, 1 *Chron.* 23.-24, 26. [2] Yet after their ſuperannuation they were ſtill to be aſſiſtant as Overſeers. *ch.*8.26,27. See there. ¶ [3] *ie.* Service (*v.*30.) The ſeveral Companies of Prieſts were called Hoſts, becauſe of that excellent order which was among 'em, both as to perſons, place, time, matter and manner of their ſervice. ¶ [4] *Viz.* To help the Prieſts to ſolemnize the ſervice of God with Muſic; to be Porters, &c. 1 *Chron.* 23. 28–32. and 26.20–32.

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4 This *ſhall be* the ſervice of the ſons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, *about* the moſt holy things.

5 ¶ And when the camp ſetteth forward, Aaron ſhall come and his ſons, and [5] they ſhall take down the [6] covering vail, and cover the ark of the teſtimony with it:

[5] Upon this occaſion the ordinary Prieſts might go into the Holy of holies; and when they had done all their work there, then afterwards the Levites might come alſo to carry the Ark, *v.*15. ¶ [6] That that hung before the moſt Holy place, *Exod.*40.3.

6 And ſhall put thereon the covering [7] of badgers skins, and ſhall ſpread over *it* a cloth wholly of blue, and ſhall put in [8] the ſtaves thereof.

[7] Not that which covered all the tabernacle, (for that belonged to the Gerſhonites, *v.*25.) but a ſmaller covering or caſe for this purpoſe. ¶ [8] Which might not be taken out while the Tabernacle was ſtanding, (*Exod.* 25. 14, 15.) but when it was taken down they took out the ſtaves, to put on the covering, and then put 'em in again.

7 And upon the * table of ſhew-bread they ſhall ſpread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the diſhes, and the ſpoons, and the bowls, and covers to ‖ cover withal: and the [9] continual bread ſhall be thereon.

* Exod.25.30.

‖ Or, *pour out withal.*

[9] Which was always upon the table, (*Lev.*24.8.) and was not to be taken off now, but only cover'd and carried with the table.

8 And they ſhall ſpread upon them a cloth of ſcarlet, and cover the ſame with a covering of badgers skins, and ſhall put in the ſtaves thereof.

9 And they ſhall take a cloth of blue, and cover the * candleſtick of the light, * and his lamps, and his tongs, and his ſnuff-diſhes, and all the oyl-veſſels thereof, wherewith they miniſter unto it.

* Exod. 25.31. * Exod.25.37, 38.

10 And they ſhall put it and all the veſſels thereof within a covering of badgers skins, and ſhall put *it* upon a bar.

11 And upon the golden altar they ſhall ſpread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers skins, and ſhall put to the ſtaves thereof.

12 And they ſhall take all the [10] inſtruments of miniſtery, wherewith they miniſter in the ſanctuary, and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers skins, and ſhall put *them* on a bar.

[10] 2 *Kings* 25.14,15. The ſacred garments uſed by the Prieſts in their holy miniſtrations; *Exod.*31.10.

13 And they ſhall take away the aſhes from the altar, and ſpread a purple cloth thereon:

14 And they ſhall put upon it all the [11] veſſels thereof, wherewith they miniſter about it, *even* the cenſers, the fleſh-hooks, and the ſhovels, and the ‖ baſons, all the veſſels of the altar; and they ſhall ſpread upon it a covering of badgers skins, and put to the ſtaves of it.

[11] *Exod.*27.3.

‖ Or, *bowls.*

15 And when Aaron and his ſons have made an end of covering the ſanctuary, and all the veſſels of the ſanctuary, as the camp is to ſet forward; after that, the ſons of Kohath ſhall come to [12] bear *it:* but they ſhall [13] not touch *any* holy thing, leſt they [14] die. Theſe *things are* the burden of the ſons of Kohath, [15] in the tabernacle of the congregation.

[12] *Ch.*7.9. ¶ [13] (As *Exod.*19.12. *Hebr.*12.18.) ¶ [14] As 2 *Sam.*6.6,7. ¶ [15] About the removal of it, (as *ch.*3.25.)

16 ¶ And to the office of Eleazar the ſon of

Aaron

Aaron the Prieſt, [16] *pertaineth* the oyl for the light, and the ſweet * incenſe, and the daily meat-offering, and [17] the * anointing oyl, *and* the [18] overſight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein *is*, in the ſanctuary, and in the veſſels thereof.

* Exod. 30. 34.
* Exod. 30. 23.

[16] *Viz.* To carry them himſelf. ¶ [17] *Exod.* 30. 25. ¶ [18] To ſee that all was done in a due manner, as was commanded.

17 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

18 [19] Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites, from among the Levites.

[19] Suffer 'em not to touch the holy things thro' your neglect, whereby they ſhould be cut off.

19 But thus do unto them, that they may [20] live and not die, when they approach unto the moſt holy things; Aaron and his ſons ſhall go in, and appoint them every one to his ſervice, and to his burden.

[20] *Deut.* 33. 6.

20 But they ſhall not go in to [21] ſee when the holy things are covered, leſt they die.

[21] 1 *Sam.* 6. 19.

21 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

22 Take alſo the ſum of the ſons of Gerſhon, throughout the houſes of their fathers by their families;

23 From thirty years old and upward, until fifty years old ſhalt thou number them; all that enter in † to perform the ſervice, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

† Heb. *to war the warfare.*

24 This *is* the ſervice of the families of the Gerſhonites, [22] to ſerve, and for ‖ [23] burdens.

‖ Or, *carriage.*

[22] To aſſiſt the Prieſts while the tabernacle is ſtanding, and to help 'em to take it down, and ſet it up. ¶ [23] To carry it when it is remov'd.

25 And they ſhall bear the [24] curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, [25] his covering, and the covering of the badgers ſkins that *is* above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

[24] The eleven curtains of goats hair. See *ch.* 3. 25. ¶ [25] The covering of rams ſkins died red.

26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court which *is* by the tabernacle and [26] by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the inſtruments of their ſervice, and all that is made for them: ſo ſhall they ſerve.

[26] See on *ch.* 3. 26.

27 At the † appointment of Aaron and his ſons, ſhall be all the ſervice of the ſons of the Gerſhonites, in all their burdens, and in all their ſervice: and ye ſhall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

† Heb. *mouth.*

28 This *is* the ſervice of the families of the ſons of Gerſhon, in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge *ſhall be* under the [27] hand of Ithamar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt.

[27] Conduct and direction.

29 ¶ As for the ſons of Merari, thou ſhalt number them after their families, by the houſe of their fathers;

30 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old ſhalt thou number them, every one that entreth in to the † ſervice, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

† Heb. *warfare.*

31 And this *is* the charge of their burden, according to all their ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation; the * boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and ſockets thereof,

* Exod. 26. 15.

32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their ſockets, and their [28] pins, and their [28] cords, with all their inſtruments, and with all their ſervice: and by [29] name ye ſhall reckon the inſtruments of the charge of their burden.

[28] God takes care of the leaſt members of his Church, and the leaſt ordinances, *John* 10. 3. ¶ [29] *i. e.* You ſhall make an inventory of all things which you commit to their charge.

33 This *is* the ſervice of the families of the ſons of Merari, according to all their ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation, under the [27] hand of Ithamar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt.

34 ¶ And Moſes and Aaron and the chief of the congregation numbred the ſons of the Kohathites, after their families, and after the houſe of their fathers;

35 From thirty years old, and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that entreth in to the ſervice, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

36 And thoſe that were numbred of them by their families, were two thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty.

37 Theſe *were* they that were numbred of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moſes and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moſes.

38 And thoſe that were numbred of the ſons of Gerſhon, throughout their families, and by the houſe of their fathers;

39 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that entreth in to the ſervice, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

40 Even thoſe that were numbred of them, throughout their families, by the houſes of their fathers, were two thouſand and ſix hundred and thirty.

41 Theſe *are* they that were numbred of the families of the ſons of Gerſhon, of all that might [30] do ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moſes and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the LORD.

[30] Were of competent age to ſerve there.

42 ¶ And thoſe that were numbred of the families of the ſons of Merari, throughout their families, by the houſe of their fathers;

43 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that entreth in to the ſervice for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

44 Even thoſe that were numbred of them after their families, were [31] three thouſand and two hundred.

[31] The general number of this family was leſs than the other two, (*ch.* 3. 22, 28, 34.) and yet the number of ſtrong, able perſons for ſervice was greater, becauſe their ſervice required greater ſtrength. A rare inſtance of God's fitting men for the work whereto he calls 'em, whether in reſpect of ability of body or mind, 1 *Cor.* 12. 8–12.

45 Theſe *be* thoſe that were numbred of the families of the ſons of Merari, whom Moſes and Aaron numbred according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moſes.

46 All thoſe that were numbred of the Levites, whom Moſes and Aaron and the chief of Iſrael numbred, after their families, and after the houſe of their fathers;

47 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that came to [32] do the ſervice of the miniſtery, and the [33] ſervice of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation;

48 Even thoſe that were numbred of them were eight thouſand and five hundred and fourſcore.

49 According to the commandment of the LORD,

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LORD, they were numbred by the hand of Moſes, every one according to his ſervice and according to his burden: thus were they numbred of him, as the LORD commanded Moſes.

CHAP. V.

5 *Reſtitution enjoyned.* 11 *The trial of jealouſie.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Command the children of Iſrael, that they [1] put out of the camp every * [2] leper, and every one that hath an * [3] iſſue, and whoſoever is defiled by the * [4] dead,

* Lev.13.3.
* Lev.15.2.
* Lev.21.1.

[1] This noted the removal of ſcandalous impenitent ſinners out of the Church, 1 *Cor.*5.7,11. *Iſa.*52.1. *Rev.* 21. 27. ¶ [2] *Lev.*13.46. ¶ [3] *Lev.*15.2. *&c.* ¶ [4] *Ch.*9.6,10. and 19.11. *&c.* and 31.19.

3 [5] Both male and female ſhall ye put out, without the camp ſhall ye put them; that they [6] defile not their camps in the midſt whereof I [7] dwell.

[5] Hence *ch.*12.14,15. ¶ [6] *Ch.*19.22. *Hag.*2.13. this taught 'em to abſtain from unneceſſary ſociety with wicked men, 2 *Cor.*6.17. *Heb.*12.15,16. ¶ [7] *Lev.*26.11 *viz.* by my ſpecial grace and preſence.

4 And the children of Iſrael did ſo, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſo did the children of Iſrael.

5 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

* Lev.6.3.

6 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, * When a man or woman ſhall commit [8] any ſin that men [9] commit, to do a treſpaſs againſt the LORD, and that perſon be [10] guilty.

[8] *Viz.* of humane frailty and infirmity (*Lev.*6.2.) This reſpects moral defilement, as the former ceremonial. ¶ [9] *Viz.* one againſt another, *v.* 7. ¶ [10] Become ſenſible of his guilt.

7 Then they ſhall [11] confeſs their ſin which they have done: and he ſhall recompenſe [12] his treſpaſs

* Lev.6.5.

* with the [13] principal thereof, and add unto it the [13] fifth *part* thereof, and give *it* unto *him* againſt whom he hath treſpaſſed.

[11] *Prov.*28.13. *Job* 33.27,28. ¶ [12] The wrong he has done his Neighbor, either in taking away any thing from him, or denying what was entruſted with him, *Lev.* 6.2. ¶ [13] See on *Lev.*6.5.

8 But if the man have no kinſman to recompenſe the treſpaſs unto, let the treſpaſs be recompenſed unto the LORD, *even* to the prieſts: beſide the [14] ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement ſhall be made for him.

‖ Or, *heave-offering.*

9 And [15] every ‖ offering [16] of all the holy things of the children of Iſrael, which they bring unto the prieſt, ſhall be his.

[14] *Lev.*6.6,7. ¶ [15] *Ch.*18.8. *Deut.*18.3. ¶ [16] *Ezek.*44.30.

10 And every mans [17] hallowed things ſhall be [18] his: whatſoever any man giveth the prieſt, it ſhall be * his.

* Lev.10.13.

[17] Such as were devoted to God, yet could not be offered in Sacrifice, as a Houſe, or the like. ¶ [18] *Ezek.*44.30. *Lev.* 10.13.

11 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

12 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, If any mans wife [19] go aſide, and commit a treſpaſs againſt him;

[19] *Prov.*7.25. *viz.* from her duty to her Husband; or, be but ſuſpected ſo to do.

13 And a man lie with her [20] carnally, and it be [21] hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept cloſe, and ſhe be defiled, and *there be* [22] no witneſs againſt her, neither ſhe be taken *with the manner*;

[20] *Lev.*15.18. ¶ [21] *Prov.*30.20. ¶ [22] For if there were Witneſſes to prove it, then ſhe was to be put to death, *Lev.* 20.10.

14 And the [23] ſpirit of [24] jealouſie come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and ſhe be defiled; or if the ſpirit of jealouſie come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and ſhe be not defiled.

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[23] *Iſa.* 19.14. a violent perſwaſion; or impreſſion upon his Spirit. ¶ [24] *Prov.*6.34.

15 Then ſhall the man bring his wife unto the prieſt, and he ſhall bring her offering for her, [25] the tenth part of an ephah of barley-meal: he ſhall pour [26] no oyl upon it, nor put [27] frankincenſe thereon, for it *is* an offering of jealouſie, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to [28] remembrance.

[25] To make atonement for her other ſins, that ſo God may graciouſly deal with her in this particular according to her deſert. ¶ [26] To note, that ſhe came thither as one that wanted that grace, amiableneſs, and joy which was figured by oyl. ¶ [27] To note, that ſhe wanted acceptance with God (figured by Frankincenſe.) ¶ [28] Both to God before whom ſhe now appeared as a ſinner; and to her own Conſcience, if ſhe were guilty: or, if not of this; yet it reminded her of her other ſins, for which ſhe might be puniſh'd.

16 And the prieſt ſhall bring her near, and ſet her before the LORD.

17 And the prieſt ſhall take [29] holy water in an earthen veſſel, and of the [30] duſt that is in the floor of the tabernacle, the prieſt ſhall take, and put *it* into the water.

[29] Water of purification appointed for ſuch kind of uſes, *ch.*19.9. ¶ [30] An emblem of vileneſs and miſery (*Job* 2.12. *Pſal.*7.4,5. and 22.14. *Lam.*3.29.) and ſo fit to imply, both the foulneſs of the ſin which was in queſtion, the affliction of the woman ſuſpected, and the ſorrow ſhe would bring upon her ſelf, if guilty.

18 And the prieſt ſhall ſet the woman before the LORD, and [31] uncover the womans head, and put the [32] offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the jealouſie offering: and the prieſt ſhall have in his hand the [33] bitter water that cauſeth the curſe.

[31] To note, that it was in vain any longer to hide her ſin, if ſhe were guilty, becauſe God would now make open diſcovery of it. ¶ [32] Brought by her Husband (*v.*15.) which ſhe was to take as a ſign that ſhe offered her ſelf to God's trial, to whom this offering was preſented. ¶ [33] So called in regard of the effect it had upon her, if ſhe were guilty, *v.* 22.

19 And the prieſt ſhall [34] charge her by an oath, and ſay unto the woman, If no man have lien with thee, and if thou haſt not gone aſide to uncleanneſs ‖ † *with another* in ſtead of thy husband, be thou free [35] from this bitter water that cauſeth the curſe:

‖ Or, being *in the power of thy husband.*

† Heb. *under thy husband.*

[34] Lay this Imprecation or Oath upon her (as *Joſh.* 6.26. 1 *Sam.*14.24.) ¶ [35] From any hurt by it.

20 But if thou haſt gone aſide *to another* in ſtead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and ſome man hath lien with thee beſide thine husband:

21 Then the prieſt ſhall [34] charge the woman with an oath of curſing, and the prieſt ſhall ſay unto the woman, The LORD [36] make thee a curſe and an oath among the people, when the LORD doth make [37] thy thigh to † rot, and thy belly to ſwell;

† Heb. *fall*

[36] *Iſa.*65.15. mention thee for an example of a curſed perſon; that when they'd curſe a perſon, they may wiſh him to be as miſerable as thou art upon this occaſion. ¶ [37] Thy womb to rot, or to fall down out of its place (whereby it became unfit for conception) and ſo ſhe was puniſh'd in thoſe very parts wherewith ſhe had ſinn'd.

22 And this water that cauſeth the curſe ſhall go into thy bowels, to make *thy* belly to ſwell, and thy *thigh* to rot: And the woman ſhall ſay, [38] Amen, amen.

23 And the prieſt ſhall write [39] theſe curſes in a [40] book, and he ſhall [41] blot *them* out with the bitter water:

[38] *Neh.*8.6. ¶ [39] All the words, wherewith he adjur'd the woman. ¶ [40] Any piece of paper. ¶ [41] *Iſa.* 43.25.

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to note, that if she were innocent, the curses should be blotted out, (but otherwise not.)

24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and* [42] *become* bitter.

[42] Produce bitter effects.

25 Then the priest shall take the jealousie-offering out of the womans hand, and shall [43] wave the offering before the LORD, and offer [44] it upon the altar.

[43] Move it to and fro. See on *Exod.*29.24. ¶ [44] *i. e.* The handful or memorial thereof, mentioned *v.* 26.

26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, *even* the memorial thereof, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.

27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, *that* if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband; that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot; and the woman shall be a curse among her people.

28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be [45] free, and [46] shall conceive seed.

[45] *V.* 19. not have any harm by the drink. ¶ [46] Be as capable to conceive, as before.

29 This *is* the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside *to another* in stead of her husband, and is defiled;

30 Or when the spirit of jealousie cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.

31 Then shall the man be [47] guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

[47] Free from any punishment, tho he accused her wrongfully, if he had any probable grounds of suspicion.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The law of the Nazarites.* 24 *The form of blessing the people.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall ‖ [1] separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a [2] Nazarite, to separate *themselves* [3] unto the LORD:

‖ Or, *make themselves Nazarites.*

[1] *Viz.* from worldly employments and enjoyments in a great measure. ¶ [2] The word signifies, Persons separated from others, and bound to a peculiar profession and course of life, thereby to be types of Christ (who was separate from Sinners, *Heb.*7.26.) and Patterns of strict holiness: And this was done, either for Life (as *Judg.*13. 5. and 16.17. 1 *Sam.* 1.11. *Luke* 1.15.) or for a less and limited space of time, *Act.*21.24. ¶ [3] To be holy unto him (*v.*8.) after a stricter manner than others.

3 He shall separate *himself* from [4] wine, and [5] strong drink, and shall drink no vineger of wine, or vineger of strong drink, neither shall he drink any [6] liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

[4] *Luke* 7.32,33. to note their renouncing all carnal, sensual pleasures, and worldly delights, that they might devote themselves to God's service. ¶ [5] All liquor that does powerfully intoxicate, and incline to drunkenness. ¶ [6] *Judg.* 13. 14.

‖ Or, *Nazariteship.* † Heb. *vine of the wine.*

4 [7] All the days of his ‖ separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the † vine-tree, from [8] the kernels, even to the husk.

[7] So long as his vow of Nazariteship continues. ¶ [8] To teach an exact care to avoid all occasions, provocations, yea, or appearance of evil, 1 *Thess.*5.22. *Isa.*30.22.

5 All the days of the vow of his separation, there shall [9] no * rasour come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall be holy; *and* shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

* Judg.13.5. 1 Sam.1. 11.

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[9] *Judg.*13.5. 1 *Sam.*1. 11. that their hair being continually in their sight, might put 'em in mind of their consecration to God's service, and mortification to the world.

6 All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall come at [10] no dead body.

[10] To teach 'em to abstain from sinful and dead works, and converse with sinners.

7 He shall not [11] make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the † [12] consecration [13] of his God *is* upon his head.

† Heb. *separation.*

[11] To teach 'em (1) to moderate their affections to, and sorrow for, their Relations. (2) What exactness of spiritual purity God required of them. ¶ [12] The sign of his consecration, *viz.* his long hair. ¶ [13] Of his being consecrated to God in a more peculiar manner.

8 All the days of his separation he *is* [14] holy unto the LORD.

[14] Besides the outward observations, God requires inward holiness.

9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall [15] shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

[15] *Act.*21.23. to note, his renouncing his own righteousness by the works of the Law, as being defiled with sin.

10 And on the [16] eighth day he shall bring two turtles or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[16] See on *Lev.* 15.14.

11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he [17] sinned by the dead, and shall [18] hallow his head that same day.

[17] Lost his former dedication, being polluted by the dead. This taught the contagion of sin, which men unawares, and inevitably often fall into. ¶ [18] Set apart his Hair to God, and suffer it to grow, and keep himself from uncleanness.

12 And he shall [19] consecrate unto the LORD the [19] days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a [20] trespass-offering: but the days that were before shall † be [21] lost, because his separation was defiled.

† Heb. *fall.*

[19] Begin anew to consecrate the very same number of days, which before his defiling he had vow'd unto God. ¶ [20] See on *Lev.*6.6. ¶ [21] To note, that when men contradict their profession, by their practice, all the good they did before is lost (*Ezek.*18.24.) and that they must renew their profession by sincere repentance.

13 ¶ And this *is* the law of the Nazarite: When the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he-lamb of the first year without blemish, for a burnt-offering, and one ew-lamb of the first year without blemish, for a [22] sin-offering, and one ram without blemish, for [23] peace-offerings,

[22] Whereby he confessed and bewailed his miscarriages, notwithstanding the strictness of his Vow, and all the care and diligence he could use. ¶ [23] For thankfulness to God, who had given him grace to make, and in some measure to keep such a Vow.

15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oyl, and [24] wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oyl, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings.

[24] *Lev.*7. 12.

16 And the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD, and shall offer his [22] sin-offering, and his burnt-offering.

17 And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of [23] peace-offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

18 * And

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18 * And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head [12] of his separation, and put *it* in the fire which *is* under the [25] sacrifice of the peace-offerings.

* Acts 21. 24.

[25] The pots or caldrons where the peace-offerings were boiled: in token of thankfulness to God that enabled him to fulfil his Vow.

19 And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite, after *the hair of* his separation is shaven,

* Exod. 29. 27.

20 And the priest shall [26] wave them * *for* a wave-offering before the LORD: this *is* holy for the priest, with the wave-breast and heave-shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may [27] drink wine.

[26] See on *Exod.* 29. 24. ¶ [27] Return to his former way of living again.

21 This *is* the law of the Nazarite, who hath vowed, *and of* his offering unto the LORD [28] for his separation, [29] besides *that* that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

[28] For the grace and mercies received therein. See *n.* 23. ¶ [29] *i. e.* This he must do at least, and more if he be able.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall [30] bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

[30] 1 *Chron.* 23. 7-13. *Luke* 24. 50. Herein the Priest was a type of Christ, whom God sent to bless us, (*Acts* 3. 26.) and therefore his Doctrin began with manifold blessings, *Matth.* 5. 2-12.

24 [31] The LORD bless thee, and [32] keep thee:

[31] This is evangelically explain'd by the Apostle, 2 *Cor.* 13. 14. ¶ [32] In grace and a good estate, *Psal.* 121. 7. 1 *Chron.* 29. 18. *Job.* 17. 11, 15.

25 The LORD [33] make his face shine upon thee, and be [33] gracious unto thee:

[33] Manifest his love and favour to thee, *Psal.* 44. 3 and 80. 4, 8, 20. *Prov.* 16. 15. *Dan.* 9. 17.

26 The LORD [34] lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee [35] peace.

[34] 2 *Sam.* 2. 22. *Psal.* 4. 6. Shew himself well-pleased with thy person and performances. ¶ [35] All prosperity and happiness.

27 And they shall [36] put my name upon the children of Israel, and [37] I will bless them.

[36] *Jer.* 4. 9. *Dan.* 9. 18, 19. Call 'em my people, and bless 'em upon that account. ¶ [37] *Psal.* 115. 13.

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1, 10 *The princes offerings.* 89 *God speaketh to Moses.*

AND it came to pass [1] on the day that Moses had [1] fully * set up the tabernacle, and had [2] anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and [3] sanctified them;

* Exod. 40. 18.

[1] *Exod.* 40. 18. *i. e.* After all those things mentioned in the former Chapters were fully accomplish'd. ¶ [2] *Exod.* 40. 9. *Lev.* 8. 10, 11. ¶ [3] Set 'em apart to holy uses.

2 That the princes of Israel, [4] heads of the house of their fathers (who *were* the princes of the tribes, † and were [5] over them that were numbred) [6] offered:

† Heb. *who stood.*

[4] *Ch.* 1. 16. ¶ [5] *ch.* 2. 3. ¶ [6] So *Exod.* 35. 27. 2 *Chron.* 29. 6-8.

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

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4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

5 Take *it* of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the Congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man [7] according to his service.

[7] According as the weight is more or less of those things he is to carry.

6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service.

8 And [8] four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the [9] hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

[8] Because their carriage was heavier than that of the Gershonites, *ch.* 4. 31. with 25. ¶ [9] Conduct and direction.

9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them, *was that* they should bear upon their [10] shoulders.

10 ¶ And the princes offered for [11] dedicating of the [12] altar, [13] in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

[10] 2 *Sam.* 6. 6, 13. ¶ [11] 2 *Chron.* 7. 5, 9. *Ezra* 6. 16, 17. *Neh.* 12. 27, 43. *Deut.* 20. 5. *John* 10. 22. For the first time it was made use of. ¶ [12] Both of Burnt-offerings, and of Incense. ¶ [13] About the time.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 ¶ And he that offered his offering the first day, was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah.

13 And his offering *was* one silver [14] charger, the weight thereof *was* an [15] hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver [16] bowl of [17] seventy shekels [18] after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them *were* full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a * meat-offering:

* Lev. 2. 1.

[14] For the use of the Altar of burnt-offerings, whereon these sacrifices which they brought were to be offer'd; (for all the vessels in the tabernacle were of pure gold.) ¶ [15] In weight four pounds one ounce *Averdupois*. In value fourteen pounds sixteen shillings and seven pence. ¶ [16] *Zech.* 14. 20. To carry the blood of the sacrifices to the Altar where it was poured out. ¶ [17] In value about eight pounds. ¶ [18] See on *Exod.* 30. 13.

14 One [19] spoon of † ten *shekels* of gold, full of [20] incense:

[19] Or, Cup. † In value eighteen pounds and five shillings. ¶ [20] For the golden Altar of Incense.

15 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

16 One kid of the goats for a * sin-offering:

* Lev. 4. 23.

17 And for a sacrifice of [21] peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

[21] Of these the Princes, with the Priests, &c. did eat, and so kept a Feast with joy before the Lord for his mercy towards his people.

18 ¶ On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer.

19 [22] He offered *for* his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

[22] Their offerings are severally and largely described, to shew how highly acceptable they were: and they offer'd all alike, as having equal right to the Altar.

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20 One ſpoon of gold of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

23 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This *was* the offering of Nethaneel the ſon of Zuar.

24 ¶ On the third day Eliab the ſon of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, *did offer.*

25 His offering *was* one ſilver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering.

26 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

28 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

29 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This *was* the offering of Eliab the ſon of Helon.

30 ¶ On the fourth day Elizur the ſon of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, *did offer.*

31 His offering *was* one ſilver charger, of an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

32 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

34 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

35 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This *was* the offering of Elizur the ſon of Shedeur.

36 ¶ On the fifth day Shelumiel the ſon of Zuriſhaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, *did offer.*

37 His offering *was* one ſilver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

38 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

40 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

41 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This *was* the offering of Shelumiel the ſon of Zuriſhaddai.

42 ¶ On the ſixth day Eliaſaph the ſon of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, *offered.*

43 His offering *was* one ſilver charger, of the weight of an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, a ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

44 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

46 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

47 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This was the offering of Eliaſaph the ſon of Deuel.

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48 ¶ On the ſeventh day Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, *offered.*

49 His offering was one ſilver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

50 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

52 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

53 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This *was* the offering of Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud.

54 ¶ On the eighth day *offered* Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manaſſeh.

55 His offering *was* one ſilver charger of an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering.

56 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

58 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

59 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This *was* the offering of Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

60 ¶ On the ninth day Abidan the ſon of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin, *offered.*

61 His offering *was* one ſilver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, a ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

62 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

64 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

65 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This *was* the offering of Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

66 ¶ On the tenth day Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai, prince of the children of Dan, *offered.*

67 His offering *was* one ſilver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

68 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

69 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

70 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

71 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This *was* the offering of Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai.

72 ¶ On the eleventh day Pagiel the ſon of Ocran, prince of the children of Aſher, *offered.*

73 His offering *was* one ſilver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, one

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one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

74 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

76 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

77 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This was the offering of Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

78 ¶ On the twelfth day Ahira the ſon of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, *offered.*

79 His offering *was* one ſilver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, one ſilver bowl of ſeventy ſhekels after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

80 One golden ſpoon of ten *ſhekels*, full of incenſe:

81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the firſt year, for a burnt-offering:

82 One kid of the goats for a ſin-offering:

83 And for a ſacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the firſt year. This *was* the offering of Ahira the ſon of Enan.

84 This *was* the dedication of the altar (in the day when it was anointed) by the [23] princes of Iſrael: twelve chargers of ſilver, twelve ſilver bowls, twelve ſpoons of gold:

[23] So *Neh.*7.70–72. *Ezr.*2.68,69. 1 *Chron.*29.6–8. *Iſa.*60.6,7,10. *Rev.*21.24.

85 Each charger of ſilver *weighing* an hundred and thirty *ſhekels*, each bowl ſeventy: all the ſilver veſſels *weighed* † two thouſand and four hundred *ſhekels* after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary.

† In weight ſeventy five pounds Averdupois. In value two hundred ſeventy three pounds, and fifteen ſhillings.

86 The golden ſpoons *were* twelve, full of incenſe, *weighing* ten *ſhekels* a-piece, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary: all the gold of the ſpoons *was* ‖ an hundred and twenty *ſhekels*.

‖ *i.e.* In value two hundred and nineteen pounds.

87 All the oxen for the burnt-offering *were* twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the firſt year twelve, with their meat-offering: and the kids of the goats for ſin-offering, twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the ſacrifice of the peace-offerings, *were* twenty and four bullocks, the rams ſixty, the he-goats ſixty, the lambs of the firſt year ſixty. This *was* the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 And when Moſes was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation, to ſpeak with ‖ him; then he heard the voice of one ſpeaking unto him [24] from off the mercy-ſeat, that *was* upon the ark of teſtimony, from between the two cherubims: and he [25] ſpake unto him.

‖ That is, *God.*

[24] *Exod.*25.22. Hence called the Oracle, or Speaking-place, 1 *King.*6.23. ¶ [25] *i.e. Moſes* ſpake unto the Lord, propounding ſuch caſes as he deſired ſatisfaction in.

CHAP. VIII.

1 How the lamps are to be lighted. 5 The conſecration of the Levites. 23 The age and time of their ſervice.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and ſay unto him, When thou * lighteſt the lamps, the ſeven lamps ſhall give light [1] over againſt the candleſtick.

* Exod.25.37. & 40.25.

[1] *Exod.*25.37. *i.e.* Thou ſhalt place the looſe bowls (wherein the Lamps were) on the tops of the branches, in ſuch a manner, that the wick or flame of the lamp may iſſue out on the North-ſide, towards that ſide of the Tabernacle which was over againſt the face of the candleſtick, becauſe the Table of Shew-bread ſtood on that ſide, and there were no windows in the Tabernacle.

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3 And Aaron did ſo; he lighted the lamps thereof over againſt the candleſtick; as the LORD commanded Moſes.

4 * And this work of the candleſtick *was of* [2] beaten gold, [2] unto the ſhaft thereof, [2] unto the flowers thereof *was* * beaten work: [3] according unto the pattern which the LORD had ſhewed Moſes, ſo he made the candleſtick.

* Exod.25.31.

* Exod.25.18.

[2] *Exod.* 25. 18, 31. *i.e.* the whole Candleſtick, with the branches, bowls, knops and flowers, was ſolid, maſſie work, beaten with the hammer out of one piece: only the the Lamps were made by themſelves (*Exod.* 37. 23.) and ſet upon the tops of the ſeven branches. ¶ [3] *Exod.* 25.40. to teach, That no other form of Doctrin is to be brought into the Church, than that which is agreeable to the word of God, 2 *Tim.*1.13. 1 *Tim.*1.3,4. and 3.15. *Matth.*28.20. *Eccl.* 12.11,12.

5 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

6 Take the [4] Levites from among the children of Iſrael, and [5] cleanſe them.

[4] The reſidue of the Tribe of *Levi*, beſides the Prieſts. ¶ [5] *Exod.*19. 10,15. *Lev.*14.9.

7 And thus ſhalt thou do unto them, to cleanſe them: Sprinkle water [6] of purifying upon them, and † let them [7] ſhave all their fleſh, and let them [7] waſh their clothes, and *ſo* make themſelves clean.

† Heb. *let them cauſe a raſor to paſs over*, &c.

[6] *Ch.*19. for the expiation of ſin. ¶ [7] To note that exact purity that God requires in thoſe that are employed in the Miniſtry.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with his meat-offering, *even* fine flour mingled with oyl, and another young bullock ſhalt thou take for a ſin-offering.

9 And thou ſhalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation, and thou ſhalt gather the whole aſſembly of the children of Iſrael together:

10 And thou ſhalt bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Iſrael ſhall [8] put their hands upon the Levites.

[8] See on *Lev.*1.4. to note, that they dedicated them to God, and to ſerve in their ſtead.

11 And Aaron ſhall † offer the Levites before the LORD, *for* an † offering of the children of Iſrael; that † they may execute the ſervice of the LORD.

† Heb. *wave.* † Heb. *wave-offering.* † Heb. *they may be to execute*, &c.

12 And the Levites ſhall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou ſhalt [9] offer the one *for* a ſin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites.

[9] *Viz.* by *Aaron* and his ſons. See on *Exod.* 29.10. &c.

13 And thou ſhalt ſet the Levites [10] before Aaron, and before his ſons, and offer them *for* an offering unto the LORD.

[10] As a ſign that they were given to him and his Sons (*v.*19.) to be employed by them upon all occaſions.

14 Thus ſhalt thou ſeparate the Levites from among the children of Iſrael: and the Levites ſhall be * [11] mine.

* Chap.3.45.

15 And after that, ſhall the Levites [12] go in, to do the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou ſhalt cleanſe them, and [13] offer them *for* an offering.

[11] *Ch.*3.45. and 16.9. ¶ [12] Not into the Tabernacle it ſelf, but only into the Court of the Prieſts. ¶ [13] *V.* 11, 13, 14.

16 For they *are* wholly given unto me from among the children of Iſrael; in ſtead of ſuch as open every womb, *even in ſtead of* the firſtborn of all the children of Iſrael, have I taken them unto me.

17 * For

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17 * For all the first-born of the children of Israel *are* mine, *both* man and beast: on the day that I smote every first-born in the land of Egypt, [14] I sanctified them for my self.

* Exod.13. 2. Chap.3. 13. Luke 2. 23.

18 And I have taken the Levites for all the first-born of the children of Israel.

[14] *Exod.*13. 2, 12,13.

19 And I have given the Levites *as* † a gift to Aaron, and to his sons from among the children of Israel; to do the service [15] of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and [16] to make an atonement for the children of Israel: [17] that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

† Heb. *given.*

[15] Which originally belonged to 'em. ¶ [16] *Ch.*25.7,8,13. to assist the Priests in making atonement. ¶ [17] *ch.*4.18. and 25.7.&c. That the Children of *Israel* don't come nigh and meddle with holy things, which would bring a plague upon 'em, 1 *Sam.*6.19.

20 And [18] Moses and [18] Aaron, and all the [18] congregation of the children of Israel [18] did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

[18] *Moses* presented 'em (*v.*13.) *Aaron* waved, or offered 'em (*v.*11.) and all the congregation laid their hands on 'em, *v.* 10.

21 And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes: and Aaron offered them *as* an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them, to cleanse them.

22 And after that went the Levites in, to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation [19] before Aaron and [19] before his sons; as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

[19] According to their direction and appointment.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 This *is it* that *belongeth* unto the Levites: [20] from twenty and five years old, and upward, they shall go in † to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:

[20] See on *ch.*4. 3.

† Heb. *to war the warfare of*, &c.

25 And from the age of fifty years they shall † [20] cease waiting upon the service *thereof*, and shall serve no more:

† Heb. *return from the warfare of the service.*

26 But shall [21] minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, [22] to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

[21] Employ themselves in singing Psalms, instructing, counselling, keeping things in order, *&c.* Ministers must be employed in work answerable to their abilities. ¶ [22] To oversee and take care that every thing be done regularly.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The passover enjoyned.* 15 *A cloud guideth the Israelites.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year, after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Let the children of Israel also [1] keep * the passover at his appointed season.

* Exod.12. 1. &c. Lev.23. 5. Chap.28.16. Deut.16. 2.

[1] This is a particular command for the keeping of the Passover at this time in the wilderness; for by the first institution they seem to be bound to keep it only in the land of *Canaan* (*Exod.*12.25.) and not in the wilderness, because they knew not how long they might stay in a place, or how soon remove.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month † [2] at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season; according to all the [3] rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof shall ye keep it.

† Heb. *between the two evenings.*

[2] See on *Exod.*12.6. ¶ [3] *Exod.* 12. 43.

4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel that they should keep the passover.

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5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even, in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

6 ¶ And there were certain men who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day,

7 And those men said unto him, We *are* defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering [4] of the LORD in his appointed season among the children of Israel?

[4] Commanded by him.

8 And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you, or of your posterity shall be [5] unclean by reason of a dead body, or *be* in a [5] journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD.

[5] Or lie under any other necessary hindrance.

11 The fourteenth day of the [6] second month at even they shall keep it, *and* eat it with [7] unleavened bread, and [8] bitter *herbs*.

[6] 2 *Chron.*30.2,15. ¶ [7] See on *Exod.* 12. 8. ¶ [8] In remembrance of their afflicted life in *Egypt*, Exod.1.14.

12 They shall leave none of it [9] until the morning, * nor [10] break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover, they shall keep it.

* Exod.12.46. John 19. 36.

[9] *Exod.*12.10. ¶ [10] *Exod.*12.46. *Joh.* 19. 33,36.

13 But the man that *is* clean, and is not in a journey, and [11] forbeareth to keep the passover; even the same soul shall be [12] cut off from his people, because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season: that man shall bear his sin.

[11] Wittingly and presumptuously, *ch.*15.30. ¶ [12] See on *Gen.*17.14.

14 And if a [13] stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD, according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: * ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

* Exod.12.49.

[13] A Proselyte.

15 ¶ And on * the day that the tabernacle was [14] reared up, [15] the cloud covered the tabernacle, *namely*, [16] the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the [17] appearance of fire, until the morning.

* Exod.40.34.

[14] *Exod.*14.17. ¶ [15] *Exod.*33.10,11. and 40.34. *Numb.*14. 14. *Ezek.*10.3,4. ¶ [16] The most holy place, in which the Ark with the Tables of Testimony were. ¶ [17] *Exod.*40.34. and 14.20,24.

16 So it was always: the [18] cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

[18] *Exod.*13.21. and 40.38. *Neh.*9. 19.

17 And when the cloud was [19] taken up from the tabernacle; then after that, the children of Israel journyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

[19] Ascended on high, above its ordinary place.

18 [20] At the commandment of the LORD, the children of Israel journyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: * as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle, they rested in the tents.

* 1 Cor.10. 1.

[20] Ac-

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[20] According to the motion of the cloud; which was instead of a command to them.

19 And when the cloud † tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not.

† Heb. *prolonged.*

20 And *so* it was when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.

21 And *so* it was when the cloud † abode from even unto the morning, and *that* the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether *it was* by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

† Heb. *was.*

22 Or *whether it were* two days, or a month, or a year that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel * abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

* Exod. 40. 36, 37.

23 [20] At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. X.

1 *The use of trumpets,* 35 *Moses his blessing.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee [1] two trumpets of [2] silver; of an whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the [3] calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

[1] For *Aaron's* two sons, (but afterwards there were more, 2 *Chron.* 5. 12.) They noted the preaching of the word, *Isa.* 58. 1. ¶ [2] To note that ministers should be apt to teach, (as silver gives a shril, clear sound,) and that their Doctrin should be pure and precious. ¶ [3] *Joel* 2. 15, 16. *Psal.* 81. 3.

* Both of 'em.

3 And when they shall blow with [4] them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow *but* with one *trumpet,* then

[1] Exod. 18. 21.

the princes, *which are* [5] heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps

[6] *ch.* 2. 3, 7.

that lie on the [6] east-parts shall go forward.

6 When you blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the [7] south-side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm [8] for their journeys.

[7] *Ch.* 2. 10. ¶ [8] Not for these two quarters only, but for the others also.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, you shall blow; but you shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron the [9] priests shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

[9] To note, that it belongs only to Ministers to preach the Gospel, and guide the people.

9 And if ye [10] go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembred before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

[10] *Ch.* 31. 6. 2 *Chron.* 13. 12–15.

10 Also in the day of your [11] gladness, and in your [12] solemn days, and in the [13] beginnings of your months, ye shall [14] blow with the trumpets [15] over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifice of your [16] peace-offerings; that they may be to you [17] for a memorial before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

[11] *Ch.* 29. 1. 1 *Chron.* 15. 24. 2 *Chron.* 7. 6. and 29. 26. *Neh.* 12. 35. Any extraordinary day of rejoycing for any public mercy, (as 2 *Chron.* 5. 12, 13. *Ezra* 3. 10.) ¶ [12] Set Feasts, *Deut.* 16. 14. ¶ [13] *Psal.* 81. 3. ¶ [14] 1 *Chron.* 16. 5. To note their earnest desire that God would hear their prayers, and accept of their sacrifices. ¶ [15] 2 *Chron.* 29. 25–28. and 5. 12, 13. ¶ [16] *Ezra* 3. 10. ¶ [17] A sacred sign to mind and assure you that God will hear your prayers, and remember you for good.

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11 ¶ And it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in [18] the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

[18] *Viz.* After their coming out of Egypt, *ch.* 9. 1.

12 And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And the first took their journey, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 ¶ * In the first *place* went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah [19] according to their armies: and over his host *was* * Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

* Chap. 2. 3.

* Chap. 1. 4.

[19] With all the Regiments and Companies belonging to his Camp or Standard.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar, *was* Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, *was* Eliab the son of Helon.

17 And the tabernacle was [20] taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, [21] bearing the tabernacle.

[20] To note, (1) The instability of that legal, figurative worship, *Hebr.* 12. 27, 28. (2) The unsetled estate of the Church and all its Members in this world, 2 *Cor.* 5. 1, 4. 2 *Pet.* 1. 14. ¶ [21] Having six wagons for that purpose, *ch.* 7. 5, 7, 8, 9.

18 ¶ And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon, *was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad, *was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the * [22] sanctuary; and ‖ *the* [23] *other* did set up the tabernacle against they came.

* Chap. 4. 4.

‖ That is, *the Gershonites and the Merarites.*

[22] The most holy furniture thereof. ¶ [23] The Gershonites and Merarites.

22 ¶ And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elishama the son of Ammihud.

See verse 17.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh, *was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, *was* Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 ¶ And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, *which was* the [24] rere-ward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host *was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

[24] *Isa.* 52. 12.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher, *was* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, *was* Ahira the son of Enan.

28 † [25] Thus *were* the journeyings of the children of Israel, according to their armies, when they set forward.

† Heb. *These.*

[25] *i. e.* After this manner and order they marched.

29 ¶ And Moses said unto [26] Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD

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LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.

[26] Called also Reuel, (*Exod.*2.18.) and Jethro, *Exod.*3.1.

30 And he said unto him [27] I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

[27] Probably he went into his own country at present; but either himself or some of his posterity returned to 'em again, *Judg.*1.16. and 4.11. 1 *Sam.* 15.6.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us [28] in stead of eyes.

[28] *Job* 29. 15.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33 ¶ And they departed from the [29] mount of the LORD [30] three days journey: and the ark of [31] the covenant of the LORD went [32] before them in the three days journey, [33] to search out a resting-place for them.

[29] Sinai or Horeb, *Exod.*3.1. ¶ [30] *Viz.* without resting. ¶ [31] Wherein the two tables of the law, containing the conditions of the covenant between God and his people, (*Exod.* 34.28. with *Deut.*9.9.) were laid up, *Deut.* 10. 5. ¶ [32] So Christ guides his people. ¶ [33] *Deut.* 1. 33. *Jer.* 31. 2. *Ezek.* 20. 6.

34 And the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them [34] by day, when they went out of the camp.

[34] To shadow 'em from the heat of the Sun, *Psal.*105.39. (and by night too, *ch.*9.16.)

35 And it came to pass when the ark set forward, that Moses said * [35] Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee, flee before thee.

* Psal. 68.1,2.

[35] *Psal.*68.1. *Viz.* For the help, comfort, and conduct of this people, and destruction of their enemies.

36 And when it rested, he said [36] Return, O LORD, unto the † many thousands of Israel.

† Heb. *ten thousand thousands.*

[36] Remain and rest among 'em.

CHAP. XI.

4 *Manna lothed.* 16 *Seventy elders.* 31 *Quails given.*

AND *when* the people ‖ [1] complained, † it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard *it*; and his anger was kindled; and the fire [2] of the LORD burnt * among them, and consumed *them that were* in the [3] uttermost parts of the camp.

‖ Or, *were as it were complainers.* † Heb. *it was evil in the ears of*, &c. * Psal. 78. 21.

[1] Probably, because they were weary of following the Ark three days together without intermission, *ch.* 10. 33. ¶ [2] Sent from him in an extraordinary manner, (as 2 *Kings* 1. 12.) ¶ [3] Probably there the sin began among them that were weary, and faint with travel, (as *Deut.*25.18.)

2 And the people [4] cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire † was quenched.

[4] Ps.78.34.38. † Heb. *sunk.*

3 And he called the name of the place ‖ Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

‖ That is, *a burning.*

4 And the * [5] mixt multitude that *was* among them † fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also † wept again, and said, * [6] Who shall give us flesh to eat?

* As Exod. 12.38. † Heb. *lusted a lust.* † Heb. *returned and wept.* * 1 Cor. 10.6.

[5] *Exod.*12.38. Who follow'd em out of carnal respects; and now finding themselves disappointed, discover their evil minds. ¶ [6] *Psal.*106.14. and 78.18–20. 1 *Cor.* 10.6.

5 We remember the fish which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But now [7] our soul *is* dried away; *there is* nothing at all, besides this manna, before our eyes.

[7] We languish and pine away for want of that refreshing we had by change of diet.

7 And * the manna *was* as [8] coriander-seed, and the † colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

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[8] See on *Exod.*16.31 Pleasant to the eye, and delightful to the taste, (and therefore not thus to be despised.)

* Exod.16.14, 31. † Heb. *eye of it as the eye of.*

8 *And* the people [9] went about, and gathered *it*, and [10] ground *it* in mills, or [10] beat *it* in a morter, and [10] baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oyl.

[9] *John* 6.27. ¶ [10] To note the manifold sufferings of Christ to make him useful to his people.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it:

10 ¶ Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in [11] the door of his tent: and the [12] anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

[11] Openly; as desiring to publish their discontent, thereby to stir up others to discontent also. ¶ [12] *Psal.*78.21.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I [13] not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the [14] burden of all this people upon me?

[13] To free me from this trouble of governing such an unquiet people. ¶ [14] *Deut.*1.12. 2 *Cor.*11.28.

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom (as [15] a nursing-father beareth the sucking child) unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

[15] *Isa.*49.23. 1 *Thess.*2.7,11.

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear [16] all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me.

[16] The burden of governing and providing for 'em.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, [17] kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, [18] Gather unto me [19] seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou [20] knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

[17] 1 *Kings* 19. 4. *Jon.*4.3. ¶ [18] Tho' the speech of *Moses* was so full of distemper and passion, yet God commiserates his condition, and takes no notice of his passion, but provides him a remedy. ¶ [19] So *Exod.*24.1,9. ¶ [20] Not only elders in regard of years, but of known gravity, wisdom, and authority with the people. Once before, upon *Jethro*'s advice, certain were chosen to be Judges for *Moses*'s ease, (*Exod.* 18.25,26.) but they were only for smaller matters: but these here were to be Judges in the greatest and most difficult cases, both of religion and civil affairs. And this probably was the original of their *Sanhedrim*, or great Council of State.

17 And I will [21] come down and talk with thee there: and I will [22] take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall [23] bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thy self alone.

[21] *Gen.*11.5. In some visible sign of my presence, (as *Exod.*34.5. ¶ [22] *i.e.* Give 'em the gifts of the same Spirit of Government which I have given thee, (as 2 *Kings* 2. 15.) ¶ [23] *Exod.* 18.–22.

18 And say thou unto the people, [24] Sanctifie your selves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh, (for you have [25] wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for *it was* well with us in Egypt) therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

[24] Prepare your selves to receive in a holy manner the gift that you desired. ¶ [25] *i.e.* The Lord has heard, and taken notice of your complaint.

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor

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nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days.

20 *But* even a † whole month, until it come out at your noſtrils, and it be loathſom unto you: becauſe that ye have [26] deſpiſed the LORD which *is* among you, and have wept before him, ſaying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

† Heb. *month of days.*

[26] Slighted his mercy in bringing you out of *Egypt*, becauſe you are not humoured in every thing.

21 And Moſes ſaid, The people amongſt whom I *am*, *are* [27] ſix hundred thouſand footmen; and thou haſt ſaid, I will give them fleſh, that they may eat a whole month.

22 [28] Shall the flocks and the herds be ſlain for them, to ſuffice them? or ſhall all the fiſh of the ſea be gathered together for them, to ſuffice them?

[27] *Ch.*2.32. ¶ [28] So *John* 6.7,9. 2 *King.* 7.2.

23 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, * Is the LORDs [29] hand waxed ſhort? thou ſhalt ſee now whether my word ſhall come to paſs unto thee, or not.

* Iſa. 50. 2. & 59. 1.

[29] *Iſa.* 50. 2. and 59. 1. *Mic.* 2. 7.

24 ¶ And Moſes went [30] out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and [31] gathered the ſeventy men of the elders of the people, and ſet them round about the tabernacle.

[30] Out of the Tabernacle. ¶ [31] Appointed 'em to come before the Lord at the door of the Tabernacle (tho two ſtayed behind.)

25 And the LORD [32] came down in a cloud, and ſpake unto him, and [22] took of the ſpirit that *was* upon him, and [33] gave *it* unto the ſeventy elders: and it came to paſs *that* when the ſpirit reſted upon them, they [34] propheſied, and [35] did not ceaſe.

[32] *Ch.*12.5. ¶ [33] *Jam.*1.17. 2 *Cor.*3.5. ¶ [34] 1*Sam.*10. 5, 6. 1 *Cor.* 14.3. Spake unto the people concerning the Word and Works of God, and that in ſuch a manner, that it might be eaſily diſcerned that they ſpake as men inſpired by the Spirit of God. ¶ [35] Continued all the day prophecying, without intermiſſion, for the confirmation of their Calling (to 1 *Sam.* 19. 24.) and afterwards alſo were endued with the Spirit of Prophecy to enable them the better to diſcharge their Office.

26 But there remained two *of the* men in the camp, the name of the one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the ſpirit reſted upon them (and they *were* of them that were [36] written, but [37] went not out unto the tabernacle) and they propheſied in the camp.

[36] Nominated and appointed to come. ¶ [37] Perhaps as being unwilling to take the charge upon 'em (as *Saul* was, 1 *Sam.*10.22.) However God's Providence ſo order'd it; thereby to make the miracle ſo much the more remarkable; that all the people might plainly ſee they were called of God.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moſes, and ſaid, Eldad and Medad do propheſie in the camp.

28 And Joſhua the ſon of Nun, the ſervant of Moſes, *one* of his young men, anſwered and ſaid, My LORD Moſes, [38] forbid them.

[38] This he ſpake out of envious zeal for his Maſter (*v.*29. ſo *Luke* 9.49,50. *Mark.*9.38.) becauſe they ſeemed by their ſtaying behind to refuſe to have any dependance on *Moſes*.

29 And Moſes ſaid unto him, [39] envieſt thou for my ſake? [40] would God that all the LORDs people were prophets, *and* that the LORD would put his ſpirit upon them.

[39] *John* 3.26. ¶ [40] As *Phil.*1.18. 1 *Cor.*14.5.

30 And Moſes gat him into the camp, he and the [41] elders of Iſrael.

[41] Being thus ſolemnly admitted and fixed in their Office.

* Exod.16.13. Pſal.78. 26.

31 ¶ And there [42] went forth a * wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the ſea, and let *them* fall by the camp, † as it were a days journey on this ſide, and as it were a days journey on the other ſide, round about the camp, and as it were [43] two cubits *high*, upon the face of the earth.

† Heb. *as* [*it were*] *the way of a day.*

[42] *Exod.*16.13. *Pſal.*78.26. and 105.40. ¶ [43] *i. e.* They lay ſcattered in heaps here and there, which were a yard and quarter high apiece.

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32 And the [44] people ſtood up all that day, and all *that* night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered leaſt, gathered [45] ten homers: and they [46] ſpread *them* all abroad for themſelves round about the camp.

[44] Some of 'em appointed for that work. ¶ [45] *Pſal.* 78. 27. which is about three pecks of our meaſure. ¶ [46] To preſerve them from putrifying, and perhaps alſo they ſalted and dried them.

33 And [47] while the * fleſh *was* yet betweeen their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled againſt the people, and the LORD ſmote the people with a [48] very great plague.

* Pſal.78. 30, 31.

[47] *Pſal.*78.30.31. They did eat of theſe Quails a month together before this puniſhment befel them (*v.*20.) but when it did befall 'em, they were eating greedily of 'em, that thereby they might the more clearly diſcern the hand of God in this judgment that befel 'em. ¶ [48] *Pſal.*106.14,15.

34 And he called the name of that place, ‖ Kibroth-hattaavah: becauſe there they buried the people that luſted.

‖ That is, *the graves of luſt.*

35 *And* the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah, unto Hazeroth: and † abode at Hazeroth.

† Heb. *they were in*, &c.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Miriam and Aarons ſedition.* 10 *Miriam healed.*

AND [1] Miriam and Aaron ſpake againſt Moſes, becauſe of the ‖ [2] Ethiopian woman, whom he had married: for he had † married an Ethiopian woman.

‖ Or, *Cuſhite.* † Heb. *taken.*

[1] She is firſt named, becauſe ſhe drew in her brother *Aaron* into this mutiny; and therefore alſo was only plagued, *v.*10. ¶ [2] *Exod.*2.16.

2 And they ſaid, hath the LORD indeed ſpoken only by Moſes? hath he not ſpoken alſo [3] by us? And the LORD heard *it*.

[3] *Exod.*25.20. *q. d.* And why then ſhould not we have a ſhare in the Government; at leaſt be adviſed with in matters of moment? eſpecially conſidering that we never were guilty of debaſing and mingling the holy ſeed, as he has been.

3 (Now the Man Moſes *was* * very [4] meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)

* Eccluſ.45.4.

[4] *Ch.*16.15. *Matth.*11.29. and 21.5. took no notice of their diſcontent and murmuring.

4 And the LORD ſpake [5] ſuddenly unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, [6] Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

[5] *Pſal.*76.9. *Iſa.*30.13. to nip the Sedition in the bud. ¶ [6] *ch.* 16.16.

5 And the LORD [7] came down in the pillar of the cloud, and ſtood *in* the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he ſaid, Hear now my words: [8] If there be a prophet among you, *I* the LORD will make my ſelf known unto him in [9] a viſion, *and* will ſpeak unto him in a [10] dream.

[7] *Gen.*11.5. See there. ¶ [8] *q. d.* Tho you are Prophets, yet know there's a difference among Prophets, nor do I put equal authority and honour upon all of 'em. ¶ [9] See on *Gen.* 15.1. ¶ [10] See on *Gen.*20.3.

7 My ſervant Moſes *is* [11] not ſo, * who *is* [12] faithful in all mine [13] houſe.

* Heb. 3. 2.

[11] Not ſuch a Prophet ¶ [12] *Heb.*3.2, 5. not ſelf-ſeeking, (as you charge him.) ¶ [13] 1 *Tim.* 3. 15. whom I have ſet over all my Church and people (and therefore over you.)

8 With him will I ſpeak * [14] mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in [15] dark ſpeeches; and the [16] ſimilitude of the LORD ſhall he behold: wherefore then were ye not [17] afraid to ſpeak againſt my ſervant Moſes?

* Exod.33.11.

[14] *Ch.* 16.

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[14] *Ch.*14.14. and 33.11. *Deut.*34.10. *Jer.* 32.4. 2 *Joh.* 12. 3 *John* 14. familiarly, and plainly. ¶ [15] *Ezek.*17.2,3. *Psal.* 49.5. 1 *Cor.*13.12.not in parables, and obscure figurative expressions. ¶ [16] Some visible representation of God's Majesty, and more evident discoveries of his glory, than ever he made to the eye of any mortal, *Exod.* 33. 23. and 34. 5. *&c. Deut.*34.10. ¶ [17] 2 *Pet.*2.10.

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and he [18] departed.

[18] Withdrew the Cloud (*v.*10.) the sign of his presence, as judging them unworthy of any further discourse.

10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle, and behold, [19] Miriam *became* [20] leprous, *white* as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold, *she was* leprous.

[19] Because she began the quarrel: And if *Aaron* had been smitten so, it might have redounded to the dishonour of the Priesthood. ¶ [20] *Deut.*24.9. 2 *King.*5.27.

11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas my lord, I beseech thee lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done [21] foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

[21] Thro' surprize and oversight.

12 Let her not be as one [22] dead; of whom the flesh is half consumed, when he cometh out of his mothers womb.

[22] Like a Child dead in the Womb.

13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but [23] spit in her face, should she not be [24] ashamed [25] seven days? let her be * shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in *again*.

* Lev. 13.46.

[23] *Job* 30.10. *Isa.*50.6. ¶ [24] *Viz.* to come into her Fathers presence. ¶ [25] *Lev.*13.4.&c. much more when I have express'd my anger against her, and poured shame and contempt upon her.

15 And Miriam was [26] shut out from the camp seven days: and the people [27] journeyed not, till Miriam was brought in *again*.

[26] 2 *Chron.*26.20,21. ¶ [27] Which was a special providence, and honor done to her, because she was one of those whom God sent before his people, *Mic.*6.4.

16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the [28] wilderness of Paran.

[28] In another place of that Wilderness (for they were there before, *ch.*10.12.)

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The names,* 17 *instructions,* 21 *and acts of the Spies.*

AND the LORD [1] spake unto Moses, saying,

[1] *Viz.* After that had passed which is related, *Deut.*1. 20–22.

2 [2] Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a [3] ruler among them.

[2] *Ch.* 32. 8. As the people press thee to do, *Deut.* 1. 22. ¶ [3] (1) Because the business was weighty. (2) They were most likely to be couragious. (3) That their testimony might be the better credited.

3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD, sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men *were* † heads of the children of Israel.

† *Exod.*18.25.

4 And these *were* their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.

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10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joseph, *namely* of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These *are* the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun, [5] Jehoshua.

[5] Which signifies a Saviour; to note, that he should save the people from their enemies, the *Canaanites*, and bring 'em into the promised land; and therein be a notable type of Christ.

17 ¶ And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this *way* south-ward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And see the land [6] what it *is*, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they *be* strong or weak, few or many;

[6] *Viz.* In respect of the people and inhabitants.

19 And what the land *is* that they dwell in, whether it *be* [7] good or bad; and what cities *they be* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

[7] Healthful or unhealthful.

20 And [8] what the land *is*, whether it *be* [9] fat or lean, whether there be wood therein or not. And be ye of [10] good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. (now the time *was* the time of the first ripe grapes.)

[8] *Viz.* in respect of its soil. ¶ [9] *Neh.*9.25,35. *Ezek.*34.14. ¶ [10] Doubt not but God will preserve you in this dangerous journy.

21 ¶ So they went up and searched the land, from the wilderness of Zin, unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anack *were* (now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 * And they came unto the ‖ brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

* Deut.1.24.
‖ Or, *valley.*

24 The place was called the ‖ brook ‖ Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

‖ Or, *valley.*
‖ That is, a *cluster of grapes.*

25 And they returned from searching of the land after [11] forty days.

[11] *Ch.*14. 33, 34.

26 ¶ And they went and came to Moses and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whether thou sentest us, and surely it [12] floweth with * milk and hony; and this *is* the fruit of it.

* Exod.33.3

[12] See on *Exod.*3. 8. *Deut.* 1. 25.

28 Nevertheless, the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* [13] walled, *and* very great: and moreover, we saw the [14] children of Anak there.

[13] *Deut.* 9.1. and 35. ¶ [14] *Deut.* 9. 2.

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29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the ſouth: and the Hittites, and the Jebuſites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the ſea, and by the coaſt of Jordan.

30 And [15] Caleb ſtilled the people before Moſes, and ſaid, Let us go up at once, and poſſeſs it; for [16] we are well able to overcome it.

[15] And *Joſhua* alſo with him, (*ch.*14.6,7.) and hereupon *Moſes* made him that promiſe, *ch.*14.9. ¶ [16] *Joſh.* 14.7.

31 But the [17] men that went up with him, ſaid, We be not able to go up againſt the people, for they *are* ſtronger then we.

[17] All the reſt except *Joſhua*, *ch.*14.6.

32 And they brought up an [18] evil report of the land which they had ſearched, unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, The land through which we have gone to ſearch it, *is* a land that [19] eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we ſaw in it, *are* † men of a [20] great ſtature.

† Heb. *men of ſtatures.*

[18] *Ch.*14.37. ¶ [19] *Ezek.*36.13. Deſtroys 'em with diſeaſes, by reaſon of the unwholſomneſs of the air. ¶ [20] 2 *Sam.* 21.20. 1 *Chron.*11.23.

33 And there we ſaw the giants, the ſons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own ſight [21] as graſhoppers, and ſo we were in their ſight.

[21] *Iſa.*40.22.

CHAP. XIV.

The people murmuring at the report, are threatned.

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And [1] all the children of Iſrael murmured againſt Moſes, and againſt Aaron: and the whole congregation ſaid unto them, [2] Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt, or would God we had died in [3] this wilderneſs.

3 And [4] wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the ſword, that our wives, and our children ſhould be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

[1] *Ch.*16.41 See on *Exod.*15.24 ¶ [2] *Exod.* 16.3. ¶ [3] *v.* 25. ¶ [4] *Deut.*1.27.

4 And they ſaid one to another, [5] Let us make a captain, and let us [6] return into Egypt.

[5] *Neh.* 9.16.17. ¶ [6] *Deut.* 28.68.

5 Then Moſes and Aaron [7] fell on their faces before all the aſſembly of the congregation of the children of Iſrael.

[7] In prayer to God to appeaſe 'em, and check their madneſs.

6 ¶ And Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, *which were* of them that ſearched the land, [8] rent their clothes.

[8] See on *Gen.*37.29. To ſhew their hearty ſorrow for, and deteſtation of, their blaſphemous ſpeech, and ſeditious deſign.

7 And they ſpake unto all the company of the children of Iſrael, ſaying, The land which we paſſed through to ſearch it, *is* [9] an exceeding good land.

[9] *Deut.*8.8.

8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and hony.

9 Only rebel not ye againſt the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they † Heb. *ſhadow.* *are* [10] bread for us: [11] their † defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us: fear them not.

[10] We ſhall eaſily deſtroy 'em by the ſword, *ch.*24.8. *Deut.* 32.42. *Pſal.*14.4. and 74.14. ¶ [11] *q. d.* Tho' hitherto God has preſerv'd 'em from being deſtroy'd, becauſe their ſins were not full, yet now he has withdrawn his help from 'em, and will certainly give 'em up to deſtruction, and aſſiſt us.

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10 But all the congregation bade [12] ſtone them with ſtones: and the [13] glory of the LORD [14] appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation, before all the children of Iſrael.

[12] So *Exod.*17.4. 1 *Sam.*30.6. *Matth.* 23.37. ¶ [13] *ch.* 16. 42. *Exod.* 16.7. ¶ [14] To ſtop their furious attempt.

11 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, How long will this people [15] provoke me? and how long will it be ere they [16] believe me, for all the [17] ſigns which I have ſhewed among them?

[15] *Pſal.*95.8. ¶ [16] *Deut.*1.32. *Hebr.*3.18. ¶ [17] *John* 12. 37.

12 I will ſmite them with the [18] peſtilence, and [19] diſinherit them, and will [20] make of thee a greater nation, and mightier then they.

[18] *Exod.*5.-3. ¶ [19] Deprive 'em of the land promis'd to their fathers. This was but a conditional threatning; like that againſt *Niniveh.* ¶ [20] *Exod.* 32.10.

13 ¶ And * Moſes ſaid unto the LORD, Then the [21] Egyptians ſhall hear *it* (for thou broughteſt up this people in thy might from among them)

* Exod.32.12.

14 And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: *for* they have [22] heard that thou LORD *art* among this people, that thou LORD art ſeen [23] face to face, and *that* * thy cloud [24] ſtandeth over them, and *that* thou goeſt before them, by day-time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

* Exod. 13.21.

[21] *Exod.*32.12. *Deut.*32.27. ¶ [22] *Exod.* 15.14. *Joſh.* 2. 9. and 5. 1. ¶ [23] *ch.*12.8. *Exod.*33.11. *Deut.*5.4. Plainly and familiarly. ¶ [24] *Exod.*13. 21,22.

15 Now *if* thou ſhalt kill *all* this people, as one man; then the nations which have heard the fame of thee, will [25] ſpeak, ſaying,

[25] So Exod.32. 12.

16 Becauſe the LORD was [26] not able to bring this people into the land which he ſware unto them, therefore he hath ſlain them in the wilderneſs.

[26] *Deut.*9.28.

17 And now, I beſeech thee, let the power of my Lord [27] be great, according as thou haſt ſpoken, ſaying,

[27] Appear to be ſo by pardoning their ſin, *v.*19.

18 [28] The LORD *is* * long-ſuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and tranſgreſſion, and [29] by no means clearing [30] *the guilty*, * [31] viſiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth *generation*.

* Exod.34.6. Pſalm 103. 8.

* Exod.20.5. and 34.7.

[28] *Exod.*34.5-7. *Pſal.*103.8. ¶ [29] *Nah.* 1.3. ¶ [30] Obſtinate offenders, and ringleaders. ¶ [31] *Exod.*20.5. and 34.7.

19 Pardon, I beſeech thee, the iniquity of this people, according unto the greatneſs of thy mercy, and as thou haſt forgiven this people, from Egypt, even ‖ until now.

‖ Or, *hitherto.*

20 And the LORD ſaid, [32] I have pardoned according to thy word;

[32] *Viz.* For the preſent; and as to that univerſal deſtruction threatned againſt 'em, *v.* 12.

21 But *as* truly [33] *as* I live, all the earth ſhall be filled with the [34] glory of the LORD.

[33] *Ezek.*18.3. and 20.33. and 5.11. *Deut.*32.40. ¶ [34] The report of the glorious and righteous acts of God in puniſhing this rebellious people, in the manner following.

22 Becauſe all thoſe men which have ſeen my [35] glory, and my miracles which I did in Egypt and in the wilderneſs, and have [36] tempted me now theſe [37] ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice.

[35] Glorious works and appearances in the cloud, and in the tabernacle. ¶ [36] See on *Exod.*17.2. ¶ [37] Many times; (as *Gen.*31.7. *Job* 19.3.)

23 † Surely they ſhall [38] not ſee the land which I ſware unto their fathers, neither ſhall any of them that provoked me, ſee it:

† Heb. *If they ſee the land.*

[38] *Deut.*1.35. *Pſal.*95.11. and 106.26. *Hebr.*3.17. Not poſſeſs.

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24 But my servant * Caleb, because he had [39] another spirit with him, and hath [40] followed me fully; him will I bring into the land, whereinto he went; and his seed shall [41] possess it.

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* Josh. 14.6.

[39] 1 *Sam.* 10.6. Different from, and more excellent than that which the rest of the spies had. ¶ [40] *Deut.* 1. 36. *Josh.* 14.8,9,14. Was constant in his obedience to me to the end: (contrary hereunto is *ch.* 32.11. 1 *Kings* 11.6.) ¶ [41] *Josh.* 14.9.

25 (Now the Amalekites, and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness, by the way [42] of the Red sea.

[42] That leads to the red sea, and to *Egypt*; whether you desired to return, *v.* 4.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,

27 How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation which murmure against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmure against me.

28 Say unto them, * [43] *As truly as* I live, saith the LORD, as ye have [44] spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

* Chap. 26.65. and 32.11. Deut. 1.35.

[43] *V.* 21. *ch.* 26.65. and 32.10.11. *Deut.* 1.35. *Psal.* 95.11. ¶ [44] *Viz.* *v.* 2.

29 Your carcases [45] shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbred of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

[45] *ch.* 26.64,65. 1 *Cor.* 10.10.

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land † concerning which I † sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

† Heb. *lifted up my hand.*

31 But your [46] little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall [47] know the land which ye have despised.

[46] *Deut.* 1. 39. ¶ [47] Possess and enjoy.

32 But *as for* you, your carcases they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall ‖ wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your [48] whoredoms until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.

‖ Or, *feed.*

[48] The punishment, which your forsaking of God has brought upon 'em.

34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, *even* * forty days, (each [49] day for a year) shall ye [50] bear your iniquities, *even* forty years, and ye shall know ‖ [51] my breach of promise.

* Psal. 95. 10. Ezek. 4.6.

‖ Or, *altering of my purpose.*

[49] So *Ezek.* 4.6. *Dan.* 9.24. *Rev.* 11.3. ¶ [50] Whether I did break promise with you or no; and what it is to charge me therewith.

35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmure against him, by bringing up a [52] slander upon the land,

37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, * died by [53] the plague [53] before the LORD.

* 1 Cor. 10.10. Hebr. 3.17. Jude 5.

[52] *Ch.* 13.32. ¶ [53] *v.* 12. ¶ [53] In some such way as to make it appear there was a special hand of God in it.

38 But Joshuah the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of the men that went to search the land, lived *still.*

39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people [54] mourned greatly.

[54] *Hebr.* 12.17.

40 ¶ And they [55] rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we * *be here*, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.

[55] *Deut.* 1.41.

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* Deut. 1.41.

41 And Moses [56] said, Wherefore now do you transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.

[56] *Viz.* By God's command, *Deut.* 1. 42.

42 Go not up, for the LORD *is* [57] not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

[57] *Deut.* 1.42.

43 For the Amalekites, and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.

44 But they [58] presumed to go up unto the hill-top: nevertheless, the ark [59] of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses departed not out of the camp.

[58] *Deut.* 1. 41, 43.

[59] See on *ch.* 10.33.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and [60] smote them, and discomfited them, *even* unto Hormah.

[60] *Deut.* 1.44. *Isa.* 63.10.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The law of sundry offerings.* 36 *The sabbath-breaker stoned.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 * Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

* Lev. 23.10.

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering or a [1] sacrifice, * in † performing [2] a vow, or in a [3] free-will-offering, or in your [4] solemn feasts, to make [5] a * sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd or of the flock:

* Lev. 22.21. † Heb. *separating.* * Exod. 29.18.

[1] *Viz.* Of peace-offerings. ¶ [2] See on *Lev.* 27.2. ¶ [3] *Lev.* 7.16. ¶ [4] *Lev.* 23.4,8,12,36. *Numb.* 28.16,17. ¶ [5] *Gen.* 8.21.

4 Then shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORD, bring a [6] meat-offering of a [7] tenth-deal of flour mingled with the fourth *part* of an hin of oyl.

[6] See on *Lev.* 2.1.

[7] See on Exod. 29.40.

5 And the fourth *part* of an hin of wine for a drink-offering shalt thou prepare, with the burnt-offering or [1] sacrifice, for one lamb.

6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare *for* a meat-offering, two tenth-deals of flour mingled with the third *part* of an hin of oyl.

7 And for a drink-offering, thou shalt offer the third *part* of an hin of wine, *for* a sweet savour unto the LORD.

8 And when thou preparest a bullock *for* a burnt-offering, or *for* a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace-offerings unto the LORD:

9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a meat-offering of three tenth-deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oyl.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drink-offering half an hin of wine, *for* an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one, according to their number.

13 All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever *be* among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD: as ye do, so he shall do.

15 * [8] One

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15 * [8] One ordinance *shall be both* for you of the congregation, and also for the [9] stranger that sojourneth *with you*, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are*, so shall the [9] stranger be [10] before the LORD.

* Exod. 12. 49. Chap. 9. 14.

[8] *V.* 29. See on *Exod.* 12. 49. ¶ [9] The Proselyte. ¶ [10] As to his Worship.

16 One law, and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whether I bring you,

19 Then it shall be, that when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave-offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the [11] first of your [12] dough, *for* an heave-offering: [13] as *ye do* the heave-offering of the threshing-floor, so shall ye heave it.

[11] *Prov.* 3. 9, 10. *Ezek.* 44. 30. *Rom.* 11. 16. ¶ [12] *Neh.* 10. 37. *viz.* besides the first-fruits, and Tithes, and other gifts of their corn to the Priests, Levites and Poor, *ch.* 18. 12, 26. *Exod.* 23. 19. *Lev.* 23. 22. ¶ [13] *i. e.* About the same quantity that you offer of your first Corn, shall you offer of your Dough, and with the same ceremonies.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD, an heave-offering in your generations.

[14] *Lev.* 4. 2.

22 ¶ And if ye have [14] erred, and not observed all these commandments which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses,

23 *Even* all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded *Moses*, and henceforward among your generations.

24 Then it shall be, if *ought* be committed by †Heb. *from the eyes.* ignorance † without the knowledge of the congregation; that [15] all the congregation shall offer [16] one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savour unto the LORD, with his meat-offering, and his drink-offering, according to ‖Or, *ordinance.* the ‖ manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

[15] *Lev.* 4. 14. [16] *Ezr.* 8. 35.

25 And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it *is* ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin-offering before the LORD, for their ignorance.

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the [17] stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people were in ignorance.

[17] *Rom.* 3. 29.

* Lev. 4. 27.

27 ¶ And * if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she-goat of the first year for a sin-offering.

28 And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be [18] forgiven him.

[18] 1 *Tim.* 1. 13. *Psal.* 19. 13.

29 You shall have [3] one law for him that † Heb. *doeth.* † sinneth through ignorance, *both for* him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

† Heb. *with an high hand.*

30 ¶ But the soul that doeth *ought* † [19] presumptuously (*whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger) the same [20] reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

[19] *Psal.* 19. 13. wilfully and openly. ¶ [20] *Ezek.* 20. 27. Sets God at defiance, as if he were unworthy to be regarded, or not able to punish Transgressors.

31 Because he hath [21] despised the word of the LORD, and hath [22] broken his commandment; that soul shall utterly be cut off: his iniquity *shall be* upon him.

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[21] *Prov.* 13. 13. *Heb.* 10. 28. ¶ [22] *Gen.* 17. 14. *Lev.* 15. 44. *Ezr.* 9. 14. *Psal.* 119. 126.

32 ¶ And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath-day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks, brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and [23] unto all the congregation.

[23] *i. e.* The Rulers of the Congregation, who represented and governed the whole.

34 And they put him * in [24] ward, because it was [25] not declared what should be done to him.

* Lev. 24. 12.

[24] So *Lev.* 24. 12. ¶ [25] *Viz.* Whether this case were within those Laws (*Exod.* 31. 14. and 35. 2.) or what death he should die.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall [26] stone him with stones [26] without the camp.

[26] See on *Levit.* 24. 14.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid * them that they make them [27] fringes in the [28] borders of their garments, throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of [29] blue.

* Deut. 22. 12. Matth. 23. 5.

[27] *Deut.* 22. 12. See on *Matth.* 23. 5. God respecting their Nonage, gave 'em many helps, both for their Judgments, in sensible figures, for their Affections, in Music; and for their Memories, as these Fringes. ¶ [28] The four skirts of their upper garments, *Deut.* 22. 12. ¶ [29] To teach 'em, that their conversation should be holy and heavenly.

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them: and that ye seek not after your [30] own heart, and your [31] own eyes, after which ye use to [32] go a whoring:

[30] *Prov.* 28. 26. Any superstitious inventions and devices of your own in my Worship. ¶ [31] *Eccl.* 11. 9. after the examples of others which your eyes see, as 2 *King.* 16. 10. ¶ [32] See on *Exod.* 34. 15.

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I *am* the LORD your God which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The rebellion of Korah.* 31 *his punishment.*

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NOw * [1] Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi; and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *men.*

* Chap. 27. 3. Eccluf. 45. 18. [1] *Jude* 11.

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, * famous in the congregation, [2] men of renown.

* Chap. 26. 9. [2] *Gen.* 6. 4.

3 And they gathered themselves together [3] against Moses, and against Aaron, and said unto them, † *Ye take* * too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* [5] holy every one of them, and the LORD *is* [6] among them: wherefore then lift you up your selves above the congregation of the LORD?

† Heb. it is *much for you.*

[3] *Psal.* 106. 16. ¶ * Too much state, honor, power, holiness, in ingrossing this administration to your selves, wherein all the people might partake with you. ¶ [5] (And therefore may approach unto God, and offer their Sacrifices themselves.)

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selves.) ¶ [6] (And therefore ready to receive all their Sacrifices and Services from their own hands.)

4 And when Moses heard *it*, he [7] fell upon his face:

[7] *Ch.*14.5. see there; and 20.6. in prayer to God for direction; (who accordingly directed to what follows.)

5 And he spake unto Korah, and unto all his company, saying, Even [8] to morrow the LORD will shew who *are* his, and *who is* [9] holy; and will cause *him* to [10] come near unto him: even *him* whom he hath chosen, will he [11] cause to come near unto him.

[8] He gives them time to bethink themselves, and repent. ¶ [9] Separated to the Priests Office. ¶ [10] *Psal.*65.4. ¶ [11] Declare in some extraordinary manner that it belongs to him only to minister before him as Priest.

6 This do; Take you censers, Korah and all his company;

7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be *that* the man whom the LORD doth [12] choose, he *shall be* [13] holy: [14] *ye take* too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

[12] Declare by some manifest sign that he chooses and likes. ¶ [13] Owned as Priest. ¶ [14] Thus *Moses* retorts the blame upon themselves, which they had unjustly laid on him, *v.* 3. (So 1 *King.*18.17,18.)

8 And Moses said unto Korah; Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

9 *Seemeth it but* a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath [15] separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you [16] near to himself, [17] to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to [18] stand before the congregation, to minister [19] unto them?

[15] *Ch.*8. 14. *Lev.* 20. 26. ¶ [16] Nearer than the other Tribes, tho not so nigh as the Priests. ¶ [17] *Ch.*8.11,15,16. and 18.21. ¶ [18] *Deut.*10.8. ¶ [19] 2 *Chron.*35.3. *Ezek.* 44. 11. in their stead, and for their good.

10 And he hath brought thee near *to him*, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

11 For which cause *both* thou, and all thy company *are* gathered together [20] against the LORD: and [21] what *is* Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

[20] Against his Ordinances and Ministers. (So 1 *Sam.* 8. 7. *Luke* 10.16. *Joh.*13.20.) ¶ [21] 1 *Cor.*3.5. *Exod.* 16.7, 8. *q. d.* He has done nothing of his own head herein, but what he had authority from God for.

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up.

13 *Is it* a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and hony, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thy self altogether a [22] prince over us?

[22] *Exod.*2.14.

14 Moreover, thou hast [23] not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and hony, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou † [24] put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

† Heb. *bore out.*

[23] According to promise, *Exod.*3.8. and 33.3. *Lev.* 20. 24. ¶ [24] Blind us with fair promises, without any performance?

15 And Moses was [25] very wroth, and said unto the LORD, * [26] Respect not thou their [27] offering: I have [28] not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

* Gen.4.4.

[25] *Ch.*12.3. (25 *Mark* 3.5.) ¶ [26] *Gen.* 4.3. Shew some eminent dislike of it. ¶ [27] Their Incense, *v.* 6,7. (whereby it appears that they invaded the Priests Office.) ¶ [28] 1 *Sam.* 12.3. *q. d.* I have not used my authority to their oppression or wrong in the least particular; (and therefore they have no cause to complain of me for that) and on the contrary, I have done 'em many good Offices.

16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company [29] before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron to morrow:

[29] At the door of the Tabernacle, *v.* 18.

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17 And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also and Aaron each *of you* his censer.

18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered [30] all the congregation against them, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and [31] the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

[30] *Ch.*14.1. the generality were ready to incline to his Faction, *v.*11. ¶ [31] *V.*42. See on *ch.*14.10.*

20 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

21 [32] Separate your selves from among this congregation, that I may consume them [33] in a moment.

[32] *V.*45. *Gen.*19.15. *Jer.*51.6. *Act.*2.40. *Rev.*18.4. Society with Sinners is dangerous for the godly; and separation of the godly, is dangerous for the wicked, *Gen.*19.22. ¶ [33] *Exod.* 33.5. *Dan.*4.31.

22 And they [7] fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God [34] of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

[34] *Ch.*27.16. *Eccl.*12.7. *Isa.*57.16. the Creator (*Zech.* 12. 1. *Heb.* 12.9.) Preserver and Governor (*Job* 12.10.) and therefore canst distinguish between the obstinately rebellious and the seduced, to spare the one, and punish the other.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and [35] went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

[35] Because they refused to come to him, *v.* 12.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and [36] touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

[36] 2 *Cor.* 6.17. *Rev.* 18.4.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and [37] stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

[37] As out-facing *Moses*, and scorning the judgment he seem'd to threaten.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do [38] all these works: for *I have* not *done them* [39] of mine own mind.

[38] Both in undertaking the government of the people, and appointing *Aaron* to the Priesthood, *&c.* ¶ [39] 1 *King.* 12.33. *Ezek.*13.17.

29 If these men die † the common death of all men, or if they be [40] visited after the visitation of all men; *then* the LORD hath not sent me.

† Heb. *as every man dieth.*
[40] Punish'd.

30 But if the LORD † make [41] a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down [42] quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

† Heb. *create a creature.*
[41] *Job* 31.3.
[42] *Psal.*55.15.

31 ¶ * And it came to pass as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them:

* Chap.27.3. Deut.11.6. Psal.106.17.

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and [43] swallowed them up, and their [44] houses, and [45] all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and [46] all *their* goods.

[43] *Ch.*

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42 Ch. 26.10. and 27.3. Deut. 11.6. Pſal. 106.17. ¶ 44 Families. ¶ 45 All of his family who were at that time in his tent; (for ſome of his ſons eſcap'd, ch. 16.1.) ¶ 46 Deut. 12.6.

33 They and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth cloſed upon them: and they periſhed from among the congregation.

34 And all Iſrael that *were* round about them, fled at the cry of them: for they ſaid, Leſt the earth ſwallow us up *alſo*.

35 And there came out a 47 fire from the LORD, and conſumed the 48 two hundred and fifty men that offered incenſe.

47 See on *Lev.*10.1. *Pſal.*106.17,18. ¶ 48 *v.* 2.17,18.

36 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

37 Speak unto Eleazar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt, that he take up the cenſers 49 out of the burning, and ſcatter thou the fire yonder; for they are 50 hallowed.

49 From among the dead bodies of thoſe that were burnt. ¶ 50 Becauſe offer'd, *v.*38.

38 The cenſers of theſe ſinners 51 againſt their own ſouls, let them make them 52 broad plates *for* a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they ſhall be 53 a ſign unto the children of Iſrael.

51 1 *Kings* 2. 23. *Prov.* 20. 2. ¶ 52 Beaten out ſo that they may cover the Altar of burnt-offering with 'em; either in ſome place which was not covered afore, or to make a falſe cover. ¶ 53 *Viz.* Of God's wrath againſt ſuch as invade the Prieſthood, *v.*40.

39 And Eleazar the prieſt took the braſen cenſers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad *plates for* a covering of the altar:

40 *To be* a memorial unto the children of Iſrael, that no ſtranger, which *is* not of the ſeed of Aaron, come near to offer incenſe before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD 54 ſaid to him by the hand of Moſes.

54 Threatned.

41 ¶ But on 55 the morrow, all the congregation of the children of Iſrael murmured againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron, ſaying, 56 Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

55 *Pſal.*106.13. See on *Exod.* 15. 24. ¶ 56 *Iſa.*26.11.

42 And it came to paſs when the congregation was gathered againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron, that 57 they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and behold, the cloud covered it, and the 31 glory of the LORD appeared.

57 *Moſes* and *Aaron* look'd to God, as having now no other refuge.

43 And Moſes and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

45 58 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may conſume them as in a moment: and they 7 fell upon their faces.

58 *v.*21.

46 ¶ And Moſes 59 ſaid unto Aaron, Take a cenſer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and 60 put on incenſe, and go quickly 61 unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

59 By direction of the Spirit of God. ¶ 60 Make interceſſion, *Pſal.*141.2. ¶ 61 To ſtir up the people to repentance and prayer to prevent their utter ruin.

47 And Aaron took as Moſes commanded, and ran into the midſt of the congregation; and behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incenſe, and made an atonement for the people.

48 And he ſtood 62 between the dead and the living, and the plague was 63 ſtayed.

62 As mediator he interpoſed by his interceſſion to ſtay the plague from paſſing any further. And probably the plague did not ſcatter it ſelf thro the whole Congregation, but beginning in one place, it ran, like fire, along upon thoſe ſtill that were next adjoyning: and ſo it might be litterally true, that he ſet himſelf in that place where he was between the dead and thoſe that were not yet ſmitten. ¶ 63 *Jam.*5.17. So 2 *Sam.*24.16.

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49 Now they that died in the plague, were fourteen thouſand and ſeven hundred, beſide them that died about the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron 64 returned unto Moſes, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was ſtayed.

64 Both to acquaint *Moſes* how he had ſped, and to return thanks unto God who had ſo graciouſly accepted his ſervice, (as 2 *Sam.*24.25.)

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Aarons rod budding,* 10 *is left for a monument.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, 2 1 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and take of every one of them a rod according to the houſe of *their* fathers, of all their princes, according to the houſe of their fathers, twelve rods: write thou every mans name upon his rod.

1 Fully and finally to ſatisfie all their ſcruples, and take away all pretences and cauſes of murmuring.

3 And thou ſhalt write Aarons name upon the rod of Levi: for 2 one rod *ſhall be* for the head of the houſe of their fathers.

2 *q. d.* Tho' I have diſtinguiſh'd the tribe of *Levi* into two parts, Prieſts and Levites, yet as in the other tribes there is but one rod for a tribe, ſo ſhall it be for the tribe of *Levi*.

4 And thou ſhalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the teſtimony,* where I will 3 meet with you.

* Exod. 25.22.
3 *Exod.* 25.22. and 30.36.

5 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* the mans rod whom I ſhall 4 chooſe, ſhall bloſſom: and I will make to ceaſe from me the murmurings of the children of Iſrael, whereby they murmure againſt 5 you.

4 *Viz.* For the Prieſthood. ¶ 5 About the Prieſthood.

6 ¶ And Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, and every one of their princes gave him † a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers houſes, *even* twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods.

† Heb. *a rod for one prince, a rod for one prince.*

7 And Moſes laid up the rods before the LORD, in the tabernacle of witneſs.

8 And it came to paſs that on the morrow Moſes went into the tabernacle of witneſs; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the houſe of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed bloſſoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moſes brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Iſrael: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Bring * Aarons rod again, before the teſtimony, to be kept for a token againſt the † rebels; and thou ſhalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

* Hebr. 9.4.
† Heb. *children of rebellion.*

11 And Moſes did *ſo*: as the LORD commanded him, ſo did he.

12 And the children of Iſrael ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, Behold, 6 we die, we periſh, we all periſh.

6 *q. d.* We are ever and anon cut off by ſome judgment or other, ſo that in a little while there will be an end of us all.

13 7 Whoſoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD, ſhall die: 8 ſhall we be conſumed with dying?

7 *q. d.*

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[7] *q. d.* We are cut off for every small offence, and upon every slight occasion. ¶ [8] *q. d.* What! will there be no end of slaying us till we be all destroy'd?

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The charge of the Priests and Levites.* 9 *The Priests,* 21 *and the Levites portion.*

AND the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and [1] thy fathers house with thee shall bear the [2] iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the [2] iniquity of your priesthood.

[1] All the tribe of *Levi*. ¶ [2] The punishment for any miscarriage about the sanctuary, *v.* 3, 5. (since you have authority to keep all in order;) and about your office. Thus their high dignity was attended with a great charge and burden.

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joyned unto thee, and [3] minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee, *shall minister* [4] before the tabernacle of witness.

[3] *Ch.* 3.6. ¶ [4] More immediately about the affairs of the tabernacle.

3 And they shall keep [5] thy charge, and the charge of [6] all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the [7] vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor [8] you also die.

[5] See on *ch.* 3.7. ¶ [6] All things belonging to it. ¶ [7] *Viz.* To minister with 'em: (for they might touch 'em, *ch.* 3.8.) ¶ [8] *Viz.* For not preventing their error, by your care.

4 And they shall be joyned unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the [9] service of the tabernacle: and [10] a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.

[9] See on *ch.* 3.-8.
[10] See on *ch.* 3.-10.

5 And ye shall [11] keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the [11] charge of the altar; [12] that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

[11] See that all things be ordered there according to appointment, 1 *Chron.* 9.19,23,33. ¶ [12] *ch.* 8.-19. and 16.-46. *Lev.* 10.1,2.

6 And I, behold, I have [13] taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you *they are* [14] given *as* a gift [15] for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[13] *Ch.* 3.12,45. ¶ [14] *ch.* 3.9. and 8. 16,19. ¶ [15] To assist you in the servile, laborious part of God's service there.

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee, shall keep your priests office, for every thing of the altar, and within the vail, and [16] ye shall serve: I have given your priests office *unto you*, *as* a service [17] of gift: and the [10] stranger that cometh nigh, shall be put to death.

[16] You shall look carefully to those things. ¶ [17] Freely given you, and to you alone; (and therefore let no man charge you with arrogance or usurpation in appropriating this to your selves, or invade your office.)

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine [18] heave-offerings, of all the [19] hallowed things of the children of Israel; [20] unto thee have I given them, [21] by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons by an ordinance for ever.

[18] That they be carefully taken, and used holily, as gifts from the Lord. ¶ [19] *ch.* 5.9. *Lev.* 5.15. ¶ [20] As a recompence for thy service. ¶ [21] *Lev.* 7.35. and 21.10. By reason of the office or service to which, by anointing, thou art consecrated.

9 This shall be thine of the [22] most holy things, *reserved* [23] from the fire: [24] every oblation of theirs, every [25] meat-offering of theirs, and every [26] sin-offering of theirs, and every [27] trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall [28] render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for thy sons.

[22] *Lev.* 2.3. and 6.17. See there. ¶ [23] *Viz.* Of the Altar, where some part of 'em was burnt. ¶ [24] This is the general, comprizing the following particulars. ¶ [25] *Lev.* 6.16, 17. ¶ [26] *Lev.* 6.26. ¶ [27] *Lev.* 7.1,6. ¶ [28] By way of recompence, for some trespass against me.

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10 In the [29] most holy *place* shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.

[29] *Viz.* For eating; (which was the court of the tabernacle.)

11 And this *is* thine; [30] the heave-offering of their gift, with all the [31] wave-offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto * thee, and to thy sons, and to thy [32] daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: [33] every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it. * Lev. 10.14.

[30] That share of the heave-offering which I have reserved for thee, *viz.* the right shoulder, *Lev.* 7.14,32. ¶ [31] *Viz.* The best of the peace-offerings, (*Lev.* 7.30,31,34.) with all other gifts that were heaved and waved, and whereof no part was burnt upon the Altar. ¶ [32] *Viz.* While they remained in their father's house. ¶ [33] *Viz.* That was bought into, or born in, thy house: but no stranger, nor hired servant, *Lev.* 22.10,11.

12 [34] All the † best of the oyl, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first-fruits of them [35] which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee. † Heb. *fat.*

[34] *Deut.* 18.4. ¶ [35] *Neh.* 10.35,39. Which was left free to the giver, for an exercise of his piety and charity.

13 *And* whatsoever is [36] first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house, shall eat *of* it.

[36] Whereof. See *Deut.* 26.2.

14 * Every thing [37] devoted in Israel, shall be thine. * Lev. 27.28.

[37] See on *Lev.* 27.28. Dedicated to God by vow, or otherwise: if they were such things as might be eaten.

15 Every thing that [38] openeth * the matrice in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, *whether it be* of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the first-born of man shalt thou surely [39] redeem, and the firstling of [39] unclean beasts shalt thou redeem. * Exod. 13.2. and 22.29. Lev. 27.26. Chap. 3.13.

[38] *Exod.* 13.2. ¶ [39] See on *Exod.* 13.-13. and 34.-20.

16 And those that are [40] to be redeemed, from a month old shalt thou redeem according to thine estimation, for the mony of five shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, * which is twenty gerahs. * Exod. 30.13. Lev. 27.25. Chap. 3.47. Ezek. 45.12.

[40] *Viz.* Of men; (as appears by *Lev.* 27.6.)

17 But the [41] firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the first-ling of a goat thou shalt [42] not redeem, they *are* [43] holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat *for* an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

[41] *Exod.* 34.19. [42] *Deut.* 15.19. But give it in kind. ¶ [43] Appointed for Sacrifice: and therefore not to be redeem'd from death.

18 And the [44] flesh of them shall be thine, as [31] the * wave-breast and as the right shoulder are thine. * Exod. 29.26.

[44] The whole body; (and not only some parts.)

19 All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it *is* a [45] covenant [46] of salt for ever, before the LORD, unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

[45] A promise, or priviledge, bestowed upon condition of your service and care about my worship. ¶ [46] 2 *Chron.* 13.5. Perpetual and unchangeable.

20 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, [47] Thou shalt have no [48] inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any [49] part among them: * I *am* [50] thy part, and [51] thine inheritance among the children of Israel. * Deut. 10.9. and 18.2. Josh. 13.14, 33. Ezek. 44.28.

[47] Thy Posterity, and all the Levites, *Deut.* 18.1. ¶ [48] *Viz.*

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Of land, but only Cities and Suburbs, *c.* 35. ¶ 49 *Viz.* Of the ſpoils gotten by war. ¶ 50 *Deut.* 10. 9. and 18. 1. *Joſh.* 13. 14, 33. *Ezek.* 44. 28. *Pſal.* 73. 26. and 142. 6. *Lam.* 3. 24. that portion which I have reſerved for my ſelf out of the Offerings, I have beſtowed on thee. ¶ 51 Which I have given thee for thy ſubſiſtence from generation to generation, (as Inheritances run.)

21 And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the 52 tenth in Iſrael, for an inheritance, for their ſervice which they ſerve, *even* the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation.

52 *Deut.* 24. 22. *&c.*

22 Neither muſt the children of Iſrael henceforth 53 come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, leſt they 54 bear ſin, † and die.

† Heb. *to die.*

53 To ſerve in the Tabernacle (as they did in the rebellion of *Corah*, ch. 16, 10.) ¶ 54 Suffer the puniſhment of their ſin.

23 But the Levites ſhall do the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they ſhall bear their iniquity: *It ſhall be* a ſtatute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Iſrael they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Iſrael, which they offer 55 *as* an heave-offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have ſaid unto them, Among the children of Iſrael they ſhall have no inheritance.

55 To be a ſign of their homage, ſubjection, and thankfulneſs to God for his mercies.

25 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

26 Thus ſpeak unto the Levites, and ſay unto them, When ye take of the children of Iſrael the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye ſhall offer up an heave-offering of it for the LORD, *even* a tenth *part* of the tithe.

27 And *this* your heave-offering ſhall be reckoned unto you, 56 as though *it were* the corn of the threſhing-floor, and as the fulneſs of the wine-preſs.

56 As if it had been the fruit of your own ground.

28 Thus 57 you alſo ſhall offer an heave-offering unto the LORD, of all your tithes which ye receive of the children of Iſrael: and ye ſhall give thereof the LORDs heave-offering 58 to Aaron the prieſt.

57 *Viz.* as well as the other Iſraelites. ¶ 58 *Neh.* 10. 38. *Heb.* 7. 5. that he may make diſtribution thereof among the Prieſts.

29 Out of all 59 your gifts ye ſhall offer every heave-offering of the LORD of all the † beſt thereof, *even* 60 the hallowed part thereof, out of it.

† Heb. *fat.*

59 Thoſe bleſſings which God gives you out of your own fields, and out of the gifts you receive from the people. ¶ 60 That which is appropriated by God to himſelf, and given by him to the Prieſts; the payment whereof hallows all the reſt.

30 Therefore thou ſhalt ſay unto them, When ye have 61 heaved the beſt thereof from it, then it ſhall be counted unto the Levites, 62 as the increaſe of the threſhing-floor, and as the increaſe of the wine-preſs.

61 Given the beſt for an Heave-offering. ¶ 62 Free for you to be uſed, as other common things.

31 And ye ſhall eat it 63 in every place, ye and your houſholds: for it *is* your 64 reward for your ſervice, in the tabernacle of the congregation.

63 *Deut.* 14. 22, 23. *viz.* that is clean. ¶ 64 1 *Tim.* 5. 18. *Luke* 10. 7. *Matth.* 10. 10.

32 And ye ſhall bear no 65 ſin, by reaſon of it, when ye have heaved from it the beſt of it: neither ſhall ye 66 pollute the holy things of the children of Iſrael, leſt ye die.

65 No puniſhment: (which they ſhould do if they had not ſeparated the tenth part of the Beſt of the Tithe from it.) ¶ 66 Either by eating them out of the time limited by God (*Lev.* 19. 7, 8.) or in an improper place, and many other ways. A general warning both to Prieſts and Levites.

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CHAP. XIX.

1 *The water of ſeparation.* 11 *The uſe of it for purification of the unclean.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes and unto Aaron, ſaying,

2 This *is* the 1 ordinance 1 of the law, which the LORD hath commanded, ſaying, Speak unto the children of Iſrael, that they bring thee a 2 red heifer, 3 without ſpot, wherein *is* no blemiſh, *and* upon which 4 never came yoke.

1 That which God has ordained by Law. ¶ 2 To note (1) The guilt of ſin laid upon it. (2) The bloodineſs of Chriſts paſſion (*Iſa.* 61. 1, 2.) and that by his blood it is that we ſhall be cleanſed from all our ſins, *Rev.* 1. 5. *Heb.* 9. 13, 14. ¶ 3 *Luke* 1. 35. *Heb.* 7. 26. 1 *Pet.* 1. 19. and 2. 22. ¶ 4 *Deut.* 21. 3. To note, that Chriſt was not forc'd or compell'd to what he did, *Joh.* 10. 17, 18. *Pſal.* 40. 7, 8.

3 And ye ſhall give her unto 5 Eleazar the 6 prieſt that he may bring her * forth 7 without the camp, and *one* ſhall ſlay her before his face.

* Heb. 13. 11.

5 Not to *Aaron*; becauſe he that did this work was unclean (*v.* 7.) and the High-Prieſt was to keep himſelf in a continual fitneſs for his ſervice. ¶ 6 To note, that our redemption and purification was the work of Chriſts Prieſthood. ¶ 7 *Ch.* 15. 36. *Lev.* 24. 14. *Heb.* 13. 12.

4 And Eleazar the prieſt ſhall take of her blood with his finger, and * 8 ſprinkle of her blood directly 8 before the tabernacle of the congregation ſeven times.

* Heb. 9. 13.

8 *Heb.* 9. 13. to note, That by Chriſts blood we are made clean in Gods ſight.

5 And *one* ſhall burn the heifer in his ſight; * her 9 ſkin, and her 9 fleſh, and her 9 blood, with her 9 dung, ſhall he 9 burn.

* Exod. 29. 14. Lev. 4. 11, 12.

9 *Exod.* 29. 14. *Lev.* 4. 11, 12. to note the grievous ſufferings of Chriſt in the whole man, both Soul and Body.

6 And the prieſt ſhall take 10 cedar-wood, and 11 hyſſop, and 12 ſcarlet, and caſt *it* into the 13 midſt of the burning of the heifer.

10 See on *Lev.* 14. 4. ¶ 11 See on *Exod.* 12. 22. ¶ 12 *Iſa.* 1. 18. ¶ 13 Whereby it was, as it were, offered to God, and ſanctified to this holy uſe (by vertue of the oblation of Chriſt) for the future to make the ſprinkle of, *Lev.* 14. 4. The means for applying Chriſts merits are ſanctified by his Paſſion.

7 Then the prieſt ſhall 14 waſh his clothes, and he ſhall bathe his fleſh in water, and afterward he ſhall come into the camp, and the prieſt ſhall be 14 unclean until the even.

8 And he that 14 burneth her, ſhall 14 waſh his clothes in water, and bathe his fleſh in water, and ſhall be 14 unclean untill the even.

14 *Lev.* 11. 25. and 15. 5. So *v.* 8, 9, 10, 21. All that were employed in preparing or uſing this Water were unclean, to note the abominableneſs of ſin.

9 And a man *that is* 15 clean ſhall gather up the aſhes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a 16 clean place, and it ſhall be 17 kept for the congregation of the children of Iſrael, for † a water of 18 ſeparation: it *is* a 19 purification for ſin.

15 To note, that Chriſt was pure in himſelf, tho made ſin for us. ¶ 16 To note, the Church. ¶ 17 To note, that Chriſts merit is of continual vertue. ¶ † Wherewith theſe Aſhes were to be mingled, *v.* 17. ¶ 18 Wherewith thoſe were to be ſprinkled, who by reaſon of any ceremonial uncleanneſs were to be ſeparated from the Congregation. ¶ 19 *Heb.* 9. 13, 14. a Token of the purification from ſin, by the ſprinkling of Chriſts blood upon the Soul.

10 And he that gathereth the aſhes of the heifer, ſhall 14 waſh his clothes, and be 14 unclean until the even: and 20 it ſhall be unto the children of Iſrael, and unto the ſtranger that ſojourneth among them, for a ſtatute for ever.

20 The making and reſerving theſe Aſhes for a Water of Separation.

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11 ¶ He that toucheth the [21] dead body of any † man, shall be unclean [21] seven days.

† Heb. *soul of man.*

[21] He that touched a dead Beast was unclean but one day, (*Lev.*11.24.) This therefore shew'd (1) the curse of God in Death. (2) That we should take heed of being defiled with the Society of wicked men, 2 *Cor.*6.17. *Eph.*5.11.

12 He shall [22] purifie himself with [23] it on the third day, and on the † seventh day he shall be clean; but if he purifie not himself the [24] third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

[22] To note, the purification of the Soul by repentance and faith, *Act.*15.9. ¶ [23] This water and ashes. ¶ † To teach us that our purification in this life is gradual, and not perfect till we come to the rest of Heaven, which the seventh day respected. ¶ [24] To note, that if he partake not of the benefit of Christs resurrection (which was on the third day) *viz.* Justification, (*Rom.*4.-25.) he cannot be admitted to the rest of Heaven.

13 Whosoever [25] toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness *is* yet upon him.

[25] *Viz.* presumptuously (for *Lev.*5.3,6,17.)

14 This *is* the law when a man dieth in a tent; all that come into the tent, and all that *is* in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every open vessel which hath no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean.

16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a [26] sword in the open fields, or a [21] dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

[26] Or any other weapon, *ch.* 31.19.

† Heb. *dust.* † Heb. *living waters shall be given.*

17 And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the † ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and † [27] running water shall be put thereto in a vessel.

18 And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and [28] sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the [29] vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

[27] This figured the Spirit of God (*Joh.*7.38,39.) by which alone true purification is obtained. ¶ [28] *Heb.* 9. 13, 14. ¶ [29] *Ch.*31.23.

19 And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the [24] third day, and on the seventh day: and on the [24] seventh day he shall purifie himself, and [30] wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

[30] See on *Lev.* 11.25.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall [31] not purifie himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation: because he hath [32] defiled the sanctuary of the LORD, the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him, he *is* unclean.

[31] Contemptuously refuses to submit to this way of purification. ¶ [32] *ch.*5.2.

21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation, shall [33] wash his clothes, and he that toucheth the water of separation, shall be [33] unclean until even.

[33] See *v.*14. to teach (1) That this water did not cleanse by any vertue in it self, but only by vertue of Gods appointment. (2) That the efficacy of Gods Ordinances depends not on the quality of the Ministers.

22 And whatsoever the [34] unclean *person* toucheth, shall be [35] unclean: and the soul that toucheth *it*, shall be unclean until even.

[34] By any of the ways forementioned in this Chapter. ¶ [35] To note the infectious nature of sin, and sinful company.

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7 *Moses bringeth water out of the rock.* 28 *Aarons death.*

THen came the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin, in the [1] first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

[1] *Viz.* Of the fortieth year after they were come out of *Egypt*, as appears by *v.*28. with *ch.* 33.38.

2 And there was [2] no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses, and against Aaron.

[2] So *Exod.* 17. 1.

3 And the people [3] chode with Moses, and spake, saying, † Would God that we had died * when [5] our brethren died before the LORD.

[3] *Exod.*17.2. ¶ † *Ch.*14.2. ¶ [5] *Ch.*16. 49. as being an easier kind of death, than to perish by hunger or thirst, *Lam.*4.9.

* Chap.11.33.

4 And [6] why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattel should die there?

[6] *Exod.*17. 3.

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it *is* no place of seed, or of figs, or vines, or of pomegranates, neither *is* there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they [7] fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD [8] appeared unto them.

[7] *Ch.*14.5. and 16.4,45. *Exod.*17.4. ¶ [8] As *ch.*12.5. and 14.-10. and 16.-19,42.

7 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the [9] rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock [10] before their eyes, and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation, and their beasts drink.

[9] *Exod.*17.5. ¶ [10] To convince 'em of their infidelity; that the senseless creatures should sooner hear and obey God than his own people.

9 And Moses took the rod [11] from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

[11] Out of the Tabernacle, where it seems it was laid up for a memorial of the miracles that *Moses* wrought therewith: as was also *Aarons* upon the same account, *ch.*17.10.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye [12] rebels; [13] must we fetch you water out of this rock?

[12] *Psal.*106.32,33. Words of bitterness and rage; which proceeded partly from infidelity, *v.* 12. ¶ [13] *q.d.* Is it fit that such Rebels as you should be thus miraculously supplied?

11 And Moses lift up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock [14] twice: and the water came out [15] abundantly, and the congregation [16] drank, and their [17] beasts *also*.

[14] This proceeded from the heighth of anger and distrust. He should only have spoken to the Rock, *v.* 8. ¶ [15] *Psal.*78.15. and 105.41. and 114.8. *Neh.*9.15,20. *Deut.* 8.-15. *Isa.*48.21. ¶ [16] 1 *Cor.*10.4. A type of Christ, who being smitten for our transgressions (*Isa.*53.4.) by the Rod of the Law, gives forth living water to quench our thirst, *Joh.*4.14. ¶ [17] *Isa.*43.20. Thus those Elements which are Signs and Seals of Gods grace to Believers in their holy use, out of that use are common, and have no inherent holiness in 'em.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye [18] believed me not, to [19] sanctifie me in the eyes of the children of Israel; there-

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therefore ye shall [20] not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

[18] So *ch.*11.21–23. Called Rebellion, (*v.* 24. *ch.* 27.14.) and Transgression, *Deut.*32.51. ¶ [19] See on *Lev.* 10.3. To give me the glory of my power, faithfulness and free-grace even to those that don't deserve it. ¶ [20] *Deut.*3.23–26.and 34.-4. To shew, that neither the Law, nor legal Priesthood, can bring us to heaven; but only faith in Jesus Christ, *Gal.* 2.18.

[†] Psal. 106.32. &c. ‖ That is, *strife.*

13 * This *is* the water of‖ [21] Meribah, because the children of Israel strove with [22] the LORD: and he was [19] sanctified [23] in them.

[21] *Exod.*17.7. ¶ [22] In the person of *Moses*; *v.*3. *Exod.*16.-8. *Luke* 10.16. ¶ [23] (1) Among the Israelites, by giving 'em water, and thereby manifesting his power, truth, and compassion. (2) In *Moses* and *Aaron*, by punishing their rebellion, and thereby manifesting the glory of his holiness, *Ezek.*38.16. with 22.23.

14 ¶ And Moses [24] sent messengers from Kadesh, unto the King of Edom, Thus saith [25] thy brother Israel, [26] Thou knowest all the travel that hath † befallen us:

† Heb. *found us.*

[24] *Judg.* 11. 17. *Viz.* By God's direction, *Deut.* 2. 1. &c. ¶ [25] *Deut.*23.-7. *Mal.* 1. 2. ¶ [26] *q. d.* Our grievous and wearisome travels and troubles have been so famous, that they cannot be unknown to thee.

15 How our fathers [27] went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a [28] long time: and the Egyptians [29] vexed us, and our fathers.

[27] *Gen.*46.6. ¶ [28] *Exod.* 12.40. ¶ [29] *Exod.*1.&c.

16 And when [30] we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an [31] angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border.

[30] *Exod.*2.23,24. ¶ [31] Christ who appeared to *Moses* in the burning bush, *Exod.*3.2. (See there.) and 14.19. and 23.20.

17 Let us pass, I pray thee, [32] through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink *of* the [33] water of the wells: we will go by the kings *high*-way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.

[32] *Ch.*21. 22. (that being the neareſt way. *Deut.*2.8.) ¶ [33] *Viz.* Without paying for it; as *v.* 19.

18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.

19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high-way: and if I and my [34] cattel drink of thy water, then I will [34] pay for it: I will only (without *doing* any thing *else*) go through on my feet.

[34] *Deut.*2. 6,7.

20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.

21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel [35] turned away from him.

[35] *Judg.* 11.18.

22 ¶ And the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, journyed from * Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

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23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be [36] gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye [37] rebelled against my † word at the water of Meribah.

† Heb. *mouth.*

[36] See on *Gen.* 25. 8. ¶ [37] *v.* 11, 12.

[38] Chap.33.38. Deut.32.50.

25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and [38] bring them up unto mount Hor:

[39] *Isa.*22.15, 19.&c. [40] *Jer.*33.18.

26 And [39] strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon [40] Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor, in the sight of all the congregation.

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28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and * Aaron [41] died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

* Deut.10.6. and 32.50. [41] *ch.*33.38,39 *Hebr.*7. 24,25.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron [42] thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

[42] *Deut.*34.8.

CHAP. XXI.

4 The people plagued with fiery serpents, 7 are healed by a brasen serpent.

A Nd *when* * king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way [1] of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and [2] took *some* of them prisoners.

* Chap.33.40.

[1] Where he had sent his spies to watch 'em. ¶ [2] *ch.* 14.45. To teach 'em, that they did not prevail by their own strength, (*Psal.*44.3,4. *Deut.* 9.4.) and therefore they should trust in God, and not in themselves.

2 And Israel [3] vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I [4] will utterly destroy their cities.

[3] See on *Gen.*28.20. 1 *Sam.*1.11. ¶ [4] See on *Lev.*27.28. *Josh.*6.17.&c. Not keep 'em for my own use, but hallow 'em to thee, and destroy 'em for thy honour.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the [5] Canaanites: and they [6] utterly destroyed them and their cities: and [7] he called the name of the place ‖ [8] Hormah.

‖ That is, *utter destruction.*

[5] This army of *Arad.* ¶ [6] They now conquer'd this Army and destroy'd 'em: and afterwards when they conquered their cities, destroyed them also. ¶ [7] *Israel*: the Israelites. ¶ [8] *i. e.* Devotement; or utter destruction. By this name they both set up a memorial of God's mercy, and their duty, to keep the vow they had made.

4 ¶ And they journeyed from mount Hor, by the way of the Red sea, to [9] compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much ‖ † discouraged because of the [10] way.

‖ Or, *grieved.* † Heb. *shortned.*

[9] Because they were denied passage thro the land, *ch.*20.18, 20. ¶ [10] The length of it, and the many wants and troubles they met with therein, *v.*5.

5 And the people spake [11] against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt, to die in the wilderness? for *there is* no bread, neither *is there any* water, and * our soul lotheth [12] this light bread.

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[11] *V.*7. *ch.*20.13. and 11.1,4,5. and 16.13,14. *Exod.*14.11. and 15.24. and 16.2,3. and 17.2,3. *i. e.* Christ, 1 *Cor.* 10. 9. ¶ [12] As if it had little substance or nourishment in it, in comparison of that more solid diet they had in *Egypt.*

6 And * the LORD sent [13] fiery serpents among the people; and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

* Wisd.16.1,5. 1 Cor.10.9.

[13] *Isa.*14.-29. *Deut.*8.15. *Am.*9.3,4. Which by their stings poison'd and inflamed their bodies.

7 ¶ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, [14] We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD that he take away the serpents from us: and Moses [15] prayed for the people.

[14] *Psal.*78.34. So *Exod.*9.27,28. ¶ [15] So 1 *Sam.*12.19,23.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee [16] a fiery serpent, and set *it* upon [17] a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is [18] bitten, when he [19] looketh upon it, shall [20] live.

[16] A figure of one; which was a type of Christ, (*John* 3. 14, 15.) who was in the likeness of sinful flesh, (*Rom.* 8. 3.) tho without sin. ¶ [17] So Christ was lift up upon the Cross; and in the preaching of the Gospel, *John* 12. 32. *Gal.* 3. 1. ¶ [18] So when sinners are sensible, *Matth.* 9.-12. and 11. 28. ¶ [19] This signifies faith in Christ. ¶ [20] Be healed, and have his life and health continued, *John* 8.-24.

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9 And * Moſes made a ſerpent of [21] braſs, and put it upon a pole, and it came to paſs, that if a [22] ſerpent had bitten any man, when he [23] beheld the ſerpent of braſs, he lived.

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* 2 King.18.4.
John 3.14.

[21] *Ezek.*40.3. Noting Chriſt's ſtrength to overcome all his ſufferings, *Job* 6.12. ¶ [22] The Serpents were not removed, but only a remedy provided: So neither our ſins nor afflictions are wholly removed, but only we receive grace and ſtrength againſt 'em, (2 *Cor.*12.7.&c.) and forgiveneſs by the blood of Chriſt, 1 *John* 1.7.&c. *Jam.*3.2. ¶ [23] *Zech.*12.10. *Hag.*2.4.

10 ¶ And the children of Iſrael ſet forward,
* Chap.33.43. and * pitched in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and
‖ Or, *heaps of Abarim.* pitched at ‖ Ije-abarim, in the wilderneſs which *is* before Moab, toward the ſun-riſing.

12 ¶ From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other ſide of Arnon, which *is* in the wilderneſs that cometh out of the coaſts of the Amorites: for Arnon *is* the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Wherefore it is ſaid in the book of the wars
‖ Or, *Vaheb in Suphah.* of the LORD, [24] ‖ What he did in the Red ſea, and in the brooks of Arnon,

[24] Undertaken by his appointment, and managed by his aſſiſtance.

15 And at the ſtream of the brooks that go-
† Heb. *leaneth.* eth down to the dwelling of Ar, and † lieth upon the border of Moab.

16 And from thence they went to *Beer*: that *is* the well whereof the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

† Heb. *aſcend.* 17 ¶ Then Iſrael [25] ſang this ſong, † [26] Spring
‖ Or. *anſwer.* up, O well, ‖ [27] ſing ye unto it:

[25] *Pſal.*106.12. *Iſa.*12.3,4. ¶ [26] Continue ſtill to ſpring up, and ſupply us with water. ¶ [27] Expreſs your joy and thankfulneſs in a ſong which may never be forgotten.

18 The [28] princes digged the well, the [28] nobles of the people digged it, by *the direction of* the law-giver, with their [29] ſtaves. And from the wilderneſs *they went* to Mattanah:

[28] 2 *Chron.*17.7–9. 1 *Tim.*5.17. ¶ [29] Making marks in the earth where the well ſhould be digged.

19 And from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth:

20 And from Bamoth *in* the valley that *is* in
† Heb. *field.* the † country of Moab, to the top of ‖ Piſgah,
‖ Or, *the hill.* which looketh toward ‖ Jeſhimon.
‖ Or, *the wilderneſs.*

21 ¶ And Iſrael ſent meſſengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, ſaying,

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22 [30] Let me paſs through thy land; we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards, we will not drink *of* the waters of the well: *but* we will go along by the kings *high*-way, until we be paſt thy borders.

[30] *ch.*20.17. *Deut.* 2.27. *Judg.*11.19.

23 And Sihon [31] would not ſuffer Iſrael to paſs through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and [32] went out againſt Iſrael into the wilderneſs: and he came to Jahaz, and fought againſt Iſrael.

[31] *Deut.*2.30. *Judg.* 11.20.
[32] *Deut.*29.7.

24 And * Iſrael [33] ſmote him with the edge of
* Joſh. 12.2. Pſal.135.10, 11. Amos 2.9. the ſword, and poſſeſſed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon *was* [34] ſtrong.

[33] *Judg.*11.21. *Deut.*2.33. *Pſal.*135.10,11. and 136.19. &c. *Amos* 2.9. ¶ [34] (Therefore *Sihon* had not encroach'd on their country, as he had upon the Moabites.)

25 And Iſrael took all theſe [35] cities: and Iſ-
† Heb. *daughters.* rael dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heſhbon, and in all the † villages thereof.

[35] Deſtroying all the Inhabitants, *Deut.*2.34.

26 [36] For Heſhbon *was* the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought againſt the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

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[36] *Moſes* here proves (from hence to the end of *v.* 30.) that both *Heſhbon* and the country adjoyning to it was the poſſeſſion of *Sihon*, when the Iſraelites took it; *Sihon* having taken it from the former king of the Moabites, who was King before *Balak.*

27 Wherefore they that [37] ſpeak in proverbs, ſay, [38] Come into Heſhbon, let the [39] city of Sihon be [40] built and prepared.

[37] The Poets or other ingenious perſons of the Amorites, who made this following Song of Triumph over the vanquiſh'd Moabites. ¶ [38] The words either of *Sihon* ſpeaking thus to his people; or of the people exhorting one another to come and poſſeſs and repair the cities they had taken; *q. d.* Tho formerly you were afraid to dwell in it, yet now ye may come ſafely without fear. ¶ [39] *i.e. Heſhbon*, taken now by *Sihon* from the Moabites; (and therefore it was *Sihon's* City.) ¶ [40] Made ſtronger than afore.

28 For there is a [41] fire gone out of Heſhbon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath conſumed Ar of Moab, *and* the [42] lords of the high places of Arnon.

[41] *Jer.*48.45. The fury of war. ¶ [42] *i. e.* The Princes, Prieſts, and Idols of the Moabites are all deſtroyed as far as *Arnon.*

29 [43] Wo to thee, Moab; thou art undone,
O [44] people of * Chemoſh: [45] he hath given his
* 1 King.11.7, 33. ſons that eſcaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

[43] *Jer.*48.46. In this clauſe the Amorites ſcoff at *Chemoſh* the god of the Moabites; and therefore much more might the Iſraelites now take up this ſcoff againſt the Amorites. ¶ [44] You Moabites that worſhip *Chemoſh.* ¶ [45] Inſtead of protecting and defending 'em, (as they expected) he has ſuffered 'em to be led away captive.

30 [46] We have ſhot at them; Heſhbon is periſhed even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waſte even unto Nophah, which *reacheth* unto Medeba.

[46] Firſt the Amorites, and then the Iſraelites.

31 ¶ Thus Iſrael dwelt in the [47] land of the
[47] *ch.* 32, 33. &c. Amorites.

32 And Moſes ſent to ſpie out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that *were* there.

33 ¶ * And they turned and went up by the
*Deut.3.1. and 29.7. way of Baſhan: and [48] Og the king of Baſhan
[48] *Deut.*3. and 29.7. went out againſt them, he, and all his people, to the battel of Edrei.

34 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, [49] Fear
[49] Tho he be a Giant, *Deut.* 3.11. him not: for I have delivered him into thy
* Pſal.135.10, 11. hand, and all his people, and his land; and * thou ſhalt do to him as thou didſt unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heſhbon.

35 So they ſmote him and his ſons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they poſſeſſed his land.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Balaks firſt meſſage for Balaam is rejected: 15 His ſecond obtaineth him: 22 An Angel would have ſlain him, if his aſs had not ſaved him. 36 Balak entertaineth him.

AND the children of Iſrael ſet forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab, on this ſide Jordan by Jericho.

2 ¶ And Balak the ſon of Zippor ſaw all that Iſrael had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab was ſore [1] afraid of the people, becauſe they *were* many: and Moab was [2] diſtreſſed, becauſe of the children of Iſrael.

[1] *Exod.*15.15. *Deut.*2. 25. ¶ [2] *Exod.* 1.–12. *Pſal.* 53. 5. Greatly perplext; (tho there was no cauſe for it, for they had not medled with 'em before.)

4 And Moab ſaid unto the [3] elders of [4] Midian, Now ſhall this company lick up all *that are* round about

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about us, as the ox licketh up the graſs of the field. And Balak the ſon of Zippor *was* king of the Moabites at that time.

[3] Princes and Governors, *v.* 7, 8, 15. ¶ [4] Their confederate Neighbours, by whom they thought to ſtrengthen themſelves againſt the *Iſraelites*.

* Joſh.24. 9.

5 * He ſent Meſſengers therefore unto [5] Balaam the ſon of Beor, to Pethor, which *is* by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, ſaying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the † face of the earth, and they abide over againſt me.

† Heb. *eye.*

[5] A Sooth-ſayer, famous for his enchantments and Divinations (*ch.*24.1. *Joſh.* 13.22.) called a Prophet (2 *Pet.* 2. 16.) becauſe God did at preſent guide him to foretel things that were long after to come to paſs.

6 [6] Come now therefore, I pray thee, [7] curſe me this people, for they *are* too [8] mighty for me: peradventure I ſhall prevail, *that* we may ſmite them, and *that* I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou bleſſeſt [9] *is* bleſſed, and he whom thou curſeſt is curſed.

[6] *Joſh.*24.9. ¶ [7] Uſe thy utmoſt power to blaſt and ruin 'em. ¶ [8] *Pſal.*105.24. *Exod.*1.9. ¶ [9] *Act.*9.10.

7 And the elders of Moab, and the elders of Midian departed, with the [10] rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and ſpake unto him the words of Balak.

[10] 2 Pet. 2.15.

8 And he ſaid unto them, Lodge here [11] this night, and I will bring you word again as the [12] LORD ſhall ſpeak unto me: And the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

[11] *Ch.*12.6. Becauſe in the night he uſed to have his Revelations, and practice his Enchantments. ¶ [12] Tho he were an Idolater (*ch.*23.12.) and a Soothſayer, yet he pretends himſelf to be a Prophet of Jehovah too. For it's like that ſome ſmall relicks of the knowledge of the true God were ſtill left among theſe idolatrous Nations, that were the poſterity of *Abraham* and *Lot*; and that they made profeſſion of worſhiping the true God, tho withal they worſhip'd other falſe Gods too.

9 And God [13] came unto Balaam, and ſaid, What men *are* theſe with thee?

[13] As *Gen.*20.3. and 31.24. and 41.25. *Dan.*2.45. and 4.21, 22. in ſome evident apparition, whereby he might know who it was that ſpake to him.

10 And Balaam ſaid unto God, Balak the ſon of Zippor, king of Moab, hath ſent unto me, *ſaying*,

11 Behold, *there is* a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: Come now, curſe me them; peradventure † I ſhall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

† Heb. *I ſhall prevail in fighting againſt him.*

12 And God ſaid unto Balaam, Thou ſhalt not go with them, thou ſhalt not curſe the people: for they *are* [14] bleſſed.

[14] *Deut.*23.5.

13 And Balaam roſe up in the morning, and ſaid unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuſeth to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the Princes of Moab roſe up, and they went unto Balak, and ſaid, Balaam refuſeth to come with us.

15 ¶ And Balak ſent yet again, princes mo, and more honourable then they.

16 And they came to Balaam, and ſaid to him, Thus ſaith Balak the ſon of Zippor, † Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

† Heb. *Be not thou letted from, &c.*

17 For I will [15] promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatſoever thou ſayeſt unto me: Come therefore, I pray thee, and curſe me this people.

[15] So *Matth.* 4. 8, 9.

18 And Balaam anſwered and ſaid unto the ſervants of Balak, * [16] If Balak would give me his houſe full of ſilver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD [17] my God, to do [18] leſs or [18] more.

* Chap.24.13.

[16] *Pſal.*12.2. ¶ [17] Whom I ſerve. See *v.* 12. ¶ [18] Any thing at all.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, [19] tarry ye alſo here this night, that I may know what the LORD will ſay unto me more.

[19] Hereby he plainly diſcovered that he longed after *Balaam's* gifts and preferments, 2 *Pet.*2.15.

20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and ſaid unto him, If the men come to call thee, riſe up, *and* [20] go with them; but yet the word which I ſhall ſay unto thee, that [21] ſhalt thou do.

[20] *Pſal.*81.12. *Ezek.*14.3–5. 2 *King.*2.17. *q. d.* Since thou ſheweſt thy inclination, take thy courſe: I leave thee to thy ſelf. ¶ [21] *Iſa.*37.29. *Pſal.*33.10,11.

21 And Balaam roſe up [22] in the morning, and ſadled his aſs, and went with the princes of Moab.

[22] *Iſa.*59.7.

22 ¶ And Gods anger was kindled becauſe he [23] went: and the [24] angel of the LORD ſtood in the way for an adverſary againſt him: Now he was riding upon his aſs, and his two ſervants *were* with him.

[23] *Viz.* With an ill intent (*v.*32.) and contrary to the general revealed will of God, tho now he gave him leave in anger. ¶ [24] Chriſt, *v.*35.

23 And the * [25] aſs ſaw the angel of the LORD ſtanding in the way, and his [26] ſword drawn in his hand: and the [27] aſs turned aſide out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam ſmote the aſs to turn her into the way.

* 2 Pet. 2. 16. Jude 11.

[25] 1 *Cor.*1.19. ¶ [26] 1 *Chron.*21.16. *Joſh.*5.13,14. ¶ [27] 2 *Pet.* 2. 16.

24 But the angel of the LORD ſtood in [28] a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this ſide, and a wall on that ſide.

[28] *Jer.*48.43,44. God proceeds by degrees in making his ſottiſhneſs more evident and inexcuſable.

25 And when the aſs ſaw the angel of the LORD, ſhe thruſt her ſelf unto the wall, and [29] cruſht Balaams foot againſt the wall: and he ſmote her again.

[29] *Job* 5.13–15. *Iſa.* 47. 12.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and ſtood in a narrow place, where *was* [30] no way to turn either to the right hand, or to the left.

[30] *Iſa.*26. 11.

27 And when the aſs ſaw the angel of the LORD, ſhe fell down under Balaam: and Balaams anger was kindled, and he ſmote the aſs with a ſtaff.

28 And the LORD [31] opened the mouth of the aſs, and ſhe ſaid unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou haſt ſmitten me theſe three times?

[31] 2 *Pet.*2.16. Beſtowed upon her the power of ſpeech and reaſon for that time.

29 And Balaam [32] ſaid unto the aſs, Becauſe thou haſt mocked me: I would there were a ſword in mine hand, for now would I [33] kill thee.

[32] His ſottiſhneſs, and judicial hardneſs of heart, and eſpecially his being injured (as Sorcerers and Witches are) to hear evil Spirits ſpeak in bruit Beaſts, was the reaſon why he was not aſtoniſh'd at it. ¶ [33] *Prov.*12.10.

30 And the aſs ſaid unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine aſs, † upon which thou haſt ridden ‖ ever ſince *I was* thine, unto this day? [34] was I ever wont to do ſo unto thee? And he ſaid, Nay.

† Heb. *who haſt ridden upon me.* ‖ Or, *ever ſince thou waſt, &c.*

[34] When the creatures depart from their accuſtomed obedience to us, we ſhould look for the cauſe thereof in our ſelves, *Lev.*26.20–22.

31 Then the LORD [35] opened the eyes of Balaam, and he ſaw the angel of the LORD ſtanding in the way, and his ſword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and ‖ [36] fell flat on his face.

‖ Or, *bowed himſelf.*

[35] *Luke*

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† Heb. *to be an adversary unto thee.*

[31] *Luke* 24.16. [36] See on *Gen.*17. 3.

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, [37] Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out † to withstand thee, because thy [38] way is perverse before me.

[37] *Psal.*36.-6. 1 *Cor.*9.-9,10. ¶ [38] 2 *Pet.*2. 14,in desiring so earnestly to go to *Balak*, after I did so absolutely charge thee to the contrary, and in going now with a purpose to curse my people.

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and [39] saved her alive.

34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have [40] sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now there-

† Heb. *be evil in thine eyes.*

fore [41] if it † displease thee, I will get me back again.

[39] 1 *King.*13.23. *&c.* ¶ [40] See on *Exod.* 9. 27. in smiting the Ass: (but his ambition and covetousness he still cherisht in his heart.) ¶ [41] An impertinent trifling supposition, since God had manifested his dislike of it again and again, which betray'd his unwillingness to return.

35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, [42] Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak: so Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

[42] *V.*20. *q. d.* Since nothing will restrain thee, go on.

36 ¶ And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he [43] went out to meet him, unto a city of Moab, which *is* in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast.

37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee, to call thee? Wherefore camest thou not unto me? [44] Am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

[43] *Gen.*14.12,18. and 46.29. *Exod.*18.7. ¶ [44] *Ch.*24. 11. *Matth.*4.8,9.

38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: [45] have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, [46] that shall I speak.

[45] *Isa.*44.25. ¶ [46] *q. d.* I must do as God would have me: I cannot help it.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto ‖ Kirjath-huzoth.

‖ Or, *a city of streets.*

40 And Balak [47] offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that *were* with him.

[47] To procure God's favour; and then to feast with the rest of the Sacrifice to welcom *Balaam*.

41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the [48] high places of Baal, that thence he might see the [49] utmost *part* of the people.

[48] Consecrated to his worship; as being the fittest to obtain his desire in. ¶ [49] All of them from one end to another, *ch.*23.-13.

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1, 13, 28 *Balaks sacrifice.* 7, 18 *Balaams parable.*

AND Balaam said unto Balak, [1] Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here [2] seven oxen, and [2] seven rams.

[1] *Balaam* here bewraies his impiety, in that instead of dissuading the King from his wicked purpose, he contrives with him how to accomplish it. ¶ [2] The usual number of Sacrifices, 1 *Chron.*15.26. 2 *Chron.*29.21. *Job* 42. 8.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam said unto Balak, [3] Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me, I will tell thee. And ‖ he went to an [4] high place.

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[3] Present thy self there before God, to see whether he'll be intreated, by vertue of that Sacrifice, to fulfil thy desire. ‖ Or, *he went solitary.* ¶ [4] To seek for enchantments, and signs of good luck, *ch.*24.1.

4 And God [5] met Balaam; and he said unto him, [6] I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

[5] *V.*16. See on *ch.*22.9. for the hardning of *Balaam*, and good of his people. ¶ [6] *q. d.* Let this service move thee to comply with our desire.

5 And the LORD [7] put a word in Balaams mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

[7] *Prov.*16. 1. His Heart was still the same, but God overruled his Tongue to speak that which was against his general intention of curling the *Israelites*. So *Joh.*11.50.

6 And he returned unto him, and lo, he stood by his burnt-sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 And he [8] took up his [9] parable, and said, Balak the King of Moab hath brought me from [10] Aram, out of the mountains of the east, *saying*, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, [11] defie me Israel.

[8] Pronounc'd with a high voice; (which God so ordered, that all might take notice of his Word against them, and for his people.) ¶ [9] An oracular and prophetical speech. ¶ [10] *Mesopotamia*, Deut.23.4. ¶ [11] 1 *Sam.*17.10.2 *Sam.*21. 21. and 23.9. 1 *Chron.*20.7. Express my detestation of 'em, and indignation against 'em.

8 [12] How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defie, whom the LORD hath not defied?

[12] *Isa.*47.-12. &c.

9 For [13] from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall [14] dwell alone, and shall [15] not be reckoned among the nations.

[13] *q. d.* Tho I be far off from them (which might make 'em seem little in my eyes) yet the Spirit of God hath so lifted me up, that even hence I behold 'em: and indeed the very sight of 'em is full of majesty and terror, such as makes it evident that God has blessed 'em. ¶ [14] (1) Have the land of *Canaan* to themselves. (2) Live in plenty and security, *Deut.*33.28. *Jer.*49.-31. (3) Have their Religion and Laws by themselves, *Esth.*3.8. ¶ [15] Be a distinct people of themselves, and God's peculiar people (*Exod.*19.5.) separated also in divine protection, so that my enchantments cannot have that power against 'em, as they have against others.

10 Who can count the [16] dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth *part* of Israel? [17] Let † me die the death of the [18] righteous, and let my [19] last end be like his.

† Heb. *my soul,* or *my life.*

[16] *Gen.*13.16. and 22. 17. and 28. 14. the vast number (which is like the grains of dust.) ¶ [17] Here he testifies of the Souls Immortality, and of the different state of Good and Bad in the world to come. ¶ [18] Of this righteous and holy people. *q. d.* They are not only happy in this Life above other Nations (and therefore 'tis in vain to go about to curse 'em) but they are happy after death also; and therefore I heartily wish that my Soul may have its portion with theirs, when I die. ¶ [19] *Psal.*37.-37.

11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse [20] mine enemies, and behold thou hast blessed *them* altogether.

[20] *Psal.* 109.4

12 And he answered and said, [21] Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

[21] *Tit.*1.16.

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me, unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the [22] utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence.

[22] 1 *King.*20.20. *Rev.*12. 17. *Deut.*25.17,18.

14 ¶ And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of ‖ Pisgah, and built [23] seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

‖ Or, *the hill.*

[23] *V.*1. *Isa.*46.6.

15 And he said unto Balak, [3] Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet *the LORD* yonder.

16 And

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16 And the LORD met Balaam, and * put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

* Chap. 22. 35.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God *is* not a man, that he should [24] lie, neither the son of man, that he should [25] repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it?* or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

[24] 1 *Sam.* 15. 29. *Mal.* 3. 6. Fail in the performance of what he hath spoken, *Heb.* 2. 3. *Psal.* 89. 35. 2 *Kings* 4. -16. ¶ [25] *Rom.* 11. 29. *Jam.* 1. 17. *Viz.* Of what he has purposed and promis'd; (and therefore it's in vain to seek to make him curse those whom he has so often promis'd to bless.)

20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to [26] *Rom.* 8. 38, 39. bless; and he hath blessed, and [26] I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld [27] iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God *is* [28] with him, and the [29] shout of a king *is* among them.

[27] *Hab.* 1. 13. Any such sin as may make him utterly to forsake, curse and destroy 'em. ¶ [28] *Exod.* 34. 9. *Psal.* 23. 4. and 91. 15. Has a favour for 'em, and will defend and save 'em; (as *Judg.* 6. 13. *Psal.* 46. 7. *Isa.* 8. 10.) ¶ [29] 2 *Chron.* 13. 12. Great joy in the sense of God's presence amongst 'em; (as at the Coronation of a King.)

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22 * [30] God brought them out of Egypt; [31] he hath as it were the strength of an [32] unicorn.

[30] *Ch.* 24. 8. They came not out of themselves, (as *Balak* suggested, *ch.* 22. 5.) but it was God's doing; and he'll still defend 'em. ¶ [31] His people. ¶ [32] *ch.* 24. 8. *Job* 39. 11. *Deut.* 33. 17. *Psal.* 22. 21. and 92. 10.

‖ Or, *in.*

23 [33] Surely *there is* no enchantment ‖ [34] against Jacob, neither *is there* any [35] divination against Israel: [36] according to this time it shall be said of Jacob, and of Israel, [37] What hath God wrought?

[33] *g.d.* I find it by experience. ¶ [34] *Mat.* 16. 18. ¶ [35] Presaging of future evil. ¶ [36] From this time forward. ¶ [37] *Psal.* 44. 2, 3. *Isa.* 26. 12. *Phil.* 2. 13. and 1. 6. How wonderful and glorious are those works which God is now about to do for them, which will be matter of discourse and admiration to all ages?

24 Behold, the people shall rise [38] up as a great lion, and [38] lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he [39] eat *of* the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

[38] *Gen.* 49. 9. Stir up themselves to warlike attempts against all their enemies. ¶ [39] *Josh.* 22. 3, 4, 8. 2 *Sam.* 22. 38. *Mich.* 5. 8, 9. *Rom.* 8. 36, 37.

25 ¶ And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, [40] nor bless them at all.

[40] If he could do 'em no mischief, he'd hinder 'em of any good.

26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, [41] *ch.* 22. 38. [41] Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

[42] *Matth.* 4. 8. * 27 ¶ And Balak said unto Balaam, [42] Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God, that thou mayest curse me them from thence.

28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of [43] Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon.

[43] A mountain abused to idolatry, where he hoped to be heard of God.

29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks, and seven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

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CHAP. XXIV.

Balaam propheseth Israels happiness.

AND when Balaam saw that it [1] pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not as at * other times, † [2] to seek for enchantments, but he [3] set his face toward the wilderness.

* Chap. 23. 3, 15.

[1] That there was no likelyhood of getting leave of God to curse *Israel.* ¶ [2] To consult God in a magical and superstitious way. ¶ [3] Resolved to curse them at all adventures, without asking God's leave.

† Heb. *to the meeting of enchantments.*

2 And Balaam lift up his eyes, and he saw Israel [4] abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes, and the [5] spirit of God came upon him.

[4] (And this astonished him, and so changed his purpose.) ¶ [5] *ch.* 11. 26--29. 1 *Sam.* 19. 19. &c. 2 *Pet.* 1. -21. *Viz.* In an extraordinary manner, and different from what it did before, by casting him into a trance, *v.* 4. 16.

3 * And he [6] took up his parable, and said, [7] Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man † [8] whose eyes are open, hath said:

* Chap. 23. 7, 18.

† Heb. *who had his eyes shut,* but now open.

[6] See on *ch.* 23. 7. ¶ [7] *q.d.* He whose power to curse was so much relied on, and who bent himself, herein to satisfie *Balak's* request, even he both must and will affirm it, and stand to it, that *Israel* shall be blessed. ¶ [8] Whose understanding God has in a supernatural manner inlightned to discern what is to happen to the Israelites in future ages.

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the [9] vision of the Almighty, falling *into a* [10] *trance,* but having his eyes open:

[9] The extraordinary discovery of his mind to him. ¶ [10] *Gen.* 15. 12. *Dan.* 8. 17. &c. See on *Acts* 10. -10.

5 [11] How goodly are thy [12] tents, O Jacob, *and* thy [13] tabernacles, O Israel!

[11] *Cant.* 6. 4. ¶ [12] The state of the Church, not only at present, but throughout all ages.

6 As the valleys are they [13] spread forth, as [14] gardens by the [15] rivers side, as the trees of [16] lign-aloes which the LORD hath planted, *and* as [17] cedar-trees beside the waters.

[13] Noting the large extent of the Church, especially of the Gentiles. ¶ [14] *Cant.* 4. 12. *Isa.* 58. 11. Pleasant and fruitful ¶ [15] *Psal.* 1. 3. and 46. 4. *Joel* 3. 18. *Jer.* 31. 12. ¶ [16] Yielding shelter to all that joyn themselves to them. ¶ [17] Of long continuance, *Psal.* 92. 12, 13. *Ezek.* 31. 3, 4. This was accomplish'd partly in *Solomon's* days, but chiefly in the exceeding glory of Christ's Kingdom.

7 He shall [18] pour the water out of his buckets, and his [19] seed *shall be* in many waters, and his king shall be [20] higher then Agag, and his kingdom shall be [21] exalted.

[18] Send forth his children, or members to divers places. ¶ [19] *Isa.* 8. 7. His posterity shall be very numerous, and flourish abundantly. ¶ [20] Fulfill'd chiefly in Christ. ¶ [21] *Isa.* 2. 2. *Dan.* 2. 44. *Rev.* 11. 15.

8 * [22] God brought him forth out of Egypt, [22] he hath as it were the strength of an [22] unicorn: he shall [23] eat up the nations his enemies, and shall [24] break their bones, and pierce *them* through with his [25] arrows.

* Chap. 23. 22.

[22] See on *ch.* 23. 22. ¶ [23] *ch.* 14. 9. *Isa.* 60. 12. *Deut.* 7. 1. ¶ [24] *Psal.* 2. 9. Utterly weaken 'em, that they shall never recover their strength. ¶ [25] *Psal.* 45. 5.

9 * [26] He couched, he lay down as a [26] lion, and as a great lion: [27] who shall stir him up? [28] Blessed *is* he that blesseth thee, and [29] cursed *is* he that curseth thee.

* Gen. 49. 9.

[26] See on *Gen.* 49. 9. They shall be safe and secure from all disturbance. ¶ [27] Whoever provokes him shall smart for it. ¶ [28] *Gen.* 12. 3. and 27. 29. ¶ [29] Hereby he curses himself, and all his partakers.

10 ¶ And Balaks anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and behold, thou hast altogether blessed *them* these three times.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour,

* but

Chap. 24. but lo, the LORD hath [30] kept thee back from honour.

2553. 12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou spakest unto me, saying,

[30] *Prov.*11.18.

[31] *ch.*22.18. 13 [31] If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine own mind; *but* what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

14 And now, behold, I go unto my people; come *therefore*, *and* I will [32] advertise thee, what this people shall do to † thy people in the ‖ latter days.

[32] *Ch.*31.16. *Rev.*2.14. *Balaam* here utters a prophecy of the kingdom of Christ to be set up among the Jews towards the end of the world; the sum whereof is, That the Jews shall destroy their enemies; but before that, they must themselves endure a long and tedious thraldom: notwithstanding which God in the end will set 'em free, give 'em a great and glorious victory, and that the Tyrant who keeps 'em under, shall utterly be destroyed. † And in them, to all their enemies. ‖ *Ezek.*38.8,16. *Isa.*24.-22. These words direct us to understand this prophecy, not of what shall come to pass in the days of *David* or *Solomon*, or any times of the Old Testament, but in the latter end of the world, when the Jews shall be converted, and become a distinct nation again.

[33] See on *ch.* 23.7. 15 ¶ And he [33] took up his parable, and said, [7] Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man [8] whose eyes are open, hath said:

16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the [9] vision of the Almighty, falling *into a* [10] *trance*, but having his eyes open:

17 [34] I shall see [35] him, but not [36] now: I shall behold him, but not [36] nigh: there shall come a [37] Star out of Jacob, and a [38] Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall ‖ [39] smite the corners of Moab, and [39] destroy all the [40] children of Sheth.

‖ Or, *smite through the princes of Moab.*

[34] Or, *I do see him*: *viz.* by the spirit of prophecy. ¶ [35] A great and eminent Prince. ¶ [36] *q. d.* The Person and Time I speak of is not nigh at hand. ¶ [37] A King of the seed and posterity of *Jacob*, who shall shine as a Star, in regard of the resplendent glory of his person and kingdom. This was *David* or *Solomon*, as types of Christ: but chiefly Christ himself. (*Rev.*22.-16. *John* 1.9.) Who therefore was discovered to the wise men by a Star, *Matth.*2.2. ¶ [38] *Gen.* 49.10. A Scepter-bearer, *i. e.* a King, or Ruler. ¶ [39] *Jer.* 48.4,5. Conquer the whole country of the Moabites in every corner of it. This was fulfill'd partly in the calling of the Gentiles, by the preaching of the Apostles; and shall be more fully after the national conversion of the Jews, *Isa.*11. 14. *Zech.*10. 11. ¶ [40] All other nations out of whom Christ was to gather himself a Church.

18 And [41] Edom shall be a possession, [41] Seir also shall be a possession for [42] his enemies, and Israel shall do [43] valiantly.

[41] The Edomites that inhabit mount Seir shall become Christ's conquest, *Am.*9.12. *Isa.*63.1,2.&c. ¶ [42] The Israelites, or Church of God. ¶ [43] *Psal.*60.12.

19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have [44] dominion, and shall destroy him that [45] remaineth of the city.

[44] *Viz.* Over the Edomites, and all his other enemies. ¶ [45] Those few of *Edom* that shall shut up themselves in the most fortified places.

20 And when he looked on [46] Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek *was* ‖ [47] the first of the nations, but his latter end ‖ *shall be* that he [48] perish for ever.

‖ Or, *the first of the nations that warred against Israel.* Exod. 17.

‖ Or, shall be *even to destruction.*

[46] The country of the Amalekites. ¶ [47] The chiefest and first of them that made war against *Israel*, (*Exod.*17.8.) and the first that was subdued by them. ¶ [48] Be rooted out from the face of the earth, *Exod.* 17. 14. Fulfill'd partly by *Saul*, (1 *Sam.*15.) but spiritually by Christ.

21 And he looked on the [49] Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, [50] Strong is thy dwelling-place, and thou puttest thy [51] nest in a rock.

[49] The posterity or kindred of *Jethro*. ¶ [50] Thou art secure from any disturbance by the Israelites. ¶ [51] Habitation, *Job* 29.18. *Hab.*2.9. An allusion to their name.

† Heb. *Kain.* 22 Nevertheless, † the Kenite shall be wasted; ‖ [52] until Ashur shall carry thee away captive.

[52] Or, *How long shall Ashur hold thee* (O Eber) *captive?* *q. d.* Notwithstanding all the glory and happiness that I now foretel shall befall thee in the latter days, yet in the mean while several Tyrants shall keep thee under.

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‖ Or, *how long shall it be ere Ashur carry thee away captive?*

23 And he took up his parable, and said, [53] Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!

[53] *q. d.* So great shall be the calamities of those times, that few shall survive; at least multitudes shall be destroyed.

24 And ships *shall come* from the coast of [54] Chittim, and shall afflict [54] Ashur, and shall afflict [55] Eber, and [56] he also shall [57] perish for ever.

[54] First from the Grecians, and after from the Romans, who after many bloody wars made the Assyrians a Colony. ¶ [55] The Jews. ¶ [56] The people of *Chittim*, *i. e.* the Grecian and Roman Empire; together with the Turk. ¶ [57] This has been in part already fulfill'd in the utter overthrow of the Grecian Empire, and the low estate whereto the Roman Empire is fallen; and shall be more fully accomplish'd at the final destruction of the fourth Monarchy, and of the Turk.

25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *The Israelites whoredom and idolatry.* 6 *Zimri and Cozbi slain.*

AND Israel abode in * Shittim, and the [1] people begun to commit whoredom with the [2] daughters of [3] Moab. * Chap.33.49.

[1] Some of 'em, *Deut.* 4. 3, 4. ¶ [2] *Eccl.* 7. 16. ¶ [3] And *Midian* also, *v.*6,17,18.

2 And [4] they [5] called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people [6] did eat, and [7] bowed down to their gods.

[4] The daughters of *Moab* and *Midian*. ¶ [5] Invited 'em to their idolatrous feasts (which was an interpretative idolatry, 1 *Cor.*10.8.) whereby at length they were drawn to open idolatry. And this was done by the advice of *Balaam*, *ch.* 31.16. *Rev.*2.14. ¶ [6] *Psal.*106.28. (forbidden *Exod.*34.15. and condemned 1 *Cor.*10.8.) ¶ [7] So *Solomon* 1 *Kings* 11.4.

3 And Israel [8] joyned himself unto [9] Baal-peor: and the [10] anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

[8] *Hos.*9.10. Committed spiritual adultery, by worshipping this idol. ¶ [9] An idol worship'd in mount *Peor*. ¶ [10] *Ps.* 106.29.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, * [11] Take all the [12] heads of the people, and hang them up [13] before the LORD [14] against the sun, [15] that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. * Deut.4.3. Josh.22.17.

[11] *Deut.*4.3. ¶ [12] Such as were chief in place and power, and also ringleaders in this sin. ¶ [13] As a sacrifice for the appeasing his wrath; (as 2 *Sam.* 21.6,9.) ¶ [14] Openly, in the sight of all: that as they had sinned openly, so they might be punish'd openly, for the terrour of others, 1 *Tim.* 5. 20. ¶ [15] *Prov.*21.3.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, [16] Slay ye every one [17] his men, that were joyned unto Baal-peor.

[16] *Exod.*32.27. ¶ [17] Those under his particular charge: as they were distributed, *Exod.*18.25.

6 ¶ And behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought [18] unto his brethren a Midianitish woman, in [19] the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were* [20] weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[18] Into his tent, among the rest of the Israelites. ¶ [19] Trusting to his greatness for impunity. ¶ [20] *Ezek.*9.4. Bewailing the abominable wickedness of the people, and the dreadful judgments of God, and imploring God's mercy.

7 And * when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from amongst the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; * Psal.106.30. 1 Mac.2.54.

8 And

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8 And he went after the man of Iſrael into the tent, and thruſt both of them through, the man of Iſrael, and the woman through her belly: So the [21] plague was ſtayed from the children of Iſrael.

[21] *Ch.*16.-50. 1 *Chron.*21.-22. *Pſal.*106.29.

* 1 Cor. 10.8.

9 And * thoſe that died in the plague were [22] twenty and four thouſand.

[22] Whereof a thouſand were ſlain and hang'd (*v.*4,5.) and twenty three thouſand died by the immediate hand of God.

10 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

* Pſal.106.30.

11 * Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar, the ſon of Aaron the prieſt, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Iſrael (while he was zealous for my ſake among them) that I conſumed not the children of Iſrael in my jealouſie.

*Eccluſ.45.24. 1 Mac. 2. 54.

12 Wherefore [23] ſay, * Behold, I give unto him my [24] covenant of peace.

[23] Make it publickly known (both for his incouragement, and alſo for the peoples ſatisfaction) that it was done by my authority. ¶ [24] *Mal.*2.5. a promiſe of that Office which they ſhall peaceably enjoy, and whoſe great buſineſs is to make peace between God and Man.

13 And he ſhall have it, and his ſeed after him, *even* the covenant of an [25] everlaſting prieſthood; becauſe he was [26] zealous for his God, and [27] made an atonement for the children of Iſrael.

[25] Which ſhall continue to him and his ſeed, for the generality, as long as the Levitical Prieſthood ſtands, 1 *Chron.* 6.4,15. ¶ [26] *Gal.*4.18. *Pſal.*106.30,31. ¶ [27] So 2 *Sam.* 21 3. &c.

14 Now the name of the Iſraelite that was ſlain, *even* that was ſlain with the Midianitiſh woman, *was* Zimri the ſon of Salu, a [28] prince

†Heb. *houſe of a father.*

of a † chief houſe among the Simeonites.

[28] (And therefore it ſhewed the greater zeal and courage in *Phinehas* to puniſh him.)

15 And the name of the Midianitiſh woman that was ſlain, *was* Cozbi the daughter of Zur; he *was* head over a people, *and* of a chief houſe in Midian.

16 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

* Chap.31.2.

17 * [29] Vex the Midianites, and ſmite them:

[29] Treat 'em as enemies.

18 [30] For they vex you with their [31] wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of [32] Peor, and in the matter of [33] Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian their ſiſter, which was ſlain in the day of the plague, for Peors ſake.

[30] *Rev.*18.6. ¶ [31] Whiles under pretence of kindred, friendſhip, leagues, and marriages they inſinuate themſelves into you, and draw you to ſin, and ſo bring a curſe upon you. ¶ [32] Idolatry. ¶ [33] Whoredom.

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1 *Iſrael numbred.* 52 *The inheritance of the land divided.*

* Ch.25.9.

AND it came to paſs after the [1] plague, that the LORD ſpake unto Moſes and unto Eleazar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt, ſaying,

2 Take the ſum of all the congregation of

* Chap.1.3.

the children of Iſrael, * from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers houſe, all that are able to go to war in Iſrael.

[1] See on *ch.*1.2. As when they came out of *Egypt*, they were delivered to *Moſes* by tale (*Exod.*38.25,26.) ſo now when *Moſes* was ready to die, and deliver up his charge again, he delivers 'em by tale.

3 And Moſes, and Eleazar the prieſt ſpake with [3] them in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, ſaying,

[3] The Princes and Rulers.

4 *Take the ſum of the people,* from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD * commanded Moſes and the children of Iſrael, [4] which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

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[4] *i. e.* When they were newly come out of *Egypt.*

5 ¶ * Reuben the eldeſt ſon of Iſrael: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, *of whom cometh* the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu, the family of the Palluites:

* Gen.46.8. Exod.6.14. 1 Chron.5.3.

6 Of Heſron, the family of the Heſronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 Theſe *are* the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbred of them, were forty and three thouſand and ſeven hundred and thirty.

8 And the ſons of Pallu; Eliab.

9 And the ſons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This *is that* Dathan and Abiram *which were* [5] famous in the congregation, who ſtrove againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron in the company of Korah, when they ſtrove againſt the LORD.

[5] Chap.16.-2.

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and ſwallowed them up [6] together with Korah, when that [7] company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a [8] ſign.

[6] *Ch.*16.32. ¶ [7] *Ch.*16.34. ¶ [8] *Ch.*16.40. a remarkable example of Gods judgment upon ſuch as rebel againſt God in the Magiſtracy, or uſurp the Prieſthood.

11 Notwithſtanding the children of Korah [9] died not.

[9] Either not being guilty of their Father's tranſgreſſion, or repenting of it.

12 ¶ The ſons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites.

13 Of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 Theſe *are* the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thouſand and two hundred.

15 ¶ The children of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites:

16 Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri the family of the Erites:

17 Of Arod, the family of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 Theſe *are* the families of the children of Gad according to thoſe that were numbred of them, forty thouſand and five hundred.

19 ¶ * The ſons of Judah *were* Er and Onan; and Er and Onan [10] died in the land of Canaan.

* Gen.38.1. &c. and 46.12. [10] *Gen.*38.7,10.

20 And the ſons of Judah after ther families were; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites; of Zera, the family of the Zarhites.

21 And the ſons of Pharez were; of Heſron, the family of the Heſronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 Theſe *are* the families of Judah according to thoſe that were numbred of them, threeſcore and ſixteen thouſand and five hundred.

23 ¶ Of the ſons of Iſſachar after their families; of Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of Pua, the family of the Punites:

24 Of Jaſhub, the family of the Jaſhubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 Theſe *are* the families of Iſſachar according to thoſe that were numbred of them, threeſcore and four thouſand and three hundred.

26 ¶ Of the ſons of Zebulun after their families; of Sered, the family of the Sardites:

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of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These *are* the families of the Zebulunites, according to those that were numbred of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

28 ¶ The sons of Joseph after their families, *were* Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 Of the sons of Manasseh: of * Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead *come* the family of the Gileadites.

* Josh.17.1.

30 These *are* the sons of Gilead: of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites: of Helek the family of the Helekites:

31 And of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites:

32 And of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.

* Chap.27.1.

33 ¶ And * Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad, *were* Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These *are* the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbred of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

35 ¶ These *are* the sons of Ephraim, after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites: of Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these *are* the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim, according to those that were numbred of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These *are* the sons of Joseph after their families.

38 ¶ The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:

39 Of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: *of Ard*, the family of the Ardites: *and* of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These *are* the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that *were* numbred of them *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred.

42 ¶ These *are* the sons of Dan after their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These *are* the families of Dan after their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that *were* numbred of them, *were* threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

44 ¶ Of the children of Asher after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites: of Beriah, the family of the Berites.

45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher *was* [11] Sarah.

[11] Mentioned also *Gen.*46. 17. and 1 *Chron.* 7. 30. It seems she was famous in her time.

47 These *are* the families of the sons of Asher, according to those that were numbred of them: *who were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

48 Of the sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites:

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49 Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 These *are* the families of Naphtali according to their families: and they that were numbred of them, *were* forty and five thousand and four hundred.

51 These *were* the numbred of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand, and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

53 Unto these the land shall be [12] divided for an inheritance, according to the number of names.

[12] They were to divide the Land before they conquered it, to assure 'em that it should be theirs; and to teach 'em to live by Faith.

54 * To many thou shalt † give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt † give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given, according to those that were numbred of him.

* Chap.33.54.
† Heb. *multiply his inheritance.*
† Heb. *diminish his inheritance.*

55 Notwithstanding, the land shall be * divided [13] by lot; [14] according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

* Chap.33.54. Josh. 11. 23. and 14. 2.

[13] *Ch.*33.54. *Josh.*11.23. and 14.2. They were to divide the Land into so many several Coasts or Provinces, yet so as that the certain bounds and limits of each Portion were not fixed till they knew what Tribe it should belong to (which was determin'd by lot) and then they enlarged or lessened it according to the number of the Tribe that was to be seated there, as *Josh.*17.14–18. and 19.1,9. ¶ [14] *i.e.* The Lots shall go under the names of the Patriarchs; one for *Reuben*, another for *Simeon*, *&c.*

56 [15] According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided, between many and few.

[15] *i. e.* That share which shall by lot fall to each Tribe; shall be distributed to the several families and persons in such proportions as their number shall require.

57 ¶ * And these *are* they that were numbred of the [16] Levites, after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

* Exod.6. 16, 17,18,19.

[16] They were numbred by themselves, because they were to have no share in the Land (*v.*62.) only Cities and their Suburbs (*ch.*35.) which also fell unto them by lot, *Josh.* 21. 4. *&c.*

58 These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites: and Kohath begat Amram.

59 And the name of Amrams wife *was* * Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram, Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

* Exod.2. 1,2. and 6. 20.

60 And unto Aaron was born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

61 And * Nadab and Abihu [17] died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

* Lev. 10. 2, Chap.3. 4. 1 Chron.24.2. [17] Lev.10. 1,2.

62 And those that were numbred of them, were twenty and three thousand, all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbred among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

63 ¶ These *are* they that were numbred by Moses and Eleazar the Priest, who numbred the children of Israel in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho.

64 But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbred, when they numbred the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

65 For

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65 For the LORD had ſaid of them, They * ſhall [18] ſurely die in the wilderneſs. And there was not left a man of [19] them, ſave [20] Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, and [20] Joſhua the ſon of Nun.

[18] *Ch.*14.28,29. ¶ [19] Thoſe who murmur'd and rebell'd againſt God. ¶ [20] *ch.* 14.24,38.

CHAP. XXVII.

6 The law of inheritances. 12 Moſes being told of his death, ſueth for a ſucceſſor: 18 Joſhua is appointed to ſucceed him.

* Chap.26.33. Joſh.17.3.

THen came the [1] daughters of * Zelophehad the ſon of Hepher, the ſon of Gilead, the ſon of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh, of the families of Manaſſeh the ſon of Joſeph: and theſe *are* the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

[1] *Ch.*26.33. and 36.11. *Joſh.*17.3. Perceiving that the males only were numbred, and that the land was to be divided to them only, they put in their claim for a ſhare in their father's Inheritance.

[2] *Joſh.* 17.4.

2 And they [2] ſtood before Moſes, and before Eleazar the prieſt, and before the princes, and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, ſaying,

* Chap.14.35. and 26.64,65.

3 Our father * [3] died in the wilderneſs, and he was [4] not in the company of them that gathered themſelves together againſt the LORD in the company of Korah; but died [5] in his own ſin, and had no ſons.

[3] *Ch.*14.35. and 26.64,65. ¶ [4] (And therefore forfeited not his Inheritance by any ſuch notorious miſcarriage.) ¶ [5] A natural death, to which he was liable for ſin, as all other men are.

† Heb. *diminiſhed.*

4 Why ſhould the name of our father be † [6] done away from among his family, becauſe he hath no ſon? Give unto us *therefore* a poſſeſſion among the brethren of our father.

[6] *Pſal.*109.13. Quite extinguiſh'd in the diviſion of the Land.

[7] As *ch.*15.34.

5 And Moſes [7] brought their cauſe before the LORD.

6 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad ſpeak right: thou ſhalt ſurely [8] give them a poſſeſſion of an inheritance among their fathers brethren; and thou ſhalt cauſe the inheritance of their father to paſs unto them.

[8] *Gal.*3.28. (Which was done, *Joſh.*17.4. yet with a caution, *ch.*36.6.)

8 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, If a man die, and have no ſon, then ye ſhall cauſe his inheritance to paſs unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye ſhall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye ſhall give his inheritance unto his fathers brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye ſhall give his inheritance unto his kinſman that is next to him of his family, and he ſhall poſſeſs it: and it ſhall be unto the children of Iſrael a ſtatute [9] of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moſes.

[9] *Ch.*35.29. According to which judgment ſhall be given in all like caſes for the future.

* Deut.32.49.

12 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, * Get thee up into this mount [10] Abarim, and [11] ſee the land which I have given unto the children of Iſrael.

[10] *Deut.*3.27. That part of it call'd *Nebo*, (*Deut.* 32.49.) and *Piſgah*, *Deut.*34.1. ¶ [11] *Deut.*32.49. *Hebr.*11.13.

[12] *Ch.* 20.24. See on *Gen.* 25.8.

13 And when thou haſt ſeen it, thou alſo ſhalt be [12] gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

14 For ye * [13] rebelled againſt my commandment (in the deſert of Zin, in the ſtrife of the congregation) [14] to ſanctifie me at the water, before their eyes: that *is* the water of * Meribah in Kadeſh in the wilderneſs of Zin.

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[13] *Ch.*20.24. *Deut.*1.37. *Pſal.*106.32. ¶ [14] *Ch.*20.12. See there.

15 ¶ And Moſes ſpake unto the LORD, ſaying,

16 [15] Let the LORD, the [16] God of the ſpirits of all fleſh, ſet a man over the congregation,

[15] At this time he pray'd earneſtly to go over and ſee the land, *Deut.*3.23. ¶ [16] *ch.*16.22. See there. Who has created the ſouls of all, (and therefore is moſt able to judge whoſe ſpirit is beſt qualified for this office) and who can beſtow a ſpirit anſwerable to ſo great a charge.

17 Which may [17] go out before them, and which may [17] go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as [18] ſheep which have no ſhepherd.

[17] *Deut.*31.2. 1 *Kings* 3.7. *John* 10.3,4,9. Guide and govern 'em both at home and abroad, in war and peace, and undertake the charge of 'em upon all occaſions. ¶ [18] *Matth.* 9.-36. *Zech.* 10. 2.

18 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Take thee Joſhua the ſon of Nun, a man [19] in whom *is* the ſpirit, and [20] lay thine hand upon him,

[19] *Deut.*34.9. Endued with eminent gifts of the Spirit; (and herein a type of Chriſt, *Iſa.*11.2.) ¶ [20] See on *Gen.*48. 14. To note that God would confer upon him a great increaſe of the gifts of his Spirit, anſwerable to the dignity, and duty of his office.

19 And ſet him before [21] Eleazar the prieſt, and before [21] all the congregation: and give him a charge in their ſight.

[21] That they might aſſent to what God had done.

20 And thou ſhalt [22] put [23] *ſome* of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Iſrael may be [24] obedient.

[22] Shew him reſpect as thy partner, and ſucceſſor; and cauſe others to do ſo; and impart to him the enſigns of thy authority. (So 1 *Chron.*29.23,25.) ¶ [23] Not all: for *Deut.* 34.10. ¶ [24] *Deut.*34.-9. *Joſh.* 1.16.&c.

21 And he ſhall ſtand before Eleazar the prieſt, who ſhall [25] ask *counſel* for him, * after the [26] judgment of [27] Urim before the LORD: at his word ſhall they [17] go out, and at his word they ſhall [17] come in, *both* he, and all the children of Iſrael with him, even all the congregation.

* Exod. 28.30.

[25] *Joſh.*9.14. *Judg.*1.1. and 20.18. 1 *Sam.*23.9. The manner whereof, probably, was thus, When any came to enquire of the Lord, the Prieſt put on the Ephod, whereto the Pectoral was faſtned, in the fold whereof the Urim and Thummim was put by Moſes; and ſo the Prieſt put ſuch queſtions as the Enquirer deſired to be ſatisfied in, deſiring the Lord to return an anſwer; (as 1 *Sam.*23.9.&c.) whereupon the Lord did either by the illumination of his Spirit (whereof the Urim was an emblem, or outward ſign) reveal unto the Prieſt what anſwer he ſhould give, or elſe by an immediate voice from Heaven, or from the Oracle. ¶ [26] So called becauſe after the putting on of the Ephod, it pleaſed God to give Judgment in the cauſe inquired of by the Prieſt. ¶ [27] See on *Exod.*28.30. 1 *Sam.* 28.6.

22 And Moſes did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joſhua and ſet him before Eleazar the prieſt, and before all the congregation.

23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moſes.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Offerings to be obſerved. 3 The continual burnt-offering.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Command the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, My offering, *and* my bread for my ſacrifices made by fire, *for* † a ſweet ſavour unto

† Heb. *a ſavour of my reſt.*

Chap. 28. to me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

2553. 3 And thou shalt say unto them, * This *is* the
* Exod.29.38. [1] offering made by fire, which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without
† Heb. *in a day.* spot † day by day, *for* a [2] continual burnt-offering.

[1] See on *Exod.*29.38. and on *Lev.* 6. 9. ¶ [2] *Exod.* 29.42.

† Heb. *between the two evenings.* 4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer † at even;

* Lev.2.1. * Exod.29.40. 5 And a tenth *part* of an ephah of flour for a * meat-offering, mingled with the fourth *part* of an * hin of beaten oyl.

[3] *Exod.* 29.38, 42. 6 *It is* a continual burnt-offering, which was [3] ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And the [4] drink-offering thereof *shall be* the fourth *part* of an hin for the one lamb: in the [5] holy *place* shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD *for* a drink-offering.

[4] *Ch.*15.5. ¶ [5] Upon the Altar of burnt-offering, which was in the Priests court.

8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof thou shalt offer *it*, a sacrifice made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

9 ¶ And on the sabbath-day, [6] two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth-deals of flour *for* a meat-offering mingled with oyl, and the drink-offering thereof.

[6] *Viz.* At morning, and two at night. As this day was a sign of more than ordinary favours from God, (*Exod.*20.11. *Deut.*5.15. *Ezek.*20.12.) so he requir'd a greater testimony of their thankfulness and sanctification.

10 *This is* the burnt-offering of every sabbath, [7] beside the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

[7] *V.*23. So that there were six lambs offered every sabbath.

11 ¶ And in the [8] beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot.

[8] The beginning of every month was devoted to God, (wherein they heard the Law, (2 *Kings* 4.29.) sacrificed and feasted, (1 *Sam.*20.5,6.) and rested, (*Am.* 8. 5.) to note the Chuch's renewed illumination, and gracious influences for a holy course of life, from Christ the Sun of Righteousness.

12 And three tenth-deals of flour *for* a meat-offering mingled with oyl, for one bullock, and two tenth-deals of flour *for* a meat-offering mingled with oyl, for one ram,

13 And a several tenth-deal of flour mingled with oyl *for* a meat offering [9] unto one lamb, *for* a burnt-offering of a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

[9] And so for all the seven, *v.*19.

14 And their drink-offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third *part* of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth *part* of an hin unto a lamb: this *is* the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

15 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering unto the LORD shall be offered, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

[4] Exod.12.18. [10] Lev.23.5-8. 16 * And in the [10] fourteenth day of the first month *is* the passover of the LORD.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this month *is* the [11] feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

[11] *Viz.* Of unleavened bread, *Lev.* 23. 6.

[4] Lev.23.7. 18 In the * first day *shall be* an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner [12] of servile work *therein.*

[12] Except about what was to be eaten, *Ex.*12.16. *Lev.*23.7.

19 But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire Chap. 29.
for a burnt-offering unto the LORD; [13] two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs 2553.
of the first year: they shall be unto you with- [13] *v.*-11.
out blemish.

20 And their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oyl: three tenth-deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth-deals for a ram,

21 A several tenth-deal shalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

22 And one goat *for* a [14] sin-offering, to make [14] *Lev.*8.2.
an atonement for you.

23 Ye shall offer these [7] beside the burnt-offering in the morning, which *is* for a continual burnt-offering.

24 After this manner ye shall offer daily throughout the seven days, the [15] meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall be offered beside the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

[15] Which is as it were my meat, or food.

25 And on the [16] seventh day ye shall have an [16] *Exod.*13.6.
holy convocation; ye shall do [12] no servile work. *Lev.*23.-8.

26 ¶ Also in the day of the [17] first-fruits, when ye bring a [18] new meat-offering unto the LORD, after your [19] weeks *be out*, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no [12] servile work.

[17] Called the Feast of Harvest, (*Exod.* 23. 16.) and of Weeks, (*Exod.*34.22.) and Pentecost, *Acts* 2.1. ¶ [18] *Lev.* 23.16. *i. e.* Another, besides that offering at the Passover. ¶ [19] The seven weeks, or fifty days, *Lev.*23.15,16.

27 But ye shall offer the burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year:

28 And their meat-offering of flour mingled with oyl, three tenth-deals unto one bullock, two tenth-deals unto one ram,

29 A several tenth-deal unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

30 *And* one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you.

31 Ye shall offer *them* besides the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering (they shall be unto you without blemish) and their drink-offerings.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *The offering at the feast of trumpets,* 7 *at the day of afflicting their souls,* 13 *and on the eight days of the feast of tabernacles.*

AND in the [1] seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do [2] no servile work: * it is a * Lev.23.24.
day of [3] blowing the trumpets unto you.

[1] See on *Lev.*23.24. ¶ [2] See on *ch.*28.18. ¶ [3] Whereby the people were admonish'd to prepare themselves for the several festivals of this month; and also in memorial of God's giving the Law with the sound of a trumpet.

2 And ye shall offer a [4] burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD, one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year without blemish.

[4] *Viz.* Besides the daily sacrifice, and the sacrifice for the new Moon. See on *ch.* 28.9.

3 And their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oyl, three tenth-deals for a bullock, *and* two tenth-deals for a ram,

4 And one tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

5 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you:

6 Beside the burnt-offering [5] of the month, and his meat-offering, and the daily burnt-offering,

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ing, and his meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, according unto their [6] manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

[5] *Ch.* 28. 11. Belonging to every new Moon, ¶ [6] The Law and Order which God had appointed in that behalf.

*Lev.16.29. and 23. 27.

7 ¶ And * ye shall have on the [7] tenth *day* of this seventh month, an holy convocation: and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall not do any work *therein.*

[7] Which was the day of Expiation or Atonement. See on *Lev.* 16.29.

8 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour, one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year, they shall be unto you without blemish:

9 And their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oyl, three tenth-deals to a bullock, *and* two tenth-deals to one ram,

10 A several tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

11 One kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, [8] *Lev.16.9,29, 30.* [8] beside the sin-offering of atonement, and the continual burnt-offering, and the meat-offering of it, and their drink-offerings.

12 ¶ And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a [9] feast unto the LORD [10] seven days.

[9] The Feast of Booths, or Tabernacles. See on *Lev.* 23. 34, 35. ¶ [10] By offering extraordinary Sacrifices each day.

13 And ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD, thirteen young bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year, they shall be without blemish:

14 And their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oyl, three tenth-deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth-deals to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a several tenth-deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs:

16 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual Burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

17 ¶ And on the second day *ye shall offer* [11] twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:

[11] In every one of the seven days of this Feast, one Bullock is abated, to signifie a diminishing or wearing away of the Legal Service.

18 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the [6] manner:

19 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, and the meat-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

20 ¶ And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

21 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

22 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

23 ¶ And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year, without blemish:

24 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

25 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering. Chap. 30. 2553.

26 ¶ And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:

27 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

28 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

29 ¶ And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

30 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

31 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

32 ¶ And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

33 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

34 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

35 ¶ On the eighth day ye shall have a * solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work *therein.* * Lev. 23. 36.

36 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

37 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

38 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

39 These *things* ye shall ‖ do unto the LORD in your set-feasts, besides your vows, and your free-will-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meat-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings. ‖ Or, *offer.*

40 And Moses told the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

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1 *Vows are not to be broken.* 9 *Of a widows vow, or her that is divorced.*

AND Moses spake unto the [1] heads of the tribes, concerning the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded.

[1] The chief Rulers of each Tribe, who were to impart it to the rest.

2 If a man vow a [3] vow unto the LORD, or [3] swear an oath to [4] bind his soul with a bond; he shall not † break his word, he shall [5] do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth. †Heb. *profane*

[2] See on *Gen.* 28. 20. ¶ [3] Confirm his Vow by an Oath. ¶ [4] Either to do something not otherwise necessary, or forbear something lawful. ¶ [5] And that presently, *Deut.* 23. 21.

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3 If a [6] woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind *her self* by a bond, *being* [7] in her fathers house in her [8] youth;

[6] And by proportion, the same exception is to be allow'd for Sons and Servants. ¶ [7] Under his immediate Government. ¶ [8] Before they be of sufficient understanding and ability to govern themselves: Not as if in their riper years they were freed from their Parents Jurisdiction; but that in their younger years especially they must be subject to their Parents in this case.

4 And her [9] father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand.

[9] Any Superior.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall [10] forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

[10] That she vow'd so unadvisedly, without her Fathers knowledge and consent.

† Heb. *her vows* were *upon her.*

6 And if she had at all an [11] husband when † she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;

[11] *Viz.* While she was in her Fathers house.

7 And her husband heard *it*, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard *it*: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul, shall stand.

8 But if her husband disallow her on the day that he heard *it*; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall [10] forgive her.

9 But every vow of a [12] widow, and of her that is [12] divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

[12] *Viz.* tho she be in her Fathers house; (for of such only there could be any doubt.)

10 And if she vowed in her husbands house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;

11 And her husband heard *it*, and held his peace at her, *and* disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul, shall stand.

12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard *them*; *then* whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void, and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath [13] to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

[13] To do any thing to the afflicting her own body; as by Abstinence, or the like.

14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her, from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds which *are* upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her, in the day that he heard *them*.

15 But if he shall any ways [14] make them void after that he hath heard *them*; then [15] he shall bear her iniquity.

[14] Refuse to let her perform 'em. ¶ [15] She must not strive against her Husband, and perform 'em whether he will or no, but forbear, tho her vow was binding, and her Husband shall be punish'd for the breach of her Vows.

16 These *are* the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter *being yet* in her youth in her fathers house.

CHAP. XXXI.

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1 *The Midianites are spoiled, and Balaam slain.*
13 *Moses is wroth with the Officers for saving the women alive.*

AND the LORD spake unto [1] Moses, saying, [1] *Rom.*13.4.
2 [2] Avenge the children of Israel of [2] *Ch.*25.17,18.
the Midianites: afterward shalt thou * be [3] ga- * Chap.27.13.
thered unto thy people. [3] *Ch.*20.24.

3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of your selves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the [4] LORD of Midian.

[4] *Jer.* 50.28. for the injury done him.

4 † Of every tribe [5] a thousand throughout † Heb. *a thou-*
all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war. *sand of a tribe,*
a thousand of
5 So there were delivered out of the thou- *a tribe.*
sands of Israel, a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve [5] *Judg.*7.2.
thousand armed for war. 1 *Sam* 14.6.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of *every* tribe, them and [6] Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the [7] holy instruments, and [8] the trumpets to blow, in his hand.

[6] *Ch.*25.7,15. ¶ [7] 1 *Sam.* 4.17. the Ephod and Breastplate, wherein was the Urim and Thummim. ¶ [8] *Ch.*10.9. 2 *Chron.*13.12,14,15.

7 And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males.

8 And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; *namely*, * Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: [9] Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword. * Josh.13.21. [9] See on *ch.*24.25.

9 And the children of Israel took *all* [10] the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattel, and all their flocks, and all their goods. [10] See *v.*15,16.

10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles with fire.

11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beast.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil unto Moses and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which *are* by Jordan *near* Jericho.

13 ¶ And Moses, and Eleazer the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to [11] meet them without the camp.

[11] *Gen.*14.17. to congratulate their Victory, and to put 'em in mind of cleansing themselves, *v.*19. *ch.*5.2,3.

14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, *with* the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the † battel. † Heb. *host of war.*

15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?

16 Behold, * these [12] caused the children of * Chap.25.2.
Israel, through the * counsel of Balaam, to com- [12] *Ch.*25.2. see
mit trespass against the LORD in the matter of there.
Peor, and there was a plague among the con- * 2 Pet.2.15.
gregation of the LORD.

17 Now therefore * kill * every male among * Judg.21.11
the little ones, and kill every woman that hath
[14] known man by lying with † him. † Heb. *a male.*

[13] *Judg.*21.11. This was done to shew how detestable that fact of the Midianites was. ¶ [14] Are of age for that purpose.

18 But all the women-children that have [15] not known a man by lying with him, keep alive [16] for your selves.

[15] Are too young for it. ¶ [16] To be your Servants or Wives.

19 And

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19 And do ye abide without the camp [17] seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and * whosoever hath touched any slain, purifie *both* your selves and your [18] captives, on the [19] third day, and on the [19] seventh day.

* Chap. 19. 11. &c.

[17] *Ch.* 19. 11. &c. ¶ [18] When the heathen were taken captive by the Israelites, they became their lawful possession, and so were subject to the same Laws with themselves, *Gen.* 17. 12, 13. ¶ [19] *ch.* 19. 12, 19.

20 And purifie all *your* [20] raiment, and all that is † made of skins, and all work of goats *hair*, and all things made of wood.

† Heb. *instrument*, or *vessel of skins.*

[20] *Viz.* Of the spoils which you have taken; because *ch.* 19. 14, 16, 22.

21 ¶ And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battel, This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;

22 Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 Every thing that may [21] abide the fire, ye shall make *it* go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the [22] water of separation: and all that abideth [21] not the fire ye shall make go through the water.

[21] Persons must feel the pangs of repentance proportionable to their strength. ¶ [22] See on *ch.* 19. 9.

24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Take the sum of the prey that † was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation:

† Heb. *of the captivity.*

27 And divide the prey into two parts; [23] between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battel, and [23] between all the congregation.

[23] 1 *Sam.* 30. 24, 25. *Josh.* 22. 8.

28 And levy a [24] tribute unto the LORD of the men of war, which went out to battel: one soul of five hundred, *both* of the [25] persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep.

[24] By way of thankfulness to God for preservation and victory. (So 2 *Sam.* 8. 11, 12. *Isa.* 18. 7.) ¶ [25] Taken captive.

29 Take *it* of their half, and give *it* unto [26] Eleazar the priest, *for* [24] an heave-offering of the LORD.

[26] *ch.* 18. 19.

30 And of the children of Israels half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the ‖ flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites, which [27] keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.

‖ Or, *goats.*

[27] See on *ch.* 8. 5.

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 And the booty *being* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep,

33 And threescore and twelve thousand beeves,

34 And threescore and one thousand asses,

35 And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

36 And the half *which was* the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep;

37 And the LORDs tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.

38 And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand, of which the LORDs tribute *was* threescore and twelve.

39 And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred, of which the LORDs tribute *was* threescore and one.

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40 And the persons *were* sixteen thousand, of which the LORDs tribute *was* thirty and two persons.

41 And Moses gave the tribute which *was* the LORDs heave-offering, unto Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

42 And of the children of Israels half, which Moses divided from the men that warred,

43 (Now the half *that pertained unto* the congregation, was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand *and* seven thousand and five hundred sheep,

44 And thirty and six thousand beeves,

45 And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,

46 And sixteen thousand persons)

47 Even of the children of Israels half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

48 ¶ And the officers which *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:

49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which *are* under our † charge, and there lacketh not one man of us.

† Heb. *hand.*

50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath † gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our [28] souls before the LORD.

† Heb. *found.*

[28] Our lives, which God has spared: that there be no plague among us, *Exod.* 30. 12.

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels.

52 And all the gold of the † offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was † sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

† Heb. *heave-offering.*

† Which was in value thirty thousand five hundred sixty eight pounds and fifteen shillings.

53 (*For* the men of war had taken spoil, every man for [29] himself)

[29] *i. e.* Besides the cattel above mentioned, which was brought to the common stock.

54 And Moses and Eleazar the Priest took the gold of the captains of thousands, and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, *for* a [30] memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

[30] *Josh.* 4. 7. *viz.* Of God's goodness to them, and their thankfulness to him.

CHAP. XXXII.

The Reubenites and Gadites sue for their inheritance on that side Jordan.

NOw the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of [1] cattel: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of [2] Gilead, that behold, the place *was* a [2] place for cattel;

[1] *Gen.* 46. 32. [2] *Mich.* 7. 14. *Jer.* 50. 19.

2 The children of Gad, and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon;

4 *Even*

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4 *Even* the country which the LORD ſmote before the congregation of Iſrael, *is* a land for cattel, and thy ſervants have cattel.

5 Wherefore, ſaid they, if we have found grace in thy ſight, let this land be given unto thy ſervants for a poſſeſſion, *and* bring us not [3] over Jordan.

[3] *Viz.* For our inheritance.

6 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and ſhall ye [4] ſit here?

[4] *Phil.*2.4. 1 *John* 3.-16.

7 And wherefore † diſcourage ye the heart of the children of Iſrael from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them?

† Heb. *break.*

8 Thus did your fathers, when I ſent them from Kadeſh-barnea to ſee the land.

9 For [5] when they went up unto the valley of Eſhcol, and ſaw the land, they diſcouraged the heart of the children of Iſrael, that they ſhould not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

[5] *ch.*13.23,28, 29.

10 And the LORDs anger was kindled the ſame time, and he ſware, ſaying,

11 [6] Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, ſhall ſee the land which I ſware unto Abraham, unto Iſaac, and unto Jacob; becauſe they have not † [7] wholly followed me:

[6] *ch.*14.23,28, 29.

† Heb. *fulfilled after me.*

[7] See on *ch.* 14.24.

12 Save Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD.

13 And the LORDs anger was kindled againſt Iſrael, and he made them [8] wander in the wilderneſs forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the ſight of the LORD was [9] conſumed.

[8] *ch.*14.33.

[9] *ch.*26.64.

14 And behold, ye are riſen up in your fathers ſtead, [10] an increaſe of ſinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Iſrael.

[10] A generation bred and brought up of men moſt ſinful, and ſucceeding 'em in their ſins.

15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderneſs, and ye ſhall [11] deſtroy all this people.

[11] Occaſion their deſtruction, by drawing 'em into ſin.

16 ¶ And they came near unto him, and ſaid, We will build ſheep-folds here for our cattel, and [12] cities for our little ones.

[12] Repair thoſe Cities which are ruin'd.

17 But [13] we our ſelves will go ready armed [14] before the children of Iſrael, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones ſhall dwell in the fenced cities, becauſe of the inhabitants of the land.

[13] So many of us as are needful, *Joſh.* 4. 13. ¶ [14] Along with 'em.

18 We will [15] not return unto our houſes, until the children of Iſrael have inherited every man his inheritance.

[15] *Joſh.* 22.3,4.

19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder ſide Jordan, or forward; becauſe our inheritance is fallen to us on this ſide Jordan eaſtward.

20 ¶ And *Moſes ſaid unto them, if ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed [16] before the LORD to war,

* *Joſh.*1.13.

[16] *Joſh.*4.13. In the ſight and preſence of the Lord, (as *Gen.*10.9.) and ſerving his people.

21 And will go [17] all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, [17] until he hath driven out his enemies from before him,

[17] *i.e.* If all of you that go over will continue with your brethren 'till they have ſubdued the land.

22 And the land be ſubdued before the LORD: then afterward ye ſhall return, and be [18] guiltleſs before the LORD, and before Iſrael; and this land ſhall be your poſſeſſion [19] before the LORD.

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[18] 2 *Sam.*3.28. Free from being puniſh'd by the Lord and his people. ¶ [19] By his preſence and powerful aſſiſtance.

23 But if ye will not do ſo, behold, ye have ſinned againſt the LORD: and be ſure [20] your ſin will find you out.

[20] The guilt and puniſhment of it will ſeiſe upon you.

24 Build ye cities for your little ones, and folds for your ſheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

25 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, Thy ſervants will do as my lord commandeth.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattel, ſhall be there in the cities of Gilead.

27 But thy ſervants will [21] paſs over every man armed for war, before the LORD to battel, as my lord ſaith.

[21] *Joſh.*4.12.

28 So concerning them Moſes commanded Eleazar the prieſt, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Iſrael:

29 And Moſes ſaid unto them, If the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben will paſs with you over Jordan, every man armed to battel before the LORD, and the land ſhall be ſubdued before you; then ye ſhall give them the land of Gilead for a poſſeſſion:

30 But if they will not paſs over with you armed, they ſhall have poſſeſſions among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben anſwered, ſaying, As the LORD hath ſaid unto thy ſervants, ſo will we do.

32 We will paſs over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the poſſeſſion of our inheritance on this ſide Jordan *may be* ours.

33 And Moſes [22] gave unto them, *even* to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manaſſeh the ſon of Joſeph, the kindom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Baſhan, the land with the cities thereof, in the coaſts, *even* the cities of the country round about.

[22] *Deut.* 3.16 *Joſh.*13.8. and 22.4.

34 ¶ And the children of Gad [23] built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

[23] Repair'd and fortified.

35 And Atroth, Shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah,

36. And Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities: and folds for ſheep.

37 And the children of Reuben [23] built Heſhbon, and Elealeh, and Kirja-thaim,

38 And Nebo, and Baal-meon (their names being [24] changed) and Shibmah: and † gave other names unto the cities which they builded.

[24] See on *Exod.*23.13. † Heb. *they called by names the names of the cities.*

39 And the children of * Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh went to Gilead, and took it, and diſpoſſeſſed the Amorite which *was* in it.

* Gen.50.23.

40 And Moſes gave [25] Gilead unto Machir the ſon of Manaſſeh; and he dwelt therein.

[25] Half of it, *Deut.* 3.12,13.

41 And * Jair the ſon of Manaſſeh went and took the ſmall towns thereof, and called them Havoth-jair.

* Deut.3.14.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

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CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Two and forty journeys of the Israelites.* 50 *The Canaanites are to be destroyed.*

THese *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt, with their [1] armies, under the [2] hand of Moses and Aaron.

[1] *Exod.* 12. 37, 38.
[2] *Psal.* 77. 20.

2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their [3] journeys, [4] by the commandment of the LORD: and these *are* their journeys according to their goings out.

[3] *i. e.* The several places where they pitch'd their Tents, and abode for some time. ¶ [4] Which was done (1) to assure posterity of the certainty of this Story. (2) To put 'em in mind of God's goodness and faithfulness, notwithstanding their many provocations.

[*] Exod. 12. 37. 3 And they * departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month: on the morrow after the passover, the children of Israel went out with an [5] high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

[5] See on *Exod.* 14. 8.

4 (For the Egyptians buried all *their* firstborn, which the LORD had [6] smitten among them: upon their [7] gods also the LORD executed judgments.)

[6] *Exod.* 12. 2.
[7] See on *Exod.* 12. 12.

5 And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in [8] Succoth.

[8] *Exod.* 12. 37.

6 And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in [9] Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness.

[9] *Exod.* 13. 20.

7 And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto [10] Pi-hahiroth, which *is* before Baal-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

[10] *Exod.* 14. 2, 9.

8 And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and * passed through the [11] midst of the sea, into the wilderness, and went three days journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in [12] Marah.

[*] Exod. 15. 22.
[11] *Exod.* 14. 21. *&c.*
[12] *Exod.* 15. 23. *&c.*

9 And they removed from Marah, and came unto [13] Elim: and in Elim *were* twelve fountains of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees; and they pitched there.

[13] *Exod.* 15. 27.

10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.

11 And they removed from the red sea, and encamped in the [14] wilderness of Sin.

[14] *Exod.* 16. 1, 2.

12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.

13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush.

14 And they removed from Alush, and encamped at [15] Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.

[15] *Exod.* 17.

15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderness of [16] Sinai.

[16] *Exod.* 19. 1.

16 And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched at ‖ [17] Kibroth-hattaavah.

‖ That is, *the graves of lust.*

17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped at [18] Hazeroth.

[17] *Ch.* 11. 4, 34.
[18] *Ch.* 11. 35. and 12. 16.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in [19] Rithmah.

[19] *Ch.* 13. 1.

19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.

20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.

24 And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.

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25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.

27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.

28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

30 And they departed from Hashmonah, and * encamped at Moseroth.

* Deut. 10. 6.

31 And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.

32 And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad.

33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitchea in Jotbathah.

34 And they removed from Jotbathah and encamped at Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber.

36 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderness of [20] Zin, which *is* Kadesh.

[20] *Ch.* 20. 1.

37 And they removed from Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the [21] edge of the land of Edom.

[21] *Ch.* 20. 23.

38 And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor, at the commandment of the LORD, and [22] died there in the fortieth year, after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month.

[22] *Ch.* 20. 24. &c.

39 And Aaron *was* an hundred and twenty, and three years old, when he died in mount Hor.

40 And king [23] Arad the Canaanite (which dwelt in the south, in the land of Canaan) heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

[23] *Ch.* 21. 1.

41 And they departed [24] from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

[24] *Ch.* 21. 4.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.

43 And they departed from Punon, and pitched in Oboth.

44 And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in ‖ Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab.

‖ Or, *heaps of Abarim.*

45 And they departed from Iim, and pitched in Dibon-gad.

46 And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-diblathaim.

47 And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho.

49 And they pitched by Jordan from Beth-jesimoth, *even* unto ‖ * Abel-shittim, in the plains of Moab.

‖ Or, *the plains of Shittim.*
* Chap. 25. 1.

50 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,

51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, * When ye are passed over Jordan, into the land of Canaan;

* Deut. 7. 2. Josh. 11. 12.

52 Then ye shall [25] drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their [26] pictures, and destroy all their [27] molten images, and quite [28] pluck down all their [29] high places.

[25] And destroy, *Deut.* 7. 2. ¶ [26] *Lev.* 26. 1. Idolatrous representations, set up in their High Places for Worship. ¶ [27] *Exod.* 20. 4. *Deut.* 7. 5. ¶ [28] *Lev.* 26. 30. ¶ [29] Idolatrous Chappels and Altars, built on high hills. See on *Lev.* 26. 30.

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53 And ye shall [25] dispossess *the inhabitants of* the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.

54 And * ye shall [30] divide the land by lot, for an inheritance among your families, *and* to the [30] mo ye shall †give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall † give the less inheritance: every mans *inheritance* shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers, ye shall inherit.

* Chap. 26. 53.
[30] See on *ch.* 26. 55.
†Heb. *multiply his inheritance.*
† Heb. *diminish his inheritance.*

55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them, *shall be* *[31] pricks in your eyes, and [31] thorns in your sides, and shall [32] vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

* Josh. 23. 13. *Judg.* 2. 3.

[31] *Josh.* 23. 13. *Judg.* 2. 3, 20—23. and 3. 1. Continual snares to draw you into sin (*Ezek.* 23. 33. *Psal.* 106. 34—36.) and consequently into trouble and misery. ¶ [32] *Josh.* 23. 13.

56 Moreover, it shall come to pass *that* I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *The borders of the land.* 16 *The names of the men that shall divide it.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan (this *is* the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof.)

3 Then * your south-quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin, along by the coast of Edom, and your south-border shall be the outmost coast of the salt-sea east-ward.

* Josh. 15. 1.

4 And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin: and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea, and shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon.

5 And the Border shall fetch a compass from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.

6 And *as for* the western border, you shall even have the great sea for a border: this shall be your west-border.

7 And this shall be your North-border; from the great sea, you shall point out for you mount Hor.

8 From mount Hor ye shall point out *your border* unto the entrance of Hamath: and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad.

9 ¶ And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be your north-border.

10 And ye shall point out your east-border from Hazer-enan to Shepham.

11 And the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east-side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the † side of the sea of Chinnereth east-ward.

† Heb. *shoulder.*

12 And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea: This shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about.

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe.

14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad, according to the house of their fathers, [1] have received *their inheritance,* and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance.

[1] *Cb.* 32. Josh. 14. 2, 3.

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15 The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan *near* Jericho east-ward, toward the sun-rising.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 These *are* the names of the men which shall divide the land unto you: [2] Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.

[2] Josh. 14. 1. and 19. 51.

18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.

19 And the names of the men *are* these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli.

23 The prince of the children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.

25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud.

29 These *are they* whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Eight and forty cities given to the Levites.* 6 *Six of them to be cities of refuge.* 9 *The laws of murder.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,

2 * Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the [1] Levites of the inheritance of their possession, [2] cities to dwell in: and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.

* Josh. 21. 2.

[1] *Josh.* 14. 3, 4. and 21. 2. ¶ [2] *Ezek.* 45. 1, 4, 5. and 48. 9 10, 13. 1 *Cor.* 9. 14. *Gal.* 6. 6.

3 And the cities shall they have [3] to dwell in, and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattel, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.

[3] Yet probably persons of other professions dwelt among 'em, in houses hired or bought of 'em: (as Townsmen do in our Universities.)

4 And the suburbs of the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites, *shall reach* from the wall of the city and outward, [4] a thousand cubits round about.

[4] This thousand Cubits (which was six hundred and eight yards) next the wall, was for Out-houses, as Barns, Stables, Gardens, *&c.*

5 And ye shall measure from [5] without the city on the east-side [6] two thousand cubits, and on the south-side [6] two thousand cubits, and on the west side [6] two thousand cubits, and on the north-side [6] two thousand cubits: and the city *shall be* in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

[5] *i. e.* Without the Dwelling-houses, and Out-houses contained within the City, and those thousand cubits mentioned, *v.* 4. ¶ [6] These were for fields for Corn, and Vineyards, and Pasture-grounds, *&c.* And what belonged to the Cities over and above these three thousand Cubits, continued under the

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the dominion, and in the poſſeſſion of the Tribe to which they had been allotted before; as the inſtance of *Hebron* given to *Caleb*, ſhews, *Joſh.*14.13,14. and 21.11,12.

6 And [7] among the cities which ye ſhall give unto the [7] Levites, *there ſhall be* * [8] ſix cities for [7] refuge, which ye ſhall appoint for the manſlayer, that he may flee thither: and † to them ye ſhall add forty and two cities.

* Deut.4.41. Joſh.20.2. and 21.3.

† Heb. *above them ye ſhall give.*

[7] To note, that it is only thro Chriſt (whom the Levitical Prieſthood did repreſent) that ſinners find refuge and ſafety from the deſtroyer. ¶ [8] *Deut.*4.41. *Joſh.*20.2. and 21.21.

7 [9] *So* all the cities which ye ſhall give to the Levites, *ſhall be* forty and eight cities: them *ſhall ye give* with their ſuburbs.

[9] *Joſh.*21.41.

8 And the cities which ye ſhall give, *ſhall be* of the poſſeſſion of the children of Iſrael: from *them that have* many, ye ſhall give many; but from *them that have* few, ye ſhall give few: every one ſhall give of his cities unto the Levites, according to his inheritance which † he inheriteth.

† Heb. *they inherit.*

9 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

10 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, * When ye be come over Jordan, into the land of Canaan;

* Deut. 19.2. Joſh.20.2.

11 Then ye ſhall appoint you cities, to be cities of refuge for you; that the ſlayer may flee thither which killeth any perſon † [10] at unawares.

† Heb. *by error.*

[10] *v.*22,23. And by parity of reaſon, If a man kill'd another in his own defence, when he had no quarrel with him.

12 And they ſhall be unto you cities for refuge from the [11] avenger; that the man-ſlayer [12] die not, until he [13] ſtand before the [14] congregation in judgment.

[11] The next kinſman, who had right or power to demand or take vengeance of the ſlaughter, and to put the Murderer to death: (*v.*19.) but not him that kill'd one unawares; and therefore leſt he ſhould in his rage kill ſuch a one, this remedy was provided. ¶ [12] Be not kill'd by the Avenger meeting him in ſome other place. ¶ [13] *Joſh.* 20.4–6. ¶ [14] The ſociety or convention of Judges, or Elders appointed in every City for the deciſion of Criminal cauſes, who were to examin the matter publickly, whether the murder was wilful or caſual: which was to be done firſt in the City of Refuge; and if that trial did not ſatisfie the Avenger, then it was to be tried again in the City where the fact was committed, or the next to it; as appears by *v.*25. *Joſh.* 20.6.

13 And of theſe cities which ye ſhall give, ſix cities ſhall ye have for refuge.

14 Ye ſhall give [15] three cities on this ſide Jordan, and three cities ſhall ye give in the land of Canaan, *which* ſhall be cities of refuge.

[15] *Deut.*19.8,9.

15 Theſe ſix cities ſhall be a refuge, *both* for the children of Iſrael, and for the [16] ſtranger, and for the [17] ſojourner among them: that every one that killeth any perſon unawares, may flee thither.

[16] All ſorts of ſtrangers that came occaſionally to any place upon the account of traffic, or the like. ¶ [17] Who had ſome kind of ſetled abode among 'em.

16 * And if he [18] ſmite him with an inſtrument of iron (ſo that he [19] die) he *is* a murderer: the murderer ſhall ſurely be [20] put to death.

* Exod. 21.14.

[18] *Exod.*21.12,14. *viz.* Purpoſely and wilfully, (*v.*22,23.) tho not with premeditated malice or deſign. ¶ [19] *Viz.* Suddenly, (for *Exod.*21.19,20.) ¶ [20] *Viz.* In that way expreſt, *Deut.*19.12.

17 And if he ſmite him † with throwing a ſtone ([21] wherewith he may die) and he [19] die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer ſhall ſurely be put to death.

† Heb. *with a ſtone of the hand.*

[21] Which may probably kill him.

18 Or *if* he ſmite him with an hand-weapon of wood, (wherewith he may die) and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer ſhall ſurely be put to death.

19 The revenger of blood himſelf [22] ſhall ſlay the murderer: when he [23] meeteth him, he ſhall ſlay him.

[22] Shall have liberty to do it if he pleaſe, at leaſt he muſt take no ſatisfaction, (*v.*31.) but ſee that Juſtice be executed. ¶ [23] *Viz.* After lawful judgment by the Magiſtrate, *Deut.* 19. 12.

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20 But if he [24] thruſt him of hatred, or hurl at him [25] by laying of wait, that he die;

[24] *Deut.*19.11. Tho' he ſtruck him only with his hand, or that which was no way likely to kill him, if it proceeded from an inward grudge, and fore-thought malice, or inveterate hatred, he was to be adjudged a murderer. ¶ [25] With intent and purpoſe of evil, when occaſion is offer'd, (as 1 *Sam.* 24.11. *Luke* 11.54. *Acts* 23. 21.)

21 Or in enmity ſmite him with his hand, that he die: he that ſmote *him* ſhall ſurely be put to death; *for* he *is* a murderer: the revenger of blood ſhall ſlay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thruſt him ſuddenly * without enmity, or have caſt upon him any thing without laying of wait;

* Exod.21.13.

23 Or with any ſtone wherewith a man may die, ſeeing *him* not, and caſt *it* upon him that he die, and *was* not his enemy, neither ſought his harm:

24 Then the [26] congregation ſhall judge between the ſlayer, and the revenger of blood, according to theſe judgments.

[26] The Magiſtrates of the City where the man was ſlain. See *n.* 14.

25 And the congregation ſhall deliver the ſlayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation ſhall reſtore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he ſhall [27] abide in it unto the [28] death of the high prieſt, which was anointed with the holy oyl.

[27] Be confin'd to it, as a man baniſh'd from his family and friends: to ſhew how hateful the ſhedding of mans blood is to God. ¶ [28] *Joſh.*20.6. To ſhew, That the death of Chriſt (the true High-prieſt) is the only means whereby ſins are pardoned, and ſinners ſet at liberty.

26 But if the ſlayer ſhall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the ſlayer; † he ſhall [29] not be guilty of blood:

† Heb. *no blood ſhall be to him.*

[29] Not liable to puniſhment by man; (tho' not guiltleſs before God, becauſe 'tis innocent blood, *Deut.*19.10.)

28 Becauſe he ſhould have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high prieſt: but after the death of the High-prieſt, the ſlayer ſhall return into the land of his poſſeſſion.

29 So theſe *things* ſhall be for a [30] ſtatute of judgment unto you, throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

[30] See on *ch.* 27.11.

30 Whoſo killeth any perſon, the murderer ſhall be put to death by the [31] mouth of witneſſes: but one witneſs ſhall not teſtifie againſt any perſon, *to cauſe him* to die.

[31] *Deut.*17.6. and 19.15. *Matth.*18.16. *John* 8.17. 2 *Cor.*13. 1. *Hebr.*10.28.

31 Moreover, ye ſhall take no ſatisfaction for the life of a murderer, which *is* † guilty of death: but he ſhall be ſurely put to death.

† Heb. *faulty to die.*

32 And ye ſhall take no ſatisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he ſhould come again to dwell in the land, [28] until the death of the prieſt.

33 So ye ſhall not pollute the land wherein ye *are*: for blood it [32] defileth the land: and the † land cannot be cleanſed of the blood that is ſhed therein, but by the blood of him that ſhed it.

† Heb. *there can be no expiation for the land.*

[32] *Pſal.* 106. 38. *Jer.* 3. 2, 9. *Mich.* 4. 11.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye ſhall inhabit, wherein [33] I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Iſrael.

[33] *ch.*5.3. *Pſal.* 135. 21. *Iſa.* 57.15.

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CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *The inconvenience of the inheritance of daughters,* 5 *is remedied by marrying in their own tribes.*

AND the [1] chief fathers of the families of the children of [2] Gilead, the ſon of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh, of the families of the ſons of Joſeph, came near, and ſpake before Moſes, and before the princes the chief fathers of the children of Iſrael:

[1] Thoſe to whom it belong'd to conſider of ſuch matters as were of general concernment to the whole tribe. ¶ [2] *ch.* 27. 1.

* Chap. 27. 1. Joſh. 17. 3. [3] *ch.* 26. 52, 53. [4] *ch.* 27. 7.

2 And they ſaid, * [3] The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Iſrael: and my lord was [4] commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother, unto his daughters.

3 And if they be married to any of the ſons of the *other* tribes of the children of Iſrael; then ſhall their inheritance [5] be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and ſhall be put to the inheritance of the tribe † whereunto they are received: ſo ſhall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

† Heb. *unto whom they ſhall be.*

[5] And ſo the inheritances of this (and other tribes, by like accident) might in time be changed, and confounded, contrary to the order before ſet by God.

4 And [6] when the jubile of the children of Iſrael ſhall be, then ſhall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: ſo ſhall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

[6] *Lev.* 25. 10. *q. d.* Yea even in the Jubile-year (which was intended to prevent ſuch confuſion) there will be no return of ſuch land.

5 And Moſes commanded the children of Iſrael, according to the word of the LORD, ſaying, The tribe of the ſons of Joſeph hath ſaid well.

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6 This *is* the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, ſaying, Let them † marry [7] to whom they think beſt; * only to the [8] family of the tribe of their father ſhall they marry:

† Heb. *be wives.* * Tob. 1. 9.

[7] Daughters are not to be forc'd to marry ſuch as they like not, *Gen.* 24. 57, 58. ¶ [8] To ſome of the families within their own tribe.

7 So ſhall not the inheritance of the children of Iſrael remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Iſrael ſhall † keep himſelf to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

† Heb. *cleave to the, &c.*

8 And every daughter that [9] poſſeſſeth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Iſrael, ſhall be wife unto [8] one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Iſrael may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

[9] But for other women they were free to marry into any tribe.

9 Neither ſhall the inheritance remove from *one* tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Iſrael ſhall keep himſelf to his own inheritance.

10 Even as the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo did the daughters of Zelophehad.

11 For * Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milkah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their fathers brothers ſons.

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12 *And* they were married † into the families of the ſons of Manaſſeh the ſon of Joſeph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

† Heb. to ſome that were *of the families.*

13 These *are* the commandments and the judgments which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moſes, unto the children of Iſrael in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho.

DEUTERONOMY.

The ARGUMENT.

THE *People that came out of* Egypt *being all dead* (*ſave* Caleb *and* Joſhua) Moſes *here in this Book* (*for the Inſtruction of the new Generation that were grown up in the Wilderneſs, and now ready to enter into* Canaan, *rehearſes the chief things that had befallen 'em, both in a way of Mercy, and Judgment, for theſe forty years together: Repeats the Law again unto 'em,* (*whence this Book is called* Deuteronomy) *and explains the firſt Commandment,* ch. 6—11. *the ſecond,* ch. 12. *the third,* ch. 13. *the fourth,* ch. 15. and 16. *the fifth,* ch. 17. and 18. *the ſixth,* ch. 19. and 20. and 21. *the ſeventh,* ch. 22. *the eighth,* ch. 23. and 24. and 25. *Confirms the whole with Promiſes and Threats,* ch. 28. *Teaches 'em a Prophetical Sung concerning what ſhould befall 'em from that time to the latter end of the World, when they ſhould become the People of God again after their long Rejection and Deſolation,* ch. 32. *Bleſſes the ſeveral Tribes,* ch. 33. *Views the land of* Canaan, *dies, is buried by God, and* Joſhua *made his Succeſſor,* ch. 34.

CHAP. I.

1 *Moſes in the end of the fortieth year briefly rehearſeth the ſtory* 6 *of Gods promiſe,* 34 *and his anger for their incredulity,* 41 *and diſobedience.*

THESE *be* the words which Moſes ſpake unto [1] all Iſrael, on this ſide Jordan in the Wilderneſs, in the plain over againſt || the Red *ſea,* between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

|| Or, *Zuph.*

[1] To the chief of each Tribe, to be communicated to the reſt.

2 (*There* are eleven days *journey* from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir, unto Kadeſh-barnea)

3 And

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3 And it came to paſs in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the firſt *day* of the month, *that* Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;

*Num.21.24. 4 * After he had ſlain Sihon the King of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heſhbon, and Og the king of Baſhan, which dwelt at Aſtaroth in Edrei.

2514. 5 On this ſide Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moſes to declare this law, ſaying,

6 The LORD our God ſpake unto us in Horeb, ſaying, ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:

† Heb. *all his neighbors.* 7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto † all *the places* nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the ſouth, and by the ſea-ſide, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

† Heb. *given.* 8 Behold, I have † ſet the land [2] before you: go in and poſſeſs the land which the LORD ſware unto your fathers, * Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob, to give unto them, and to their [3] ſeed after them.

* Gen.15.18. & 17.7,8.

[2] Open to your view and poſſeſſion. ¶ [3] *Gen.*13.15.

9 ¶ And I ſpake unto you at that time, ſaying, I am not able to bear you my ſelf alone:

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and behold, you *are* this day as the * ſtars of heaven for multitude.

* Gen.15.5,6.

11 (The LORD God of your fathers, [5] make you a thouſand times ſo many mo as ye *are*, and bleſs you as he hath [6] promiſed you.)

[5] 2 *Sam.*24.3. *Pſal.*115.14. ¶ [6] *Gen.*15.5. and 22.17. and 26.4. *Exod.*32.13.

12 How can I my ſelf alone bear your [7] cumbrance, and your burden, and your [8] ſtrife?

[7] 1 *King.*3.8,9. 2 *Cor.*11.28. ¶ [8] Your quarrels among your ſelves.

† Heb. *give.* 13 † [9] Take ye wiſe men and underſtanding, and known among your tribes, and [10] I will make them rulers over you.

[9] Look out ſuch. So *Act.*1.15,23. and 6.3,5,6. ¶ [10] *Exod* 18.25.

14 And ye anſwered me, and ſaid, The thing which thou haſt ſpoken, *is* good *for us* to do.

[11] The beſt qualify'd. † Heb. *gave.* 15 So I took the [11] chief of your tribes, wiſe men, and known, and † made them heads over you, captains over thouſands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, ſaying, Hear *the cauſes* between your brethren, and * judge righteouſly between every man and his brother, and the ſtranger *that is* with him.

* John.7.24.

* Levit.19.15. Chap.16.19. 1 Sam.16.7. Prov.24.23. † Heb. *acknowledge faces.* 17 * Ye ſhall [12] not † reſpect perſons in judgment, *but* you ſhall hear the ſmall as well as the great; you ſhall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment *is* [13] Gods: and the [14] cauſe that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it.

[12] *Exod.*23.3. *Lev.* 19.15. ſee there. ¶ [13] 2 *Chron.* 19.6. and 20.15. Adminiſtred by his Authority, according to his directions, and for his intereſt, (and therefore he'll defend you therein againſt all your enemies.) ¶ [14] *Exod.* 18.22.

18 And I commanded you at that time [15] all the things which ye ſhould do.

[15] *Heb.*3.2. *Joh.*15.15. *Matth.*28.20. *Act.* 20.27.

19 ¶ And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and [16] terrible wilderneſs, which you ſaw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kadeſh-barnea. Chap. 1. 2514.

[16] In regard of the many troubles and terrors in it, *ch.* 8. 15. and 32.10. *Jer.*2.6.

20 And I ſaid unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath ſet the land before thee: go up *and* poſſeſs *it*, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath ſaid unto thee; fear not, neither be diſcouraged;

22 ¶ And ye came near unto me, every one of you, and ſaid, [17] We will ſend men before us, and they ſhall ſearch us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we muſt go up, and into what cities we ſhall come.

[17] Which was allowed by God, *Numb.*13.2,3.

23 And the ſaying [18] pleaſed me well: and * I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe. *Numb.13.3.

[18] As thinking it good policy; and not diſcerning from what principle it proceeded; (but God knew, and therefore permitted it in judgment to 'em, *Numb.*13.1–3.)

24 And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of [19] Eſhcol, and ſearched it out. [19] *Numb.*13.25.

25 And they took of the [20] fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down unto us, and brought us word again, and ſaid, *It is a* [21] good land, which the LORD our God doth give us. [20] *Numb.*25.23. [21] *Num.*13.27.

26 Notwithſtanding ye would not go up, but [22] rebelled againſt the commandment of the LORD your God. [22] *Numb.*14.2. &c.

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and ſaid, Becauſe the LORD [23] hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to deſtroy us. [23] *Ch.*9.28. *Numb.*14.3.

28 Whether ſhall we go up? our brethren have † [24] diſcouraged our heart, ſaying, The people *is* greater and taller then we, the cities *are* great and [25] walled up to heaven, and moreover we have ſeen the ſons of the * Anakims there. † Heb. *melted.* [24] *Num.*13.28. [25] *Ch.*9.1. * Num.13.28.

29 Then I ſaid unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he ſhall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes:

31 And in the wilderneſs, where thou haſt ſeen how that the LORD thy God [26] bare thee as a man doth bear his ſon, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

[26] *Iſa.*63.9. *Hoſ.*11.3. carried you through unpaſſable difficulties (*Exod.*19.4. *Numb.*11.12.) and bare with your perverſeneſs and rebellions, *Act.*13.8.

32 Yet in [27] this thing ye did [28] not believe the LORD your God,

[27] *Viz.* That he'd fight for you, *v.*30. ¶ [28] *Heb.* 3.1,2, 18,19. *Pſal.*78.22.

33 * Who [29] went in the way before you [30] to ſearch you out a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night to ſhew you by what way ye ſhould go, and in a cloud by day. * Exod.13.21.

[29] *Exod.*13.21. *Numb.*10.33,34. ¶ [30] *Numb.*10.33. *Ezek.* 20.6.

34 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and ſware, ſaying,

35 * [31] Surely there ſhall not one of [32] theſe men of this evil generation ſee that good land, which I ſware to give unto your fathers; * Num.14.29.

[31] *Numb.*14.23,24. ¶ [32] Thoſe that were above twenty years old, *ch.*2.14. *Numb.*14.29.

36 Save Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, he ſhall ſee it, and to him will I give the [33] land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, becauſe he

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he hath † [34] wholly followed the LORD.

[33] That particular part of the land, *Josh.*14.9. ¶ [34] See on *Numb.*14.24.

† Heb. *fulfilled to go after.*

37 * Also the LORD was [35] angry with me [36] for your sakes, saying, [37] Thou also shalt not go in thither.

* Num.20.12. & 27.14. Chap.3. 26. & 4.21.& 34. 4.

[35] *Ch.*3.26. and 4.21. *Numb.*20.12.and 27.14. ¶ [36] Upon occasion of your perverseness, by which you provok'd me to speak unadvisedly, *Psal.*106.32,33.

[37] *Num.*27.13.

38 *But* Joshua the son of Nun, which [38] standeth before thee, he shall go in thither. [39] Encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

[38] Ministers to thee, *Josh.*1.-1. ¶ [39] *Ch.*3. 28.

39 Moreover, your [40] little ones, which ye said should be [41] a prey, and your children which in that day had no knowledge [42] between good and evil, they shall [43] go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

[40] *Numb.*14.31. ¶ [41] *Numb.*14.-3. ¶ [42] *Isa.*7.-15. ¶ [43] *Numb.* 14.-31.

40 But *as for* you, [44] turn ye, and take your journey into the wilderness, [45] by the way of the Red sea.

[44] *Numb.*14.-25. ¶ [45] Which leads towards the Red Sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We [46] have [46] sinned against the LORD, [47] we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

[46] *Num.*14.-39 [47] *Num.*14.40.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, [48] Go not up, neither fight, for I *am* not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

[48] *Num.*14.42.

43 So I spake unto you, and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and † went [49] presumptuously up into the hill.

† Heb. *you were presumptuous and went up.*

44 And the Amorites which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and [50] chased you as [51] bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah.

[49] *Num.*14.44.

[50] *Numb.* 14.45. ¶ [51] *Psal.* 118. 12. Which being provok'd, come out in great swarms to pursue their enemies, with great fury.

45 And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would [52] not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

46 So ye abode in Kadesh many days, [53] according unto the days that ye abode there.

[52] *Heb.*12.17. ¶ [53] *Numb.* 14. 34. as the days do shew, which you know you did abide there.

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[1] The story is continued touching the Edomites, 9 the Moabites, 17 the Ammonites, 24 and Sihon the Amorite.

THen we turned and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD [1] spake unto me: and we [2] compassed mount Seir many days.

[1] *Ch.*1.40. *Numb.*14.-25. ¶ [2] *Numb.* 21.4.

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying,

3 Ye have compassed this mountain [3] long enough: turn you north-ward.

[3] *Ch.*1.6. Almost thirty eight years, *v.* 14.

4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye *are* to pass through the coast of your [4] brethren, the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir, and they shall be [5] afraid of you: take ye good heed unto your selves therefore.

[4] *Ch.*23.7. *Numb.*20.14. ¶ [5] *Numb.*22.3. *Exod.* 15.15.

† Heb. *even to the treading of the sole of the foot.*

* Gen.36.8.

5 [6] Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, † no not so much as a foot-breadth, * because I have [7] given mount Seir unto Esau *for* a possession.

[6] *V.*9. *ch.*23.7. *Rom.*12.18. ¶ [7] *Gen.*36.8.

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6 Ye shall [8] buy meat of them for mony, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for mony, that ye may drink.

[8] Therefore they did eat other meat in the Wilderness besides Manna, when they could get it.

7 For the LORD thy God hath [9] blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he [10] knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God *hath been* with thee, thou hast lacked nothing.

[9] Prospered thee so, that thou art able to pay for what thou hast occasion to desire of 'em. ¶ [10] *Psal.*1.6. takes care of thee to supply thy wants (and therefore you need not seek to supply your selves in any unlawful way.)

8 And when we [11] passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Ezion-gaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

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9 And the LORD said unto me, ‖ Distress not the [12] Moabites, neither contend with them in battel: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession, because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

‖ Or, *Use no hostility against Moab.*

[11] *Numb.*20.-21. ¶ [12] Because they were *Lot's* posterity, *Gen.*19.37.

10 The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakims;

11 Which also were accounted Giants as the Anakims, but the Moabites call them Emims.

12 * The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime, but the children of Esau † succeeded them when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their ‖ stead, as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

* Gen.36.20. † Heb. *inherited them.* ‖ Or, *room.*

13 Now rise up, *said I*, and get you over * the ‖ brook Zered: and we went over the brook Zered.

* Num.21.12. ‖ Or, *valley.*

14 And the space in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, *was* thirty and eight years; until [13] all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them.

[13] *Ch.* 1. 35.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was [14] against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.

[14] *Psal.*78. 33. and 90.3,4.

16 ¶ So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day.

19 And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession, because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

20 (That also was accounted a land of giants, giants dwelt therein in old time, and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims,

21 A people great, and many, and tall as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them, and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:

22 [15] As he did to the children of Esau which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them, and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:

[15] *V.*12.

23 And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, *even* unto Azzah, the Caphtorims which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

24 ¶ Rise

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24 ¶ Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thy hand Sihon the Amorite king of Heshbon, and his land: † begin to possess it, and contend with him in battel.

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† Heb. *begin, possess.*

25 This day will I begin to put the [16] dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations *that are* under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in [17] anguish because of thee.

[16] *Ch.* 11.25. and 28.-10. *Exod.* 23. 27. *Josh.* 2.9-11. and 10.10. *Psal.*105.-38. ¶ [17] *Psal.*48.6.

[18] *Num.*21.21.

26 ¶ And I [18] sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth, unto Sihon king of Heshbon, with words [19] of peace, saying,

[19] *ch.*20.10.

[20] *Num.*21.22.

27 [20] Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the high-way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

28 Thou shalt [21] sell me meat for mony, that I may eat; and give me water for mony, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet:

[21] *Numb.* 20. 19. See above *n.* 8.

29 (As the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar,[22] did unto me) until I shall pass over Jordan, into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

[22] *i. e.* Permitted me to pass quietly along their Coasts, (tho not to go thro their Country) and furnish'd us with necessaries for our mony.

30 But Sihon king of Heshbon, [23] would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God [24] hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as *appeareth* this day.

[23] *Numb.* 21. 23. ¶ [24] See on *Exod.* 4. 21. *Josh.*11.20.

31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land.

[25] *Num.*21.23.

32 Then Sihon [25] came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

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[26] *Num.*21.24.

33 And the LORD our God delivered him before us, and we [26] smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

† Heb. *every city of men, and women, and little ones.*

34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed † the [27] men, and the [27] women, and the little ones of every city, we left none to remain:

[27] According to *Deut.*20.16.

35 Only the cattel we took for a prey unto our selves, and the spoil of the cities which we took.

36 From Aroer, which *is* by the brink of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that *is* by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God [28] delivered all unto us.

[28] *Psal.*44.3.

37 Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, *nor* unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbad us.

CHAP. III.

1 *Of Og king of Bashan.* 23 *Moses prayer to enter into the land:* 26 *He is permitted to see it.*

[1] *Num.*21.33. Chap.29.7.

THen we [1] turned and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the King of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battel at Edrei.

[2] *Num.* 21.34.

2 And the [2] LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land into thy hand, and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

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3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we [3] smote him until none was left to him remaining.

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[3] *Num.* 21.35.

4 And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 All these cities *were* fenced with high walls, gates, and bars, beside unwalled towns a great many.

6 And we [4] utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city.

[4] *ch.*2.34.

7 But all the cattel, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to our selves.

8 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites, the land that *was* on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon:

9 (*Which* Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion: and the Amorites call it Shenir)

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan:

11 For only Og king of Bashan [5] remained of the remnant of [6] giants; behold, his bed-stead *was* a bed-stead of iron: *is* it not in [7] Rabbath of the children of Ammon? [8] nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of [9] a man.

[5] *Viz.* In that Kingdom of *Bashan.* ¶ [6] *Gen.* 14. 5. ¶ [7] It might be taken in some war, and kept as a glorious Trophy of their Victory; or given as a Present to the Amorites, and so kept as a Memorial of the vast stature of this King. ¶ [8] Five yards and a half; or sixteen feet and a half long, and seven feet four inches wide. ¶ [9] *Viz.* Of ordinary stature.

12 And this land *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, [10] gave I unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites.

[10] *Num.*32.33. *Josh.*13.8.&c.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the [11] half-tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

[11] *Num.*32.39, 40.

14 Jair the son of Manasseh [12] took all the country of Argob, unto the coasts of Geshuri, and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashan-havoth-jair, unto this day.

[12] *Num.*32.41.

15 And I gave [13] Gilead unto Machir.

[13] *Num.*32.40.

16 And unto the Reubenites, and unto the Gadites, I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon, half the valley, and the border, even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon:

17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coasts *thereof*, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt-sea, ‖ under Ashdoth-pisgah eastward.

‖ Or, *under the springs of Pisgah*, or *the hill.*

18 ¶ And I commanded [14] you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: * ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, [15] all *that are* † meet for the war.

* Num.32.20.

† Heb. *sons of power.*

[14] The Reubenites and Gadites, *Numb.*32.20.&c. ¶ [15] So many as shall be judged necessary.

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattel (*for* I know that ye have much cattel) shall abide in your cities which I have given you;

20 Until

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20 Until the LORD have given reſt unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and *until* they alſo poſſeſs the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and *then* *Joſh.22.4. ſhall ye * return every man unto his poſſeſſion which I have given you.

21 ¶ And I [16] commanded Joſhua at that time, ſaying, Thine eyes have ſeen all that the LORD your God hath done unto theſe two kings: [17] ſo ſhall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou paſſeſt.

[16] *Numb.*27.18. ¶ [17] Experience of former mercies is a good encouragement to expect future mercy, *Pſal.* 9. 10. 1 *Sam.*17.36,37. 2 *Tim.*4.17,18.

22 *Ye ſhall not fear them: for the LORD [18] 2 *Chr.*13.12. your God he [18] ſhall fight for you.

23 And I beſought the LORD at that time, ſaying,

24 O Lord God, thou haſt begun to ſhew [19] *ch.* 11.2. thy ſervant thy [19] greatneſs, and thy [19] mighty hand: for [20] See on *Exod.* 15.11. what God *is there* in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

25 I pray thee let me go over, and ſee the good land that *is* beyond Jordan, that [21] goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

[21] Mountanous Country, *Canaan*; or Mount *Moriah*, where the Temple was to be built.

Num.20.12. 26 But the LORD was [22] wroth with me Chap.1.37. [23] for your ſakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD ſaid unto me, [24] Let it ſuffice thee; ſpeak no more unto me of this matter.

[22] *Numb.* 20. 12. and 27. 14. ¶ [23] See on *ch.* 1. 37. ¶ [24] 2 *Cor.*12.8,9. *q. d.* This is my fixed reſolution; and therefore be ſatisfied.

[25] *Num.*27.12. 27 [25] Get thee up into the top of ‖ Piſgah, ‖ Or, *the hill.* and lift up thine eyes weſt-ward, and north-[26] *ch.*34.1–4. ward, and ſouth-ward, and eaſt-ward, and [26] behold *it* with thine eyes: for thou ſhalt not go over this Jordan.

28 But [27] charge Joſhua, and [28] encourage him, and ſtrengthen him: for he ſhall go over before this people, and he ſhall cauſe them to inherit the land which thou ſhalt ſee.

[27] Inſtruct him in all things that are requir'd for the diſcharge of his Office according to my directions. ¶ [28] *ch.* 1. 38.

29 So we abode in the valley over againſt Beth-peor.

CHAP. IV.

1 An exhortation to obedience. 41 Moſes appointeth the three cities of refuge on that ſide Jordan.

NOw therefore hearken, O Iſrael, unto the [1] ſtatutes, and unto the [2] judgments which I teach you, for to [3] do *them*, that ye may [4] live, and go in and poſſeſs the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

[1] Thoſe Laws that concern the ſervice of God. ¶ [2] See on *Exod.*21.1. ¶ [3] *ch.*5.–1. See on *Rom.*2.13. *Pſal.* 78. 6,7, ¶ [4] See on *Lev.*18.5. *Rom.*10.5.

*Chap.12.32. 2 * Ye ſhall [5] not add unto the word which I Joſh.1.7. command you, neither ſhall you [6] diminiſh *ought* Prov.30.6. from it, that ye may keep the commandments Rev.22.18. of the LORD your God which I command you.

[5] *Ch.*12.–32. *Rev.*22.18. (See there.) *Prov.* 30. 6. *Matth.* 15.9. By deviſing other Doctrins or ways of worſhip than what I have taught or preſcrib'd, *ch.* 12. 8. *Numb.* 15. 39. 1 *Kings* 12. 33. ¶ [6] *Rev.*22.19. *Matth.*5.18. By rejecting or neglecting any thing that I have commanded, tho' it ſeem never ſo ſmall.

3 Your eyes have ſeen what the LORD did [7] *Num.* 25. 1. becauſe of [7] Baal-peor: for all the men that &c. followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath [8] deſtroyed them from among you.

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[8] *Num.*25.9.

4 But ye that did [9] cleave unto the LORD your God, *are* [10] alive every one of you this day.

[9] *Ch.*10.20.and 13.–4. *Joſh.* 22. 5. and 23. 8. *Ruth* 1. 14, 16. 2 *Kings* 18.6. *Acts* 11. 23. *Rom.* 12. 9. By firm affiance, conſtant obedience, intire affection, faithful ſervice, and worſhip of him alone. ¶ [10] *Ezek.* 9. 4, 6.

5 Behold, I have taught you [1] ſtatutes and [2] judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye ſhould do ſo in the land whither ye go to poſſeſs it.

6 Keep therefore and [3] do *them*, for this *is* your [12] wiſdom and your underſtanding in the [13] ſight of the nations, which ſhall hear all theſe ſtatutes, and ſay, Surely this great nation *is* a wiſe and underſtanding people.

[12] *Job* 28. 28. *Pſal.*19.7. and 111. 10. and 119. 98, 99. *Prov.* 1. 7. 2 *Tim.* 3. 15. ¶ [13] *Mal.* 3. 12.

7 For [14] what nation *is there* [15] *ſo* great, who *hath* God [16] ſo nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things* that we call upon him for?

[14] 2 *Sam.* 7. 23. ¶ [15] *Viz.* In that which only makes a Nation truly great and honourable, *viz.* their intereſt in God. ¶ [16] *Pſal.*46.1. and 145.18. and 148. 14. *Iſa.* 55. 6. *Hebr.* 10. 22. *Jam.*4.8. So ready to hear our prayers.

8 And what nation *is there ſo* great, that hath [1] ſtatutes and [2] judgments [17] *ſo* righteous, as all this law which I ſet before you this day.

[17] Deciding all Caſes ſo impartially, adjuſting all Controverſies between man and man ſo exactly, and fixing the bounds of Property upon ſuch equal indifferent terms.

9 Only take heed to thy ſelf, and keep thy ſoul diligently, leſt thou [18] forget the things which thine eyes have ſeen, and leſt they [19] depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but [20] teach them thy ſons, and thy ſons ſons:

[18] *V.* 23. ¶ [19] *Prov.* 3. 1, 3. and 4. 21. ¶ [20] *ch.* 6. 7. and 11. 19. *Gen.* 18. 19. *Pſal.* 78. –5, 6. *Prov.* 22. 6. *Eph.* 6. 4.

10 *Specially* the [21] day that thou ſtoodſt before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD ſaid unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they ſhall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.

[21] *Exod.* 19. 9, 17. and 20. 18. *Hebr.* 12. 18.

11 And ye came [22] near, and ſtood [23] under the mountain, and the * mountain [23] burnt with * Exod.19.18. fire [24] unto the † midſt of heaven, with darkneſs, † Heb. *heart.* clouds, and [25] thick darkneſs.

[22] *Exod.*19.17. ¶ [23] *Ch.*5. 23. *Exod.* 19. 18. ¶ [24] Flaming up into the Air. ¶ [25] *Exod.*20.21.

12 And the LORD ſpake unto you out of the midſt of the fire: ye heard the [26] voice of the words, but ſaw [27] no ſimilitude, † only *ye heard* † Heb. *ſave a* a voice. *voice.*

[26] *Heb.*12.19. ¶ [27] *V.*12. *Iſa.*40.18. *Act.* 17. 29. When God gave 'em directions for his Worſhip, he purpoſely avoided all appearance of any likeneſs (tho at other times he took upon him the ſhape of a man) to ſhew that he abhors all Worſhip of himſelf by Images.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments, and he [28] wrote them upon two tables of ſtone.

[28] *Exod.*24.12. and 31. 18. and 34. –28.

14 ¶ And the LORD commanded me at that time, to teach you [1] ſtatutes, and [2] judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to poſſeſs it.

15 [29] Take ye therefore good heed unto your ſelves (for ye ſaw [27] no manner of ſimilitude on the day *that* the LORD ſpake unto you in Horeb, out of the midſt of the fire)

[29] *V.*9,23. *Joſh.*23.11. *Jer.*17.21. *Mal.* 2.15.

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16 Leſt ye [30] corrupt *your ſelves*, and make you a graven image, the ſimilitude of any figure, the likeneſs of male or female,

[30] Defile your minds with low and carnal thoughts of God, and your ways, by worſhipping God in a corrupt manner.

17 The likeneſs of any beaſt that *is* on the earth, the likeneſs of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,

18 The likeneſs of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeneſs of any fiſh that *is* in the waters beneath the earth:

19 And leſt thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou ſeeſt the [31] ſun, and the moon, and the ſtars *even* all the hoſt of heaven, ſhouldeſt be [32] driven to worſhip them, and ſerve them, which the LORD thy God hath ‖ [33] divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

‖ Or, *imparted.*

[31] *Ch.*17.3. 2 *Kings* 21.3. and 17.16. *Am.*5.25,26. *Job* 31. 26,27. ¶ [32] Strongly inclin'd, and in a manner conſtrain'd, partly by the glory of theſe heavenly Bodies; and partly from that natural propenſity that is in men to idolatry. ¶ [33] *Matth.* 5. 45. Communicates the light and influence thereof to all the world, (and ſo made 'em their ſervants; and therefore not to be worſhip'd as Gods.)

20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the [34] iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him a people [35] of inheritance, as *ye are* this day.

[34] 1 *King.*8.-51. *Jer.*11.-4. A place of cruel bondage and oppreſſion, wherein they met with much hardſhip, rigor, and ſeverity, for to try and purge 'em. ¶ [35] *Ch.* 9. 26, 29. and 32.9. *Exod.*19-5. *Pſal.*28.9. and 33.12. and 135.4. *Tit.*2.14. 1 *Pet.*2.9. his peculiar Poſſeſſion from generation to generation. So called, becauſe (1) He bought 'em, *ch.*32.6. (2) Made 'em his own for ever, *Gen.*17.7. (3) Highly accounts of 'em *Exod.* 19. 5. (4) Fences and protects 'em, *Pſal.* 89.18. *Zech.*2.5. (5) Plants in 'em ſaving grace, *Iſa.* 60. 21. and 61,3. *Matth.*13.24. (6) Makes 'em fruitful, *Luke* 13.8. *Iſa.* 27.3. 1 *Cor.*3.6. (7) Expects fruit anſwerable from 'em, *Iſa.*5.2. *Luke* 13.6.

[36] *Ch.*1..37. and 3.26.
[37] *Ch.*31.-2.

21 Furthermore, the LORD was [36] angry with me for your ſakes, and ſware that I ſhould [37] not go over Jordan, and that I ſhould not go in unto that good land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

22 But I muſt die in this land, I muſt not go over Jordan: but ye ſhall go over and poſſeſs that good land.

23 [39] Take heed unto your ſelves, leſt ye [38] forget the [39] covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, *or* the likeneſs of any *thing* which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

[38] *V.*9. *Pſal.*59.11. and 103. 2. ¶ [39] *Exod.*19.8.

*Chap.9.3. Heb.12.29.

24 For * the LORD thy God *is* a [40] conſuming fire, *even* a [41] jealous God.

[40] *Ch.*9.3. and 32.22. *Pſal.*21. 10 and 78.21. *Iſa.* 33. 14. *Jer.*14.4. *Zeph.*1.18. *Heb.*12.29. ¶ [41] See on *Exod.*20. 5.

25 ¶ When thou ſhalt beget children, and childrens children, and ſhalt have remained long in the land, and ſhall corrupt *your ſelves*, and make a graven image, *or* the likeneſs of any *thing*, and ſhall do evil in the ſight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:

26 [42] I call heaven and earth to witneſs againſt you this day, that ye ſhall ſoon [43] utterly periſh from off the land whereuuto you go over Jordan to poſſeſs it: ye ſhall not prolong *your* days upon it, but ſhall utterly be deſtoyed.

[42] *Ch* 30.19. and 31.-28. and 32.1. *Pſal.*50. 4. *Iſa.* 1. 2. *Jer.* 2.12. and 6.19. and 22.29. *Ezek.*36.4. *Mic.*6.2. ¶ [43] *Ch.* 30. 18.

[44] *Ch.*28.64. *Lev.*26. 33. *Neh.*1.8.

27 And the LORD ſhall [44] ſcatter you among the nations, and ye ſhall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD ſhall lead you.

28 And there ye ſhall [45] ſerve Gods, the work of mens hands, wood and ſtone, which neither [46] ſee, nor hear, nor eat, nor ſmell.

[45] *Ch.*28.36. *Jer.*16.13. Be given over to your own luſts, and to follow your idolatrous Inclinations, *Act.* 7. 42. ¶ [46] *Pſal.*115. 4, 7. and 135.15. *Jer.* 10. 3, 9. *Iſa.* 45. 20. and 46.7.

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29 But if from thence thou ſhalt [47] ſeek the LORD thy God, thou ſhalt find *him*, if thou ſeek him with all thy heart and with all thy ſoul.

[47] *Ch.*30.-1. &c. 2 *Chron.*15.15. *Neh.* 1. 9. *Jer.*29.12. This verſe and the next ſeem to be a Prophecy of the converſion of the Jews towards the end of the world. See *ch.*30.1-3. *Hoſ.* 3.-5.

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all theſe things † *are* come upon thee, *even* in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and ſhalt be obedient unto his voice:

† Heb. *have found thee.*

31 (For the LORD thy God *is* a merciful God) he will [48] not forſake thee, neither deſtroy thee, nor [49] forget the covenant [50] of thy fathers which he ſware unto them.

[48] *Lev.*26.44. ¶ [49] *Lev.*26.42. ¶ [50] Made with them and their Seed, *Gen.*17.7.

32 For [51] ask now of the days that are paſt, which were before thee, ſince the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* from the [52] one ſide of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any ſuch thing* as this great thing *is*, or hath been heard like it?

[51] *Job* 8.9. ¶ [52] *ch.* 30. 4. *Matth.*24.31. with *Mark* 13. 27.

33 Did *ever* people hear the voice of God ſpeaking out of the midſt of the fire, as thou haſt heard, [53] and live?

[53] *Exod.*20.-19. and 33.20 *Deut.* 18. 16. So *Judg.* 13. 22. and 6.22. not be overwhelmed and conſumed by ſuch a glorious appearance.

34 Or hath God aſſayed to go *and* take him a nation from the midſt of *another* nation, by [54] temptations, by [55] ſigns, and by [55] wonders, and by war, and by a [56] mighty hand, and by a [57] ſtretched out arm, and by great [58] terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

[54] *Ch.*7.19. and 29.3. The Miracles which he wrought in *Egypt*; whereby *Pharaoh* was tried whether he'd let Iſrael go, and the Iſraelites were tried whether they'd obey, and truſt in God. ¶ [55] See on *Act.*2.22. ¶ [56] *ch.* 26.8. See on *Exod.*3.19. By the terrible judgments he inflicted by his mighty power on the Egyptians, and the great things he did for us, ¶ [57] By open manifeſting his power and plagues continually upon the reſiſters, *Exod.*6.6. *Iſa.*9.-12,17. ¶ [58] *ch.* 26.8. Terrible things done among 'em, which wounded the hearts of the very enemies, *Exod.* 9. 20,27. and 10. 7. and 12..30.

35 Unto thee it was ſhewed, that thou mighteſt [59] know that the LORD he *is* God; *there is* [60] none elſe beſides him.

[59] *Iſa.* 45.-5. Acknowledg. ¶ [60] *Iſa.* 45. 5. *Mark* 12. 29, 32.

36 [61] Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might inſtruct thee: and upon earth he ſhewed thee his great fire, and thou heardeſt his words out of the midſt of the fire.

[61] *Exod.*19.9. and 20.18,22. *Neh.*9.13. Out of the Air above mount Sinai.

37 And [62] becauſe he loved thy fathers, therefore he choſe their ſeed after them, and brought thee out [63] in his ſight, with his mighty power out of Egypt.

[62] *Ch.*7.7,8. ¶ [63] Under the care and conduct of his own Providence.

38 To drive out nations from before thee, [64] greater and mightier then thou *art*, to bring thee in to give thee their land *for* an inheritance, [65] as *it is* this day.

[64] *Ch.*7.1. and 9.1. ¶ [65] *Viz.* In reſpect of the land of *Sihon* and *Og*, which they were now in poſſeſſion of, as an earneſt of further Victories.

39 [66] Know therefore this day, and [67] conſi-

[66] 1 *Chron.*28.9.
[67] *Ch.* 30. 1.

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der *it* in thine heart, that the LORD he *is* God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is* none else.

40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes and his commandments which I command thee this day, that it may [68] go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days upon the earth which the LORD thy God giveth thee [69] for ever.

[68] *Ch.*5.16. *Eph.*6.3. ¶ [69] *Viz.* if you be obedient.

[70] *ch.*19.2. *Numb.*35.14.

41 ¶ Then Moses [70] severed three cities on this side Jordan, toward the sun-rising:

[71] *Numb.*35.9. &c.

42 That the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbor [71] unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities, he might live:

* Josh.20.8.

43 *Namely*, * Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

44 ¶ And [72] this *is* the law which Moses set before the children of Israel:

[72] *Viz.* Which follows in the next Chapter.

45 These *are* the [73] testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt:

[73] The Word, wherein God testifies or declares what his Will is concerning us, what is to be known, believed, practised, and expected by us.

46 On this side Jordan in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel * [74] smote after they were come forth out of Egypt.

* Num.21.24. Chap. 1. 4.

[74] *Num.*21.24.

47 And they [75] possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which *were* on this side Jordan, toward the sun-rising;

[75] *ch.* 3. 8.

* Num.21.33. Chap. 3.3.

48 From Aroer which *is* by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount [76] Sion, which *is* Hermon,

49 And [77] all the plain on this side Jordan east-ward, even unto the [78] sea of the plain, under the * springs of Pisgah.

* Chap.3.17.

[76] Not *Zion* in *Jerusalem*. ¶ [77] *Ch.*3.10. ¶ [78] *ch.*3.17.

CHAP. V.

1 *The covenant in Horeb.* 6 *The ten commandments.* 22 *At the peoples request Moses receiveth the Law from God.*

AND Moses called [1] all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and † keep and [2] do them:

† Heb. *keep to do them.*

[1] All the Elders and chief of the people (*v.*23.) and as many of the rest as could hear, *ch.*29.10. ¶ [2] See on *ch.* 4. 1.

[3] *ch.*4. 21. *Exod.*19.5. &c. and 24. 8.

2 The LORD our God [3] made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 The LORD made not this covenant [4] with our fathers, but with us, *even* us who *are* all of us here alive this day.

[4] With them only, or principally.

4 The LORD talked with you [5] face to face in the mount, out of the midst of the fire.

[5] *Exod.*20.22. and 33.11. See there. (1) Personally and immediately; (not by the ministry of *Moses*.) (2) Plainly and certainly, (as when two men talk face to face.) (3) Familiarly, so as not to overwhelm and confound you.

5 [6] (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the [7] word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount) saying,

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[6] *Exod.*20.19,21. *Gal.*3.19. *i.e.* After God had spoken the Ten Commandments out of the fire, I was glad to stand as Mediator between God and you. ¶ [7] The Ceremonial and Judicial Laws, delivered after the Ten Commandments.

* Exod.20.2, &c. Lev.26.1. Psal.81.10.

6 ¶ * [8] I *am* the LORD thy God which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of † bondage.

[8] See on *Exod.* 20.

† Heb. *servants.*

7 Thou shalt have none other Gods before me.

8 Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image, *or* any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the waters beneath the earth.

9 Thou shalt not bow down thy self unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, * visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me,

* Exod.34.7.

10 * And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

* Jer.32.18.

11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

12 Keep the sabbath-day to sanctifie it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

13 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:

14 But the seventh day *is* the * sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattel, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou.

* Gen.2. 2. Heb.4.4.

15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence, through a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day.

16 Honour thy father and thy Mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

17 * Thou shalt not kill.

* Matth.5. 21.

18 * Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

* Luke 18.20.

19 * Neither shalt thou steal.

* Rom.13.9.

20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor.

21 * Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbors wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbors house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or any *thing* that *is* thy neighbors.

* Rom.7.7.

22 ¶ These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice, and [9] he added no more; and he wrote them in two tables [10] of stone, and delivered them unto [11] me.

[9] *Viz.* At that time, and in that immediate manner: (This being the peculiar preheminence of the Moral Law above the rest.) ¶ [10] See on *Exod.*31.18. ¶ [11] *Viz.* To see 'em duly executed. The Magistrate is the Keeper of both Tables.

23 And it came to pass when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness (for the mountain did [12] burn with fire) that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders.

[12] *Exod.*20.18.

24 And

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24 And ye ſaid, Behold, the LORD our God hath ſhewed us his glory, and his greatneſs, and we have [13] heard his voice out of the midſt of the fire: we have ſeen this day that God doth talk with man, and he [14] liveth.

[13] *Exod.*19.19. [14] See on *ch.* 4.33.

25 Now therefore why ſhould we die? for this great [15] fire will conſume us. If we † hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we ſhall [16] die.

† Heb. *add to hear.*

[15] To note that it was a fiery Law, *ch.*33.2. ¶ [16] 2 *Cor.* 3.6.

26 For [17] who *is there of* all fleſh that hath heard the voice of the [17] living God, ſpeaking out of the midſt of the fire (as we *have*) and lived?

[17] *Joſh.* 3.10. 1 *Theſſ.* 1.9. *Dan.* 6.26.

27 [18] Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God ſhall ſay; and * [19] ſpeak thou unto us all that the LORD our God ſhall ſpeak unto thee, and we will hear *it*, and [20] do *it*.

* Exod.20.19.

[18] The people being terrified ſeek for a Mediator; ſo the Law drives men to Chriſt, *Gal.*3.24. ¶ [19] *Exod.* 19.19. Fulfill'd in Chriſt, *John* 1.18. and 3.13. and 8.28. ¶ [20] *Exod.*19.8.

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye ſpake unto me; and the LORD ſaid unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have ſpoken unto thee: they have [21] well ſaid all that they have ſpoken.

[21] *ch.*18.17.

29 [22] O that there were ſuch an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever.

[22] *Ch.* 32.29. *Pſal.* 81.13. *Iſa.* 48.18. *Jer.* 44.4. *Matth.* 23.37.

30 Go ſay to them, Get you into your tents again.

31 But as for thee, ſtand thou here by me, and I will ſpeak unto thee all the commandments, and the ſtatutes, and the judgments which thou ſhalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to poſſeſs it.

32 Ye ſhall obſerve to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: you ſhall not turn aſide to the [23] right hand, or to the [23] left.

[23] *Ch.*17.11,20. and 28.14. *Joſh.* 1.7. *Deut.* 2.27. *Prov.* 4.27. By ſuperſtitious additions to God's commands, nor by a bold or prophane neglect or contempt of any one of 'em.

24 *Pſal.* 119.6.

33 You ſhall walk in [24] all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and *that* ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye ſhall poſſeſs.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The end of the Law is obedience.* 3 *An exhortation thereto.*

NOw theſe *are* the [1] commandments, the [2] ſtatutes, and the [3] judgments which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might [4] do *them* in the land whither ye † go to poſſeſs it:

† Heb. *paſs over.*

[1] Of the Moral Law. ¶ [2] Of the Ceremonial Law. ¶ [3] Of the Judicial Law. ¶ [4] See on *ch.* 4.1.

2 That thou mighteſt [5] fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his ſtatutes, and his commandments which I command thee; thou, and thy ſon, and thy ſons ſon, all the days of thy life, and that thy days may be [6] prolonged.

[5] *Ch.*10,12,20. and 13.4. *Pſal.*111.10. *Prov.* 16.6. *Matth.* 4.10. This comprehends all true Religion and Worſhip of God, *Iſa.*29.13. See on *Gen.*49.18. ¶ [6] *ch.*5.16. and 22.7. *Prov.*3.2. 1 *Pet.*3.10. &c.

3 ¶ Hear therefore, O Iſrael, and obſerve to do *it*, that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increaſe mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promiſed thee, in the land that [7] floweth with milk and hony.

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[7] See on *Exod.* 3.8.

4 Hear, O Iſrael, The LORD our God *is* [8] one LORD.

[8] See on 1 *Cor.*8.4. *Viz.* In Eſſence, (yet Three in Perſons.) and the only object of our worſhip.

5 And * thou ſhalt [9] love the LORD thy God with all thine [10] heart, and with all thy [11] ſoul, and with all thy [12] might.

* Chap.10.12, Matth.22.37. Mark 12.30. Luke 10.27.

[9] *Ch.*10.12. 1 *Tim.*5.5. See on *Matth.* 22.37. ¶ [10] Underſtanding, and belief in God. ¶ [11] Will and Affections. ¶ [12] With the utmoſt ability of both. Thus did *Joſiah*, 2 *Kings* 23.25.

6 And * theſe words which I command thee this day, ſhall be [13] in thine heart.

* Chap. 11.18.

[13] *Ch.*11.18. *Pſal.*37.31. and 40.8. *Prov.* 3.3. and 7.3. *Iſa.*51.7. 2 *Cor.*3.3. Thoughts and Affections.

7 And thou ſhalt † [14] teach them diligently unto thy children, and ſhalt talk of them when thou [15] ſitteſt in thine houſe, and when thou [15] walkeſt by the way, and when thou [15] lieſt down, and when thou riſeſt up.

† Heb. *whet*, or *ſharpen.*

[14] See on *ch.*4.9. ¶ [15] *Prov.*6.22,23. *Acts* 8.28.

8 And thou ſhalt bind them for a [16] ſign upon thine hand, and they ſhall be as [16] frontlets between thine eyes.

[16] See on *Exod.*13.9,16. Not that they were to wear Phylacteries, but that they ſhould uſe all means to keep 'em in continual remembrance; as *Prov.*3.3. and 6.21. and 7.3.

9 And thou ſhalt [17] write them upon the poſts of thy houſe, and on thy gates.

[17] *Ch.* 11.20. *Iſa.* 57.8. So *Exod.* 12.7.

10 And it ſhall be when the LORD thy God ſhall have brought thee into the land which he ſware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob, to give thee, great and goodly [18] cities which thou buildedſt not,

[18] *Joſh.* 24.13. *Neh.* 9.25. *Pſal.* 105.44.

11 And houſes full of all good *things* which thou filledſt not, and wells digged which thou diggedſt not, vineyards and olive-trees which thou plantedſt not, * when thou ſhalt have eaten and be full;

* Chap.8.10, &c.

12 *Then* beware leſt thou [19] forget the LORD which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of † bondage.

† Heb. *bondmen*, or *ſervants.*

[19] *Ch.*8.11. *Prov.*30.8,9. *Judg.*3.7. *Pſal.*44.20. and 106.21. *Jer.*3.21. and 18.15.

13 Thou ſhalt * [5] fear the LORD thy God, and [20] ſerve him, and ſhalt [21] ſwear by [22] his name.

* Chap.10.12, 20. and 13.4.

[20] Only, *Matth.*4.10. ¶ [21] *Jer.* 4.2. *Viz.* When called thereto. ¶ [22] *Viz.* Only, and not by Idols, or any Creature.

14 Ye ſhall not [23] go after other gods, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you:

[23] Worſhip and ſerve, *ch.* 8.19.

15 (For the LORD thy God *is* a [24] jealous God [25] among you) leſt the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled againſt thee, and deſtroy thee from off the face of the earth.

[24] *Ch.*4.24. See on *Exod.* 20.5. ¶ [25] To ſee and obſerve all your ways, and your turning aſide to other gods.

16 ¶ * Ye ſhall not [26] tempt the LORD your God, * as ye tempted *him* in [27] Maſſah.

* Matth.4.7. * Exod. 17.2.

[26] See on *Exod.*17.2. Not provoke him. ¶ [27] *Exod.*17.7. *Numb.*20.4.

17 You ſhall [28] diligently keep the [1] commandments of the LORD your God, and [29] his teſtimonies, and his [2] ſtatutes, which he hath commanded thee.

[28] *Ch.*11.22. *Pſal.*119.4. *Exod.* 15.26. ¶ [29] See on *ch.* 4.45.

18 And thou ſhalt do *that which is* [30] right and good in the [31] ſight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayeſt go in

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and poſſeſs the good land which the LORD ſware unto thy fathers;

[39] *Ch.*8.25. *Exod.*15.26. *John* 8.-29. *Rom.*12.-2. ¶ [31] Not in thine own eyes, (*ch.*8.-19.) but God's. God's will and word, and not our own fancy or invention, muſt be our rule in God's ſervice.

[32] *Judg.*2.1-3. and 3.1,4.

19 To [32] caſt out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath ſpoken.

20 *And* when thy ſon [33] asketh thee † in time to come, ſaying, What *mean* the teſtimonies, and the ſtatutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God hath commanded you?

† Heb. *to morrow.*

[33] *Exod.* 12. 26. and 13. 14. *Pſal.* 78. 5, 6.

[34] *ch.*26.5-9.

21 Then thou ſhalt ſay unto thy ſon, [34] We were Pharaohs bond-men in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a [35] mighty hand.

[35] See on *ch.* 4.-34.

22 And the LORD ſhewed ſigns and wonders, great and † ſore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh and upon all his houſhold, [36] before our eyes:

† Heb. *evil.*

[36] *Pſal.*91.8.

23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he ſware unto our fathers.

24 And the LORD commanded us to do all theſe ſtatutes, to fear the LORD our God, [37] for our good always, that he might preſerve us alive, as *it is* at this day.

[37] *Job* 35. 7. *Prov.*9. 12. *Rom.*6. 18, 22.

25 And [38] it ſhall be our righteouſneſs, if we obſerve to do all theſe commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

[38] *Lev.*18.5. *Ezek.*20.-11. *Matth.*19.17. *Rom.*10.5,6. *Gal.* 3.12. *Jam.*2.10. We ſhall be owned and pronounced by God to be truly righteous and holy perſons, if we ſincerely obey him.

CHAP. VII.

1 *All communion with the nations forbidden,* 4 *for fear of idolatry.*

* Chap.31.3.

WHen the * LORD thy God ſhall bring thee into the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it, and hath [1] caſt out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgaſhites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebuzites, [2] ſeven nations greater and mightier then thou;

[1] *Pſal.*44.3.

[2] *Acts* 13. 19.

2 And when the LORD thy God ſhall deliver them [3] before thee, thou ſhalt ſmite them, *and* [4] utterly deſtroy them, * thou ſhalt make [5] no covenant with them, nor ſhew mercy unto them:

* Exod.23.32. and 34.12.

[3] *Gb.*23.14. Into thy hand, v.23. ¶ [4] *Exod.* 22. 20. *Joſh.* 6.17. and 8.24. and 10.28,40. and 11,11,12. *viz.* Except they forſake their idolatry, and embrace the true Religion, and ſubmit, and deſire peace; as *Joſh.*6. 25. and 9.15. ¶ [5] *Exod.* 23.32,33. and 34.12,15,16. 1 *Kings* 11.2. *Ezra* 9.2. 2 *Cor.* 6. 14. *viz.* To ſpare 'em, or permit 'em to dwell with you in the land.

3 Neither ſhalt thou make marriages [6] with them; thy daughter thou ſhalt not give unto his ſon, nor his daughter ſhalt thou take unto thy ſon.

[6] Nor with any other Heathens, *Ezra* 9.1,2. *Neh.* 13. 23, 25. *Judg.*3.6,7. and 14. 2,3.

4 For they will [7] turn away thy ſon from following me, that they may ſerve other gods; ſo will the anger of the LORD be [8] kindled againſt you, and deſtroy thee ſuddenly.

[7] 1 *Kings* 11. 2,4. *Neh.* 13.26. ¶ [8] 1 *Kings* 11.9.

5 But thus ſhall ye deal with them; ye ſhall [9] deſtroy their altars, and break down their † images, and [10] cut down their [11] groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

† Heb. *ſtatues*, or *pillars.*

[9] *Ch.*12.2,3. *Exod.*34.13. and 23.-24. 2 *Kings* 18. 14. and 23.6,14. ¶ [10] *ch.*12.3. ¶ [11] See on *Exod.* 34.13.

6 * For thou *art* a [12] holy people unto the LORD thy God: * the LORD thy God hath choſen thee to be a [13] ſpecial people unto himſelf, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

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* Chap.14.2. and 26.19.

* Exod.19.5. 1 Pet.2.9.

[12] *Ch.*14.2. and 26.-19. and 28.9. Separated by God from all Nations, and ſet apart for himſelf. ¶ [13] See on *Exod.* 19. 5.

7 The LORD did [14] not ſet his love upon you, nor chooſe you, becauſe ye were mo in number then any people, (for ye *were* the feweſt of all people:)

[14] *Rom.*9.11-15,18,21. and 11.6. 1 *John* 4.10.

8 But becauſe the LORD [15] loved you, and becauſe he would keep [16] the oath which he had ſworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the houſe of bond-men, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

[15] *Ch.*4.37. and 9.4. &c. and 10.15. 1 *Sam.*12.22. 2 *Sam.* 22.-20. *Pſal.*44.-3. *Zeph.*3.17. *Matth.*11.26. It pleaſed him to love you. ¶ [16] *Exod.*32.13. *Hebr.*6.17,18.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the [17] faithful God, which [18] keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him, and keep his commandments, to a [19] thouſand generations;

[17] *Iſa.*49.7. 1 *Cor.* 1. 9. and 10.13. 2 *Cor.*1.18. 1 *Theſſ.*5. 24. 2 *Theſſ.* 3. 3. 2 *Tim.* 2. 13. *Hebr.* 11. 11. 1 *John* 1. 9. ¶ [18] *Neh.*1.5. *Dan.*9.4. ¶ [19] *ch.* 5. 10.

10 And [20] repayeth them that hate him, to their face, to deſtroy them: he will not be ſlack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

[20] *Ch.* 32. 41. *Prov.* 11. 31. *Iſa.* 65.-6.

11 Thou ſhalt therefore [21] keep the commandments, and the ſtatutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

[21] *ch.*6.1.

12 ¶ Wherefore it ſhall come to paſs, † if ye hearken to theſe judgments, and keep and do them; that the LORD thy God ſhall [22] keep unto thee the [23] covenant and the [24] mercy which he [25] ſware unto thy fathers.

† Heb. *becauſe.*

[22] 1 *Tim.*4.8. *Lev.*26.3. ¶ [23] *Pſal.*105.8. &c. ¶ [24] *Mich.* 7.20. *Luke* 1. 72. ¶ [25] *Luke* 1. 73.

13 And he will [26] love thee, and bleſs thee, and multiply thee: he will alſo bleſs the [27] fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oyl, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flocks of thy ſheep, in the land which he ſware unto thy fathers to give thee.

[26] *V.* 7. *John* 14.21. Make it appear that he loves thee. ¶ [27] *ch.*28.4. *Prov.*20.-7. *Exod.*23.25.

14 Thou ſhalt be bleſſed above all people: there ſhall not be male or female [28] barren among you, or among your cattel.

[28] *Exod.*23.26.

15 And the LORD will take away from thee all [29] ſickneſs, and will put none of the * evil diſeaſes of Egypt (which thou knoweſt) upon thee; but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee.

* Exod.9.14. and 15.26.

[29] *Exod.* 15.-26. and 23.-25. *Pſal.* 105. 37.

16 And thou ſhalt [30] conſume all the people which the LORD thy God ſhall deliver thee, thine eye ſhall have [31] no pity upon them: neither ſhalt thou ſerve their gods, for that *will be* [32] a ſnare unto thee.

[30] *Numb.*14.9. ¶ [31] *ch.*13.8. ¶ [32] See on *Exod.* 23.-33.

17 If thou ſhalt ſay [33] in thine heart, Theſe nations *are* mo then I, how can I [34] diſpoſſeſs them?

[33] *ch.* 8.17. [34] *Num.*12.32.

18 Thou ſhalt not be afraid of them: *but* ſhalt well [35] remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

[35] *Pſal.* 77.11.

19 The great [36] temptations which thine eyes ſaw,

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saw, and the [35] signs, and the [36] wonders, and the [36] mighty hand, and the [36] stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

[36] See on *ch.*4.34. the trials and exercises of thy faith and obedience.

[37] *Exod.*23.28. *Josh.*24.12.

20 Moreover, the LORD thy God will send the [37] hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* [38] among you, a mighty God and [39] terrible.

[38] *Exod.*17.7. ¶ [39] *Viz.* to thy enemies (1 *Sam.*4. 7, 8.) and to be reverenced by thee, *Psal.*89.7.

† Heb. *pluck off.*

22 And the LORD thy God will † put out those nations before thee, [40] by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

[40] *Josh.*15.63. *Judg.* 3.1. and 2. 21–23.

† Heb. *before thy face.*

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them † unto thee, and shall [41] destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.

[41] *Ch.*2.15. and 28. 20. *Exod.*14. 24.

[42] *Josh.*10. 24. & 12.7,9,24.

24 And he shall deliver [42] their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.

* Chap.12. 3. * Josh.7. 1,21. & Mac.12. 40.

25 The [43] graven images of their gods * shall ye burn with fire: thou* shalt not desire the [44] silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it *is* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

[43] *Ch.*12.3. 1 *Chron.*14. 12. ¶ [44] Any idolatrous ornaments.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an [45] abomination into thy house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it, *for it *is* [46] a cursed thing.

* Chap.13.17.

[45] Any thing devoted to destruction, *Josh.* 6. 17, 19, 24. ¶ [46] *Josh.*7.1

CHAP. VIII.

An exhortation to obedience in regard of Gods dealing with them.

ALl the commandments which I command thee this day, shall ye [1] observe to do, that ye may [2] live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

[1] *Ch.*4.1. and 6.1. ¶ [2] See on *Lev.*18.5.

2 And thou shalt remember [3] all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to [4] prove thee, to [5] know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or no.

[3] All that befel thee in the way, whether good or evil. [4] See on *Exod.*16.4. ¶ [5] *ch.*13.3. 2 *Chron.*32.31. to discover both to thy self and others.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee [6] to hunger, and fed thee with [7] manna (which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know) that he might make thee [8] know that man doth * not live by [9] bread only, but by every [9] *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

* Matth.4. 4. Luke 4.4.

[6] *Exod.*16.3. ¶ [7] *Exod.*16.14. *&c.* ¶ [8] See and find by experience. ¶ [9] Ordinary means of Life. See on *Matth.* 4.4.

* Neh.9. 21.

4 * Thy [10] raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell these forty years.

[10] *Ch.*29.5. *Neh.*9.21 *Matth.*6.31,32.

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5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that as a man [11] chasteneth his son, *so* the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

[11] *Prov.*3.11,12. *Heb.*12.5–10. 2 *Sam.*7.14.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his [12] ways, and to [13] fear him.

[12] *Exod.* 18.20. *Psal.*25.4. ¶ [13] *ch.*6. 2, 13. and 10. 12. 2 *Chron.*6.31. *Psal.*128.1.

7 For the LORD thy God [14] bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and [15] depths that spring out of [16] valleys and hills,

[14] *Ch.*6.10,11. and 11.10,11. ¶ [15] Deep Wells or Springs. ¶ [16] *ch.*11.11. *Psal.*104.10,11.

† Heb. *of olive-tree of oyl.*

8 A land of wheat and barley, and vines, and fig-trees, and pomegranates, a land † of oyl-olive and hony,

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it, a land whose stones *are* [17] iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig [17] brass.

[17] *ch.*33.25. *Job* 28.2.

* Chap.6.11, 12.

10 * When thou hast eaten, and art full, then thou shalt [18] bless the LORD thy God, for the good land which he hath given thee.

[18] *Ch.*6.11,12. *Psal.*103.2. 1 *Thess.*5.18. 1 *Tim.*4.5. *Rom.* 14.6. *Matth.*14.20.

[19] *v.*14,15 See on *ch.*6. 12.

11 Beware that thou [19] forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest *when* thou hast eaten, and art [20] full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*;

[20] *Ch.*28.47. and 31.20. and 32.15. *Prov.*30.9. *Hos.*13.6.

13 And *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be [21] lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God (which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

[21] *Ch*32. 15. and 17.20. *Hos.*13.6, 1 *Cor.* 4.7.

15 Who [22] led thee through that great and [23] terrible wilderness, *wherein were* [24] fiery serpents, and scorpions, and [25] drought, where *there was* [26] no water, * who brought thee forth water out of the [27] rock of flint;

* Num.20.11.

[22] *Isa.*63.13. *Psal.*136.16. *Exod.*13.21. ¶ [23] See on *ch.*1. 19. ¶ [24] *Numb.*21.6. *Hos.*13.5. ¶ [25] *Isa.*35.7. ¶ [26] *Exod.* 17.6. *Numb.*20.11. ¶ [27] *ch.*32.13. *Psal.*114.7.

* Exod.16.15.

16 Who [28] fed thee in the wilderness with * manna, which thy fathers knew [28] not, that [29] he might humble thee, and that he might [4] prove thee, to do thee good at [30] thy latter end;)

[28] *V.* 3. ¶ [29] *i. e.* He led thee thro' the Wilderness (*v.*15.) that he might humble thee, as *v.* 2. ¶ [30] Afterwards, at last, *Heb.*12.11. *Jer.*24.5.

17 And thou [31] say in thine heart, My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth.

[31] *Viz.* When thy heart is lifted up, *v.* 14.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God, for *it is* [32] he that giveth thee [33] power to [34] get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

[32] *Prov.*10.22. and 22.2. *Hos.*2.8. ¶ [33] (1) Skill and ability, *Isa.*28.26. *Psal.*144.1. *Exod.*36.1. (2) Occasion and opportunity. (3) Blessing and success, *Prov.* 10. 22. *Psal.* 127.1,2. (4) Grace to use only lawful means, and to go in a lawful way. ¶ [34] To procure, keep, and use.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and

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and serve them, and worship them, [35] I testifie against you this day, that ye shall surely [36] perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, [37] so shall ye perish: because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

[35] *ch.*30. 19. [36] *Zeph.*1.18.

[37] *Dan.* 9. 12. *Am.*3.2. *Luke* 12. 48.

CHAP. IX.

Moses dissuadeth them from the opinion of their own righteousness, by rehearsing their several rebellions.

HEar, O Israel: Thou *art* to pass over Jordan [1] this day, to go in to possess nations [2] greater and [2] mightier then thy self, cities great and [3] fenced up to heaven.

[1] Very shortly. ¶ [2] *ch.*11.-23. ¶ [3] *ch.* 1. 28.

[*] Num.13.28.

2 A people great and tall, * the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

3 Understand [4] therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which [5] goeth over before thee *as* a * [6] consuming fire: he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

[*] Chap.4. 24. Heb.12.29.

[4] By what I have said of their strength, that thou art never able of thy self to overcome 'em. ¶ [5] *Numb.* 14.-9. [6] *ch.*4.24. see there.

4 Speak not thou in thine heart after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, [7] For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

[?] *ch.*7.7, 8.

5 Not for [8] thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart dost thou go to possess their land: but for the [9] wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may [10] perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

[8] *Ezek.*36.22. *Tit.*3.5. ¶ [9] *Gen.*15.16. *Lev.*18.25. *1 Tim.* 1.9. ¶ [10] *Gen.*12.7. and 13.15. so *Rom.*15.8.

6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God [11] giveth thee not this good land to possess it, for thy righteousness; for thou *art* a [12] stiffnecked people.

[11] He repeats it again, that it might make the deeper impression upon 'em. ¶ [12] See on *Exod.*32.9.

7 ¶ [13] Remember, *and* [13] forget not how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness [14] from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.

[13] An earnest and powerful manner of speaking. People must sometimes be minded of former provocations, 1 *Cor.*6. 11. see there. ¶ [14] *Exod.*14.11. and 16.2. and 17. 2. *Numb.* 11.4. and 20.2. and 25.3.

[15] *Exod.*32.4. *Psal.*106.19.

8 Also in Horeb ye [15] provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you, to have destroyed you.

[16] *Exod.*24. 12. &c. [17] *v.*18.

9 When I was gone up into the [16] mount, to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the [21] covenant which the LORD made with you, then * I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did [17] eat bread nor drink water;

[*] Exod.24.18. & 14.28.

[*] Exod.31.18.

10 * And the LORD [18] delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the [19] finger of God, and on them *was written* [20] according to all the words which the LORD spake with you in the mount, out of the midst of fire, in the day of the assembly.

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[18] *Exod.*31.18. see there. ¶ [19] See on *Exod.*31.18. ¶ [20] *i.e.* The Ten Commandments, word for word, as God spake 'em from the Mount, *ch.*10.4.

11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that* the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, *even* the tables of the [21] covenant.

12 And the LORD said unto me, * Arise, [22] get thee down quickly from hence; for [22] thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt, have [23] corrupted *themselves*: they are quickly [24] turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

[*] Exod.32.7. [21] *Heb.*9.-4. See on *Num.*10.33.

[22] *Exod.* 32. 7. See there. ¶ [23] *Exod.* 32.-7. *Gen.*6. 11, 12. defiled the worship of God. ¶ [24] *Exod.*32. 8.

13 Furthermore, the LORD spake unto me, saying, [25] I have seen this people, and behold, it *is* a stiff-necked people.

[25] *Exod.*32.9.

14 [26] Let me alone that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater then they.

[26] *Exod.* 32. 10—12.

15 So [27] I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount [28] burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant *were* in my two hands.

[27] *Exod.* 32.15 *viz.* After he had first prayed for the people, and God had granted his request, *Exod.* 32. 11, 14. ¶ [28] *Exod.*19.18. and 20.18.

16 And I [29] looked, and behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, *and* had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

[29] *Exod.*32.19.

17 And [30] I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and [30] brake them before your eyes.

[30] See on *Exod.* 32.19.

18 And [31] I fell down before the LORD as at the first, [32] forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

[31] *Exod.*32.31. 2 *Sam.*12.16. 2 *Chron.*20.18. *Psal.* 106. 23. *Matth.*2.11. *Rev.*7.11. We must be humbled for the sins of others; especially those under our charge. ¶ [32] *Exod.* 34. 28.

19 (For I was afraid of the anger, and hot displeasure wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you) But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.

20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

21 And I took [33] your sin, the [34] calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, *and* ground *it* very small, *even* until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

[33] That wherein, and whereby you had sinned, *Isa.* 31. -7. ¶ [34] *Exod.*32.20.

22 And at * [35] Taberah, and at * [36] Massah, and at * [37] Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

[*] Numb. 11. 1, 3. [*] Exod.17.17. [*] Num.11.34.

[35] *Numb.*11.1. *&c.* ¶ [36] *Exod.* 17. 7. ¶ [37] *Numb.* 11. 4. &c.

23 Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then you [38] rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

[38] *Num.*14. 2.

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24 You have been rebellious againſt the LORD, from the day that I knew you.

25 Thus [31] I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the firſt*; becauſe the LORD had ſaid he would deſtroy you.

26 I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and ſaid, O Lord God, [39] deſtroy not thy people, and thine [40] inheritance, which thou haſt redeemed through thy [41] greatneſs, which thou haſt brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

[39] *Exod.* 32. 11. ¶ [40] *v.* 29. *Exod.* 32.-9. ¶ [41] Great power (*v.*29. *Exod.*32.-11.) and goodneſs, 1 *Chron.*17.19.

27 Remember thy [42] ſervants, Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob; [43] look not unto the ſtubbornneſs of this people, nor to their wickedneſs, nor to their ſin:

[42] Thy Oath unto them (*Exod.* 32. 13.) and Covenant made with 'em. ¶ [43] So as to puniſh 'm for it.

28 Leſt the [44] land whence thou broughteſt
*Num.14.16. us out, ſay, * Becauſe the LORD was no able to bring them into the land which he promiſed them, and becauſe he hated them, he hath brought them out to ſlay them in the wilderneſs.

[44] The people of the land, *Exod.*32.12. *Numb.*14.-15,16.

29 Yet they *are* [45] thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughteſt out by thy mighty power and by thy ſtretched out arm.

[45] *Pſal.* 95. 7. and 100. 3. *Jer.* 14.-9.

CHAP. X.

1 *Gods mercy in reſtoring the two tables.* 12 *An exhortation to obedience.*

[1] AT that time the LORD ſaid unto me, [2] Hew thee two tables of ſtone like unto the firſt, and [3] come up unto me into the mount, and [4] make thee an ark of wood.

[1] When God was now reconcil'd to you, by my interceſſion, *ch.*9.26.&c. ¶ [2] *Exod.* 34. 1. See there. ¶ [3] *Exod* 34. 2. ¶ [4] This, by *v.* 5. ſeems to be the Ark of Teſtimony; the making whereof is preſcrib'd *Exod.* 25.10.

[5] *Exod.*34.-1. 2 And I will [5] write on the tables the words that were in the firſt tables which thou brakeſt,
[6] *Exod.* 25. 16. and thou ſhalt [6] put them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark *of* ſhittim-wood, and hewed two tables of ſtone like unto the firſt, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

4 And he wrote on the tables, [7] according to
† Heb. *words.* the firſt writing, the ten † commandments, which the LORD ſpake unto you in the mount, out of the midſt of the fire, [8] in the day of the aſſembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

[7] *Ch.*9.10. ¶ [8] *ch.*18.16. When they were aſſembled to hear the Law, *Exod.*19.17.

5 And I turned my ſelf and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which
[9] *Exod.* 25.16. I had made, and there they be, [9] as the LORD commanded me.

6 ¶ And the children of Iſrael took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan,
*Num.33.30. to * Moſera: * there Aaron died, and there he
*Num.20.28. was buried; and Eleazar his ſon miniſtred in the prieſts office in his ſtead.

7 From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

8 ¶ [10] At that time the LORD [11] ſeparated the tribe of Levi, to [12] bear the ark of [13] the covenant of the LORD, to [14] ſtand before the LORD to miniſter unto him, and to [15] bleſs in his name unto this day.

[10] Whiles they were at *Sinai*. ¶ [11] *Exod.*29.1. *Numb.*3.6, 45. and 16.9. *Rom.* 1.1. ¶ [12] *Numb.* 4. 15. 1 *Chron.* 15. 2. ¶ [13] *ch.*9.9. See on *Numb.*10.33. ¶ [14] *ch.* 1. 38. ¶ [15] To pronounce that ſolemn Bleſſing (*Numb.*6.23.) and to perform all other parts of their Office for the benefit of the people.

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9 * Wherefore Levi hath [16] no part nor in- * Num.18.20.
heritance with his brethren: [17] the LORD *is* his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promiſed him.

[16] *Ch.*18.1. *Numb.*18.20. and 26.-61. ¶ [17] See on *Numb.* 18.-20.

10 And [18] I ſtayed in the mount, according to
‖ Or, *former days.* the ‖ firſt time, forty days and forty nights, and the LORD [19] hearkened unto me at that time alſo, *and* the LORD would not deſtroy thee.

[18] *Exod.*34.28. ¶ [19] *Exod.*32.32.33. and 33.17.

11 And the LORD ſaid unto me, [20] Ariſe,
[20] *Exod.*32.34. and 33.1. † Heb. *go in journey.* † take *thy* journey before the people, that they may go in, and poſſeſs the land which I ſware unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 ¶ And now Iſrael, what doth the LORD thy God [21] require of thee, but to [22] fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to [23] love him, and to [24] ſerve the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy ſoul,

[21] *Mich.*6.8. ¶ [22] See on *ch.*6.13. ¶ [23] *ch.*6.5. 1 *Tim.* 1.5. ¶ [24] See on *ch.*6.13.

13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his ſtatutes which I command thee this day [25] for thy good?

[25] *Ch.*6.24. See there. *Prov.*9.12. *Jer.* 32.39.

14 Behold, the [26] heaven, and the [26] heaven of heavens *is* [27] the LORDs thy God, [28] the earth *alſo* with all that therein *is*.

[26] 2 *Cor.*12.2. ¶ [27] *Neh.*9.6. ¶ [28] *Pſal.*24.1. 1 *Cor.*10. 26. (And therefore he might have choſen what Nation he pleas'd, to be his people.)

15 Only the LORD had a [29] delight in thy
[29] *ch.*7. 7,8. *Exod.* 33. 19. fathers to love them, and he choſe their ſeed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day.

16 [30] Circumciſe therefore the foreſkin of your heart, and be no more [31] ſtiff-necked.

[30] *Jer.*4.4. Uſe all good means to mortifie your corrupt Affections, (*Col.*2.11.) wherein God will aſſiſt you, *ch.* 30.6. ¶ [31] See on *ch.*9.-6.

17 For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and [32] Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which * [33] regardeth not perſons, nor * 2 Chr. 19.7.
[34] taketh reward. Job 34.19. Acts 10.34. Rom.2.11. Gal. 2.6. Eph.6.9. Col.3.25.

[32] *Rev.*17.14. ¶ [33] 2 *Chron.*19.7. *Job* 34.19. *Acts* 10.34. See there. (And therefore if you tranſgreſs, you ſhall be puniſh'd as well as others.) ¶ [34] 1 *Sam.* 8.3. Thereby to be brib'd to paſs falſe judgment.

18 He doth execute the [35] judgment of [36] the
1 Pet.1.17. fatherleſs and [36] widow, and loveth the ſtranger, in giving him food and raiment.

[35] *Pſal.*103.6. ¶ [36] *Pſal.*68. 5. and 146. 7, 9. and 82. 3. *Iſa.*1.17.

19 [37] Love ye therefore the ſtranger: for
[38] ye were ſtrangers in the land of Egypt.

[37] *Lev.*19.34. *Jam.*2.15,16. 1 *John* 3.18. ¶ [38] *Exod.* 22. 21. *Lev.*19.33,34.

20 * Thou ſhalt fear the LORD thy God; * Chap.6.13. Matth.4.10. Luke 4.8.
him ſhalt thou ſerve, and to him ſhalt thou * [39] cleave, and [40] ſwear by his name. * Chap.13.4.

[39] See on *ch.* 4. 4. ¶ [40] See on *ch.*6.-13.

21 He *is* [41] thy praiſe, and he *is* thy God that hath done for thee theſe great [42] and terrible things which thine eyes have ſeen.

[41] (1) Who gives thee occaſion to praiſe him. (2) Whom thou oughteſt continually to praiſe. (3) Who makes thee praiſe-worthy and honourable above other Nations, whoſe God he is not. ¶ [42] *Pſal.*106.22. 2 *Sam.*7.23. *Iſa.* 64.3.

22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt * with * Gen.46.27.
[43] threeſcore and ten perſons; and now the Exod.1.5.
LORD thy God hath made thee as * the [44] ſtars * Gen.15.5.
of heaven for multitude.

[43] See on *Gen.*46.27. ¶ [44] *ch.* 1. 10. See there.

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CHAP. XI.

1 *An exhortation to obedience.* 26 *A bleſſing and a curſe is ſet before them.*

THerefore thou ſhalt [1] love the LORD thy God, and keep his [2] charge, and his ſtatutes, and his judgments, and his commandments [3] alway.

[1] See on *ch.* 6. 5. ¶ [2] *Lev.*8.35. (See there.) and 18.30. ¶ [3] *ch.*12.-1.

2 And [4] know you this day: for *I ſpeak* not with your children which have [5] not known, and which have not ſeen the [6] chaſtiſement of the LORD your God, his [7] greatneſs, his mighty hand, and his [8] ſtretched out arm,

[4] Conſider ſeriouſly. ¶ [5] (But your eyes have ſeen, *v.*7.) ¶ [6] *ch.*8.5. *Lev.*26.18. ¶ [7] *ch.* 3.24. and 4. 34. and 9. 26. His Majeſty and great Power appearing in his Works. ¶ [8] *ch.*4.34.

3 And his miracles, and his acts which he did in the midſt of Egypt, unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land,

4 And what he did unto the [9] army of Egypt, unto their horſes, and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red ſea to overflow them as they purſued after you, and *how* the LORD hath deſtroyed them [10] unto this day,

[9] *Exod.*15.4. ¶ [10] The benefit whereof you enjoy unto this day, in that they durſt never after attempt any thing againſt you.

5 And what he [11] did unto you in the wilderneſs, until ye came into this place,

[11] Both in a way of judgment and mercy.

*Num.16.31. and 27.3. Pſal.106.17.

6 And * what he did unto [12] Dathan and Abiram, the ſons of Eliab, the ſon of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and ſwallowed them up, and their houſholds, and their tents, and all the ‖ ſubſtance that † *was* in their poſſeſſion in the midſt of all Iſrael.

[12] *Num.*16.31.

‖ Or, *living ſubſtance which followed them.*

† Heb. was *at their feet.*

7 But [13] your eyes have ſeen all the great acts of the LORD, which he did.

[13] *q. d.* You your ſelves have had experience of God's goodneſs and power, and therefore you ſhould be the more affected therewith.

8 Therefore ſhall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be [14] ſtrong, and go in and [15] poſſeſs the land whither you go to poſſeſs it:

[14] *Joſh.*1.6,7. Couragious. ¶ [15] *Iſa.*60.21. and 65.9.

9 And that ye may [16] prolong *your* days in the land which the LORD ſware unto your fathers, to give unto them, and to their ſeed, a land that [17] floweth with milk and hony.

[16] *V.* 21. *ch.* 5. -16. and 6.-2. *Prov.* 9. 11. and 10. 27. ¶ [17] *Exod.*3.8. See there.

10 ¶ [18] For the land whither thou goeſt in to poſſeſs it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou ſowedſt thy ſeed, and wateredſt *it* with [19] thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

[18] *q. d.* You ſhould therefore be careful to ſerve the Lord, becauſe the fruitfulneſs of your Land depends more eſpecially upon his Providence. ¶ [19] Either by digging trenches with thy feet, or going up and down to carry the water.

11 But the land whither ye go to poſſeſs it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the [20] rain of heaven:

[20] *Gen.*27.28. It's a priviledge to live in a way of dependence upon God.

† Heb. *ſeeketh.*

12 A land which the LORD thy God † [21] careth for: the [22] eyes of the LORD thy God *are* [23] always upon it, from the [24] beginning of the year, even unto the [24] end of the year.

[21] *Pſal.*65. 9. &c. and 132. 13, 14. and 87. 2, 3. and 142. 4,5. *Iſa.*62.12. *Job* 3. -4. Regards, looks after, and is anxious about it in a ſpecial manner. ¶ [22] 1 *Kings* 9. 3. *Jer.* 40. 4. *Ezra* 5.5. *Pſal.*33.18. and 34.15. ¶ [23] To ſend rain in due ſeaſon, *v.* 14. ¶ [24] *v.* 14. *Hoſ.* 6. 2. *Joel* 2. 23.

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13 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs, if you ſhall hearken [25] diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to ſerve him with all your heart and with all your ſoul;

[25] *v.* 22. *Pſal.*119.-4.

14 That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due ſeaſon, the [26] firſt rain and the [27] latter rain, that thou mayeſt gather in thy [28] corn, and thy [28] wine, and thine [28] oyl.

[26] *Hoſ.*6.3. *Jam.*5.7. After the ſowing of their corn, to bring it out of the ground. ¶ [27] A little before Harveſt, to fill the Ears. ¶ [28] *Pſal.* 104.14,15.

15 And I will † ſend graſs in thy fields for thy cattel, that thou mayeſt eat and [29] be full.

† Heb. *give.*

[29] *Joel* 2.19.

16 [30] Take heed to your ſelves, that your heart be not [31] deceived, and ye turn aſide, and ſerve other gods, and worſhip them;

[30] *Ch.*4.9,23. ¶ [31] *Job* 31. 27. By the ſpecious pretences of Idolaters.

17 And *then* the LORDs wrath be kindled againſt you, and he [32] ſhut up the heaven that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit, and *leſt* ye periſh [33] quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

[32] 1 *Kings* 8. 35. 2 *Chron.* 6. 26. and 7. 13. *Am.* 4. 7. ¶ [33] *Rev.*2.5.

18 ¶ Therefore ſhall ye lay up theſe my words [34] in your heart and in your ſoul, and * [35] bind them for a ſign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

* Chap.6.8.

[34] *Ch.* 6.6. ¶ [35] *ch.* 6. 8. *Exod.* 13.9. See there.

19 And ye ſhall [36] teach them your children, ſpeaking of them when thou ſitteſt in thine houſe, and when thou walkeſt by the way, when thou lieſt down, and when thou riſeſt up.

[36] *ch.*6.7. See there.

20 And thou ſhalt [37] write them upon the door-poſts of thine houſe, and upon thy gates:

[37] Chap. 6.9.

21 That your days may be [38] multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD ſware unto your fathers to give them, [39] as the days of heaven upon the earth.

[38] *V.* 9. *Prov.* 4. 10. ¶ [39] *Pſal.* 89.-29. As long as the Heavens continue in their place over the Earth; *i. e.* while the world laſts.

22 ¶ For if ye ſhall [40] diligently keep all theſe commandments which I command you to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to [41] cleave unto him;

[40] *v.* 13. [41] See on *ch.* 4. 4.

23 Then will the LORD [42] drive out all theſe nations from before you, and ye ſhall poſſeſs greater nations, and mightier then your ſelves.

[42] *Exod.*23.23,27-31. (but *Judg.* 2. 1-3.)

24 [43] Every place whereon the ſoles of your feet ſhall tread, ſhall be yours: from the [44] wilderneſs, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermoſt ſea, ſhall your coaſt be.

[43] *Joſh.*1.3. and 14.9. *viz.* Hereafter mention'd. This was only a conditional promiſe, and therefore when they did backſlide and worſhip Idols, God threatned to make void this Covenant, (*ch.*23.11-13. *Judg.* 2. 1-3.) and by reaſon of their Apoſtacy God never gave the whole promis'd Land into their poſſeſſion. ¶ [44] Fulfill'd 2 *Chron.* 9.26.

25 There ſhall [45] no man be able to ſtand before you: *for* the LORD your God ſhall lay the [46] fear of you, and the dread of you upon all the land that ye ſhall tread upon, as he hath ſaid unto you.

[45] *Joſh.*1.5. [46] See on *ch.* 2.25.

26 ¶ Behold, [47] I ſet before you this day a bleſſing and a curſe:

[47] I propound 'em to you, ſo that it is in your own choice whether to be bleſſed or miſerable, (*ch.* 30. 19.) and therefore if you are miſerable you muſt thank your ſelves for it.

27 A bleſſing, [48] if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you this day.

[48] *ch.*28.1,2.

28 And

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28 And a curse, if ye will not [49] obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods which ye have [50] not known.

[49] *Ch.*28.15. &c. ¶ [50] Had no experience of their power, wisdom and goodness, as you've had of mine.

29 And it shall come to pass when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt [51] put
* Chap.27.12, 13. Josh. 8. 33. * the blessing upon mount [52] Gerizim, and the curse upon mount [53] Ebal.

[51] Cause it to be pronounc'd. ¶ [52] *ch.*27. 12. *Josh.*8. 33, 34. So that these Mountains were continual Remembrancers to the People of the blessing and curse. ¶ [53] *ch.*27.13.

30 *Are* they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champian over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh?

31 For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it and dwell therein.

* Chap.5.32. 32 And ye shall observe * to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Monuments of Idolatry to be destroyed.* 5 *The place of Gods service to be kept.* 16, 23 *Blood forbidden.*

THese *are* the statutes and judgments which ye shall observe to do in the land which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, [1] all the days that ye live upon the earth.

[1] *Ch.*11.-1. 1 *King.*8.40. *Psal.*104.33.

2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the [2] places wherein the nations which ye shall ‖ possess served their gods, upon the [3] high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree.

‖ Or, *inherit.*

[2] *Ch.*7.5. *Num.*33.-52. 2 *Kings* 10.27.and 23.13,15.Temples, Chappels, Altars, Groves, *&c.* Yet we now under the Gospel, are not bound to demolish Churches, and places abused to Idolatry and Superstition, because the Jews were to worship God but in one place (*v.*5,6.) but we every where, *Joh.*4.21,23. ¶ [3] *Numb.*22.41. 2 *Kings* 17.10,11. *Jer.* 3.6. *Ezek.*20.28,29. *Hos.* 4.13.

* Judg.2. 2. † Heb. *break down.* 3 And * you shall † [4] overthrow their altars, and break their [5] pillars, and burn their groves with fire, and you shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the [6] names of them out of that place.

[4] See on *ch.*7.5. *Exod.* 23.-24. ¶ [5] Upon which their Images were set. ¶ [6] *Exod.* 23.-13. See there: All the memorials of them.

4 Ye shall [7] not do so unto the LORD your God.

[7] *Lev.*20.23. Not sacrifice to him in several places.

5 But unto the [8] place which the LORD your God shall * choose out of all your tribes, to [9] put
* 1.King.8.29. 2 Chron.7.12. his name there, *even* unto [10] his habitation shall ye [11] seek, and thither thou shalt [12] come.

[8] *V.*11. *Psal.*78. 67, 68. See *n.*13. ¶ [9] 1 *King.* 8. 16, 29. and 14.-21. 2 *King.*21.4. 2 *Chron.*7.12. *Dan.* 9. 18. to have it consecrated to him and his service. ¶ [10] The Ark, which was the visible sign of his presence. ¶ [11] *Exod.*25.22. *Numb.*7.89. and 27.21. ¶ [12] *Lev.*17.8,9.

6 And [13] thither ye shall bring your [13] burnt-offerings, and your [13] sacrifices, and your [14] tithes, and [15] heave-offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will-offerings, and the [16] firstlings of your herds, and of your flocks.

[13] *Lev.*17.3,5. *Ezek.*20.40. Prayer and other spiritual duties they might perform in other places, both public and private, but for Sacrifices they were tied to one place.

(1) To teach 'em that there was but one way to obtain pardon of their sins, and acceptance of any service, *viz.* by Christ, of whom the Tabernacle and Temple was a type. (2) To prevent corruptions in worship. (3) That their Sacrifices might be sanctified by the Altar, and so made acceptable, *Matth.*23.19. ¶ [14] *v.*17. *ch.*14.22,23. *Lev.*27.32. ¶ [15] *ch.* 26.2. *&c.* ¶ [16] *Numb.*18.15,17.

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7 And there ye shall [17] eat [18] before the LORD your God, and ye shall [19] rejoyce in all that you [20] put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

[17] *Numb.*18.10. *viz.* Tithe and Peace-offerings. ¶ [18] In a holy manner. ¶ [19] And thus doing you shall be blessed, and have cause to rejoyce, and take comfort in all your labours, and enjoyments. ¶ [20] *ch.* 15.-10. and 23. 20. and 28. 8, 20.

8 Ye shall [21] not do after all *the things* that we do here this day, every man whatsoever *is* [22] right in his own eyes.

[21] Not live in the neglect of Sacrifices, and many other rites of the ceremonial Law. ¶ [22] 2 *Sam.*19.6. 1 *Chron.*13. 4. *Judg.*17.6. and 21.15. *Prov.* 14.12. (which they took occasion to do, by reason of their unsetled condition.)

9 For ye are not as yet come to the [23] rest, and to the inheritance which the LORD your God giveth you.

[23] 1 *King.*8.56. 1 *Chron.* 23. 25.

10 But *when* ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell [24] in safety.

[24] *Lev.*25.-18,19. *Judg.*8.-11. and 18.7.

11 Then there shall be a [8] place which the LORD your God shall [25] choose to cause his name to dwell there, [13] thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all † your [26] choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD.

† Heb. *the choice of your vows.*

[25] *V.*5. *Jer.* 7.12. ¶ [26] Such things as you vowed freely, being at your own choice.

12 And ye shall [19] rejoyce [18] before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your [27] daughters, and your men-servants, and your [27] maid-servants, and the Levite that *is* within your gates; forasmuch as * he hath [28] no part nor inheritance with you.

* Chap.10.9.

[27] Tho Males only were bound to appear (*Exod.* 23. 17.) yet Masters of Families were wont to carry their Daughters, *&c.* with 'em, 1 *Sam.*1.3,4. ¶ [28] *ch.*10.9. *Numb.* 18.8.

13 Take heed to thy self that thou offer not thy [29] burnt-offerings in [30] every place that thou seest.

[29] Nor the other things mentioned, *v.* 6. ¶ [30] As they were prone to do, 1 *King,*12.28. 2 *King.*17.9,11.

14 But in the [8] place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, [13] there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou shalt [31] do all that I command thee.

[31] 1 *Sam.*15.22.

15 Notwithstanding, thou [32] mayest kill and eat [33] flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, [34] according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, [35] as of the roe-buck, and as of the hart.

[32] *Viz.* Upon all ordinary occasions. ¶ [33] Of the same kind that was offered in Sacrifice. ¶ [34] According to thy ability. ¶ [35] *v.*22. *ch.*15.22. *i.e.* They may eat of such cattel as are appointed for Sacrifice for their ordinary food, no less than of those that were not appointed for Sacrifice.

16 * Only ye shall not eat the [36] blood: ye shall [37] pour it upon the earth as water.

* Chap.15.23.

[36] See on *Gen.*9.4. ¶ [37] *Lev.* 17. 13.

17 ¶ Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the [38] tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oyl, or the [39] firstlings of thy herds, or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vow-

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eſt, nor thy free-will-offerings, or heave-offering of thine hand:

[38] *Viz.* The ſecond Tithe. See *ch.* 14. 22, 23. ¶ [39] *v.* 6. Either the female Firſtlings, or the firſt after thoſe that were given to God; which were the firſt that belonged to the Owners.

18 But thou muſt eat them [18] before the LORD thy God, in the place which the LORD thy God ſhall chooſe, thou, and thy ſon, and thy daughter, and thy man-ſervant, and thy maid-ſervant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates: and thou ſhalt [19] rejoyce before the LORD thy God in all that thou putteſt thine hands unto.

19 * Take heed to thy ſelf that thou [40] forſake not the Levite † as long as thou liveſt upon thy earth.

* Chap. 14. 27. Eccluſ. 7. 31. †Heb. *all thy days.*

[40] *Ch.* 14. 27. *Neh.* 10. 39. Neglect to make ſufficient proviſion for him to eat, drink, and rejoyce.

20 ¶ When the LORD thy God ſhall enlarge thy border, * as he hath promiſed thee, and thou ſhalt ſay, I will eat fleſh (becauſe thy ſoul longeth to eat fleſh) thou mayeſt eat fleſh whatſoever thy ſoul luſteth after.

* Gen. 28 14. Chap. 19. 8.

21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath choſen to put his name there, be too far from thee; then thou [32] ſhalt kill of thy herd, and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou ſhalt eat in thy gates whatſoever thy ſoul luſteth after.

22 Even [33] as the roe-buck and the hart is eaten, ſo thou ſhalt eat them: the unclean and the clean ſhall eat *of* them alike.

23 Only † be ſure that thou eat not [36] the blood: for the blood *is* [42] the life, and thou mayeſt not eat the life with the fleſh.

† Heb. *be ſtrong.*

[42] *Lev.* 17. 11, 12. See there. The animal life depends upon the blood.

24 Thou ſhalt not eat it; thou ſhalt [37] pour it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou ſhalt not eat it, that it may [43] go well with thee, and with thy [44] children after thee, when thou ſhalt do *that which is* right in the ſight of the LORD.

[43] *Iſa.* 3. 10. and 48. 18. ¶ [44] *Pſal.* 112. 2. *Iſa.* 48. 18, 19.

26 Only thy holy things which thou haſt, and thy vows, thou ſhalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD ſhall chooſe:

27 And thou ſhalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the fleſh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the blood of thy [45] ſacrifices ſhall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou ſhalt [46] eat the fleſh.

[45] Peace-offerings. [46] *Lev.* 7. 15.

28 Obſerve and hear all theſe words which I command thee, that it may go [41] well with thee, and with thy [44] children after thee for ever, when thou doeſt *that which is* good and right in the ſight of the LORD thy God.

29 ¶ When the LORD thy God ſhall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs them, and thou † ſucceedeſt them, and dwelleſt in their land:

† Heb. *inherit-eſt, or poſſeſſeſt them.*

30 [47] Take heed to thy ſelf that thou be not [48] ſnared † by following them, [49] after that they be deſtroyed from before thee, and that thou enquire not after their Gods, ſaying, How did theſe nations ſerve their gods? even [50] ſo will I do likewiſe.

† Heb. *after them.*

[47] *V.* 13. 19. ¶ [48] *ch.* 7. 16. *Pſal.* 106. 36. *Exod.* 23. 33. drawn into their ſin and ruin. ¶ [49] In time to come when Gods judgments upon them are worn out of mind. ¶ [50] *Lev.* 18. 3.

31 Thou ſhalt not [51] do ſo unto the LORD thy God: for every † abomination to the LORD which he hateth, have they done unto their gods: for even their ſons and their daughters they have [52] burnt in the fire to their gods.

† Heb. *abomination of the.*

[51] Not worſhip him in ſuch a manner, as they worſhip'd their Gods. ¶ [52] See on *Lev.* 18. 21.

32 [53] What thing ſoever I command you, obſerve to do it: * thou ſhalt not [54] add thereto, nor diminiſh from it.

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[53] *Matth.* 28. 20. * Joſh. 1. 7. Prov. 30. 6. Rev. 22. 18. [54] See on *ch.* 42.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Enticers to Idolatry, 6 how near ſoever, 9 are to be ſtoned to death.* 12 *Idolatrous cities are not to be ſpared.*

IF there ariſe [1] among you a [2] prophet, or [3] a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee [4] a ſign or a [4] wonder.

[1] 2 *Pet.* 2, 1. ¶ [2] *Viz.* a falſe Prophet, that pretends divine Revelations. ¶ [3] *Jer.* 23. 25. who pretends divine revelations by dreams. ¶ [4] Foretels ſome ſtrange and wonderful things to come (as *Exod.* 7. 22. 1 *King.* 13. 3.) as a ſure ſign that God had ſent him.

2 [5] And the ſign or the wonder [5] come to paſs, whereof he ſpake unto thee, [6] ſaying, Let us go after other Gods (which thou haſt not known) and let us ſerve them;

[5] If God permits the Devil to do ſomething above the ordinary courſe of nature for thy trial, *v.* 3. ¶ [6] And thereupon would perſwade thee.

3 Thou ſhalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God [7] proveth you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your ſoul.

[7] See on *Gen.* 22. 1. 1 *Cor.* 11. 19. 1 *Joh.* 2. 19.

4 Ye ſhall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you ſhall ſerve him, and [8] cleave unto him.

[8] See on *ch.* 10. 20.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams ſhall be [9] put to death, (becauſe he hath † ſpoken to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the houſe of bondage, to thruſt thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in) ſo ſhalt thou [10] put the evil away from the midſt of thee.

† Heb. *ſpoken revolt againſt the LORD.*

[9] *Ch.* 18. 20. *Jer.* 14. 15. *Zech.* 13. 3. ¶ [10] *ch.* 17. 7, 12. and 19. 19. and 21. 21. and 22. 24. and 24. 7. 1 *Cor.* 5. 13. prevent the miſchief that might follow thereupon.

6 ¶ If thy brother the [11] ſon of thy mother, or thy ſon, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy [12] boſom, or thy friend, which *is* as thine [13] own ſoul, entice thee ſecretly, ſaying, Let us go and ſerve other gods (which thou haſt not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

[11] Who lay in the ſame belly with thee (and therefore is moſt dear to thee.) ¶ [12] *ch.* 28. 56. *Mic.* 7. 5. ¶ [13] 1 *Sam.* 18. 1. 2 *Sam.* 1. 26. *Prov.* 18. 24.

7 *Namely*, of the gods of the people which *are* [14] round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth)

[14] 1 *Joh.* 5. 19.

8 Thou ſhalt not [15] conſent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither ſhall thine eye pity him, neither ſhalt thou ſpare, neither ſhalt thou [16] conceal him.

[15] 2 *John* 10. ¶ [16] But uſe all means to bring him to condign puniſhment.

9 But thou * ſhalt ſurely [17] kill him; [18] thine hand ſhall be firſt upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

* Chap. 17. 7.

[17] Inform againſt him to the Magiſtrate that he may be put to death. ¶ [18] *ch.* 17. 7.

10 And thou ſhalt ſtone him with ſtones, that he die: becauſe he hath ſought to thruſt thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of † bondage.

† Heb. *bondmen.*

11 And * all Iſrael ſhall hear, and fear, and ſhall [19] do no more any ſuch wickedneſs as this is, among you.

* Chap. 17. 13.

[19] *Ch.* 17. 13. and 19. 20. and 21. 21. *Prov.* 21. 11.

12 ¶ If thou ſhalt hear *ſay* [20] in one of thy cities,

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cities which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, ſaying,

[20] Or, *Concerning one of thy cities.*

‖ Or, *naughty men.*

13 *Certain* men, ‖ the [21] children of Belial, are [23] gone out from [1] among you, and [23] have withdrawn the [24] inhabitants of their city, ſaying, Let us go and ſerve other gods (which ye have not known)

[21] Lawleſs, rebellious, wicked perſons, (*Judg.*19.22. 1 *Sam.* 1.16. and 2.12. and 10.27. and 25.25. 2 *Sam.*16.7. and 20.1. 1 *Kings* 21.10. 2 *Chron.*13.7. *Prov.*19.28.) Who will not be govern'd either by Religion, Reaſon, or the like Principles, but are like the Devil himſelf. ¶ [23] Separated themſelves from you in point of Religion, (1 *John* 2. 19.) and carry themſelves ſtubbornly, and preſumptuouſly herein. ¶ [23] *ch.* 4.19. 2 *Kings* 17.21. ¶ [24] The greater part of 'em.

14 Then ſhalt [25] thou [26] enquire and make [27] ſearch, and ask diligently: and behold, *if it be* truth, *and* the thing certain, *that* ſuch abomination is wrought among you:

[25] The chief Magiſtrate. ¶ [26] *ch.* 17. 4. and 19. 18. ¶ [27] *Job* 29.-16.

15 Thou ſhalt ſurely ſmite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the ſword, [28] deſtroying it utterly, and all that *is* therein, and the cattel thereof, with the edge of the ſword.

[28] *Ch.* 2. 34. As an accurſed thing, *v.*17.

16 And thou ſhalt gather all the ſpoil of it into the midſt of the ſtreet thereof, and ſhalt burn with fire the city, and all the ſpoil thereof every whit, [29] for the LORD thy God: and it ſhall be an heap for ever, it ſhall not be built again.

[29] For the ſatisfaction of his Juſtice, the maintenance of his Honour, Authority and Laws, and the appeaſing of his Anger.

‖ Or, *devoted.*

17 And there ſhall [30] cleave nought of [31] the ‖ curſed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceneſs of his anger, and ſhew thee mercy, and have compaſſion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath ſworn unto thy fathers;

[30] *Ch.*7.26. *Joſh.*6.17. &c. Be retain'd for thy own uſe. ¶ [31] *Joſh.*7.1,11,12. and 22.20. Of the ſpoil of that City that is devoted to deſtruction.

18 When thou ſhalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Gods children are not to diſfigure themſelves in mourning.* 3 *What may be eaten, and what not.*

YE *are* the [1] children of the LORD your God: ye ſhall not [2] cut your ſelves, nor make any [3] baldneſs [4] between your eyes for the dead.

[1] 1 *John* 1.12. *Gal.*3.26. 1 *John* 3.1. (And therefore ſhould do nothing to diſhonour your Father, or diſparage your ſelves in any of the particulars following.) ¶ [2] See on *Lev.* 19.28. ¶ [3] See on *Lev.* 19. 27. ¶ [4] On the fore-part of your heads, (*Lev.*21.5.) juſt over the ſpace that is between your eyes.

* Chap.7.6. and 26.18.

2 * For thou *art* an [18] holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath choſen thee to be [5] a peculiar people unto himſelf, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

[5] See on *Exod.* 19.5.

3 ¶ Thou ſhalt not eat any [6] abominable thing.

[6] Unclean, (*Lev.*11.-10,12.) which therefore thou ſhouldſt abhor to eat.

*Lev.*11.2.

4 [7] Theſe *are* the beaſts which ye ſhall eat: the ox, the ſheep, and the goat,

5 The hart, and the roe-buck, and the fallow-deer, and the wild goat, and the ‖† pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois.

‖ Or, *biſon.* † Heb. *diſhon.*

6 And every beaſt that [8] parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, *and* cheweth the cud amongſt the beaſts; that ye ſhall eat.

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7 [9] Nevertheleſs, theſe ye ſhall not eat, of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; *as* the camel, and the hare, and the cony: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; *therefore* they *are* unclean unto you.

[8] See on *Lev.* 11.3. [9] *Lev.* 11.4.

8 And the [10] ſwine, becauſe it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it *is* unclean unto you: ye ſhall not [11] eat of their fleſh, nor [11] touch their dead carcaſe.

[10] *Lev.* 11.7. [11] *Lev.* 11.8.

9 ¶ [12] Theſe ye ſhall eat of all that *are* in the waters: all that have fins and ſcales ſhall ye eat:

[12] *Lev.* 11. 9.

10 And whatſoever hath not fins and ſcales, ye may not eat: it is unclean unto you.

11 ¶ *Of* all clean birds ye ſhall eat.

12 But [13] theſe *are they* of which ye ſhall not eat: the eagle, and the oſſifrage, and the oſpray,

[13] *Lev.*11.13.

13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,

14 And every raven after his kind,

15 And the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,

16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the ſwan,

17 And the pelican, and the gier-eagle, and the cormorant,

18 And the ſtork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the * bat.

* Lev.11.19.

19 And every [14] creeping thing that [14] flieth, *is* unclean unto you: they ſhall not be eaten.

[14] *Lev.* 11.20.

20 *But* of all clean fowls ye may eat.

21 ¶ Ye ſhall not eat *of* any thing that [15] dieth of it ſelf: thou ſhalt give it unto the [16] ſtranger that *is* in thy gates, that he may eat it, or thou mayeſt ſell it unto an [17] alien: for thou *art* an [18] holy people unto the LORD thy God.

* Thou ſhalt [19] not ſeethe a kid in his mothers milk.

* Exod.23.19. and 34. 26.

[15] *Lev.*11.39. and 17.15. See there. ¶ [16] Who ſojourns among you, but is not of your Religion. ¶ [17] The heathen that dwells not in the land of *Iſrael.* ¶ [18] *Ch.*7.6. *Exod.* 19. 6. Dan.8.24. and 12.7. ¶ [19] See on *Exod.* 23.19.

22 Thou ſhalt truly [20] tithe all the increaſe of thy ſeed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

[20] There were three ſorts of Tithes to be paid from the people (beſides thoſe from the Levites to the Prieſts) (1) To the Levites, for their maintenance, *Lev.*27.30–33. *Deut.* 18. 1. *Numb.*18.21. which were to be eaten where they dwelt, *v.*31. (and therefore to be paid there too.) (2) For the Lord's Feaſts and Sacrifices; to be eaten by the Offerers at *Jeruſalem*, mention'd here. (3) Beſides theſe two, there was to be every third year a Tithe for the Poor, to be eaten at their own dwellings, *v.*28,29. The firſt ſeems to be Moral; the ſecond Ceremonial; the third Judicial.

23 And thou ſhalt [21] eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he ſhall chooſe to place his name there, the [20] tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oyl, and the [22] firſtlings of thy herds, and of thy flocks: that thou mayeſt learn [23] to fear the LORD thy God always.

[21] See on *ch.*12.7. ¶ [22] See on *ch.*12. 17. ¶ [23] Becauſe the fear of God was taught in that place, and the very preſenting themſelves before God was a good means to keep 'em in awe of him.

24 And [24] if the way be too long for thee, ſo that thou art not able to carry it, *or* if the place be too far from thee which the LORD thy God ſhall chooſe to ſet his name there, when the LORD thy God hath [25] bleſſed thee:

[24] *Ch.*12.21. ¶ [25] Given thee ſo great an increaſe that the Tenth thereof is more than thou canſt carry to the Sanctuary.

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25 Then ſhalt thou turn *it* into mony, and bind up the mony in [26] thine hand, and ſhalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God ſhall chooſe:

[26] In a bag, to be carried with thee.

[27] *Matth.*21. 12.

26 And thou ſhalt [27] beſtow that money for whatſoever thy ſoul luſteth after, for oxen, or for ſheep, or for wine, or for ſtrong drink, or for whatſoever thy ſoul † deſireth: and thou ſhalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou ſhalt rejoyce, thou and thine [28] houſhold.

† Heb. *asketh of thee.*

[8] *ch.* 12. 12.

[29] *ch.*12.12.

27 And the [29] Levite that *is* within thy gates, thou ſhalt [30] not forſake him: for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

[30] See on *ch.* 12. 19.

28 ¶ [31] At the end of three years thou ſhalt bring forth [32] all the tithe of thine increaſe the ſame year, and ſhalt lay *it* up within thy gates.

[31] Every third year from the ſeventh, *ch.* 26.12. ¶ [32] *Viz.* The third tithe; ſee *n.* 20. Hence this year is called, The year of tithing (*ch.*26.12.) becauſe they ſeparated one Tithe more than in other years.

29 And the Levite (becauſe he hath no part nor inheritance with thee) and the ſtranger, and the fatherleſs, and the widow, which *are* within thy gates, ſhall come, and ſhall eat and be ſatisfied; that the LORD thy God may [33] bleſs thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doeſt.

[33] *Prov.*3.9,10. and 11. 24,25. *Ezek.* 44.-3. *Mal.*3. 10,11. 2 *Cor.*9.6–10.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The ſeventh year a year of releaſe for the poor.*
7 *It ſhall be no let of lending or giving.*

[*] Lev.25. 2,4.

1 AT the end of [*] *every* ſeven years thou ſhalt make [2] a releaſe.

[1] *Exod.*21.2. *Jer.*34.14. *i.e.* When the ſeventh year comes, which is the end or laſt of the ſeven, *v.*9, 12. This was the Sabbatical year, ſpoken of *Exod.* 23. 11. *Lev.*25.4. ¶ [2] To note, the forgiveneſs of our ſins by Chriſt, *Luke* 4.18,19.

† Heb. *maſter of the lending of his hand.*

2 And this *is* the manner of the releaſe: Every † creditor that lendeth *ought* unto his neighbour, ſhall [3] releaſe *it*, he ſhall [5] not exact *it* of his [4] neighbour, or of his [4] brother, becauſe it is called the [5] LORDs releaſe.

[3] *Viz.* For that year. ¶ [4] Of any Iſraelite whatſoever, *viz.* if he be poor.*v.*4,11. ¶ [5] Commanded by him, for his Honour.

3 Of a [6] forreiner thou mayeſt exact *it again:* but *that* which is thine with thy [4] brother, thine hand ſhall [3] releaſe.

[6] One of another Nation, tho a Proſelyte: (for this is only a civil privileg, which thy were not admitted to.)

‖ Or, *to the end that there be no poor among you.*

4 ‖ [7] Save when there ſhall be no poor among you: for the LORD ſhall [8] greatly bleſs thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to poſſeſs it:

[7] Or, *to the end that there be no poor, q. d.* You ſhall not exact your debts that year, leſt thereby you bring ſome to poverty. ¶ [8] *v.*6. *Prov.*28.27. *Iſa.*58.10,11. *q. d.* If in this and other things you are obedient, God will ſo abundantly bleſs you, that you ſhall be well able to forbear the requiring your debts this year.

5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to obſerve to do all theſe commandments which I command thee this day.

6 For the LORD thy God bleſſeth thee, as he promiſed thee, and thou ſhalt [9] lend unto many nations, but thou ſhalt not borrow; and thou ſhalt [10] reign over many nations, but they ſhall not reign over thee.

[9] *Ch.*28.12,44. *Pſal.*37. 21, 26. ¶ [10] By lending, *Prov.* 22. 7.

7 ¶ If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates, in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou ſhalt not [11] harden thy heart, nor ſhut thine hand from thy poor brother.

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8 * But thou ſhalt [12] open thine hand wide unto him, and ſhalt ſurely lend him ſufficient for his need, *in that* which he wanteth.

[11] 1 *Joh.*3.17. * Matth.5.42. Luke 6. 34.

[12] Be bountiful, *Pſal.* 104.28. and 145. 16. *Matth.* 5. 42. *Luke* 6.35,36. 2 *Cor.*9.5,6.

† Heb. *word.* † Heb. *Belial.*

9 Beware that there be not a † thought in thy † wicked heart, ſaying, The ſeventh year, the year of releaſe is at hand; and thine eye be [13] evil againſt thy poor brother, and thou giveſt him nought, and he cry unto the LORD againſt thee, and it be [14] ſin unto thee.

[13] Covetous (*Prov.* 23.6.) or envious, *Matth.* 20. 15. ¶ [14] A heinous ſin (as *Prov.* 24.9. *Joh.*15.-24.) and bringing puniſhment.

10 Thou ſhalt ſurely give him, and thine heart ſhall [15] not be grieved when thou giveſt unto him: becauſe that for this thing the LORD thy God ſhall bleſs thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteſt thine hand unto.

[15] *Rom.*12. 8. 2 *Cor.*9. 7.

11 For the [16] poor ſhall [17] never ceaſe out of the land: therefore I command thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

[16] Neceſſitous perſons, in a low condition; (not idle Vagrants, and ſturdy Beggers.) ¶ [17] *Mark* 14.7. *John* 12.8.

12 ¶ *And* * if thy brother an Hebrew man or an Hebrew woman, be [18] ſold unto thee, and ſerve thee ſix years; then in the [19] ſeventh year thou ſhalt let him go [20] free from thee.

* Exod.21.2. Jer. 34. 14.

[18] *Exod.*21.2.&c. *Lev.*25.39.&c. *Jer.*34.14. ¶ [19] *Viz.* from the time of his ſale. ¶ [20] For ever (as appears by *Jer.* 34. 14. &c.) and *gratis*, *Exod.* 21. 2.

13 And when thou ſendeſt him out free from thee, thou ſhalt not let him go away empty:

14 Thou ſhalt furniſh him [21] liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy wine-preſs: *of that* wherewith the LORD thy God hath bleſſed thee, thou ſhalt give unto him.

[21] That he may not be forc'd to go to ſervice again (*Lev.* 25. 42,55.) nor ſteal (*Prov.*30.9.) nor beg, or live in miſery.

15 And thou ſhalt remember that thou [22] waſt a bond-man in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God [23] redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to day.

[22] *Ch.*16.12. *Lev.*25.42. ¶ [23] And ſent thee out richly ſtor'd with the treaſures of *Egypt*; (and therefore thou ſhalt alſo furniſh thy Servant with all convenient proviſions.)

16 And it ſhall be if he ſay unto thee, [24] I will not go away from thee (becauſe he loveth thee and thine houſe, becauſe he is well with thee)

[24] See on *Exod.* 21. 5.

17 Then thou ſhalt take an [25] aul, and thruſt *it* through his ear unto the door, and he ſhall be thy ſervant [26] for ever: and alſo unto thy [27] maid-ſervant thou ſhalt do likewiſe.

[24] See on *Exod.*21.6. ¶ [26] Till the year of Jubile; or all his Maſters life. ¶ [27] See on *Exod.*21.7–11.

18 It ſhall not ſeem hard unto thee when thou ſendeſt him away [28] free from thee; for he hath been [29] worth a double hired ſervant *to thee*, in ſerving thee ſix years: and the LORD thy God ſhall bleſs thee in all that thou doeſt.

[28] And alſo furniſh'd with goods, *v.* 14. ¶ [29] Becauſe hired Servants had great wages beſides meat and drink, *&c.* which theſe had not, *Luke* 17. 7,8.

19 ¶ * All the [30] firſtling males that come of thy herd, and of thy flock, thou ſhalt ſanctifie unto the LORD thy God: thou ſhalt do no work with the [31] firſtling of thy bullock, nor ſhear the firſtling of thy ſheep.

* Exod.34. 19.

[30] *Exod.* 13. 2. *&c.* and 34. 19. *Lev.* 27. 26. *Numb.* 3.13. ¶ [31] The ſecond Firſtling. See on *ch.* 12. 17.

20 [32] Thou ſhalt [33] eat it [34] before the LORD thy

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thy God year by year, in the place which the LORD ſhall chooſe, thou and thy houſhold.

[32] Thou O Iſraelite. ¶ [33] Together with the Levite. ¶ [34] *ch.*12.7. ſee there.

* Lev.22.20. Chap.17.1. Eccluſ.35.12.

21 * And if there be *any* blemiſh therein, *as if it be* lame, or blind, *or have* any ill blemiſh, thou ſhalt not ſacrifice it unto the LORD thy God.

22 Thou ſhalt eat it [35] within thy gates: the unclean and the clean *perſon ſhall eat it* alike, as the roe-buck, and as the hart.

[35] *Ch.*12.22. in any of your habitations.

[36] *Ch.*12.23.

23 [36] Only thou ſhalt not eat the blood thereof: thou ſhalt pour it upon the ground as water.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The feaſt of the paſſover,* 9 *of weeks,* 13 *of tabernacles.* 18 *Of judges and juſtice.* 21 *Groves and images are forbidden.*

[1] *Exod.*12.2.&c. [2] *Exod.*13.3,4. [3] *Exod.* 12. 29–42.

OBſerve the month of Abib, and [1] keep the paſſover unto the LORD thy God: for in the [2] month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt [3] by night.

2 Thou ſhalt therefore ſacrifice the [4] paſſover unto the LORD thy God, of the [5] flock and the [6] herd, [7] in the place which the LORD ſhall chooſe to place his name there.

[4] *i. e.* The Paſcal-offerings, offered on the ſeven days after the paſſover-day, *Numb.* 28. 17. &c. ¶ [5] *Exod.* 12. 5. ¶ [6] *Numb.*28.19. (An example whereof we have 2 *Chron.*35. 7. *&c.*) This the Jews called the *Chagigah,* and of this, the Jews eating the Paſſover after Chriſt, may be underſtood. This was different from the Paſſover of the Flock, for that was preciſely commanded to be a young Sheep or Goat of the firſt year, *Exod.*12.5. ¶ [7] See on *ch.*12.5,6.

3 Thou ſhalt eat [8] no leavened bread with it: ſeven days ſhalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread [9] of affliction: (for thou cameſt forth out of the land of Egypt [10] in haſte) that thou mayeſt remember the day when thou cameſt forth out of the land of Egypt, all the days of thy life.

[8] *Exod.*12.15. and 13.6,7. ¶ [9] *i.e.*(1) Unſavoury. (2) Such as is uſed by perſons in time of ſorrow. (3) To be a memorial of your affliction in *Egypt,* and haſty coming out thence. ¶ [10] *Exod.* 12.33,34.

* Exod.34.25.

4 * And there ſhall be no leavened bread ſeen with thee in all thy coaſts ſeven days, neither ſhall there *any thing* of the fleſh which thou ſacrificedſt the firſt day at even, [11] remain all night until the morning.

[11] *Exod.*12.10. ſee there.

[12] So *ch.*12.5,6. ‖ Or, *kill.*

5 [12] Thou mayeſt not ‖ ſacrifice the paſſover within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

6 But at the place which the LORD thy God ſhall chooſe to place his name in, there thou ſhalt ſacrifice the paſſover [13] at even, at the going down of the ſun, [14] at the ſeaſon that thou cameſt forth out of Egypt.

[13] See on *Exod.*12.-6. ¶ [14] About that ſeaſon when you were preparing for your Journey.

7 And thou ſhalt [15] roſt and eat *it* in the place which the LORD thy God ſhall chooſe: and thou ſhalt turn [16] in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

[15] See on *Exod.*12. 8. ¶ [16] *Viz.* after the feaſt of unleavened bread was ended, which was kept ſeven days.

† Heb. *reſtraint.*

8 Six days thou ſhalt eat unleavened bread, and on the ſeventh day *ſhall be* a † ſolemn aſſembly to the LORD thy God: thou ſhalt do [17] no work *therein.*

[17] No ſervile work, *Numb.* 28. 25. (See there.) *Lev.* 23.-36.

9 ¶ [18] Seven weeks ſhalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the ſeven weeks from *ſuch time as* thou beginneſt [19] *to put* the ſickle to the corn.

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[18] See on *Lev.* 23. 15. ¶ [19] *Lev.* 23. 10. to reap the Wave-ſheaf, the firſt-fruits of Barley-harveſt, which on the ſixteenth day of that month was offered to the Lord, *Lev.* 23. 10, 11.

10 And thou ſhalt keep the feaſt of [20] weeks unto the LORD thy God with ‖ a [21] tribute of a free-will-offering of thine hand, which thou ſhalt give *unto the LORD thy God,* according as the LORD thy God hath bleſſed thee.

‖ Or, *ſufficiency.*

[20] So called, becauſe it was ſeven weeks after the bringing the Sheaf at the Paſſover, *i.e.* Fifty days, and thence called Pentecoſt, *Act.*2.1. called alſo the feaſt of Firſt-fruits, *Numb.*28.26. ¶ [21] Over and beſides the Sacrifice for the day (*Numb.* 28. 27–31.) and the two Loaves and Sacrifices with them, (*Lev.* 23.17–20.) God here appoints them to bring unto him voluntarily what they could and would.

[22] *v.*14. *ch.*12. 12,18. *Phil.*4. 4.

11 And thou ſhalt [22] rejoyce before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy ſon, and thy daughter, and thy man-ſervant, and thy maid-ſervant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the ſtranger, and the fatherleſs, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath choſen to place his name there.

12 And thou ſhalt [23] remember that thou waſt a bond-man in Egypt: and thou ſhalt obſerve and do theſe ſtatutes.

[23] *V.*-3. *ch.*15.15. This is added, (1) To ſhew, that this was the chief end of celebrating this Feaſt. (2) As a motive to engage 'em to a cheerful obedience to all other Commands of God. (3) To make 'em reſpect their poor Servants and Strangers, in this Feaſt.

13 ¶ Thou ſhalt obſerve the feaſt of [24] tabernacles ſeven days, after that thou haſt [25] gathered in thy † corn, and thy wine.

† Heb. *floor, and thy wine-preſs.*

[24] See on *Lev.*23. 34. ¶ [25] See on *Exod.*23. 16. *n.* 38.

14 And thou ſhalt [22] rejoyce in thy feaſt, thou, and thy ſon, and thy daughter, and thy man-ſervant, and thy maid-ſervant, and the Levite, the ſtranger, and the fatherleſs, and the widow, that *are* within thy gates.

15 Seven days ſhalt thou keep a ſolemn feaſt unto the LORD thy God, in the place which the LORD ſhall chooſe: becauſe the LORD thy God ſhall bleſs thee in all thy increaſe, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou ſhalt ſurely rejoyce.

16 ¶ [26] Three times in a year ſhall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God, in the place which he ſhall chooſe: in the feaſt of unleavened bread, and in the feaſt of weeks, and in the feaſt of tabernacles: and *they ſhall [27] not appear before the LORD empty.

[26] *Exod.*23.14. & 34.22,23.

* Eccl.35.4.

[27] *Exod.*23.-15

17 Every man *ſhall give* † as he is able, according to the bleſſing of the LORD thy God, which he hath given thee.

† Heb. *according to the gift of his hand.*

18 ¶ [28] Judges and [29] officers ſhalt thou make thee in all thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee throughout thy tribes: and they ſhall judge the people with [30] juſt judgment.

[28] To paſs Sentence, 2 *Chron.* 19. 8. ¶ [29] To execute the ſentence, *ch.*20.-5. ¶ [30] *John* 7. 24. *Pſal.* 82. 2, 3. and 58. 1,2.

19 Thou ſhalt not [31] wreſt judgment, thou ſhalt not [32] reſpect perſons, *neither take [33] a gift; for a gift doth [34] blind the eyes of the wiſe, and [34] pervert the [35] ‖ words of the righteous.

* Exod.23.8.

‖ Or, *matters.*

[31] See on *Exod.*23.6. ¶ [32] See on *Lev.* 19.15. ¶ [33] See on *Exod.*23.8. ¶ [34] See on *Exod.* 23.8. ¶ [35] The matters or cauſes of ſuch whoſe cauſe is juſt.

† Heb. *juſtice, juſtice.*

20 † That which is [36] altogether juſt ſhalt thou follow, that thou mayeſt live and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

[36] Really, intirely, to all perſons, and at all times.

21 ¶ Thou ſhalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou ſhalt make thee.

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22 Neither ſhalt thou ſet thee up *any* ‖ [37] image, which the LORD thy God hateth.

‖ Or, *ſtatue*, or *pillar*.

[37] *Lev.* 26. 1. *viz.* in a way of Worſhip.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Things ſacrificed muſt be ſound.* 2 *Idolaters muſt be ſlain.* 14 *The election and duty of a king.*

THou ſhalt not ſacrifice unto the LORD thy God *any* bullock, or ‖ ſheep wherein is [1] blemiſh, *or* any [2] evil-favouredneſs: for that *is* an [3] abomination unto the LORD thy God.

‖ Or, *goat*.

[1] *Ch.*15.21. See on *Exod.*12.5. ¶ [2] Miſ-ſhapenneſs. ¶ [3] *Mal.* 1. 13, 14.

2 ¶ [4] If there be found among you within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman that hath [5] wrought wickedneſs in the ſight of the LORD thy God, in [6] tranſgreſſing his covenant,

[4] *Ch.*13.6. ¶ [5] Been guilty of Idolatry, *v.* 3. ¶ [6] Whereby he does in effect renounce God, and his Worſhip, and Service, and chooſe other Gods.

3 And hath gone and ſerved other gods, and worſhiped them, either the [7] ſun, or moon, or any of the [8] hoſt of heaven, which I have [9] not commanded;

[7] *Ezek.*8.16. 2 *King.*17.16. and 21.3. ¶ [8] *Iſa.*34.4. *Jer.*8. 2. and 33.22. Stars, Conſtellations, *&c.* ¶ [9] See on *Lev.* 10.-1.

4 And it be told thee, and thou haſt heard *of it*, and [10] enquired diligently, and behold, *it be* true, *and* the thing certain, *that* ſuch abomination is wrought in Iſrael:

[10] *ch.*13.14. and 19. 18.

5 Then ſhalt thou bring forth that man or that woman (which have committed that wicked thing) unto thy [11] gates, *even* that man or that woman, and ſhalt [12] ſtone them with ſtones, till they die.

[11] *ch.* 22. 24. [12] So *ch.*13.10.

6 * At the mouth of [13] two witneſſes, or three witneſſes, ſhall he that is worthy of death, be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witneſs he ſhall not be put to death.

* Chap.19.15. Matth. 18. 16. John 8. 17. 2 Cor.13.1. Hebr.10. 28.

[13] See on *Num.* 35. 30.

7 The hands of the witneſſes ſhall be [14] firſt upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of [15] all the people: ſo thou ſhalt [16] put the evil away from among you.

[14] *Ch.* 13. 9. ¶ [15] To ſignifie their unanimous conſent to maintain God's honour, and true Religion, and their deteſtation of ſuch impiety. ¶ [16] *V.* 12. See on *ch.*13.-5.

8 ¶ If there ariſe a matter [17] too hard for [18] thee in judgment, between [19] blood and blood, between [20] plea and plea, and between [21] ſtroke and ſtroke, *being* matters of controverſie within thy gates: then ſhalt thou ariſe, and get thee up into the [22] place which the LORD thy God ſhall chooſe;

[17] *Gen.* 18. 14. *Exod.* 18.26. ¶ [18] The inferiour Magiſtrate. ¶ [19] 2 *Chron.*19.10. in caſes of Blood-ſhed; whether it were to be accounted wilful Murder, or no, *Numb.* 35. 16. *&c.* ¶ [20] Any matters of right and title, as 1 *King.* 3. 16. &c. ¶ [21] Wounds given by one to another. ¶ [22] See on *ch.* 12. 5. 2 *Chron.*19.8-10. *Pſal.*122.5.

9 And thou ſhalt come unto the [23] prieſts the Levites, and unto the judge that ſhall be in thoſe days, and enquire; and they ſhall ſhew thee the [24] ſentence of judgment.

[23] *V.*12. *ch.*21.5. *Mal.*2.7. the great Councel or Senate of Judges, conſiſting chiefly of Prieſts and Levites; among whom one was chief (2 *Chron.*19.8,11.) who were the proper Judges in all theſe caſes ¶ [24] That ſentence which is agreeable to the Law, *v* .11. 2 *Chron.*19.8-10.

10 And thou ſhalt [25] do according to the ſentence which they of that place (which the LORD ſhall chooſe) ſhall ſhew thee, and thou ſhalt obſerve to do according to all that they inform thee:

[25] *Matth.*23.2, 3.

11 According to the ſentence of the law which they ſhall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they ſhall tell thee, thou ſhalt do: thou ſhalt [26] not decline from the ſentence which they ſhall ſhew thee, to the right hand nor to the left.

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[26] *ch.*5.32,33. Hoſ.1.7.

12 And the man that will do preſumptuouſly, † and will [27] not hearken unto the prieſt (that [28] ſtandeth to miniſter there before the LORD thy God) or unto the judge, even that man ſhall die: and thou ſhalt [29] put away the evil from Iſrael:

† Heb. *not to hearken.*

[27] *Matth.*10.14. ¶ [28] *ch.*10.8. ¶ [29] See on *ch.*13.-5.

13 And [30] all the people ſhall hear, and fear, and do no more preſumptuouſly.

[30] *ch.* 13. 11.

14 ¶ When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and ſhalt poſſeſs it, and ſhalt dwell therein, and ſhalt ſay, I will ſet [31] a king over me, like as all the nations that *are* about me:

[31] As they did, 1 *Sam.*8.5-7.

15 Thou ſhalt in any wiſe ſet *him* king over thee whom the LORD thy God ſhall [32] chooſe: *one* from among thy brethren ſhalt thou ſet king over thee: thou mayeſt not ſet a ſtranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother.

[32] as 1 *Sam.* 10. 1.

16 But he ſhall [33] not multiply horſes to himſelf, nor cauſe the people to return [34] to Egypt, to the end that he ſhould multiply horſes: foraſmuch as the LORD hath [35] ſaid unto you, Ye ſhall henceforth [36] return no more that way.

[33] *Viz.* exceſſively; to prevent ſecurity, pride, and oppreſſion. ¶ [34] *Iſa.*31.1,3. yet 2 *Chron.*1.16. and 9.28. *Ezek.* 17. 15. ¶ [35] Commanded me now to ſay this to you. ¶ [36] *Jer.* 42.10. *&c.* that they might not ſeem to ſlight or forget the benefit of their deliverance thence, or ſhould be drawn to their Idolatry.

17 Neither ſhall he multiply wives to himſelf, that his heart [37] turn not away: neither ſhall he [38] greatly multiply to himſelf ſilver and gold.

[37] *Viz.* From God to the pleaſures of life, or other Gods, as 1 *King.* 11.4. ¶ [38] Immoderately (as *v*. 16.) whereby to oppreſs the people, and forget God, *Prov.* 30. 8,9. *Matth.* 6. 24. and 13.22. 1 *Tim.*6.19.

18 And it ſhall be when he ſitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he ſhall write him a copy of this [39] law in a book out of *that which is* [40] before the prieſts the Levites.

[39] This book of Deuteronomy. ¶ [40] The original was kept in the Sanctuary, *ch.*31.26. 2 *King.*22.8.

19 And it ſhall be [41] with him, and he ſhall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law, and theſe ſtatutes to do them.

[41] *Joſh.* 1. 8. *Pſal.* 119. 24, 97, &c.

20 That his heart be not [42] lifted up above his brethren, and that he [26] turn not aſide from the commandment to the right hand or to the left: to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom; he, and his children in the midſt of Iſrael:

[42] *Pſal.*131.1, 2.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The Lord is the prieſts and Levites inheritance.* 15 *Chriſt the prophet is to be heard.* 20 *The preſumptuous prophet is to die.*

THe prieſts the Levites, *and* all the tribe of Levi, * ſhall have [1] no part nor [1] inheritance with Iſrael: they * ſhall eat the offerings of the LORD [2] made by fire, and [3] his inheritance.

* Num.18.20. Chap.10. 9. * 1 Cor.9. 13.

[1] *Ch.*10.9. See on *Numb.*18.-20.2 *Tim.*3.4. ¶ [2] *Numb.*18. 9. 1 *Cor.*9.13. ſuch Sacrifices whereof part was burnt, and part given to them. ¶ [3] Whatſoever elſe he has reſerved for himſelf.

2 Therefore ſhall they have [1] no inheritance among

Chap. 18 among their brethren: the [4] LORD *is* their inheritance, as he hath ſaid unto them.

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[4] *Ch.*10.9. and 12.9. *Numb.*18.20. *Joſh.*13.33. His part of the Sacrifices and Offerings.

3 ¶ And this ſhall be the prieſts due from the people, from them that offer a [5] ſacrifice, whether *it be* ox or ſheep; and they ſhall give unto the prieſt the ſhoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

[5] *Viz.* Of Thankſgiving or Peace-offerings, (as appears from *Lev.*7. 31,33.)

[6] See on Exod.22. 29.

4 The [6] firſt-fruit *alſo* of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thy oyl, and the firſt of the fleece of thy ſheep ſhalt thou give him.

5 [7] For the LORD thy God hath choſen him out of all thy tribes, to ſtand to miniſter [8] in the name of the LORD, him and his ſons for ever.

[7] 1 *Cor.*9.11,13. ¶ [8] By authority from him, and for his honour.

6 ¶ And if [9] a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Iſrael, where he [10] ſojourned, and [11] come [12] with all the deſire of his mind unto the place which the LORD ſhall chooſe;

[9] Or Prieſt, whoſe courſe it was not to ſerve at that time. ¶ [10] Dwelt, or had his uſual reſidence. ¶ [11] When it was not his courſe. ¶ [12] With ſingular devotion and ſpecial affection to the ſervice of God, to ſpend the remainder of his life there, *Pſal.*27.4.

7 Then he ſhall [13] miniſter in the name of the LORD his God, [14] as all his brethren the Levites *do*, which ſtand there before the LORD.

[13] Be admitted to do the ſervice of the Houſe. ¶ [14] As thoſe whoſe courſe it was at that time to attend upon the ſervice.

8 They ſhall have [15] like portions to eat, beſide † that which cometh of the [16] ſale of his patrimony.

†Heb. *his ſales by the fathers.*

[15] 1 *Cor.*9.13. *Viz.* With thoſe whoſe courſe it is to ſerve. ¶ [16] Tho' he have an eſtate of his own, yet he was to have his ſhare of the Tabernacle or Temple-proviſions, for his ſervice there.

9 ¶ When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou ſhalt not learn to do after the abominations of thoſe nations.

10 There ſhall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his ſon or his daughter to [17] paſs through the fire, *or* that [18] uſeth divination, *or* an [19] obſerver of times, or an [19] enchanter, or a [20] witch,

[17] See on *Lev.*18.21. ¶ [18] *Lev.*19.26,31. and 20.27. *Iſa.* 8.19. Pretends to foretel things to come by unlawful Arts. ¶ [19] See on *Lev.*19.26. ¶ [20] See on *Exod.*22.18.

*Lev.20. 27. *1 Sam.28.7.

11 * Or a [21] charmer, or a [22] conſulter with familiar ſpirits, or a [23] wizard, or a *[24] necromancer.

[21] One that charms Serpents or other Cattel, (*Pſal.*58.6.) or, a Fortune-teller, that foretels the events of mens lives by the Conjunction of the Stars, &c. ¶ [22] *Lev.* 20.6. Magicians, who being poſſeſſed with an evil ſpirit, ſpake as out of a bottle, (*Iſa.*29.4.) and call'd upon evil ſpirits by certain words or rites to engage 'em in wicked deſigns. ¶ [23] See on *Lev.*19.31. ¶ [24] Such as by raiſing the dead did enquire after ſecret things; as 1 *Sam.*28. *Iſa.* 8.19.

12 For all that do theſe things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and becauſe of theſe abominations, the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

‖ Or, *upright*, or, *ſincere.*

13 Thou ſhalt be ‖ [25] perfect with the LORD thy God.

[25] *Gen.*17.1. *Matth.* 5.48. Keep thy ſelf intirely to him, and not ſeek to any elſe.

‖ Or, *inherit.*

14 For theſe nations which thou ſhalt ‖ poſſeſs, hearkened unto [19] obſervers of times, and unto [26] diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath [26] not ſuffered thee ſo *to do*.

[26] *Acts* 14.16. Hath taught thee better, by his Law, and will more fully inform thee by that Prophet he'll raiſe up to thee, v.15.

15 ¶ * The LORD thy God will raiſe up unto thee a [27] Prophet from the midſt of thee, of thy brethren, [28] like unto me, [29] unto him ye ſhall hearken.

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* John 1.45. Acts 3.22. and 7.37.

[27] Chiefly Chriſt, (as *Acts* 3.22. (See there.) and 7.37. *Matth.*21.11.) Secondarily, a ſucceſſion of Prophets, for the inſtruction of the Church, inſtead of the Diviners, Wizards, &c. of the Heathen. ¶ [28] Men ſent from God, and raiſed up from among their Brethren, as I am: and ſo was Chriſt, (*Hebr.*5.1.) who was like *Moſes*, (yea above him.) (1) As Mediator, *Deut.*5.5. *Hebr.*8.6. (2) In faithfulneſs, *Hebr.* 3. 2,5,6. (3) In Doctrin, *John* 1.17. (4) In ſigns and wonders, *Luke* 24.19. *Acts* 2.22. *John* 15.24. (5) In Redemption of the people, *John* 6.40. ¶ [29] To Chriſt chiefly, (*Matt.* 17.5.) and then to his Miniſters, *Luke* 10. 16. (and not to Diviners, &c.)

16 [30] According to all that thou deſiredſt of the LORD thy God in Horeb, in the day of the aſſembly, ſaying, * Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God; neither let me ſee this great fire any more, that I die not.

* Exod.20.19.

[30] *q.d.* Since it was thy own deſire that God ſhould not ſpeak unto thee immediately (*Exod.*20.19.) therefore he hath raiſed up, and will from time to time raiſe up Prophets by whom to declare his will to thee.

17 And the LORD ſaid unto me, They have [31] well *ſpoken that* which they have ſpoken.

[31] *ch.*5.28.

18 * I will raiſe them up a [27] Prophet from among their brethren, [28] like unto thee, and will [32] put my words in his mouth, and he ſhall ſpeak unto them [33] all that I ſhall command him.

* John 1. 45. Acts 3.22. and 7.37.

[32] *Iſa.* 51. 16. *John* 12.49. ¶ [33] *John* 15. 15.

19 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* whoſoever will not hearken unto [34] my words which he ſhall ſpeak in my name, I will [35] require *it* of him.

[34] *John* 7.16. *Luke* 10.16. ¶ [35] *Gen.* 9.5. and 42.22. Call him to account, and punish him for it, *Acts* 3. 23. 1 *Theſſ.* 2. 16.

20 But the prophet which ſhall preſume to ſpeak a word in my name, which I have [36] not commanded him to ſpeak, or that ſhall ſpeak in the name of [37] other gods, even that prophet ſhall [38] die.

[36] *Ch.*13.5. *Ezek.*13.6. *Jer.*14.14. and 27. 15. ¶ [37] As they that prophecied by *Baal*, *Jer.*2.8. and 23.13. ¶ [38] *Viz.* By the hand of the Magiſtrate.

21 And if thou ſay in thine heart, How ſhall we know the word which the LORD hath not ſpoken?

22 When a prophet ſpeaketh in the name of the LORD, if the [39] thing follow not nor come to paſs, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not ſpoken, *but* the prophet hath ſpoken it preſumptuouſly: thou ſhalt [40] not be afraid of him.

[39] That ſtrange or miraculous thing that he has foretold, as a proof that he is a true Prophet; (for otherwiſe in their Predictions of good or evil, they were to be underſtood conditionally, as in the caſe of *Hezekiah*, (2 *Kings* 20.1.) and the Ninivites, *Jon.* 3. 4.) ¶ [40] *Viz.* Tho' he foretel fearful things, or threaten thee for thy diſbelief; but ſhalt puniſh him for all that.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The cities of refuge. 16 The puniſhment of a falſe witneſs.

1 WHen the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whoſe land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou † ſucceedeſt them, and dwelleſt in their cities, and in their houſes;

[1] *ch.*12.29.

†Heb. *inherit-eſt*, or *poſſeſſeſt.*

2 Thou ſhalt ſeparate [2] three cities for thee in the midſt of thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to poſſeſs it.

[2] *Ch.*21.13. *Numb.*35.10,11. *Joſh.*20.2. *Viz.* Beſides thoſe that *Moſes* had ſeparated without the River, *ch.* 4.41,43.

3 Thou ſhalt prepare thee [3] a way, and divide the coaſts of thy land (which the LORD thy

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2553. [3] A plain, fair high-way for commodious passage to 'em. ¶ [4] *Viz.* That slays another unwillingly, *v.* 4.

4 ¶ And this *is* the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour [5] ignorantly, whom he [6] hated not † in time past,

† Heb. *from yesterday the third day.*

[5] See on *Numb.* 35. 15. ¶ [6] *Numb.* 35. 20.

5 [7] As when *a man* goeth into the wood with his neighbour, to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the † head slippeth from the † helve, and † lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and [8] live:

† Heb. *iron.* † Heb. *wood.* † Heb. *findeth.*

(And these include all other like cases of Chance-medly.) ¶ [8] *Numb.* 35. 25.

6 Lest the [9] avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is [10] hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and † slay him, whereas he *was* [11] not worthy of death, in as much as he hated him not † in time past.

† Heb. *smite him in life.* † Heb. *from yesterday the third day.*

[9] See on *Numb.* 35. 12. ¶ [10] Inflam'd with anger, grief, and desire of revenge. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 21. 22. *Jer.* 26. 11, 16. *Luke* 24. 20.

7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.

8 And if the LORD thy God * enlarge thy coast (as he hath [12] sworn unto thy fathers) and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

* Chap. 12. 20. [12] *Gen.* 15. 18.

9 [13] (If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways) * then shalt thou add three cities mo for thee, beside these three:

* Josh. 20. 7.

[13] (But because they did not keep them, therefore this Promise was not made good in that full extent of it.)

10 That [14] innocent blood be not shed in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and *so* blood be upon thee.

[14] *Viz.* Of him who is not worthy of death, *v.* 6.

11 ¶ But if any man [15] hate his neighbour, and [15] lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him † mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:

[15] *Num.* 35. 20. † Heb. *in life.*

12 Then the elders [16] of his city shall send and fetch him [17] thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

[16] Where the slain man dwelt. ¶ [17] *Prov.* 28. 17.

13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt [18] put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

[18] *Num.* 35. 33. *1 Kings* 2. 31.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not [19] remove thy neighbours *land*-mark, which they of [20] old time have set in thine inheritance which thou shalt inherit, in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

[19] *Ch.* 27. 17. *Job* 24. 2. *Prov.* 22. 28. *Hos.* 5. 10. ¶ [20] Which had been made by *Eleazar*, *Joshua*, and the Heads of the Fathers, *Josh.* 14. 1. &c.

15 ¶ * [21] One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at [22] the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter be established.

* Num. 35. 30. Chap. 17. 6. Matth. 18. 16. John 8. 17. 2 Cor. 13. 1. Hebr. 10. 28.

[21] *Ch.* 17. 6. *Numb.* 35. 30. ¶ [22] *Numb.* 35. 30. See there.

16 ¶ If a false witness rise up against any man to testifie against him ‖ *that which is* wrong:

‖ Or, *falling away.*

17 Then [23] both the men between whom the controversie *is*, shall stand [24] before the LORD, [25] before the priests, and the judges which shall be in those days.

[23] In case two or more Witnesses did accuse a man, and only one of 'em spake home to the proof of the charge, if here the party accused did alledge that this man bore false witness against him, then the Judges were to proceed as here is directed. ¶ [24] Before the Sanctuary, *ch.* 17. 8. ¶ [25] *ch.* 17. 9.

18 And the judges shall make [26] diligent inquisition: and behold, *if* the witness *be* a false witness, *and* hath testified falsly against his brother,

[26] *Ch.* 13. 14. and 17. 4. By laying an Oath upon him, (as *1 Kings* 8. 31, 32.) or the like.

19 Then shall ye [27] do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou [28] put the evil away from among you.

[27] *Prov.* 19. 5. [28] See on *ch.* 13. 5.

20 And those which remain shall [29] hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

[29] See on *ch.* 13. 11.

21 And thine eye shall not pity, *but* [30] life *shall go* for life, [31] eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

[30] *Num.* 35. 31. *Lev.* 24. 17. *Gen.* 9. 6. [31] *Exod.* 21. 24. *Matth.* 5. 38.

CHAP. XX.

1 *The priest's exhortation to encourage the people to battel.* 10 *How to use the cities that accept or refuse the proclamation of peace.* 16 *What cities must be devoted.*

WHen thou [1] goest out to battel against thine enemies, and seest horses and chariots, *and* a people more then thou, be not [2] afraid of them: for the LORD thy God *is* [3] with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

[1] *Ch.* 2. 21. and 7. 1. and 25. 17, 19. *Judg.* 3. 12, 28. &c. and 11. 4, 12. &c. 2 *Sam.* 10. 2, 6. &c. ¶ [2] *v.* 3. ¶ [3] *v.* 4. 2 *Chron.* 13. 12. and 32. 78. *Psal.* 118. 6.

2 And it shall be when ye are come nigh unto the battel, that the [4] priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

[4] Some eminent Priest appointed for this work, and to blow with the holy Trumpets, *Numb.* 10. 9. and 31. 6.

3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, you approach this day unto battel against your enemies: let not your hearts † [5] faint, fear not, and do not † tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them.

† Heb. *be tender.* † Heb. *make haste.*

[5] *v.* 8. *Lev.* 26. 36. 2 *Chron.* 13. 7. *Isa.* 7. 4.

4 For the LORD your God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

5 ¶ And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a new house, and hath not [6] dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he [7] die in the battel, and another man dedicate it.

[6] *Neh.* 12. 27. *Psal.* 30. *title.* Taken possession of it, and begun to use it: which was wont to be done with the solemnity of Feasting, Praying, and Singing of *Psalms*. ¶ [7] 2 *Sam.* 11. 25. *Acts* 20. 22.

6 And what man *is he* that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not *yet* † eaten of it? let him *also* go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battel, and another man eat of it.

† Heb. *made it common.* See Lev. 19. 23.

7 * And what man *is there* that hath [8] betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and [9] return unto his house, lest he die in battel, and another man take her.

* Chap. 24. 5.

[8] Made promise of marriage to her, and she to him. ¶ [9] *ch.* 24. 5.

8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man *is there that is* [10] fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethrens heart † faint as well as his heart.

[10] Judg. 7. 3. † Heb. *melt.*

9 And it shall be when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies † to lead the people.

† Heb. to be *in the head of the people.*

10 ¶ When

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10 ¶ When thou comeſt nigh unto [11] a city to fight againſt it, then [12] proclaim peace unto it.

[11] Without the borders of the promis'd land, *v.* 15. ¶ [12] 2 *Sam.*20.18.

11 And it ſhall be, if it [13] make thee anſwer of peace, and open unto thee, then it ſhall be *that* all the people *that is* found therein, ſhall be [14] tributaries unto thee, and they ſhall [15] ſerve thee.

[13] Accept of the conditions of peace propoſed by thee. ¶ [14] *Judg.* 1.28,30. &c. *Joſh.*16.-10. ¶ [15] As Bond-ſervants (which it was not lawful to put an Iſraelite to, *Lev.*25.42,44.) as 1 *King.*9.21,22.

[16] *Pſal.*120.7.

12 And if it will make [16] no peace with thee, but will make war againſt thee, then thou ſhalt beſiege it.

[17] *Pſal.* 44. 2-4.

13 And when the LORD thy God hath [17] delivered it into thine hands, thou ſhalt ſmite every male thereof with the edge of the ſword.

14 But the women and the little ones, and
* Joſh. 8. 2. the * cattel, and all that is in the city, *even* all
† Heb. *ſpoil.* the ſpoil thereof, ſhalt thou † take unto thy ſelf: and thou ſhalt [18] eat the ſpoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

[18] Take it to thy ſelf, and enjoy it, *Joſh.* 22.8.

15 Thus ſhalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, which *are* not of the cities of theſe nations.

16 But of the cities of [19] theſe people which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou ſhalt ſave alive nothing that [20] breatheth:

[19] *V.*17. ¶ [20] *Viz.* of Mankind, *Joſh.* 11. 14.

17 But thou ſhalt [21] utterly deſtroy them, *namely*, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebuſites, as the LORD thy God hath [22] commanded thee:

[21] *Numb.*21.-2. ¶ [22] *ch.*7.1-3. *Exod.*34.11,12.

18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods, ſo ſhould ye ſin againſt the LORD your God.

19 ¶ When thou ſhalt beſiege a city a long time, in making war againſt it to take it, thou ſhalt not [23] deſtroy the [24] trees thereof by forcing an ax againſt them: for thou mayeſt eat of them, and thou ſhalt not cut them down (‖for the tree of the field *is* [25] mans *life*) † to employ *them* in the ſiege.

‖ Or, *for, O man, the tree of the field is to be employed in the ſiege.* † Heb. *to go from before thee.*

[23] *Viz.* By any general deſtruction. ¶ [24] Fruit-trees (not but that they might cut down ſome upon neceſſity; but they muſt not make havock of them; as Soldiers are wont to do.) And hereby God teaches mercy towards his good Creatures; eſpecially ſuch as are for mans life. ¶ [25] 2 *King.* 18. 31.

20 Only the trees which thou knoweſt that they *be* not trees for meat, thou ſhalt deſtroy and
[26] *Luke* 13. 9. [26] cut them down; and thou ſhalt build bulwarks againſt the city that maketh war with thee, until
† Heb. *it come down.* † it be ſubdued.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *The expiation of an uncertain murder.* 15 *The firſt-born is not to be diſinherited upon private affection.* 18 *A ſtubborn ſon is to be ſtoned to death.*

[1] *Pſal.*9.12.

IF *one* be found [1] ſlain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to poſſeſs it, lying in the field, *and* it be not known who hath ſlain him,

2 Then thy [2] elders and thy [3] judges ſhall [3] come forth, and they ſhall [4] meaſure unto the cities which *are* round about him that is ſlain.

[2] The Magiſtrates of the neighbor places. ¶ [3] *ch.* 19.18. ¶ [4] *Viz.* If there be any doubt in the caſe.

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3 And it ſhall be *that* the [5] city *which is* [5] next unto the ſlain man, even the elders of [5] that city ſhall take an [6] heifer which hath not been wrought with, *and* which hath [7] not drawn in the yoke.

[5] Becauſe moſt probably it was ſome perſon of that City that committed the Murder; and they were moſt culpable for not watching and guarding the High-ways and other places. ¶ [6] A type of Chriſt, by whoſe Death they were to expect ſatisfaction to be made to God's Juſtice, that the guilt of this Murder might not be laid to their charge. ¶ [7] See on *Numb.*19.-2.

4 And the elders of that city ſhall bring down the heifer unto a [8] rough valley, which is neither eared nor ſown, and ſhall [9] ſtrike off the heifers neck there in the valley.

[8] To ſtrike 'em with the greater horror for the ſin committed. ¶ [9] To note, that the Murderer deſerv'd ſo to be dealt with.

5 And the prieſts the ſons of Levi ſhall come near (for them the LORD thy God hath choſen to [10] miniſter unto him, and to bleſs in the name of the LORD) and by their † word ſhall [11] every controverſie, and every [12] ſtroke be *tried.*

† Heb. *mouth.*

[10] *Ch.*10.-8. ¶ [11] *Viz.* Which might ariſe about the matter here ſpoken of. ¶ [12] *ch.*17. 8. Murder or Wound.

6 And all the elders of that city *that are* next unto the ſlain *man*, ſhall [13] waſh their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley.

[13] *Pſal.*26.6. *Matth.*27. 14.

7 And they ſhall anſwer and ſay, Our hands have not ſhed this blood, neither have our eyes ſeen *it*.

8 Be merciful, O LORD unto thy people Iſrael, whom thou haſt redeemed, [14] and lay not innocent blood † unto thy people of Iſraels charge. And the blood ſhall be forgiven them.

[14] *Judg.*9. 24. † Heb. *in the midſt.*

9 So ſhalt thou put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from among you, when thou ſhalt do *that which is* right in the ſight of the LORD.

10 ¶ When thou goeſt forth to war againſt thine [15] enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou haſt taken them captive,

[15] Which are not of the Canaanites (for they were to be all deſtroyed.)

11 And [16] ſeeſt among the captives a beautiful woman, and haſt a [17] deſire unto her, that thou wouldeſt have her to thy wife:

[16] Thou being a ſingle man. ¶ [17] *Gen.*34.8.

12 Then thou ſhalt bring her home to thine houſe, and ſhe ſhall [18] ſhave her head, and ‖ † pare her nails.

‖ Or, *ſuffer to grow.* † Heb. *make,* or *dreſs.*

[18] In token that ſhe renounc'd her Heatheniſm, and ſuperſtitious cuſtoms, and devoted her ſelf to God, and to lead a new life.

13 And ſhe ſhall [18] put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and ſhall remain in thine houſe, and [19] bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that, thou ſhalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and ſhe ſhall be thy wife.

[19] Being now to forget her former Relations, *Pſal.*45.-10.

14 And it ſhall be if thou have [20] no delight in her, then thou ſhalt let her go whither ſhe will, but thou ſhalt not ſell her at all for mony, thou ſhalt not [21] make merchandiſe of her, becauſe thou [22] haſt humbled her.

[20] If he were actually married to her, he had not liberty to leave her (*ch.* 22.13,19.) but if upon ſome purpoſe of marriage, or intemperate deſire he had lain with her, then ſhe was to be made free. ¶ [21] *ch.* 24.7. ¶ [22] Lain with her (as *Ezek.*22.10.)

15 ¶ If a man have [23] two wives, one beloved and another [24] hated, and they have born him children, *both* the beloved and the hated;

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and *if* the first-born son be hers that was hated:
[23] *Gen.*4.19. *Matth.*19.8. This is no permission of two Wives, but only shews what's to be done in such a case, and upon supposition of such a practice. ¶ [24] Less loved, as *Gen.*29.31. *Matth.*6.24. *Luke* 14, 26.

* 2 Chron.11. 19, 22.

16 Then it shall be, * when he maketh his sons to inherit *that* which he hath, *that* he may not make the son of the beloved, first-born, before the son of the hated, *which is indeed* the first-born.

* See 1 *Chron.* 5. 1.
† Heb. *that is found with him.*
* Gen.49.3.

17 But he shall acknowledg the son of the hated *for* the first-born, * by giving him a double portion of all † that he hath: for he *is* * the [25] beginning of his strength, [26] the right of the first-born *is* his.
[25] See on *Gen.* 49.3. ¶ [26] *Gen.* 25.33.

[27] *Prov.*1.-8.

18 ¶ If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his [27] mother, and *that* when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:

19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place:

[28] *Prov.*23.20.

20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* [28] a glutton, and a drunkard.

* Chap. 13. 5. and 22.21,24.
[29] See on *ch.* 13. 11.

21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: * so shalt thou [29] put evil away from among you, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

[30] worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou [31] hang him on a tree.
[30] *Ch.*19.6. ¶ [31] Which was after they were slain, as 2*Sam.* 4.12. *Josh.*10.26. (tho it was otherwise with Christ, *Luke* 23.33.)

* Josh.10.26.
* Gal.3. 13.
† Heb. *the curse of God.*
See Num.25.4. Josh.10. 26. 2 *Sam.* 21. 6.

23 * His body shall not [32] remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day (for [33] he that is hanged, *is* † [34] accursed of God) that thy land be [35] not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.
[32] *Josh.*8.29. *John* 19.31,38,42. ¶ [33] *Viz.* Ceremonially and typically, to foreshew, that Christ should undergo this execrable punishment, and be made a curse for us (*Gal.*3. 13.) and so this is spoken with respect unto him. ¶ [34] By such monuments of God's curse remaining long upon it.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Of humanity toward brethren. 20, 22 Of adultery. 25 Of rape. 28 Of fornication. 30 Of incest.

THou shalt not see [1] thy brothers ox or his sheep go astray, and [2] hide thy self from them: thou shalt in any case [3] bring them again unto thy brother.
[1] *Exod.*23.4,5, one of the same nature with thy self. ¶ [2] *v.* 3,4. *Lev.*20.4. pretend not to see 'em. ¶ [3] Much more must we deal so with men, *Ezek.* 34. 4, 16. 1 *Pet.* 2. 25. *Jam.* 5. 19, 20.

2 And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass, and so shalt thou do with his raiment, and with all lost things of thy brothers, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not [4] hide thy self.
[4] *Viz.* Conceal thy finding it.

* Exod.23.5.

4 ¶ * Thou shalt not see thy [1] brothers ass or his ox fall down by the way, and [5] hide thy self from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift *them* up again.
[5] Forbear to help 'em up.

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5 ¶ The woman shall [6] not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a womans garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.
[6] *Viz.* ordinarily and unnecessarily.

6 ¶ If a birds nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the [7] dam with the young.
[7] See on *Lev.* 22.28.

7 *But* thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee, that it may be well with thee, and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

8 ¶ When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a [8] battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.
[8] And so likewise thou must prevent all other occasions of Bloodshed, and of any other evil; much more of spiritual evils, 1 *Cor.*10.32. see there.

* Lev.19.19.
† Heb. *fulness of thy seed.*

9 ¶ * Thou shalt not sow thy Vineyard with [9] divers seeds: lest the † fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard be [10] defiled.
[9] See on *Lev.* 19.19. ¶ [10] Rendred unclean, and unlawful, either in the First-fruits, or otherwise, to be offered to the Lord.

* See 2 Cor. 6. 14,15,16.

10 ¶ * Thou shalt not plow with [9] an ox and [9] an ass together.

* Lev. 19. 19.

11 ¶ * Thou shalt not wear a garment of [2] divers sorts, *as* of woollen and linen together.

* Matth.23.5.
[11] See on *Num.* 15. 38.
† Heb. *wings.*

12 ¶ Thou shalt make thee * [11] fringes upon the four † quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest *thy self.*

13 ¶ If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

14 And give occasion of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth *the tokens of* the damsels virginity, unto the elders of the city in the gate.

16 And the damsels father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her,

17 And lo, he hath given occasions of speech *against her*, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these *are the tokens of* my daughters virginity: and they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him.

19 And they shall amerce him in an [12] hundred *shekels* of silver, and give *them* unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife, he may [13] not put her away all his days.
[12] Eleven pounds, eight Shillings. ¶ [13] Which was permitted to other men, *ch.* 24. 1.

20 But if this thing be true, *and the tokens of* virginity be [14] not found for the damsel:
[14] Which in those Countries did never fail.

21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her fathers house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought [15] folly in Israel, to play the whore [16] in her fathers house: * so shalt thou put evil away from among you.
* Chap.13.5.
[15] See

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[15] See on *Gen.* 34. 7. ¶ [16] And after her bethrothing, which made it adultery (*v.* 24.) for otherwiſe ſhe was not to die, *v.*28,29. *Exod.* 22.16,17.

*Lev.20.10. 22 ¶ * If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they ſhall [17] both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: ſo ſhalt thou put away evil from Iſrael.

[17] *Lev.* 20. 10. Be ſton'd, *John* 8. 4, 5.

23 ¶ If a damſel *that is* a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her [18] in the city, and lie with her:

[18] Or any place of concourſe.

24 Then ye ſhall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye ſhall ſtone them with ſtones that they die; the damſel, becauſe ſhe cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, becauſe he hath [19] humbled his neighbours wife: * ſo thou ſhalt put away evil from among you.

[19] Defiled, *Gen.* 34.2. *Verſ.21,22.

25 ¶ But if a man find a betrothed damſel in the field, and the man ‖ force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her ſhall die.

‖ Or, *take ſtrong hold of her.*

26 But unto the damſel thou ſhalt do nothing, *there is* in the damſel no ſin *worthy* of death: for as when a man riſeth againſt his neighbour, and ſlayeth him, even ſo *is* this matter.

27 For he found her in the field, *and* the betrothed damſel [20] cried, and *there was* none to ſave her.

[20] It muſt in charity be preſum'd that ſhe did ſo; unleſs the contrary be prov'd.

*Exod.22. 16. 28 ¶ * If a man find a damſel *that is* a virgin, which is not betrothed, and [21] lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found:

[21] This place ſpeaks of defiling a Maid, that being occaſionally laid hold on, did preſently yield, not being ſolicited before-hand, and drawn to it by degrees. But that place *Exod.*22.16. ſpeaks of ſuch as did intice a Maid with promiſe of marriage, and then defiled her; in which caſe the Law was not ſo ſevere.

29 Then the man that lay with her ſhall give unto the damſels father [22] fifty *ſhekels* of ſilver, and ſhe ſhall be his wife, becauſe he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

[22] Five pounds fourteen ſhillings.

*1 Cor.5.1. [23]Chap.27.20. Lev.18.8. and 20.11. * See Ruth. 3. 9. Ezek. 16.8. 30 ¶ * A man ſhall not take his [23] fathers wife, nor * diſcover his fathers skirt.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Who may, or who may not enter into the congregation.* 9 *Uncleanneſs to be avoided in the camp.*

HE that is wounded in the [1] ſtones, or hath his privy member cut off, ſhall [2] not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

[1] Either in one or both of 'em: or is an Eunuch. ¶ [2] Not be admitted to any public Office, either Sacred or Civil.

2 [3] A baſtard ſhall not [2] enter into the congregation of the LORD: even to his [4] tenth generation ſhall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

[3] One that is born of one that is not a lawful wife. ¶ [4] To ſhew how much God abhorr'd whoredom.

3 [5] An Ammonite or [5] Moabite ſhall not [2] enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation ſhall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD [6] for ever:

[5] *Neh.*13.1. Any man of either of thoſe Nations, being a Proſelyte, ¶ [6] *i. e.* Never be admitted.

* See Chap. 2. 29. * Num. 22.5, 6. 4 * Becauſe they [7] met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and * becauſe they [8] hired againſt thee Balaam the ſon of Beor of Pethor of Meſopotamia, to curſe thee.

[7] Not only they that do hurt, but they that don't do good to God's people, are diſpleaſing to him, *Matth.* 25. 42, 43. ¶ [8] *Numb.*22.

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5 Nevertheleſs, the LORD thy God would not hearken unto [9] Balaam: but the LORD thy God turned the curſe into a bleſſing unto thee, becauſe the LORD thy God loved thee.

[9] Who had a deſire to curſe them, that he might receive the reward that *Balak* offer'd him.

6 Thou ſhalt [10] not ſeek their peace, nor their † proſperity all thy days for ever. † Heb. *good.*

[10] *Ezra.*9.12. Make leagues with em: but be at perpetual enmity with 'em.

7 ¶ Thou ſhalt [11] not abhor an Edomite, for he *is* thy [12] brother: thou ſhalt not abhor an Egyptian, becauſe thou waſt a [13] ſtranger in his land.

[11] So as to exclude his Poſterity, after he had become a Proſelyte, from being admitted into the Commonwealth of *Iſrael* to the tenth generation, as the Ammonites and Moabites were, *v.*3. ¶ [12] *Numb.*20.14. *Obad.* 10.12. *Am.*1.11. The neareſt of kin to *Iſrael* of all people, being the Poſterity of *Iſaac* by *Eſau.* ¶ [13] And didſt receive much kindneſs from 'em at firſt, *Gen.* 46. 7. (tho' afterwards they oppreſt 'em.) We muſt forget injuries, and remember good turns.

8 The children that are begotten of them, ſhall enter into the congregation of the LORD, in their [14] third generation.

[14] *Viz.* After they are become Proſelytes.

9 ¶ When the hoſt goeth forth againſt thine enemies, [15] then keep thee from every [16] wicked thing.

[15] Then eſpecially above all other times. ¶ [16] *Luke* 13. 14.

10 ¶ * If there be among you any man that * Lev.15.16. is not clean, by reaſon of uncleanneſs that chanceth him by [17] night, then ſhall he go abroad [18] out of the camp, he ſhall not come within the camp.

[17] *Lev.*15.16. ¶ [18] *Numb.*5.3. To teach 'em, what exact purity and holineſs God requir'd in his people; and that they ſhould be much more careful to cleanſe their ſouls.

11 But it ſhall be when evening † cometh on, he ſhall [19] waſh *himſelf* with water: and when the ſun is down, he ſhall come into the camp *again.* † Heb. *turneth toward.* [19] Lev.11.25. See there.

12 ¶ Thou ſhalt have a [20] place alſo without the camp, whither thou ſhalt go forth abroad.

[20] Deſign'd for that uſe by public appointment.

13 And thou ſhalt have a paddle upon thy weapon: and it ſhall be when thou wilt † eaſe thy ſelf abroad, thou ſhalt dig therewith, and ſhalt turn back, and [21] cover that which cometh from thee. † Heb. *ſitteſt down.*

[21] To teach 'em how careful they ſhould be to avoid ſin, and all ſpiritual pollutions, *Iſa.* 4.4.

14 For the LORD thy God [22] walketh in the midſt of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee: therefore ſhall thy camp be holy, that he ſee no † unclean thing in thee, and [23] turn away from thee. [22] Lev. 26.12. † Heb. *nakedneſs of any thing.*

15 ¶ * Thou ſhalt not deliver unto his [24] maſter, the ſervant which is eſcaped from his maſter unto thee. [23] *Jer.*32.40. * 1 Sam.30. 15.

[24] That uſes him cruelly and tyrannically; and when he came out of a deſire to turn Proſelyte.

16 He ſhall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he ſhall chooſe, in one of thy gates where it † liketh him beſt: thou ſhalt [25] not oppreſs him. † Heb. *is good for him.*

17 ¶ There ſhall be no ‖ [26] whore * of the daughters of Iſrael, nor [27] a ſodomite of the ſons of Iſrael. [25] *Exod.*22.21. ‖ Or, *Sodomiteſs.* * See Prov. 2. 16.

[26] Common whore tolerated. ¶ [27] Who defiles, or ſuffers himſelf to be defiled with mankind.

18 Thou ſhalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a [28] dog into the houſe of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both theſe *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God. [28] A Sodomite, *v.*17.

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19 ¶ * Thou ſhalt not lend upon uſury to thy [29] bother; uſury of mony, uſury of victuals, uſury of any thing that is lent upon uſury.

*Exod. 22.25. Lev.25.36. Neh.5.2. Pſal.15.5. Luk. 6.34,35.

[29] *Viz.* If he be poor, *Exod.* 22. 25. *Lev.* 25.35–37. (and ſo the following words ſeem to imply: for except he were poor, he would not borrow victuals.)

20 * Unto a [30] ſtranger thou mayeſt lend upon uſury, but unto thy brother thou ſhalt not lend upon uſury; that the LORD thy God may bleſs thee in all that thou ſetteſt thine hand to, in the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it.

* See Chap. 15.3. and Lev. 19.34.

[30] If he be an infidel; (for to Proſelytes they might not lend upon uſury, *Lev.*25.35–37.)

21 ¶ * When thou ſhalt vow [31] a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou ſhalt not ſlack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will ſurely [32] require it of thee; and it would be ſin in thee.

*Numb.30.2. Eccleſ.5.4.

[31] *Ch.*30.2. *Lev.*27.1. *Eccl.*5.4. See on *Gen.*28.20. ¶ [32] Puniſh thee if thou pay it not.

22 But if thou ſhalt [33] forbear to vow, it ſhall be [34] no ſin in thee.

[33] *Acts* 5.4. ¶ [34] No ſuch ſin as to vow, and not to pay, *Eccl.*5.5.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips, thou ſhalt [35] keep and perform; *even* a free-will-offering, according as thou haſt vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou haſt promiſed with thy mouth.

[35] *Viz.* If it be lawful; (for otherwiſe it muſt be repented of, *Jer.*44.25–27. *Acts* 23. 12,21.)

24 ¶ When thou comeſt into thy neighbours vineyard, then thou mayeſt eat grapes thy fill, at thine own pleaſure; but thou ſhalt not put *any* in thy veſſel.

25 When thou comeſt into the ſtanding-corn of thy neighbours, * then thou mayeſt [36] pluck the ears with thine hand: but thou ſhalt not move a ſickle unto thy neighbours ſtanding corn.

*Mark 2. 23. Luke 6.1.

[36] *Matth.*12.1.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Of divorce.* 6, 10 *Of pledges.* 7 *Of manſtealers.* 8 *Of leproſie.* 14 *The hire is to be given.* 16 *Of juſtice.*

*Matth. 5.31. and 19.7. Mark 10.4.

WHen a * man hath taken a wife and married her, and it come to paſs that ſhe [1] find no favour in his eyes, becauſe he hath found † [2] ſome uncleanneſs in her: [3] then let him write her a bill of † divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and ſend her out of his houſe.

† Heb. *matter of nakedneſs.* † Heb. *cutting off.*

[1] *i. e.* He diſlike and loath her. ¶ [2] Any thing which he diſlikes either in her perſon, diſpoſition, or carriage; tho' it were never ſo ſlight a matter, *Matth.* 19.3. —*every cauſe.* ¶ [3] *i. e.* If he put her away he muſt write her a Bill of Divorce. This Permiſſion was for the hardneſs of their hearts, (*Matth.*19.8.) which freed 'em only from puniſhment by the Magiſtrate; but ſtill it was a ſin in the ſight of God. See on *Matth.*19.8,9.

2 And when ſhe is departed out of his houſe, ſhe may go and be [4] another mans *wife.*

† 1 *Cor.*7.15.

[4] 1 *Cor.*7.15.

3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and ſendeth her out of his houſe; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife;

4 * Her former husband which ſent her away, [5] may not take her again to be his wife, after that ſhe is [6] defiled: for that *is* abomination before the LORD, and thou ſhalt not cauſe the land to [7] ſin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

* Jer.3.1.

[5] This is the Precept (to which all the foregoing words are introductory) whereby God ſhews his diſlike of the former divorcement and inconſtancy, *Mal.* 2. 16. ¶ [6] *Viz.* By marrying and lying with a ſecond husband, her firſt being ſtill living. ¶ [7] *i. e.* To be defiled with ſin, and ſo become liable to puniſhment.

5 ¶ * When a man hath taken a new wife, he ſhall not go out to [8] war, † neither ſhall he be charged with any [9] buſineſs: *but* he ſhall be free at home † one year, and ſhall [10] cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

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* Chap.20.7.

† Heb. *not any thing ſhall paſs upon him.*

[8] *Ch.*20.7. ¶ [9] *Viz.* That neceſſarily requires his abſence from his wife. ¶ † That his affections being firmly ſetled there may be no occaſion for ſuch divorces. ¶ [10] *Prov.* 5. 18.

6 ¶ No man ſhall take the nether or the upper [11] milſtone to pledge: for he taketh *a mans* [12] life to pledge.

[11] Nor any thing that is neceſſary for the exerciſe of a man's Calling, or ſuſtenance of his life, *Exod.* 22. 26, 27. ¶ [12] Livelihood.

7 ¶ * If a man be found [13] ſtealing any of his brethren of the children of Iſrael, and maketh merchandize of him, or ſelleth him; then that thief ſhall die, and thou ſhalt put evil away from among you.

* Exod.21.16. [13] *Exod.*21.16.

8 ¶ Take heed in * the plague of leproſie, that thou obſerve diligently, and do according to all that the prieſts the Levites ſhall teach you: as I [14] commanded them, *ſo* ye ſhall obſerve to do.

*Lev.13,&14.

[14] So that private perſons were to conſider and examine whether the Sentence of the Prieſts and Levites were according to the Rule, *Acts* 17.11.

9 [15] Remember what the LORD thy God did unto [16] Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

[15] *Luke* 17.32. *Viz.* How God puniſh'd her for her mutinous carriage againſt *Moſes*, that you may avoid the like. ¶ [16] *Numb.* 12.10.

10 ¶ When thou doſt † lend thy brother any thing, thou ſhalt not go into his houſe to fetch his pledge.

† Heb. *lend the loan of any thing to,&c.*

11 Thou ſhalt ſtand abroad, and the man to whom thou doſt lend ſhall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.

12 And if the man *be* poor, thou ſhalt not ſleep with his pledge.

13 [17] In any caſe thou ſhalt deliver him the pledge again when the ſun goeth down, that he may ſleep in his own raiment, and [18] bleſs thee: and * it ſhall be [19] righteouſneſs unto thee before the LORD thy God.

* See Pſal. 106.31.

[17] *Exod.*22.26. ¶ [18] *Job* 31.20. 2 *Cor.*9.15. 2 *Tim.* 1. 18. ¶ [19] Eſteemed and accepted by God as a work of goodneſs and mercy, or of righteouſneſs and holineſs; as *Pſal.*106.31.

14 ¶ Thou ſhalt not [20] oppreſs an hired ſervant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy ſtrangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates.

[20] *Jam.* 5.4.

15 At his day * thou ſhalt give *him* his hire, neither ſhall the [21] ſun go down upon it, for he *is* poor, and † ſetteth his heart upon it: leſt he cry againſt thee unto the LORD, and it be [22] ſin unto thee.

* Lev.19.13. Jer.22.13. Tob.4.14. James 5.4. † Heb. *lifteth his ſoul unto it.*

[21] *Lev.*19.13. *Jer.*22.13. ¶ [22] An iniquity which God will puniſh, *Mal.*3.5.

16 * The fathers ſhall not be [23] put to death for the children, neither ſhall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man ſhall be put to death for his own ſin.

* 2 King.14.6. 2 Chron.25.4. Jer.31. 29,30. Ezek.18.20.

[23] 2 *Kings* 14.5, 6. 2 *Chron.*25.4. *Jer.*31.29.30. *Ezek.* 18. 20. *Viz.* If the one be free from the guilt of the others ſin. Except in thoſe caſes where God commanded it.

17 ¶ * Thou ſhalt not [24] pervert the judgment of the ſtranger, *nor* of the fatherleſs, * nor take a widows raiment to pledge.

* Exod.22.21, 22. Prov. 22. 22. Iſa. 1.23. Jer.5. 28. and 22.3. Ezek.22. 29. Zech.7.10.

[24] *Ch.*16.19. and 27.19. *Exod.*23.2,6. *Prov.*22.22. *Jer.*22.3. *Ezek.*22.29. *Mal.*3.5.

18 But * thou ſhalt remember that thou waſt a bond-man in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

* Exod. 22.26. Verſ.22.

19 ¶ * When

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19 ¶ * When thou cutteſt down thine harveſt in thy field, and haſt [25] forgot a ſheaf in the field, thou ſhalt not go again to fetch it: it ſhall be for the [26] ſtranger, for the fatherleſs, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may [27] bleſs thee in all the work of thine hands.

* Lev. 19. 9. & 23. 22.

[25] This is an addition to thoſe Laws, *Lev.* 19. 9. and 23. 22. ¶ [26] *Lev.* 19.-20. the Proſelyte. ¶ [27] *Prov.* 19. 17. *Matth.* 25. 40.

† Heb. *thou ſhalt not bough it after thee.*

20 When thou beateſt thine olive-tree, † thou ſhalt not go over the boughs again: it ſhall be for the ſtranger, for the fatherleſs, and for the widow.

21 When thou gathereſt the grapes of thy vineyard, thou ſhalt [28] not glean *it* † afterward: it ſhall be for the ſtranger, for the fatherleſs, and for the widow.

[28] *Lev.* 19. 10. † Heb. *after thee.*

* Verſ. 18.

22 And * thou ſhalt remember that thou waſt a bond-man in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Stripes muſt not exceed forty.* 4 *The ox is not to be muzled.* 5 *Of raiſing ſeed unto a brother.* 11 *Of the immodeſt woman.* 13 *Of unjuſt weights.* 17 *The memory of Amalek is to be blotted out.*

IF there be a controverſie between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them, then they ſhall [1] juſtifie the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

[1] Acquit and pronounce guiltleſs.

2 And it ſhall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge ſhall cauſe him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face according to his fault, by a certain number.

3 [2] Forty ſtripes he may give him, *and* not exceed: leſt *if* he ſhould exceed, and beat him above theſe with many ſtripes, then thy brother ſhould [3] ſeem vile unto thee.

[2] 2 *Cor.* 11. 24. ¶ [3] Be made contemptible to his brethren by this cruel uſage of him, as if he were a Slave, or bruit Beaſt.

* Prov. 12. 10. 1 Cor. 9. 9. 1 Tim. 5. 18. † Heb. *threſheth.*

4 ¶ * Thou [4] ſhalt not muzzle the ox when he † treadeth out *the corn.*

[4] This was partly to teach 'em mercy to their Beaſts (*Prov.* 12. 10.) but principally to teach 'em, that the Labourer is worthy of his hire, 1 *Cor.* 9. 9, 10. 1 *Tim.* 5. 17, 18.

* Matth. 22. 24. Mark 12. 19. Luke 20. 28.

5 ¶ * If [5] brethren [6] dwell together, and [7] one of them die and have no child, the wife of the dead ſhall not marry without unto a [8] ſtranger: her ‖ [9] husbands brother ſhall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husbands brother unto her.

‖ Or, *next kinſman.*

[5] Natural Brethren; and alſo next Kinſmen (if there be no brethren) as the example of *Boaz* and *Ruth* ſhews, *Ruth* 3. and 4. ¶. [6] In the ſame Town or Family; (for in caſe the next Kinſman lived a great way off, the Widow was not bound to ſeek him out, but might challenge the right of Marriage of the next Kinſman in that place.) ¶ [7] *Matth.* 22. 24. *Mark* 12. 19. *Luke* 20. 28. ¶ [8] One of another Family in *Iſrael.* ¶ [9] Or neareſt Kinſman, being a ſingle man.

6 And it ſhall be, *that* the firſt-born which ſhe beareth, ſhall [10] ſucceed in the name of his brother *which is* dead, that his name be not [11] put out of Iſrael.

‖ Or, *next kinſmans wife.* * Ruth 4. 7.

7 And if the man like not to take his ‖ brothers wife, then let his brothers wife go up to the [12] gate unto the elders, and ſay, * My husbands brother refuſeth to raiſe up unto his brother a name in Iſrael, he will not perform the duty of my husbands brother.

[10] Be counted the legal ſon of the brother that died without iſſue. ¶ [11] (Which was counted a heavy judgment, *ch.* 9. 14. and 29. 20. *Pſal.* 109. 13. *Ruth.* 4. 10.) ¶ [12] *Ruth* 4. 1, 2.

8 Then the elders of his city ſhall call him, and ſpeak unto him: and *if* he ſtand *to it*, and ſay, I like not to take her:

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9 Then ſhall his brothers wife come unto him in the preſence of the elders, and [13] looſe his ſhoe from off his foot, and [14] ſpit in his face, and ſhall anſwer and ſay, So ſhall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brothers houſe.

[13] *Ruth* 4. 7. Partly, as a ſign of his reſignation of his right to the woman and her Husbands inheritance (*Pſal.* 60. 8.) and partly, as a note of infamy: to ſignifie, that he deſerved to be treated like a Servant, or Captive. ¶ [14] *Numb.* 12. 14. *Iſa.* 50. 6.

10 And his name ſhall be called in Iſrael, [15] The houſe of him that hath his ſhoe looſed.

[15] By this brand of infamy upon him and his poſterity, God would bring 'em to a compliance with this Law.

11 ¶ When men ſtrive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that ſmiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the ſecrets:

12 Then thou ſhalt cut off her hand, thine eye ſhall not pity *her.*

13 ¶ * Thou ſhalt not have in thy bag † [16] divers weights, a great and a ſmall.

* Lev. 19. 35, 36. † Heb. *a ſtone and a ſtone.*

[16] *Mic.* 6. 11. *Prov.* 20. 10, 23. and 11. 1. *Ezek.* 45. 10.

14 Thou ſhalt not have in thine houſe † [16] divers meaſures, a great and a ſmall.

† Heb. *an ephah and an ephah.*

15 *But* thou ſhalt have a perfect and [17] juſt weight, a perfect and juſt meaſure ſhalt thou have: that thy days may be [18] lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

[17] *Prov.* 11. 1. ¶ [18] *Exod.* 20. 12.

16 For all that do ſuch things, *and* all that do unrighteouſly, *are* an [19] abomination unto the LORD thy God.

[19] *Prov.* 11.-1. and 20.-23. 1 *Theſſ.* 4. 6. *Am.* 8. 5, 7.

17 ¶ * Remember what Amalek [20] did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt:

* Exod. 17. 8. [20] *Pſal.* 36.-1.

18 How he met thee by the way, and ſmote the hindmoſt of thee, *even* all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *waſt* faint and weary; and he [21] feared not God.

[21] 1 *Sam.* 15. 3.

19 Therefore it ſhall be when the LORD thy God hath [22] given thee reſt from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to poſſeſs it, *that* thou ſhalt [23] blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou ſhalt not forget *it.*

[22] 1 *Chron.* 4. 42. [23] *Eſth.* 9. 12, 13.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *The confeſſion of him that offereth the baſket of firſt-fruits.* 16 *The covenant between God and the people.*

AND it ſhall be when thou *art* come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and poſſeſſeſt it, and dwelleſt therein,

2 * That thou ſhalt take of the [1] firſt of all the fruit of the earth, which thou ſhalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and ſhalt put *it* in a baſket, and ſhalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God ſhall chooſe, to place his name there.

* Exod. 23. 19. and 34. 26. Chap. 16. 10.

[1] *Prov.* 3. 9, 10. Which was offer'd at the feaſt of Harveſt, or Pentecoſt, *Exod.* 23. 16.

3 And thou ſhalt go unto the [2] prieſt that ſhall be in thoſe days, and ſay unto him, I profeſs this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come

* Any Prieſt.

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come unto the countrey which the LORD ſware unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the prieſt ſhall take the basket out of thine hand, and ſet it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou ſhalt ſpeak and ſay before the LORD thy God, *[3] A Syrian [4] ready to periſh *Hoſ. 12.12. *Gen. 46. 1. *was* [3] my father, and * he went down into Egypt, and ſojourned there with a [5] few, and became there a nation great, mighty, and populous.

[3] *Viz. Jacob*, deſcended from *Abram* (who came out of *Ur* of the *Chaldees*, a part of *Syria*) and alſo lived twenty years in *Syria* with *Laban*, *Hoſ.* 12. 12. Hereby they were taught to own their firſt mean Original, and to magnifie God's goodneſs in raiſing 'em to ſuch a condition as they were now in. ¶ [4] *Viz.* By the deadly hatred of his Brother *Eſau* purpoſing to kill him (*Gen.* 27. 41.) and his coming againſt him in a hoſtile manner (*Gen.* 33. 1.) and his hard ſervice with *Laban* (*Gen.* 31. 40.) and the Famine in *Canaan*, *Gen.* 42. 1. *&c.* ¶ [5] Seventy perſons, *Gen.* 46. 27.

*Exod. 1. 11. 6 And * the Egyptians [6] evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us [7] hard bondage.

[6] *Exod.* 1. 11. ¶ [7] *Exod.* 1. 14. We muſt not forget our former miſeries, *ch.* 16. 12. *Eph.* 2. 11, 12.

*Exod. 2. 23. 7 And * when we [8] cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and [9] looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppreſſion.

[8] *Exod.* 2. 23–25. ¶ [9] *Exod.* 3. 7.

*Exod. 12. 37. 8 And * the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt, with a [10] mighty hand, and with an [10] out-ſtretched arm, and with great terribleneſs, and with ſigns, and with wonders.

[10] See on *ch.* 4. 34.

9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, *even* a land that [11] floweth with milk and honey.

[11] *V.* 14. See on *Exod.* 3. 8.

10 And now behold, I have brought the [1] firſt-fruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, haſt given me: and thou ſhalt [12] ſet it before the LORD thy God, and [13] worſhip before the LORD thy God.

[12] Give it to the Prieſt to ſet it down there by whom it was eaten, *ch.* 18. 4. ¶ [13] Perform ſuch duties of God's Worſhip as were required, *viz.* Prayer, &c.

11 And thou ſhalt [14] rejoyce in every good *thing* which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine houſe, thou, and the Levite, and the ſtranger that *is* among you.

[14] Feaſting together with the Levites and Strangers upon the peace-offerings they had brought thither.

12 ¶ When thou haſt made an end of tithing [15] all the tithes of thine increaſe, the third year, *which is* the year of tithing, and haſt given *it* unto the Levite, the ſtranger, the fatherleſs, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled:

[15] See on *ch.* 14. 28.

13 Then thou ſhalt ſay [16] before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of *mine* houſe, and alſo have given them unto the Levite, and unto the ſtranger, to the fatherleſs, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou haſt commanded me: I have not [17] tranſgreſſed thy commandments, neither have I [18] forgotten *them*.

[16] In thy private addreſſes to him. ¶ [17] By doing otherwiſe than was required. ¶ [18] Not neglected any particular.

14 I have not eaten thereof in my [19] mourning, neither have I taken away *ought* thereof for *any* [20] unclean *uſe*, nor given *ought* thereof for [21] the dead: *but* I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, *and* have done according to all that thou haſt commanded me.

[19] *Lev.* 7. 20. In time of mourning for dead Friends (which would have defiled 'em, *Hoſ.* 9. 4.) ¶ [20] Any other uſe beſides that which they were appointed for. ¶ [21] To be eaten at the Funeral of any dead perſon.

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15 [22] Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bleſs thy people Iſrael, and the land which thou haſt given us, as thou ſwareſt unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

[22] *Iſa.* 63. 15. *Zech.* 2. 13.

16 ¶ [23] This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do theſe ſtatutes and judgments: thou ſhalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy ſoul.

[23] *q. d.* Tho theſe Commandments were immediately given to your Fathers, yet they concern you as much as if they had been ſpoken this day unto you.

17 Thou haſt [24] avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his [25] ſtatutes, and his [25] commandments, and his [25] judgments, and to hearken unto his voice.

[24] *Ch.* 5. 2, 3. *Exod.* 19. 3, 4, 8. Declared, owned. ¶ [25] Laws Ceremonial, Moral, and Judicial.

18 And * the LORD hath [26] avouched thee this day to be his [27] peculiar people, as he hath promiſed thee, and [28] that *thou* ſhouldſt keep all his commandments. *Exod. 19. 5. Chap. 7. 6. & 14. 2.

[26] *Ch.* 7. 6. and 14. 2. own'd thee for ſuch before all the World. ¶ [27] *Exod.* 19. 5. ¶ [28] *q. d.* And he has undertaken for thee, that thou ſhouldſt keep, *&c. Jer.* 31. 33. *Ezek.* 36. 26, 27.

19 And to make thee * [29] high above all nations which he hath made [30] in praiſe, and [31] in name, and in [32] honour, and that thou mayeſt be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath ſpoken. *Chap. 4. 7, 8. & 28. 1.

[29] *Ch.* 28. 1. not only in regard of temporal Bleſſings, but eſpecially in regard of ſpiritual and heavenly priviledges. ¶ [30] *Iſa.* 62. 7. *Pſal.* 148. 14. *Jer.* 13. 11. and 33. 9. to be praiſed even by thine enemies, for my mercies to thee, as *Zeph.* 3. 19, 20. ¶ [31] Renown, *Iſa.* 56. 5. and 66. 22. ¶ [32] *Iſa.* 52. 1. and 64. 11. *Ezek.* 16. 12.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *The people are to write the law upon ſtones.* 5 *To build an altar of whole ſtones.* 14 *The curſes on mount Ebal.*

AND Moſes with the elders of Iſrael commanded the people ſaying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

2 And it ſhall be [1] on the day * when you ſhall paſs over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that * thou ſhalt ſet thee up great ſtones, and plaiſter them with plaiſter. *Joſh. 4. 1. *Joſh. 8. 32.

[1] On the firſt opportunity after your entrance into the land of *Canaan*.

3 And thou ſhalt [2] write upon them [3] all the words of this law, when thou art paſſed over, that thou mayeſt go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey: as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promiſed thee.

[2] *Joſh.* 8. 32. &c. ¶ [3] The Bleſſings and Curſes here ſet down (as may ſeem by *Joſh.* 8. 34.)

4 Therefore it ſhall be when ye be gone over Jordan, *that* ye ſhall ſet up theſe ſtones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou ſhalt plaiſter them with plaiſter.

5 And there ſhalt thou [4] build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of ſtones: thou ſhalt [5] not lift up *any* iron *tool* upon them.

[4] *Joſh.* 8. 30. ¶ [5] See on *Exod.* 20. 25.

6 Thou ſhalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of [6] whole ſtones: and thou ſhalt offer [7] burnt-offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God.

[6] *Joſh.*

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[6] *Joſh.*8.31. Not hewen or poliſh'd, but rough. ¶ [7] To obtain pardon of their ſins.

7 And thou ſhalt offer [8] peace-offerings, and ſhalt [9] eat there, and rejoyce before the LORD thy God.

[8] To ſhew their hopes of peace and proſperity by Chriſt, and thankfulneſs for his grace, *Lev.* 3.1. ¶ [9] Keep a holy banquet, *Lev.*7.15.&c.

8 And thou ſhalt write upon the ſtones [10] all the words of this law, very plainly.

[10] The Curſes, *v.*15.&c. to ſhew, that no man could expect Juſtification by the tenor of the Law.

9 ¶ And Moſes, and the prieſts the Levites ſpake unto all Iſrael, ſaying, Take heed, and hearken, O Iſrael, this day thou [11] art become the people of the LORD thy God.

[11] Art declared to be God's people, by renewing thy Covenant with him, *ch.*26.17,18.

10 Thou ſhalt [12] therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his ſtatutes which I command thee this day.

[12] Becauſe thou art his people, *ch.* 26. 17. *Mich.*4.5.

11 ¶ And Moſes charged the people the ſame day, ſaying,

12 Theſe * ſhall ſtand [13] upon mount Gerizzim to [14] bleſs the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Iſſachar, and Joſeph, and Benjamin:

[13] In *Joſh.*8.33. it's ſaid, *They ſtood over againſt mount* Gerizzim *and* Ebal; *i. e.* upon the aſcent of each Mountain, near to the bottom, that they might be near one another, and both of 'em to the Ark, in the valley between 'em, and ſo might the better hear the Bleſſings and Curſes pronounc'd by the Levites, and give their aſſent thereto. ¶ [14] To teſtifie their aſſent, by ſaying Amen, (*v.*—15.&c.) to the Bleſſings and Curſes pronounc'd by the Prieſts.

* Chap.11.29. † Heb. *for a curſing.*

13 And * theſe ſhall ſtand upon mount Ebal † to [14] curſe; Reuben, Gad, and Aſher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

* Dan.7.11.

14 ¶ And * the [15] Levites ſhall ſpeak and ſay unto all the men of Iſrael with a loud voice,

[15] *i. e.* The Prieſts the Levites; (for the common Levites ſtood upon mount *Gerizzim* among the other Tribes, *v.*12.)

* Exod.20.4, 23.and 34.17. Lev.19.4. and 26.1. Chap. 4. 16,23.& 5.8. * 1 Cor.14.16. See Jer.11.5.

15 * [16] Curſed *be* the [17] man that maketh [18] *any* graven or molten image, an [19] abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftſman, and putteth *it* in [20] *a* ſecret *place*: and all the [21] people ſhall anſwer and ſay, * [22] Amen.

[16] Deſtitute of all good, and expos'd to all evil. ¶ [17] Every one, *Gal.*3.10. ¶ [18] *Exod.*20.4. Or that tranſgreſſes any other Commandment of the firſt Table. ¶ [19] 2 *Kings* 23.13. *Iſa.*44.19. *Ezek.*7.20. ¶ [20] *Pſal.*44.20,21. *Ezek.*8.12. ¶ [21] *Viz.* That ſtood on mount *Ebal.* ¶ [22] *Numb.*5.22. *Jer.* 11.5. *q. d.* So let it be. I wiſh this Curſe may befall me if I be guilty of this Crime.

* Exod. 20.12. and 21.17. Lev.19.3.

16 * Curſed *be* he that [23] ſetteth light by his father or his mother: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

[23] Does not perform his duty according to *Exod.*20.12.and 21.17.

* Chap.19.14. Prov.22.28. [24] *ch.*19.14.

17 * Curſed *be* he that removeth his neighbours [24] land-mark: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

* Lev.19.14. [25] *Prov.*28.10. *Job* 29.15.

18 * Curſed *be* he that maketh the [25] blind to wander out of the way: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

* Exod.22.21, 22. Ch.10.18.

19 * Curſed *be* he that [26] perverteth the judgment of the ſtranger, fatherleſs, and widow: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

[26] *Ch.* 10. 18. and 24. 17. See there.

* Lev.18.8. Chap.22.30. [27] *Lev.* 18.8. &c.

20 * Curſed *be* he that [27] lieth with his fathers wife; becauſe he uncovereth his fathers skirt: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

* Lev.18.23.

21 * Curſed *be* he that lieth with any manner of beaſt: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

22 * Curſed *be* he that lieth with his ſiſter, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen. Chap. 28. 2553.

* Lev.18.9.

23 * Curſed *be* he that lieth with his mother in law: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen. * Lev.18.17. and 20.14.

24 * Curſed *be* he that [28] ſmiteth his neighbour ſecretly: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen. * Exod.20.13. and 21.12,14. Lev.24.17. Numb. 35.31.

[28] *Exod.*20.13. and 21.12, 14. *Lev.* 24. 17. *Numb.* 35. 31. Kills. Chap. 19.11.

25 * Curſed *be* he that taketh [29] reward [30] to ſlay an innocent perſon: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen. * Exod.23.8. Chap.10.17. and 16.19. Ezek.22.12.

[29] *Ch.*10.17. and 16.19. *Exod.*23.8. *Ezek.*22.12.*Mich.*3.11. ¶ [30] *Ezek.*22.12.

26 [31] Curſed *be* he that [32] confirmeth not *all* the words of this law to do them: and all the people ſhall ſay, Amen. [31] Jer. 11.3. Gal.3.10.

[32] Continues not to perform; *Ezek.*18.24.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *The bleſſings for obedience.* 16 *The curſes for diſobedience.*

AND it ſhall come to paſs, * if thou ſhalt hearken [1] diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to obſerve *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day; that the LORD thy God will ſet thee on [2] high above all nations of the earth. * Lev.26.3.

[1] *Exod.* 15.26. *Iſa.* 55. 2. ¶ [2] See on *ch.* 26. 19.

2 And all theſe bleſſings ſhall [3] come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou ſhalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. [3] *V.*15.45. *Zech.*1.6.

3 [4] Bleſſed *ſhalt* thou *be* in the city, and bleſſed *ſhalt* thou *be* in the field. [4] *Pſal.* 128.1. &c. & 107.38.

4 Bleſſed *ſhall be* * the [5] fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattel, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flocks of thy ſheep. * Gen.49.25. [5] *Pſal.*128.3.

5 Bleſſed *ſhall be* thy basket and thy ‖ ſtore. ‖ Or, *dough*, or *kneading-troughs.*

6 Bleſſed *ſhalt* thou *be* when thou [6] comeſt in, and bleſſed *ſhalt* thou *be* when thou [6] goeſt out.

[6] *Ch.* 31. 2. *Numb.* 27. 17. 2 *Sam.* 3. 25. 2 *Chron.* 1. 10. *Pſal.*121.8. In all thy employments, public or private.

7 The LORD ſhall cauſe thine enemies that riſe up againſt thee to be * [7] ſmitten before thy face: they ſhall come out againſt thee one way, and flee before thee ſeven ways. * Verſ.25. [7] 2 *Sam.*22. 38. &c.

8 The LORD ſhall [8] command the bleſſing upon thee in thy ‖ [9] ſtore-houſes, and in all that thou ſetteſt thine hand unto: and he ſhall bleſs thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. [8] See on *Lev.* 25.21. ‖ Or, *barns.* [9] *Prov.*3.10.

9 * The LORD ſhall [10] eſtabliſh thee an holy people unto himſelf, as he hath ſworn unto thee, if thou ſhalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. *Exod.19.5,6. Chap.7.6.

[10] Confirm his Covenant with thee, by which he has ſeparated thee to himſelf, as a holy and peculiar people. (Mention'd in the laſt place, as the chief piece of their happineſs.)

10 And all people of the earth ſhall [11] ſee that thou art [12] called by the name of the LORD, and they ſhall be [13] afraid of thee.

[11] Plainly perceive, by the ſingular Bleſſings heap'd upon thee. ¶ [12] *Ch.*14.1. and 26.18. That God owns thee for his peculiar people. ¶ [13] *Ch.*2.25. and 11.25. 1 *Sam.*18.12, 15,29. *Iſa.*41.5.

11 And the LORD ſhall make thee [14] plenteous ‖ in goods, in the fruit of thy † body, and in the fruit of thy cattel, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD ſware unto thy fathers to give thee. [14] *ch.*30.9. &c. ‖ Or, *for good.* † Heb. *belly.*

12 The LORD ſhall open unto thee his good [15] trea-

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[15] treasure, the heaven to give [16] the rain unto thy [17] land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

[15] *Job* 38.22. *Psal.* 135.-7. ¶ [16] *ch.* 11.14. *Lev.* 26.4. ¶ [17] *ch.* 15.6.

13 And the LORD shall make thee [18] the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be [2] above only, and thou shalt not be beneath: if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day to observe and to do *them*:

[18] *Isa.*9.15. Chief in authority and power, *ch.* 15.-6.

14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the [19] right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

[19] See on *ch.* 5.32.

* Bar. 1. 20.

15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, * if thou wilt [20] not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee.

[20] *V.* 1. *Lev.*26.14. *Lam.*2.17. *Dan.*9.11,15. *Mal.* 2.2.

[21] See on *ch.* 27.15.

16 [21] Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

17 Cursed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

18 Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

19 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee [22] cursing, [23] vexation, and [24] rebuke, in all that thou † setteſt thine hand unto † for to do; until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings whereby thou hast forsaken me.

† Heb. *which thou wouldst do.*

[22] Opposite to that Blessing, *v.*8. ¶ [23] *Ch.*7.23. 2 *Chron.* 15.5. ¶ [24] 2 *Kings* 19.3. *Isa.*51.20. and 66.15. Cross Providences; sore and sharp afflictions.

[25] *Am.*4.10.

21 The LORD shall make the [25] pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

22 The LORD shall smite thee with a [26] consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the ‖ [27] sword, and with [28] blasting, and with [28] mildew: and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

‖ Or, *drought.*

[26] *Lev.*26.16. ¶ [27] *Lev.*26.25. ¶ [28] *Am.*4.9. *Hag.*2.17. 2 *Chron.*6.28.

[29] *Lev.* 26.19.

23 And thy [29] heaven that *is* over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that *is* under thee *shall be* iron.

24 The LORD shall make [30] the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be [31] destroyed.

[30] Instead of rain, (*v.*12.) there shall fall powder and dust, which the wind raises in time of drought. ¶ [31] By famine, following these great droughts.

* Vers.7. Chap.32.30. Isa.30.17.

25 * The LORD shall cause thee to be [7] smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them; and * shalt be † [32] removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

* Jer.15.4. and 24.9. Ezek.23.46.

† Heb. *for a removing.*

[32] *Jer.* 15.9. and 29.18. and 34.-17. *Ezek.*23.46.

[33] *Jer.*7.33. and 16.4. and 34.20. *Psal.* 79.1,2,3.

26 And thy [33] carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray *them* away.

* Exod.9.9. and 15.26.

27 The LORD will smite thee with * [34] the botch of Egypt, and with the [35] emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst [36] not be healed.

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[34] *Exod.*9.9.-11. ¶ [35] 1 *Sam.*5.9. *Psal.*78.66. ¶ [36] Contrary to that promise, *Exod.*15.-26.

28 The LORD shall [37] smite thee with madness, and [37] blindness, and [38] astonishment of heart.

[37] So far deprive thee of the use of thy reason, as to act like mad or blind men. ¶ [38] By reason of the greatness of thy distress.

29 And thou shalt [39] grope at noon-days, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed, and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee*.

[39] *Job* 5.14. and 12.25. *Isa.*59.10. Grosly mistake in the clearest cases.

* Jer.8.10. * Job 31.8. Jer.12.13. Am.5.11. Zeph.1.13. * Chap.20.6.

30 * Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: * thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: * thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt [40] not † gather the grapes thereof.

† Heb. *profane*, or *use it as common meat*, as Chap. 20.6.

31 Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and † shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue *them*.

[40] Contrary to that *Jer.* 31.5. † Heb. *shall not return to thee.*

32 Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* [41] given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there shall be* [42] no might in thine hand.

[41] *V.* 41. ¶ [42] No power to rescue, nor mony to ransom 'em.

[43] *Isa.*1.7. *Jer.*5.17. and 8.16.

33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not, [43] eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:

[44] *v.*-67.

34 So that thou shalt be mad, for [44] the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

[45] *Job* 2.7.

35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with [45] a sore botch that [36] cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

* 2 Kin.17.4,5. and 24.12. and 25.7. 2 Chron. 33.11. * Jer. 16.13.

36 The LORD shall bring [46] thee, and * thy [46] king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and * there shalt thou [47] serve other gods, wood and stone.

[46] 2 *Kings* 17.6. and 24.14,15. and 25.1. &c. *Lam.* 4.20. ¶ [47] Being either perswaded or forc'd thereto.

[48] *Jer.* 24.9. *Zech.*8.13. [49] 1 *Kings* 9.7. *Psal.* 44.13, 14. *Jer.*24.9. *Zech.*8.13.

37 And thou shalt become an [48] astonishment, a [49] proverb, and a [49] by-word, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

[48] Thy calamities shall be so great, that thy very enemies shall be astonish'd at 'em. ¶ [49] 1 *Kings* 9.7. *Psal.* 44.13, 14. *Jer.*24.9. *Zech.*8.13. Thy miseries shall be used proverbially to express great calamities: and they shall sport themselves in thy miseries, saying, These are the people of the Lord, &c.

* Mich.6.15. Hag.1.6.

38 * Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather *but* little in: for the [50] locust shall consume it.

[50] *Joel* 1.4. *Am.*4.9. and 7.1. *Hag.* 1.6, 11.

[51] *Jer.* 4.7.

39 Thou shalt plant vineyards and dress *them*, but shalt neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes*: for the [51] worms shall eat them.

[52] *Psal.* 23.-5.

40 Thou shalt have olive-trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt [52] not anoint *thyself* with the oyl: for thine olive shall cast *his fruit*.

† Heb. *they shall not be thine.*

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but † thou shalt not enjoy them: for they shall go into captivity.

‖ Or, *possess.*

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust ‖ consume.

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43 The [53] ſtranger that *is* within thee ſhall get up above thee very high; and thou ſhalt come down very low.

[53] *Job* 30. 1.

44 He ſhall lend to thee, and thou ſhalt not lend to him: * he ſhall be the [18] head, and thou ſhalt be the tail.

* Verſ. 13. Lam. 1. 5.

45 Moreover, [54] all theſe curſes ſhall come upon thee, and ſhall purſue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be deſtroyed: becauſe thou hearkenedſt not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his ſtatutes which he commanded thee.

[54] *Lev.* 26. 18.

46 And they ſhall be upon thee for a [55] ſign and for a [56] wonder, and upon thy ſeed for ever.

[55] *V.* 37. Of God's great indignation againſt thee. ¶ [56] *v.* 59. That a people once ſo happy in God's favour, ſhould be ſo unwiſe and wicked, as to deſerve ſo great a change.

47 Becauſe thou [57] ſervedſt not the LORD thy God with joyfulneſs and with gladneſs of heart, * for the abundance of all *things*.

[57] *Neh.* 9. 35, 36. * Chap. 32. 15.

48 Therefore ſhalt thou ſerve thine enemies which the LORD ſhall ſend againſt thee, in hunger, and in thirſt, and in nakedneſs, and in want of all *things*: and he ſhall put a [58] yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have deſtroyed thee.

[58] Hard Bondage (*Jer.* 28. 13, 14.) which thou ſhalt not be able to free thy ſelf from.

49 * The LORD ſhall bring [59] a nation againſt thee from far, from the end of the earth, * *as ſwift* as the eagle flieth, a nation whoſe tongue thou ſhalt not † underſtand.

* Luke 19. 43. * Jer. 48. 40. & 49. 22. Lam. 4. 19. Hoſ. 1. 8. † Heb. *hear.*

[59] *Jer.* 5. 15. and 6. 22. the Babylonians, *Ezek.* 17. 3, 12.

50 A nation † of [60] fierce countenance, * which ſhall not regard the perſon of the old, nor ſhew favour to the young.

† Heb. *ſtrong of face.* [60] Cruel and inexorable. * Iſa. 47. 6.

51 And he ſhall eat the [61] fruit of thy cattel, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be deſtroyed: which *alſo* ſhall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oyl, *or* the increaſe of thy kine, or flocks of thy ſheep, until he have deſtroyed thee.

[61] *Iſa.* 1. 7.

52 And he ſhall [62] beſiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou truſtedſt, throughout all thy land: and he ſhall beſiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

[62] 2 *King.* 17. 5. & 25. 1, 2.

53 And * thou ſhalt [63] eat the fruit of thine own † body, the fleſh of thy ſons, and of thy daughters (which the LORD thy God hath given thee) in the ſiege, and in the ſtraitneſs wherewith thine enemies ſhall diſtreſs thee:

* Lam. 2. 20. & 4. 10. Bar. 2. 3. † Heb. *belly.*

[63] *Lev.* 26. 29. *Jer.* 19. 9. 2 *Kings* 6. 29. *Lam.* 4. 10.

54 *So that* the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye ſhall be [64] evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his [65] boſom, and towards the remnant of his children which he ſhall leave.

[64] Look upon him with a miſchievous intent to devour and deſtroy him. ¶ [65] *ch.* 13. 6. *Mic.* 7. 5.

55 So that he will not give to any of them of the fleſh of his children whom he ſhall eat: becauſe he hath nothing left him in the ſiege and in the ſtraitneſs wherewith thine enemies ſhall diſtreſs thee in all thy gates.

56 The [66] tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to ſet the ſole of her foot upon the ground for delicateneſs and tenderneſs, her eye ſhall be evil towards the husband of her boſom, and towards her ſon, and towards her daughter,

[66] *Lam.* 4. 4, 5.

57 And towards her † young one that cometh out from between her feet, and towards her children which ſhe ſhall bear: for ſhe ſhall eat them for want of all *things* ſecretly in the ſiege and ſtraitneſs wherewith thine enemy ſhall diſtreſs thee in thy gates.

† Heb. *after-birth.*

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58 If thou wilt not obſerve to do all the words of this law *that are* written in this book, that thou mayeſt fear this glorious and fearful [67] name, THE LORD THY GOD;

[67] That God himſelf, who is ſo called.

59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues [68] wonderful, and the plagues of thy ſeed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and ſore ſickneſſes, and of long continuance.

[68] *V.* 46. *Lam.* 1. 9. and 4. 12. *Dan.* 9. 12. Such as every one ſhall wonder at.

60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee all * the diſeaſes of Egypt, which thou waſt afraid of; and they ſhall cleave unto thee.

* Chap. 7. 15.

61 Alſo every ſickneſs, and every plague which *is* not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD † bring upon thee, until thou be deſtroyed.

† Heb. *cauſe to aſcend.*

62 And ye * ſhall be left few in number, whereas ye were * as the ſtars of heaven for multitude: becauſe thou wouldſt not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

* Chap. 4. 27. * Chap. 10. 22.

63 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* as the LORD [69] rejoyced over you to do you good, and to multiply you: ſo the LORD * [70] will rejoyce over you to deſtroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye ſhall be plucked from off the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it.

* Iſa. 1. 24.

[69] *Ch.* 30. 9. *Jer.* 32. 41. ¶ [70] *Prov.* 1. 26.

64 And the LORD * ſhall [71] ſcatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou ſhalt [47] ſerve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and ſtone.

* Neh. 1. 8. Jer. 16. 13. [71] *Lev.* 26. 33.

65 And * among theſe nations ſhalt thou find no [72] eaſe, neither ſhall the ſole of thy foot have reſt: but the LORD ſhall give thee there a [73] trembling heart, and [74] failing of eyes, and [75] ſorrow of mind.

* Am. 9. 4.

[72] No ſettlement; but be continually remov'd from place to place. ¶ [73] *Lev.* 26. 36. *Iſa.* 1. 5. ¶ [74] Looking for deliverance, but not finding it. ¶ [75] 1 *Sam.* 2. 33.

66 And thy life ſhall hang in doubt before thee, and thou ſhalt fear day and night, and ſhalt have none aſſurance of thy life.

67 In the morning thou ſhalt ſay, [76] Would God it were even: and at even thou ſhalt ſay, Would God it were morning, for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou ſhalt fear, and * for the ſight of thine eyes which thou ſhalt ſee.

[76] *Job* 7. 3, 4. * Verſ. 34.

68 And the LORD * ſhall bring thee [77] into Egypt again, with ſhips by the way whereof [78] I ſpake unto thee, * Thou ſhalt ſee it no more again: and there ye ſhall be ſold unto your enemies for bond-men and bond-women, and no man ſhall [79] buy *you*.

* Jer. 44. 7. Hoſ. 8. 13. & 9. 3. * Chap. 17. 16.

[77] To be ſlaves again there. And ſo it came to paſs at the deſtruction of *Jeruſalem* by *Titus*, when multitudes of 'em were carried into *Egypt*, and ſold there for Slaves. ¶ [78] *Ch.* 17. 16. ¶ [79] Ranſom you from your ſlavery.

CHAP. XXIX.

2 *An exhortation to obedience.* 29 *Secret things belong unto God.*

1 THeſe *are* the [2] words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moſes to [3] make with the children of Iſrael in [4] the land of Moab, beſide * the covenant which he made with them [5] in Horeb.

* Chap. 5. 2, 3.

[2] That

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[1] That follow in this Chapter. ¶ [2] The terms or conditions upon which God has renewed his Covenant with you. ¶ [3] To renew. [4] ¶ *Ch.*1. 5. ¶ [5] *Exod.*20. *Lev.*26.46.

2 ¶ And Moſes called unto all Iſrael, and ſaid unto them, [6] Ye have ſeen all the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, unto Pharaoh, and unto all his ſervants, and unto all his land;

[6] *Exod.*19. 4.

3 The great [7] temptations which thine eyes have ſeen, the [7] ſigns and thoſe great [7] miracles:

[7] See on *ch.* 4. 34.

4 Yet * the LORD hath [8] not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to ſee, and ears to hear, unto this day.

* See Iſa.63. 17. Joh.8. 43. Eph. 4. 18. 2 Theſſ.2. 11, 12.

[8] *Iſa.*6.9,10. *Matth.* 13. -11,13,14. 2 *Cor.* 3.15. *q. d.* Tho you have ſeen 'em with your bodily eyes, yet you have not learnt duly to conſider and make a good uſe of 'em, becauſe God has not given you ability ſo to do, but has denied this grace to you, as a juſt puniſhment for your former ſins.

5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderneſs: your [9] clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy ſhoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

[9] *Ch.*8.4.

6 Ye have not eaten [10] bread, neither have you drunk [11] wine, or ſtrong drink: that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God.

[10] *Viz.* Ordinary bread, but Manna from Heaven, *ch.*8.3. ¶ [11] But water out of the Rock, *Numb.*20.11.

7 And when ye came unto this place, * [12] Sihon the king of Heſhbon, and Og the king of Baſhan, came out againſt us unto battel, and we ſmote them.

* Numb. 21. 24, 33. Chap. 2. 32. & 3. 1.
[12] *Num.*21.21.

8 And we took their land, and * [13] gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manaſſeh.

* Ch.3.12, 13.
[13] *Num.*32.33.

9 * Keep therefore the words of this covenant and do them, that ye may [14] proſper in all that ye do.

* Chap.4.6.
[14] 1 *King.* 2. 3. *Joſh.* 1. 7, 8.

10 ¶ Ye ſtand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Iſrael,

11 Your little ones, your wives, and [15] thy ſtranger that *is* in thy camp, from [16] the hewer of thy wood, unto the [16] drawers of thy water.

[15] That came out of *Egypt* with thee (*Exod.* 12.38.) and ſuch as have ſince joyned themſelves to the Church. ¶ [16] *Joſh.* 9.21,27.

12 That thou ſhouldſt † enter into [17] covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his [17] oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day.

† Heb. *paſs.*
[17] *Neh.*10. 29. The Covenant confirmed with an Oath.

13 That he may eſtabliſh thee to day for a [18] people unto himſelf, and *that* he may be unto thee a [19] God, as he hath ſaid unto thee, and as he hath ſworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob.

[18] *Ch.*7.6. and 28. 9. ¶ [19] *Gen.* 17. 7.

14 Neither with you only do I make [17] this covenant, and this [17] oath;

15 But with *him* that ſtandeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, * and alſo with *him* that *is* [20] not here with us this day.

* See Act.2.39. 1 Cor.7.14.
[20] *Act.*2.39. Poſterity unborn.

16 (For ye know [21] how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the nations which ye paſſed by.

[21] What difficulties we encountred with there.

17 And ye have [22] ſeen their abominations, and their † idols, wood and ſtone, ſilver and gold, which *were* among them:)

† Heb. *dungy gods.*
[22] And therefore may well loath 'em.

18 [23] Leſt there ſhould be among you man or woman, or family, or tribe, [24] whoſe heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go *and* ſerve the Gods of theſe nations; leſt there ſhould be among you a [25] root that [26] beareth || † gall and wormwood;

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|| Or, *a poiſonful herb.*
† Heb. *roſh.*
[23] *i. e.* I make this Covenant with all (*v.*15.) leſt any ſhould turn from God. ¶ [24] *Heb.*3.12. *Prov.*4.23. ¶ [25] *Heb.* 12.15. ſome cloſe Idolaters, who concealing themſelves from the public view, might ſecretly infect and poyſon others. ¶ [26] Drawing you to Idolatry (which is diſpleaſing to God, and will prove bitterneſs in the end.)

19 And it come to paſs when [27] he heareth the words of [28] this curſe, that he [29] bleſs himſelf in his heart, ſaying, I ſhall have [30] peace, *a* though I walk * *a* in the || imagination of mine heart, to add † [31] drunkenneſs to thirſt.

* Num.15.39.
|| Or, *ſtubbornneſs.*
† Heb. *the drunken to the thirſty.*
[27] The perſon, who having an apoſtatizing heart, endeavours to draw away others from God, *v.* 18. ¶ [28] That Oath, (*v.*12.) to keep Covenant with God, and that with a Curſe againſt himſelf if he did not. ¶ [29] *Pſal.* 49. 18. Promiſe himſelf Impunity. ¶ [30] Safety and proſperity in the way I am in. ¶ *a Jer.*3.-17. and 7.24. and 9.14. and 11. 8. and 16.12. and 18.12. and 23.17. tho in my practices and worſhip I don't follow God's command, but my own devices. ¶ [31] *Job* 34.7. *Prov.*23.-35. *Iſa.*30.-1. and 56.12. *Eph.*4.19. A ſenſeleſneſs in ſin, to the greedy purſuit after, and committing of it.

20 The LORD will [32] not ſpare him, but then the anger of the LORD, and his [33] jealouſie ſhall [34] ſmoke againſt that man, and all the curſes *that are* written in this book ſhall lie upon him, and the LORD * ſhall [35] blot out his name from under heaven.

* Chap.9.14.
[32] *Pſal.*59.5. *Ezek.*14.7,8. ¶ [33] *Excd.* 20.5. *Prov.* 6. 34. ¶ [34] Break forth with great fury and terror againſt him, *Pſal.*18.8. and 74.1. ¶ [35] *ch.*25.-19.

21 And the LORD * ſhall ſeparate him [36] unto evil, out of all the tribes of Iſrael, according to all the curſes [38] of the covenant, *that* † *are* written in this book of the law.

* Matth.24.51.
† Heb. *is written.*
[36] To ſome peculiar and exemplary Plague, and make him a monument of his diſpleaſure, when all the other Tribes eſcape. ¶ [38] Annexed to the Covenant of Grace for the confirmation of it.

22 So that the generations to come of your children that ſhall riſe up after you, and the ſtranger that ſhall come from a far land, ſhall ſay, when they ſee the plagues of that land, and the ſickneſſes † which the LORD hath laid upon it;

† Heb. *wherewith the LORD hath made it ſick.*

23 *And that* the whole land thereof *is* [39] brimſtone, and [40] ſalt, *and* [40] burning, *that* it is not ſown, nor beareth, nor any graſs groweth therein, * like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger and in his wrath.

* Gen.19.24, 25.
[39] *Gen.*19. 24. ¶ [40] *Jer.* 17. -6. *Ezek.* 47. -11. *Judg.* 9. 45. *Pſal.*107.34. Burnt up and made barren as with Brimſtone and Salt.

24 Even all nations ſhall ſay, [41] Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger?

[41] 1 *Kings* 9.8. 2 *Chron.* 7. 22. *Jer.*22. 8,9.

25 Then men ſhall ſay, Becauſe they have forſaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt.

26 For they went and ſerved other Gods, and worſhiped them, gods whom they knew not, and || [42] *whom* he had not † given unto them.

|| Or, who *had not given to them* any portion.
† Heb. *divided.*
[42] Not appointed 'em any ſuch way of Worſhip.

27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled againſt this land, to bring upon it [43] all the curſes *that are* written in this book.

[43] *Dan.*9. 11.

28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger and in wrath and in great indignation, and [44] caſt them into another land, as *it is* this day.

[44] 2 *Kings* 17. 18,23.

29 [45] The

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29 [45] The ſecret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but [46] thoſe *things which are* [46] revealed *belong* unto us, and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

[45] *Acts* 1.7. *Matth.*24.36. *Rom.* 11.33. The counſels and purpoſes of God concerning perſons or nations, and the reaſons of his diſpenſations towards 'em, together with the time and manner of inflicting Judgments, or ſhewing Mercy, are hidden in his own boſom, and not to be pried into by us. ¶ [46] *Viz.* That if we rebel againſt him, hee'l pour out all theſe Judgments upon us, except by Repentance and turning to him, we prevent it, (which is that therefore that we muſt look to.)

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1 *Great mercies promiſed to the penitent.* 11 *The commandment is manifeſt.* 15 *Death and life are ſet before them.*

* Lev.26.40. * AND it ſhall come to paſs when all theſe things are come upon thee, the bleſſing and the curſe, which I have [1] ſet before thee, and thou ſhalt call [2] *them* to mind among all the nations whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

[1] *V.*15.19. *ch.*11.26. Propounded to thy choice and conſideration. ¶ [2] 1 *Kings* 8.47. *Luke* 15.17. *Iſa.* 46.8. The benefits of obedience, and the miſchiefs of diſobedience.

[3] *ch.*4.29,30. *Lam.*3.40. 2 And ſhalt [3] return unto the LORD thy God, and ſhalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart and with all thy ſoul:

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[6] *Exod.*19. 4.

3 The great [7] temptations which thine eyes have ſeen, the [7] ſigns and thoſe great [7] miracles:

[7] See on *ch.* 4. 34.

4 Yet * the LORD hath [8] not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to ſee, and ears to hear, unto this day.

* See Iſa.63. 17. Joh.8. 43. Eph. 4. 18. 2 Theſſ.2. 11, 12.

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5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderneſs: your [9] clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy ſhoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

[9] *Ch.*8.4.

6 Ye have not eaten [10] bread, neither have you drunk [11] wine, or ſtrong drink: that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God.

[10] *Viz.* Ordinary bread, but Manna from Heaven, *ch.*8.3. ¶ [11] But water out of the Rock, *Numb.*20.11.

7 And when ye came unto this place, *[12] Sihon the king of Heſhbon, and Og the king of Baſhan, came out againſt us unto battel, and we ſmote them.

* Numb. 21. 24, 33. Chap. 2. 32. & 3. 1.
[12] *Num.*21.21.

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* Ch.3.12, 13.
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* Chap.4.6.
[14] 1 *King.* 2. 3. *Joſh.* 1. 7, 8.

10 ¶ Ye ſtand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Iſrael,

11 Your little ones, your wives, and [15] thy ſtranger that *is* in thy camp, from [16] the hewer of thy wood, unto the [16] drawers of thy water.

[15] That came out of *Egypt* with thee (*Exod.* 12.38.) and ſuch as have ſince joyned themſelves to the Church. ¶ [16] *Joſh.* 9.21,27.

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12 That thou ſhouldſt † enter into [17] covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his [17] oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day.

[17] *Neh.*10. 29. The Covenant confirmed with an Oath.

13 That he may eſtabliſh thee to day for a [18] people unto himſelf, and *that* he may be unto thee a [19] God, as he hath ſaid unto thee, and as he hath ſworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob.

[18] *Ch.*7.6. and 28. 9. ¶ [19] *Gen.* 17. 7.

14 Neither with you only do I make [17] this covenant, and this [17] oath;

15 But with *him* that ſtandeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, * and alſo with *him* that *is* [20] not here with us this day.

* See Act.2.39. 1 Cor.7.14.
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16 (For ye know [21] how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the nations which ye paſſed by.

[21] What difficulties we encountred with there.

17 And ye have [22] ſeen their abominations, and their † idols, wood and ſtone, ſilver and gold, which *were* among them:)

† Heb. *dungy gods.*
[22] And therefore may well loath 'em.

18 [23] Leſt there ſhould be among you man or woman, or family, or tribe, [24] whoſe heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go *and* ſerve the Gods of theſe nations; leſt there ſhould be among you a [25] root that [26] beareth || † gall and wormwood;

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† Heb. *roſh.*

[23] *i. e.* I make this Covenant with all (*v.*15.) leſt any ſhould turn from God. ¶ [24] *Heb.*3.12. *Prov.*4.23. ¶ [25] *Heb.* 12.15. ſome cloſe Idolaters, who concealing themſelves from the public view, might ſecretly infect and poyſon others. ¶ [26] Drawing you to Idolatry (which is diſpleaſing to God, and will prove bitterneſs in the end.)

19 And it come to paſs when [27] he heareth the words of [28] this curſe, that he [29] bleſs himſelf in his heart, ſaying, I ſhall have [30] peace, *a* though I walk * *a* in the || imagination of mine heart, to add † [31] drunkenneſs to thirſt.

* Num.15.39.
|| Or, *ſtubbornneſs.*
† Heb. *the drunken to the thirſty.*

[27] The perſon, who having an apoſtatizing heart, endeavours to draw away others from God, *v.* 18. ¶ [28] That Oath, (*v.*12.) to keep Covenant with God, and that with a Curſe againſt himſelf if he did not. ¶ [29] *Pſal.* 49. 18. Promiſe himſelf Impunity. ¶ [30] Safety and proſperity in the way I am in. ¶ *a* *Jer.*3.-17. and 7.24. and 9.14. and 11. 8. and 16.12. and 18.12. and 23.17. tho in my practices and worſhip I don't follow God's command, but my own devices. ¶ [31] *Job* 34.7. *Prov.*23.-35. *Iſa.*30.-1. and 56.12. *Eph.*4.19. A ſenſeleſneſs in ſin, to the greedy purſuit after, and committing of it.

20 The LORD will [32] not ſpare him, but then the anger of the LORD, and his [33] jealouſie ſhall [34] ſmoke againſt that man, and all the curſes *that are* written in this book ſhall lie upon him, and the LORD * ſhall [35] blot out his name from under heaven.

* Chap.9.14.

[32] *Pſal.*59.5. *Ezek.*14.7,8. ¶ [33] *Exod.* 20.5. *Prov.* 6. 34. ¶ [34] Break forth with great fury and terror againſt him, *Pſal.*18.8. and 74.1. ¶ [35] *ch.*25.-19.

21 And the LORD * ſhall ſeparate him [36] unto evil, out of all the tribes of Iſrael, according to all the curſes [38] of the covenant, *that* † *are* written in this book of the law.

* Matth.24.51.
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[36] To ſome peculiar and exemplary Plague, and make him a monument of his diſpleaſure, when all the other Tribes eſcape. ¶ [38] Annexed to the Covenant of Grace for the confirmation of it.

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* Gen.19.24, 25.

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24 Even all nations ſhall ſay, [41] Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger?

[41] 1 *Kings* 9.8. 2 *Chron.* 7. 22. *Jer.*22. 8,9.

25 Then men ſhall ſay, Becauſe they have forſaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt.

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[42] Not appointed 'em any ſuch way of Worſhip.

27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled againſt this land, to bring upon it [43] all the curſes *that are* written in this book.

[43] *Dan.*9. 11.

28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger and in wrath and in great indignation, and [44] caſt them into another land, as *it is* this day.

[44] 2 *Kings* 17. 18,23.

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29 [45] The ſecret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but [46] thoſe *things which are* [46] revealed *belong* unto us, and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

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[5] *V.*7,23. *Josh.*1.6,7,9. and 10.25. 1 *Chron.*22.13.and 28. 20. 2 *Chron.* 32.7. *Viz.* In faith in God. ¶ [6] *Psal.* 27. 14. ¶ [7] *v.*3,8. ¶ [8] *v.*8. *Josh.*1.5. Leave thee to thy self, but will be always present with thee to assist thee in all thy undertakings according to my command, and make thee successful therein. This promise, tho' made particularly to *Israel* and *Joshua*, yet belongs to all Believers, *Hebr.*13.5.

7 ¶ And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the [9] sight of all Israel, [10] Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

[9] Lest any should deny his Authority, after *Moses*'s death. ¶ [10] The same Exhortation and Promise is given to him in particular that was before given to 'em all, because he was to bear the charge and toil of 'em all.

8 And the LORD, he *it is* that doth go before thee, he will [10] be with thee, he will [10] not fail thee neither forsake thee: * fear not neither be dismayed.

9 ¶ And Moses wrote [11] this law, and delivered it unto the [12] priests, the sons of Levi, which [13] bare the ark [14] of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the [15] elders of Israel.

[11] The whole Law or Doctrin, contain'd in these five Books. ¶ [12] Who were to be most conversant in it, and to whose charge it did appertain to see that this original Book of the Law was safely kept. ¶ [13] Had the chief charge to look to the Ark and other holy things, and sometimes carried it themselves; as *Josh.*3.16,17.and 6.12. 1 *Kings* 8.3. ¶ [14] See on *Numb.*10.33. ¶ [15] The Magistrates; whose duty it was to see that these Laws of God were duly observ'd.

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, [16] At the end of *every* seven years, in the solemnity of the year [17] of release, in [18] the feast of tabernacles,

[16] See on *ch.*15.1. ¶ [17] *ch.*15.2. That being freed from worldly cares, they might apply their minds to God's Law. ¶ [18] See on *Lev.*23.34. When all *Israel* appeared before the Lord, *v.*11. even women and children, *v.* 12. (tho' not bound to it.)

11 When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose, * [19] thou shalt read [20] this law before all Israel, [21] in their hearing.

[19] Every one of you, especially the chief; as *Ezra* read it, *Neh.*8.1.&c. ¶ [20] This original Copy, for the greater solemnity, and that it might make the deeper impression upon 'em, (*v.*12.) some of it was read every Sabbath, (*Acts* 15.21.) but now it was to be read throughout. ¶ [21] *Neh.* 8.8.

12 Gather the people together, men, and [22] women, and [23] children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

[22] Tho' these were not bound to come to the Feast, yet many times they brought 'em, 1 *Sam.*1.21,22,24. *Luke* 2.41, 42. ¶ [23] Children must be instructed in, and inured to the Law of God.

13 And *that* their children which have not known *any thing*, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

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14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present your selves in [24] the tabernacle of the congregation, that * I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

[24] That part of the Court which was before the door of the Tabernacle.

15 And the [25] LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a [26] pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

[25] This glorious sign of his presence. ¶ [26] *Exod.*33.9.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt † sleep [27] with thy fathers, and this people [28] will rise up, and go a [29] whoring after the gods of the [30] strangers of the land whither they go *to be* amongst them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

[27] See on *Gen.* 25. 8. ¶ [28] *Numb.* 16. 2. ¶ [29] See on *Exod.*34.15. ¶ [30] The Canaanites that were estranged from God and his people.

17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and * I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall † befall them, so that they will say in that day, * Are not these evils come upon us, because our God *is* not amongst us?

18 And I will surely hide my face in that day, for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

19 Now therefore write ye [31] this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: [32] put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness [33] for me [34] against the children of Israel.

[31] Recorded Chap. 32. ¶ [32] *Exod.* 4. 15. 2 *Sam.* 14. 3. Cause 'em to learn and understand it, and have it daily in their mouths. ¶ [33] Of my goodness to 'em, and that I have given 'em fair warning. ¶ [34] That they may thank themselves for all the evil that befalls 'em.

20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and hony; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and [35] waxen fat; [36] then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.

[35] *Ch.*32.15. *Neh.*9.25,26. ¶ [36] *ch.*6.10.&c. and 8.10,11. and 32.15.

21 And it shall come to pass when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testifie † [34] against them as a witness: for it shall [37] not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know [38] their imagination * which they † go about, even now before I have brought them into the land which I sware.

[37] They shall have sad occasion to remember it, when they feel the dreadful calamities mention'd in it. ¶ [38] Their proneness to Idolatry, and backsliding, even at this present.

22 ¶ Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

23 And he [39] gave Joshua the son of Nun a [39] charge, and said, * Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee.

[39] Repeated to him what God had spoken.

24 ¶ And it came to pass when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a Book, until they were finished;

25 That Moses commanded [40] the Levites which bare the ark [14] of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

26 Take

[40] Especially the Priests, *v.*9.

*Josh.8.34,35. Neh.8.1,2,5. &c.

* Josh.1.9.

* Num.27.21. Chap.3.28.

* Num.21.24, 33.

* Chap.7.2.

[4] *ch.*20.16,17.

* Hebr.13.5.

† Heb. *lie down.*

2 Sam.7.12.

* Num.27.19.

* Chap.32.20. Psal.104.29.

† Heb. *find them.*

* Judg.6.13.

† Heb. *before.*

* Amos 5. 25, 26.

† Heb. *do.*

* Josh.1.6.

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26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the [41] ſide of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witneſs againſt [42] thee.

[41] Or, *by the ſide*, in ſome Cheſt that was ſet by it; (for there was nothing in the Ark, but the two Tables of the Law, 1 *Kings* 8.9.) This was the Book that was found, 2 *King.*22.8. ¶ [42] This people.

[43] See on *Exod.* 32. 9.

27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy [43] ſtiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious againſt the LORD; and how much more after my death?

[44] See on *ch.*4. 26.

28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may ſpeak theſe words in their ears, and [44] call heaven and earth to record againſt them.

[45] *Act.*20.30. *Joſh.*24. 31.

29 For I know, that [45] after my death ye will utterly corrupt *your ſelves*, and turn aſide from the way which I have commanded you: and evil will befall you in the latter days, becauſe ye will do evil in the ſight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30 And Moſes ſpake in the ears of all the congregation of Iſrael the words of this ſong, until they were ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Moſes ſong, which ſetteth forth Gods mercy and vengeance.* 46 *He exhorteth them to ſet their hearts upon it.*

* Chap.4.26. & 30.19. Pſal. 50.4. Iſa. 1. 2. Jer.2.12. & 6. 19.

1 GIve * ear, O ye [1] heavens, and I will ſpeak; and hear, O [2] earth, the words of my mouth.

[1] This Song contains a Prophecy of their ſin and puniſhment, and then of their recovery afterwards. ¶ [2] See on *ch.*4.26. This implies (1) the excellency of the matter, that deſerv'd to be known by all the world. (2) Their ſtupidity, that the ſenſeleſs Creatures were more like to hearken to it than they.

*Iſa.55.10,11. 1 Cor.3.6,7,8.

2 * My doctrine ſhall [3] drop as the [4] rain: my ſpeech ſhall diſtill as the dew, as the ſmall rain upon the tender herb, and as the ſhowres upon the graſs.

[3] *Ezek.*20.46. and 21.2. *Mic.*2.6. Let it become profitable to mollifie, and make you fruitful ¶ [4] *Iſa.*55.10.

3 Becauſe I will publiſh the [5] name of the LORD: [6] aſcribe ye greatneſs unto our God.

[5] His glorious excellencies and worthy actions, by which he has made himſelf known. ¶ [6] Make it appear by your reverent attention, and ready obedience, that you own him for the great God.

* 2 Sam.23.3. Pſal.18.2,46. Hab.1.12. *2 Sam.22.31. * Job 34. 10.

4 *He is* * the [7] rock, *[8] his work *is* perfect: for [8] all his ways *are* judgment: * a God of truth, and [9] without iniquity, juſt and [10] right *is* he.

[7] *V.* 18,30,37. 1 *Sam.*2.-2. 2 *Sam.* 22. 2, 32. Unalterable in his Counſels, Promiſes, and Ways; (and therefore if hereafter you find a change, it muſt come from your ſelves, not Him.) ¶ [8] His dealings with his people have been exactly juſt, and holy in the higheſt degree of perfection. ¶ [9] *Pſal.*92.15. ¶ [10] Righteous in whatſoever he doth.

† Heb. *he hath corrupted to himſelf.* ‖ Or, that they are *not his children*, that is *their blot.*

5 † They have [11] corrupted themſelves, ‖ their ſpot *is* not *the ſpot* of his children: *they are* a [12] perverſe and [13] crooked generation.

[11] *Iſa.* 1. 4. ¶ [12] *Act.* 7. 51. Stubborn and rebellious. ¶ [13] Swerving from the ſtrait rule of God's Law.

6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O fooliſh people and unwiſe? *is* not he thy father *that* hath [14] bought thee, hath he not [15] made thee, and [16] eſtabliſhed thee?

[14] *Exod.*15.-16. 1 *Cor.* 6. 20. Redeemed thee from *Egypt*. ¶ [15] Advanc'd thee to the honour of being his people (as 1 *Sam.*12.6. *Pſal.*95.6. and 149.2. *Iſa.*43.-7.) ¶ [16] Renewed and confirmed his grace and favor to thee.

† Heb. *generation and generation.*

7 ¶ Remember the days [17] of old, conſider the years of † [17] many generations; ask [18] thy father, and he will [19] ſhew thee, thy elders, and they will [19] tell thee.

[17] *Jer.*2.20. *Pſal.*77.5,6. and 119.52. and 143.5. *Iſa.*46.9. ¶ [18] *Judg.*6.13. *Pſal.*144.1,2.&c. ¶ [19] *Viz.* What reſpect I bore to thee long ago.

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8 When the moſt high *[20] divided to the nations their inheritance, when he [20] ſeparated the ſons of Adam, [21] he ſet the bounds of the people [21] according to the number of the children of Iſrael.

* Zech.9.2. Acts 17.26.

[20] Diſtributed them into the ſeveral parts of the world, *Gen.*10. and 11. ¶ [21] He gave thoſe that were to inhabit *Canaan* ſuch a large ſhare as might be fully ſufficient for his own numerous people, when they came to poſſeſs it.

9 For * the [22] LORDs portion *is* his people: Jacob *is* the † [22] lot of his inheritance.

* Exod. 15.16. † Heb. *cord.*

[22] *Exod.*19. 5, 6. *q. d.* The Iſraelites are that portion of Mankind whom God was pleaſed to redeem out of the bondage of Satan, to make 'em his peculiar people; and therefore he took ſpecial care of 'em.

10 [23] He found him *in a [24] deſert land, and in the waſte [25] howling wilderneſs: he ‖ [26] led him about, he [27] inſtructed him, he * kept him as the [28] apple of his eye.

* Chap.8.15. Jer. 2. 6. Hoſ. 13. 5. ‖ Or, *compaſſed.* * Prov.7. 2.

[23] God then took ſpecial care of them when they were like a poor helpleſs Infant left in a Deſart, whom ſome man caſually finds and preſerves. ¶ [24] *Pſal.* 107. 4,5. *Jer.* 2. 6. Deſtitute of all the neceſſary comforts of Life. A type of that forlorn condition that all are in before the Grace of God find 'em out. ¶ [25] *ch.*8.15. Where inſtead of the voices of men, nothing is heard but the howlings, yellings, and ſcreeches of ravenous Birds and Beaſts. ¶ [26] Conducted him from place to place by his cloudy Pillar and Providence. ¶ [27] *Neh.* 9.13,20. ¶ [28] *Pſal.*17.8. *Zech.*2.8.

11 * As an [29] eagle ſtirreth up her [30] neſt, fluttereth over her young, [31] ſpreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, [32] beareth them on her wings;

* Chap. 1. 31. Iſa.46.4. & 63. 9. Hoſ.11. 3.

[29] *Exod.*19.4. *Iſa.* 31.5. ¶ [30] Her young ones in her neſt, provoking them to fly. ¶ [31] As preparing her ſelf to fly, and thereby provoking her young ones to go with her. ¶ [32] *ch.*1.31. *Exod.*19.4.

12 [33] *So* the LORD alone [33] did lead him, and *there was* no ſtrange God with him.

[33] *Pſal.* 78. 14, 52, 53. and 136.16. *Neh.*9.12. With ſuch tenderneſs and care did the Lord deliver them out of *Egypt*, and carry 'em to *Canaan.*

13 He made him [34] ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increaſe of the fields, and he made him to ſuck * honey out of the rock, and [35] oyl out of the flinty rock.

*Job 29. 6.

[34] *Iſa.* 58.14. Subdue the mountanous places and ſtrong holds of their enemies (as *ch.*33.-29.) and poſſeſs a land far excelling others for all Commodities whatſoever. ¶ [35] *Pſal.* 81.16. Pleaſant delicious Fruits of trees growing upon rocky ground.

14 Butter of kine, and milk of ſheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Baſhan, and goats, * with [36] the fat of kidneys of wheat, and thou didſt drink the [37] pure blood of the grape.

* Pſal.147.14.

[36] Fine flour of the choiceſt Wheat, (which is like kidneys in ſhape.) ¶ [37] Pure Wine, red like blood.

15 ¶ But [38] Jeſhurun * [39] waxed fat, and [40] kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art [41] covered *with fatneſs*; then he forſook God *which* [15] made him, and lightly eſteemed the [7] rock of his ſalvation.

* Pſal.17.10. Jer.2.7. & 5.7. Hoſ.13. 6.

[38] Iſrael, *ch.*33.5,26. *Iſa.*44.2. (A name given to *Jacob* and his poſterity, in regard of the uprightneſs that was in him, and ſhould be in them.) ¶ [39] *ch.*31.20. *Neh.*9.25. *Jer.* 5.28. Much degenerated from what they make profeſſion of, and have been. ¶ [40] *V.*21. 1 *Sam.* 2. 29. Grew inſolent and rebellious againſt God. ¶ [41] *Job* 15. 27. *Pſal.* 17. 10. and 73. 7.

16 [42] They provoked him to jealouſie with ſtrange *gods*, with [43] abominations provoked they him to anger.

[42] *Pſal.*78.58. 1 *King.*14.22,23. ¶ [43] *ch.*7. 25. *Lev.* 18. 26,27. 2 *King.*23.13.

17 * They ſacrificed unto [44] devils, ‖ [45] not to God; to Gods whom they [46] knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers [47] feared not.

* Pſal.106.37. 1 Cor.10.20. Rev.9 20. ‖ Or, which were *not God.*

[44] See

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[44] See on *Lev.*17.7. ¶ [45] Because God rejects such Sacrifices where they joyn Idols with him, 1 *Cor.*10.21. ¶ [46] Never had any experience of any good from 'em. ¶ [47] Served not, but slighted as Vanities that could do neither good nor hurt: *Jer.* 10.5.

18 Of the [7] rock *that* [48] begat thee thou art [49] unmindful, and hast [49] forgotten God that formed thee.

[48] Adopted thee to be his people, and shew'd as much care and kindness to you, as if he had begotten you. ¶ [49] *Jer.* 2.32.

‖ Or, *despised.*

19 And when the LORD saw *it*, he ‖ abhorred *them*, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.

* Chap.31.17.

20 And he said, * I will [50] hide my face from them, I will [51] see what their end *shall be*: for they *are* a very [12] froward generation, children in whom *is* no [52] faith.

[50] *Psal.*27.9. *Jer.*18.17. With-hold or withdraw the tokens of my love and favour from them. ¶ [51] Observe what will become of them at last. ¶ [52] *Isa.* 30. 9. Either to believe what God saith, or perform what themselves promise.

21 They have [42] moved me to jealousie [53] with *that which is* not God, they have provoked me to anger with [53] their *vanities: and* I will [54] move them to jealousie with *those which are* not a people, I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

* 1 Sam.12.21. 1 King.16.13. * Hos.1. 10.

[53] By giving Divine Worship to Idols. ¶ [54] See on *Rom.* 10.19. *n.*61,62,63.

* Lam.4.11. ‖ Or, *hath burned.* ‖ Or, *hath consumed.*

22 For * [55] a fire is kindled in mine anger, and ‖ shall burn unto the [56] lowest hell, and ‖ shall consume the [57] earth with her increase, and set on fire the [58] foundations of the mountains.

[55] *Jer.*15.-14. Devouring judgments, which he'd bring upon their land; (as *Am.*2.2,5. *Ezek.* 30. 8.) From hence to *v.*28. seems to point at the sore calamity that has lain upon 'em ever since the destruction of *Jerusalem* by *Titus*. ¶ [56] To the utter destruction of all their enjoyments. ¶ [57] The Land of *Judea*, *Psal.*107.33,34. *Joel* 1.4. ¶ [58] The strongest places of the land, yea Jerusalem it self founded on the holy Mountains, was destroyed by the fire of God's wrath, *Am.*2.5. *Lam.*2.1-3. and 4.11.

* Isa.26.15.

23 I will * heap mischiefs upon them, I will [59] spend mine arrows upon them.

[59] *Psal* 7.-13. *Ezek.*5.16. send all my plagues.

† Heb. *burning coals.*

24 *They shall be* burnt with hunger, and devoured with † [60] burning heat, and with [60] bitter destruction: I will also send [61] the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents [62] of the dust.

[60] Terrible sickness, *Hab.*3.5. *Psal.*76.4. ¶ [61] *Lev.*26. 22. *Ezek.*5.17. and 14.21. ¶ [62] *Gen.*3.14. and 49. 17.

* 2 Cor. 7. 5. † Heb. *from the chambers.* † Heb. *bereave.*

25 * [63] The sword without, and terrour † within shall † destroy both the young man and the virgin, the sucking *also* with the man of gray hairs.

[63] *Ezek.* 7. 15. *Lam.* 1. -20.

26 [64] I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men.

[64] *q.d.* Their wickedness provokes me utterly to destroy 'em, but that—*v.*27.

‖ Or, *our high hand and not the LORD hath done.*

27 [65] Were it not that I feared the [66] wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves [67] strangely, *and* lest they should say, ‖ Our hand *is* high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

[65] *Ezek.*20.-13,14. ¶ [66] *Isa.*37. 28, 29. their inhumane dealing with my people. ¶ [67] In a strange vaunting manner, as if they had forgotten themselves to be men.

28 [68] For they *are* a nation [69] void of counsel, neither *is there any* understanding in them.

[68] Here he shews the cause of those heavy judgments, mentioned *v.*22-27. *viz.* their rejecting and killing of Christ, *v.*28-35. ¶ [69] *Isa.*27.11. *Jer.*4.22. that will take no advice.

* Psal.81.8. * Lam.1.9.

29 * O that they were [70] wise, *that* they understood this, * *that* they would consider [71] their latter end!

[70] *Psal.*107.43. *Hos.*14.9. ¶ [71] *Lam.* 4. 9. What the end will be of such stubborn, rebellious courses.

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30 How should * [72] one chase a [72] thousand, and [72] two put [72] ten thousand to flight, except their [7] Rock * had [73] sold them, and the LORD had [74] shut them up?

* Lev.26. 8. Josh.23. 10. 2 Chr.24.24. Isa. 30.17. * Jer.40. 3.

[72] A few of their enemies discomfit such multitudes of them, contrary to what was promis'd, *Lev.* 26.7,8. ¶ [73] *Psal.* 44.12. *Isa.*50.1. ¶ [74] Given 'em over to the will of their enemies (as *Psal.*78.62.)

31 For [75] their rock *is* not as our Rock, * even our enemies themselves *being* [76] judges.

[75] Their Gods can't do for them, as our God can for us. ¶ [76] *Exod.*14.25. *Numb.* 23. 8,12, 19. &c. 1 *Sam.* 4. 8. *Dan.* 2. 47.

‖ Or, is worse *then the vine.*

32 For [77] their vine ‖ *is* of the vine of [78] Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their [79] grapes *are* grapes of [80] gall, their clusters *are* [80] bitter.

[77] The lives of the Israelites are as abominable as those of the men of *Sodom*. ¶ [78] *Isa.* 1. 10. *Ezek.* 16. 45, 46, 56. *Lam.*4.6. ¶ [79] Your Works, *Isa.*5.4. ¶ [80] *ch.* 29. 18. displeasing to God, and destructive to others. These expressions may have respect to their deadly malice against the Prophets, but especially against Christ and his Apostles, in after-times.

33 Their wine *is* the [80] poyson of dragons, and the cruel [80] venime of asps.

34 *Is* not [81] this * [82] laid up in store with me, *and* [83] sealed up among my treasures?

* Rom.2. 5.

[81] All their wickedness forementioned. ¶ [82] *Jer.* 2. 22. *Hos.*13.12. ¶ [83] *Job* 14. 17. kept in perfect remembrance with me.

* Psal.94.1. Eccluf.28. 1. Rom.12.19. Heb.10.30. * 2 Pet.2.3.

35 * To me *belongeth* [84] vengeance, and recompence: their foot shall slide in [85] *due* time: for * the day of their calamity *is* at [86] hand, and the things that shall come upon them make [87] haste.

[84] *V.* 43. *Rom.*12.19. *Heb.*10.30. to punish 'em for all this wickedness. ¶ [85] That time which God chooses as most meet for the honour of his justice, and good of his people. ¶ [86] After they once grow thus desperately wicked, it will not be long e're these calamities shall come upon 'em. ¶ [87] 2 *Pet.* 2.1, 3. *viz.* as soon as ever the set and full time is come.

* Pfal.106. 45. Jer.31.20. 2 Mac.7. 6. † Heb. *hand.*

36 [88] For the LORD shall [89] judge his people, and * [90] repent himself for his servants; when he seeth that *their* † [91] power is gone, and *there is* none [92] shut up, or [92] left.

[88] *But yet. q. d.* Notwithstanding these sore and long Calamities that God will lay upon them for their heinous sins, yet at last he'll have mercy upon 'em. ¶ [89] *Psal.* 135. 14. Plead their Cause, by taking vengeance on them that wrong 'em (*Psal.*26.1.) and so deliver his people, as *Psal.* 7.8. and 10.18. *Isa.*1.17. and 11.4. *Jer.*5.28. ¶ [90] *Psal.*106.45. *Jer.* 31.20. See on *Gen.* 6. 6. recall that severe sentence which for their sins he had pass'd upon 'em, and be reconcil'd to 'em. ¶ [91] *Psal.*78.65. and 112. 4. *Isa.* 33. 9, 10. and 59. 16. &c. *Zech.*14.-7. When they are brought to the lowest Ebb, then is the time of their delivery (2 *King.*14.25,26.) When there is least hope in the Creature, there is most help from the Creator, *Exod.*14.13. ¶ [92] 1 *Kings* 14. 10. and 21. 21. 2 *King.* 14.26. Neither shut up in strong holds, nor left in other places. *q. d.* When all seem to be quite destroyed, and none able to do any thing towards their help.

* Judg.10. 14.

37 And [93] he shall say, *[94] Where *are* their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted,

[93] God shall convince his people (before he deliver 'em) of their former folly, in following Idols. ¶ [94] *Jer.*2.28.

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50 And die in the mount whither thou goeſt up, and be [18] gathered unto thy people, as * Aaron thy brother died in [19] mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

[18] See on *Gen.* 25. 8. ¶ [19] *Numb.* 20. 23. &c.

‖ Or, *ſtrife at Kadeſh.*

51 [20] Becauſe ye treſpaſſed againſt me among the children of Iſrael, at the waters of ‖ Meribah-kadeſh, in the wilderneſs of Zin; becauſe ye [21] ſanctified me not in the midſt of the children of Iſrael.

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CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *The majeſty of God.* 6 *The bleſſings of the twelve tribes.* 26 *The excellency of Iſrael.*

AND this *is* the [1] bleſſing wherewith Moſes * the [2] man of God bleſſed the children of Iſrael before his death.

* Pſal.90. tit.

[1] *Gen.*27.4. (which was a Prophecy of what ſhould befall 'em hereafter.) ¶ [2] *Joſh.*14.6. 1 *Sam.* 2.27. and 9.6, 7. *Judg.*13.6. 2 *Kings* 4.9. 1 *Tim.*6.11. 2 *Tim.*3.17.

* Exod.19.18. Hab.3.3.

2 And he ſaid, * The LORD [3] came from Sinai, and roſe up from Seir unto them; he ſhined forth from mount Paran, and he came with *[4] ten thouſands of ſaints: from his right hand *went* †[5] a fiery law for them.

* See Pſ.68.17. Dan. 7. 10. Acts 7.53. Gal.3.19. Hebr. 2.2. Rev.5.11. and 9.16.

† Heb. *a fire of law.*

[3] Manifeſted himſelf from *Sinai*, (by giving the Law there,) and in thoſe other places after mention'd, as they went along to *Canaan.* ¶ [4] An innumerable company of Angels at the giving of the Law, *Acts* 7.53. *Gal.*3.19. *Hebr.*2.2. ¶ [5] Given out of the midſt of the fire, (*ch.*5.22.) and whoſe effect is to terrifie and humble men, 2 *Cor.*3.7,9.

* Exod.19.5.

3 [6] Yea, * he loved the people; [7] all his ſaints *are* in thy hand: and [8] they ſat down at thy feet; *every one* ſhall [9] receive of thy words.

[6] *q. d.* And his giving the Law to 'em (*v.* 2.) was a ſingular pledge of his ſpecial love, *Pſal.* 147.19, 20. ¶ [7] All the people of *Iſrael* (who were Saints by profeſſion, and ſpecial obligation) are under the conduct of thy Providence, *Numb.*4.28,33. *John* 10.28,29. ¶ [8] *Acts* 22.3.Abode at the foot of mount *Sinai*, ready to hear and receive the Law. ¶ [9] Partake of this great priviledge.

4 Moſes commanded us a law: *even* [10] the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

[10] *Pſal.*119.111. Given to them and their poſterity as their peculiar poſſeſſion.

* See Gen. 36. 31.

5 And he was *[11] king in *[12] Jeſhurun, when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Iſrael were [13] gathered together.

[11] Supream Magiſtrate, and chief Governor. ¶ [12] See on *ch.*32.15. ¶ [13] For the management of any public affairs.

6 ¶ [14] Let Reuben live, and not die; and [14] let *not* his men be few.

[14] *Gen.*49.2. *q. d.* Tho' this tribe deſerves to be cut off,or greatly diminiſh'd, yet God will ſpare 'em, and give 'em a portion among the tribes,yea and bleſs 'em with a numerous people.

7 ¶ And this *is the bleſſing* of Judah: and he ſaid, Hear, LORD, the [15] voice of Judah, and [16] bring him unto his people: [17] let his hands be ſufficient for him, and [18] be thou an help *to him* from his enemies.

[15] *q. d.* Thou wilt in due time ſatisfie his expectation and deſire, in ſetling the Royal Dignity, and raiſing up the Meſſiah, in that tribe, and the other bleſſings foretold by *Jacob*, *Gen.*49.8–11. ¶ [16] Settle him in that portion of Land thou haſt aſſigned to him in *Canaan*; and tho' for their ſins they ſhall be carried captive to *Babylon*,yet upon their Repentance they ſhall be brought back again to their own Land, *Jer.*30.3. (which the ten tribes never were) and there continue till the coming of the Meſſiah out of that tribe. ¶ [17] He ſhall be enabled by thee to defend himſelf againſt his enemies. ¶ [18] Thou wilt defend this tribe in a ſpecial manner, ſo as the enemy ſhall not be able to ruin it, as they ſhall other tribes.

* Exod. 28.30.

8 ¶ And of Levi he ſaid, * *Let* thy [19] Thummim and thy [19] Urim *be* with thy [20] holy one, [21] whom thou didſt [22] prove at [23] Maſſah,*and with* whom thou didſt [22] ſtrive at the waters [23] of Meribah;

[19] The High-prieſthood, (to which pertained the Breaſtplate that had the Urim and Thummim in it, *Exod.* 28.30.) ſhall be continued in *Aaron*'s poſterity, and God will ſtill furniſh 'em with thoſe gifts and graces, that knowledge and piety (ſignified by the Urim and Thummim) which is requiſite for their Calling. ¶ [20] *Aaron* and his Seed,(*Pſal.*106. 16.) ſet apart for thy peculiar ſervice. ¶ [21] *Aaron* (of that tribe.) ¶ [22] Try his faith, and ſharply reprove him for his infidelity, and ſhut him out of *Canaan.* ¶ [23] *Numb.*20.13.

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[44] See on *Lev.*17.7. ¶ [45] Becauſe God rejects ſuch Sacrifices where they joyn Idols with him, 1 *Cor.*10.21. ¶ [46] Never had any experience of any good from 'em. ¶ [47] Served not, but ſlighted as Vanities that could do neither good nor hurt: *Jer.* 10.5.

18 Of the [7] rock *that* [48] begat thee thou art [49] unmindful, and haſt [49] forgotten God that formed thee.

[48] Adopted thee to be his people, and ſhew'd as much care and kindneſs to you, as if he had begotten you. ¶ [49] *Jer.* 2.32.

‖ Or, *deſpiſed.*

19 And when the LORD ſaw *it*, he ‖ abhorred *them*, becauſe of the provoking of his ſons, and of his daughters.

* Chap.31.17.

20 And he ſaid, * I will [50] hide my face from them, I will [51] ſee what their end *ſhall be*: for they *are* a very [12] froward generation, children in whom *is* no [52] faith.

[50] *Pſal.*27.9. *Jer.*18.17. With-hold or withdraw the tokens of my love and favour from them. ¶ [51] Obſerve what will become of them at laſt. ¶ [52] *Iſa.* 30. 9. Either to believe what God ſaith, or perform what themſelves promiſe.

21 They have [42] moved me to jealouſie [53] with *that which is* not God, they have provoked me to anger with [53] their * vanities: and * I will [54] move them to jealouſie with *thoſe which are* not a people, I will provoke them to anger with a fooliſh nation.

* 1 Sam.12.21. 1 King.16.13. * Hoſ.1. 10.

[53] By giving Divine Worſhip to Idols. ¶ [54] See on *Rom.* 10.19. *n.*61, 62, 63.

* Lam.4.11. ‖ Or, *hath burned.* ‖ Or, *hath conſumed.*

22 For * [55] a fire is kindled in mine anger, and ‖ ſhall burn unto the [56] loweſt hell, and ‖ ſhall conſume the [57] earth with her increaſe, and ſet on fire the [58] foundations of the mountains.

[55] *Jer.*15.-14. Devouring judgments, which he'd bring upon their land; (as *Am.*2.2,5. *Ezek.* 30. 8.) From hence to *v.*28. ſeems to point at the ſore calamity that has lain upon 'em ever ſince the deſtruction of *Jeruſalem* by *Titus*. ¶ [56] To the utter deſtruction of all their enjoyments. ¶ [57] The Land of *Judea*, *Pſal.*107.33,34. *Joel* 1.4. ¶ [58] The ſtrongeſt places of the land, yea Jeruſalem it ſelf founded on the holy Mountains, was deſtroyed by the fire of God's wrath, *Am.*2.5. *Lam.*2.1-3. and 4.11.

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[59] *Pſal* 7.-13. *Ezek.*5.16. ſend all my plagues.

† Heb. *burning coals.*

24 *They ſhall be* burnt with hunger, and devoured with † [60] burning heat, and with [60] bitter deſtruction: I will alſo ſend [61] the teeth of beaſts upon them, with the poiſon of ſerpents [62] of the duſt.

[60] Terrible ſickneſs, *Hab.*3.5. *Pſal.*76.4. ¶ [61] *Lev.*26. 22. *Ezek.*5.17. and 14.21. ¶ [62] *Gen.*3.14. and 49. 17.

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25 * [63] The ſword without, and terrour † within ſhall † deſtroy both the young man and the virgin, the ſuckling *alſo* with the man of gray hairs.

[63] *Ezek.* 7. 15. *Lam.* 1. -20.

26 [64] I ſaid, I would ſcatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to ceaſe from among men.

[64] *q. d.* Their wickedneſs provokes me utterly to deſtroy 'em, but that—*v.*27.

‖ Or, *our high hand and not the LORD hath done.*

27 [65] Were it not that I feared the [66] wrath of the enemy, leſt their adverſaries ſhould behave themſelves [67] ſtrangely, *and* leſt they ſhould ſay, ‖ Our hand *is* high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

[65] *Ezek.*20.-13,14. ¶ [66] *Iſa.*37, 28, 29. their inhumane dealing with my people. ¶ [67] In a ſtrange vaunting manner, as if they had forgotten themſelves to be men.

28 [68] For they *are* a nation [69] void of counſel, neither *is there any* underſtanding in them.

[68] Here he ſhews the cauſe of thoſe heavy judgments, mentioned *v.*22-27. *viz.* their rejecting and killing of Chriſt, *v.*28.-35. ¶ [69] *Iſa.*27.11. *Jer.*4.22. that will take no advice.

* Pſal.81.8. * Lam.1.9.

29 * O that they were [70] wiſe, *that* they underſtood this, * *that* they would conſider [71] their latter end!

[70] *Pſal.*107.43. *Hoſ.*14.9. ¶ [71] *Lam.* 4. 9. What the end will be of ſuch ſtubborn, rebellious courſes.

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30 How ſhould * [72] one chaſe a [72] thouſand, and [72] two put [72] ten thouſand to flight, except their [7] Rock * had [75] ſold them, and the LORD had [74] ſhut them up?

* Lev.26. 8. Joſh.23. 10. 2 Chr.24.24. Iſa. 30.17. * Jer.40. 3.

[72] A few of their enemies diſcomfit ſuch multitudes of them, contrary to what was promiſ'd, *Lev.* 26.7,8. ¶ [73] *Pſal.* 44.12. *Iſa.*50.1. ¶ [74] Given 'em over to the will of their enemies (as *Pſal.*78.62.)

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* Num.27.12.

48 * And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes that ſelf-ſame day, ſaying,

49 [16] Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, *unto* mount [17] Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over againſt Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan which I give unto the children of Iſrael for a poſſeſſion.

[16] *Numb.*27.12. ¶ [17] Part of mount *Abarim.*

* Num.20.25, 28. and 33.38.

50 And die in the mount whither thou goeſt up, and be [18] gathered unto thy people, as * Aaron thy brother died in [19] mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

[18] See on *Gen.* 25. 8. ¶ [19] *Numb.* 20. 23. &c.

‖ Or, *ſtrife at Kadeſh.*

51 [20] Becauſe ye treſpaſſed againſt me among the children of Iſrael, at the waters of || Meribah-kadeſh, in the wilderneſs of Zin; becauſe ye [21] ſanctified me not in the midſt of the children of Iſrael.

[20] *Numb.*20.10-12. and 27.14. ¶ [21] See on *Lev.* 10. 3. and on *Numb.*20.12.

[22] *ch.*34.-1-3.

52 Yet thou ſhalt [22] ſee the land before *thee*, but thou ſhalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Iſrael.

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CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *The majeſty of God.* 6 *The bleſſings of the twelve tribes.* 26 *The excellency of Iſrael.*

AND this *is* the [1] bleſſing wherewith Moſes * the [2] man of God bleſſed the children of Iſrael before his death.

* Pſal.90. tit.

[1] *Gen.*27.-4. (which was a Prophecy of what ſhould befall 'em hereafter.) ¶ [2] *Joſh.*14.6. 1 *Sam.* 2.27. and 9. 6, 7. *Judg.*13.6. 2 *Kings* 4.9. 1 *Tim.*6.11. 2 *Tim.*3.17.

* Exod.19.18. Hab.3.3.

2 And he ſaid, * The LORD [3] came from Sinai, and roſe up from Seir unto them; he ſhined forth from mount Paran, and he came with *[4] ten thouſands of ſaints: from his right hand *went* †[5] a fiery law for them.

* See Pſ.68.17. Dan. 7. 10. Acts 7.53. Gal.3.19. Hebr. 2.2. Rev.5.11. and 9.16.

[3] Manifeſted himſelf from *Sinai*, (by giving the Law there,) and in thoſe other places after mention'd, as they went along to *Canaan.* ¶ [4] An innumerable company of Angels at the giving of the Law, *Acts* 7.53. *Gal.*3.19. *Heb.*2.2. ¶ [5] Given out of the midſt of the fire, (*ch.*5.22.) and whoſe effect is to terrifie and humble men, 2 *Cor.*3.7,9.

† Heb. *a fire of law.*

* Exod.19.5.

3 [6] Yea, * he loved the people; [7] all his ſaints *are* in thy hand: and [8] they ſat down at thy feet; *every one* ſhall [9] receive of thy words.

[6] *q. d.* And his giving the Law to 'em (*v.* 2.) was a ſingular pledge of his ſpecial love, *Pſal.* 147. 19, 20. ¶ [7] All the people of *Iſrael* (who were Saints by profeſſion, and ſpecial obligation) are under the conduct of thy Providence, *Numb.*4.28,33. *John* 10.28,29. ¶ [8] *Acts* 22.3. Abode at the foot of mount *Sinai*, ready to hear and receive the Law. ¶ [9] Partake of this great priviledge.

4 Moſes commanded us a law: *even* [10] the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

[10] *Pſal.*119.111. Given to them and their poſterity as their peculiar poſſeſſion.

* See Gen. 36. 31.

5 And he was * [11] king in * [12] Jeſhurun, when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Iſrael were [13] gathered together.

[11] Supream Magiſtrate, and chief Governor. ¶ [12] See on *ch.*32.15. ¶ [13] For the management of any public affairs.

6 ¶ [14] Let Reuben live, and not die; and [14] let *not* his men be few.

[14] *Gen.*49.2. *q. d.* Tho' this tribe deſerves to be cut off, or greatly diminiſh'd, yet God will ſpare 'em, and give 'em a portion among the tribes, yea and bleſs 'em with a numerous people.

7 ¶ And this *is the bleſſing* of Judah: and he ſaid, Hear, LORD, the [15] voice of Judah, and [16] bring him unto his people: [17] let his hands be ſufficient for him, and [18] be thou an help *to him* from his enemies.

[15] *q. d.* Thou wilt in due time ſatisfie his expectation and deſire, in ſetling the Royal Dignity, and raiſing up the Meſſiah, in that tribe, and the other bleſſings foretold by *Jacob*, *Gen.*49.8-11. ¶ [16] Settle him in that portion of Land thou haſt aſſigned to him in *Canaan*; and tho' for their ſins they ſhall be carried captive to *Babylon*, yet upon their Repentance they ſhall be brought back again to their own Land, *Jer.*30.3. (which the ten tribes never were) and there continue till the coming of the Meſſiah out of that tribe. ¶ [17] He ſhall be enabled by thee to defend himſelf againſt his enemies. ¶ [18] Thou wilt defend this tribe in a ſpecial manner, ſo as the enemy ſhall not be able to ruin it, as they ſhall other tribes.

* Exod. 28.30.

8 ¶ And of Levi he ſaid, * *Let* thy [19] Thummim and thy [19] Urim *be* with thy [20] holy one, [21] whom thou didſt [22] prove at [23] Maſſah, *and with* whom thou didſt [22] ſtrive at the waters [23] of Meribah;

[19] The High-prieſthood, (to which pertained the Breaſtplate that had the Urim and Thummim in it, *Exod.* 28.30.) ſhall be continued in *Aaron's* poſterity, and God will ſtill furniſh 'em with thoſe gifts and graces, that knowledge and piety (ſignified by the Urim and Thummim) which is requiſite for their Calling. ¶ [20] *Aaron* and his Seed, (*Pſal.*106. 16.) ſet apart for thy peculiar ſervice. ¶ [21] *Aaron* (of that tribe.) ¶ [22] Try his faith, and ſharply reprove him for his infidelity, and ſhut him out of *Canaan.* ¶ [23] *Numb.*20.13.

9 [24] Who ſaid unto his father and to his mother, I have [25] not ſeen him, neither did he acknowledge

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knowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for * they have obſerved thy word, and [26] kept thy covenant.

* Mal.2.5. See Jer.18.18.

[24] Who in the execution of Judgment ſpar'd no Relation whatever, *Exod.*32.26–29. ¶ [25] Have no reſpect to him. ¶ [26] Adhered to thee and thy true worſhip, when other tribes fell to idolatry, *Exod.*32.26,28.

‖ Or, *Let them teach*, &c. ‖ Or, *let them put incenſe.* † Heb. *at thy noſe.*

10 ‖ They ſhall [27] teach [28] Jacob thy judgments, and [28] Iſrael thy law: ‖ they ſhall put [29] incenſe † before thee, and [30] whole-burnt-ſacrifice upon thine altar.

[27] *Ch.* 17. 9–11. *Lev.* 10. 11. *Ezek.* 44. 23. *Mal.* 2. 7. ¶ [28] *John* 21.15,16. ¶ [29] *Exod.*30.7.2 *Chron.*26.18. ¶ [30] *Lev.* 6.22,23. And all other Sacrifices.

11 [31] Bleſs, LORD, his ſubſtance, and [32] accept the work of his hands: [33] ſmite through the loyns of them that [34] riſe againſt him, and of them that [34] hate him, that they riſe not again.

[31] *q. d.* Tho' the Levites have no inheritance, yet God will provide for 'em, and bleſs what they have. ¶ [32] *Ezek.* 43, 27. The Lord will accept the ſervice they do to him and his people. ¶ [33] God ſhall deſtroy their enemies. ¶ [34] *Am.* 5.10. *Iſa.*29.21. *Jer.*15.10.

12 ¶ *And* of Benjamin, he ſaid, The [35] beloved of the LORD ſhall dwell in ſafety by him; *and the LORD* ſhall [37] cover him all the day long, and he ſhall [38] dwell between his ſhoulders.

[35] The tribe of *Benjamin*, (who is beloved of God, as *Benjamin* was of his father) ſhall have his lot near the Temple of God. ¶ [37] Protect him from evil; (while they cleave to God.) ¶ [38] God's Temple (wherein he dwelt, *Pſal.*132. 14.) ſhall be built upon mount *Moriah*, which is in that tribe.

13 ¶ And of Joſeph, he ſaid, Bleſſed [39] of the LORD *be* his land, for the [40] precious things of heaven, for the [41] dew, and for [42] the deep that coucheth beneath,

[39] *Gen.*49.25. In a peculiar manner. ¶ [40] The powerful influences of heaven. ¶ [41] The rain that cauſes the earth to fructifie. ¶ [42] The ſprings that riſe out of the earth.

14 And for the precious fruits *brought forth* by the ſun, and for the precious things † put forth by † the moon;

† Heb. *thruſt forth.* † Heb. *moons.*

15 And for the [45] chief things of * the [44] ancient mountains, and for [43] the precious things of the [45] laſting hills,

* Gen.49.26.

[43] Mines of gold and ſilver, and other metals and minerals found there. ¶ [44] Which were from the beginning. ¶ [45] Which ſhall continue to the end of the world.

16 And for the precious things of the earth, and [46] fulneſs thereof, and for [47] the good will of * him that dwelt in the buſh: let *the bleſſing* come upon [48] the head of Joſeph, and upon the top of the head of him that was [49] ſeparated from his brethren.

* Exod.3. 2,4.

[46] *Pſal.*24.1. All creatures that fill the ſame. ¶ [47] For all other effects of the good will and kindneſs of God, who not long ſince appear'd to me in the buſh, in order to the relief of his people. ¶ [48] See on *Gen.* 49. 26. ¶ [49] Sent into another Land, and there advanc'd far above all his Brethren.

17 [50] His glory *is like* the firſtling of his bullock, and his horns *are like* the horns of † unicorns: with them he ſhall puſh the [51] people together, [52] to the ends of the earth: and [53] they *are* the [54] ten thouſands of Ephraim, and they *are* the [54] thouſands of Manaſſeh.

† Heb. *an unicorn.*

[50] The glory of *Ephraim*'s kingdom ſhall be like the beauty of a firſtling Bullock. ¶ [51] The Canaanites. ¶ [52] All over the Land of *Canaan*. ¶ [53] The Horns before-mention'd ſignifie. ¶ [54] *q.d.* Tho' the men of *Manaſſeh* are now more than the men of *Ephraim*, (*Numb.*26, 34,37.) yet in proceſs of time *Ephraim* ſhall exceed *Manaſſeh*, (according to *Jacob's* Prophecy, *Gen.*48.19.)

18 ¶ And of Zebulun he ſaid, [55] Rejoyce, Zebulun, in thy going out; and Iſſachar, [57] in thy tents.

[55] Thou ſhalt proſper and have cauſe of rejoycing in thy proſperous voiages by Sea, and in thy wars againſt thine enemies, *Gen.*49.13. *Judg.*5.13. ¶ [57] In thy Country employments of tillage, and feeding cattel.

19 [58] They ſhall call the people unto the mountain, there they ſhall offer ſacrifices [59] of righteouſneſs: [60] for they ſhall [61] ſuck *of* the abundance of the ſeas, and *of* treaſures hid [62] in the ſand.

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[58] The tribe of *Zebulun* ſhall invite the heathen, by means of Navigation, to the true Religion, and alſo ſtir up thoſe of their neighbouring tribes in the utmoſt parts of the Land, to frequent the houſe of God. ¶ [59] *Pſal.*4.5. and 51.19. Which in juſtice they were bound to offer to God. ¶ [60] *q.d.* Being enrich'd by God, they ſhall be free and cheerful in his ſervice. ¶ [61] *Iſa.*60.5,16. Be enrich'd by thoſe Commodities which by their Traffic by Sea they ſhall procure. ¶ [62] In the Sea, whoſe ſhore and bottom is full of Sand.

20 ¶ And of Gad he ſaid, Bleſſed *be* he that * [63] enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as [64] a lion, and [65] teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

* See Joſh.13. 10,&c. 1 Chr. 12.8.&c.

[63] Beſtow a large portion upon him, and bring him out of thoſe ſtraits and troubles he was like to be often engag'd in, becauſe he was encompaſs'd with potent enemies. ¶ [64] Safe and ſecure from his enemies, and terrible to 'em, when they moleſt him. ¶ [65] Utterly deſtroys his enemies, both Princes and People.

21 And * he [66] provided the firſt part for himſelf, becauſe there, [67] *in* a portion of the lawgiver *was he* † ſeated; and * he [68] came with the heads of the people, he executed the [69] juſtice of the LORD, and his judgments [70] with Iſrael.

* Numb. 32. 16,17.&c. † Heb. *cieled.* * Joſh.4.12.

¶ [66] Ask'd of *Moſes* and the Princes, that that part of the Land which they firſt conquer'd might be given him, *Numb.* 32.1–5. ¶ [67] That portion which *Moſes* was only permitted to enter upon, and which God by *Moſes* the Law-giver gave to him, *Numb.*32.33. ¶ [68] Shall go forth to war with the Princes and Captains, *Joſh.*1.14. ¶ [69] His Judgments upon the Canaanites, *Joſh.* 22. 1–3. 2 *Kings* 9. and 10. 1 *Kings* 18. ¶ [70] With the reſt of the Tribes, *Numb.* 32.23, 29, 33.

22 ¶ And of Dan he ſaid, Dan *is* a [71] lions whelp: he ſhall [72] leap from [73] Baſhan.

[71] Strong and valiant, *Joſh.* 19. 47. *Judg.* 18. 27, 29. ¶ [72] Surprize his enemies. ¶ [73] A place where there were many Lions, *Judg.*14.5.

23 ¶ And of Naphtali he ſaid, O Naphtali, * ſatisfied with [74] favour, and full with [74] the bleſſing of the LORD: * poſſeſs thou the weſt and the ſouth.

* Gen.49.21. * See Joſh. 19. 32.&c.

[74] A rich, fruitful Country; where alſo Chriſt was much converſant, *Matth.*4.13–16. and 9.1. and 11. 23.

24 ¶ And of Aſher he ſaid, *Let* Aſher [74] *be* bleſſed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him [75] dip his foot in oyl.

[74] Have ſtore of ſuch Children as may be a Bleſſing to thee. ¶ [75] *Job* 29.6. His Portion ſhall abound with oyl, and other good things, *Gen.*49.20.

25 ‖ [76] Thy ſhoes *ſhall be* iron and braſs; and [77] as thy days, *ſo ſhall* thy ſtrength *be*.

‖ Or, under *thy ſhoes* ſhall be *iron.*

[76] The ground under thee ſhall be full of Mines of Iron and Braſs, and other Metals, ſo that thy feet may ſeem to be ſhod with 'em. ¶ [77] Thy honour and power ſhall not decay with length of time, but continue in vigor.

26 ¶ [78] *There is* [79] none like unto the God [80] of Jeſhurun, *who* [81] rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and [82] in his excellency on the ſky.

[78] Here he ſets forth the happineſs of all the tribes and people in general, for their ſpecial intereſt in God. ¶ [79] See on *Exod.*15.11. ¶ [80] See on *ch.* 32. 15. ¶ [81] *Pſal.* 68. 4, 33. 2 *Sam.*22.11. *Hab.*3 8. Comes ſwiftly and unreſiſtibly. ¶ [82] *Pſal.* 68. 34. Manifeſting his excellent Glory in the help and ſalvation of his people.

27 [83] The eternal God *is thy* [84] refuge, and underneath *are* the everlaſting arms: and he ſhall thruſt out the enemy from before thee, and ſhall ſay, Deſtroy *them*.

[83] *Pſal.* 55. 19. and 74. 12. ¶ [84] *Pſal.*90.1.

28 * Iſrael then ſhall dwell in ſafety [85] alone: [86] the fountain of Jacob *ſhall be* upon a land of corn and wine, alſo [87] his heavens ſhall drop down dew.

* Jer.23.6.and 33.16.

[85] See on *Numb.* 23. 9. ¶ [86] *Pſal.* 68. 26. The people that proceed from *Jacob*. ¶ [87] The Heavens ſpread over his Land.

29 Happy *art* thou, O Iſrael: [88] who *is* like unto

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unto thee, O people ſaved by the LORD, the ſhield of thy help, and who *is* the [89] ſword of thy excellency! and * thine enemies ‖ ſhall [90] be found [90] liers unto thee, and thou ſhalt [91] tread upon their high places.

*2 Sam.22.45. Pſal.18.44. & 66.3. & 81.15.

‖ Or, *ſhall be ſubdued.*

[88] *Ch.4.7.2 Sam.7.23.* ¶ [89] By whoſe aſſiſtance thou ſhalt excel, and glorioufly conquer thine enemies. ¶ [90] *Pſal.18.-44.* Be forc'd to ſubmit to thee, and pretend friendſhip, tho it be but counterfeit. ¶ [91] *ch.32.13.* Subdue their ſtrong holds.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *Moſes from mount Nebo viewеth the land.* 5 *He dieth there.* 6 *His burial.* 7 *His age.* 8 *Thirty days mourning for him.* 9 *Joſhua ſucceedeth him.* 10 *The praiſe of Moſes.*

AND Moſes went up from the plains of Moab, unto * the mountain of Nebo, to the top of ‖ Piſgah, that *is* over againſt Jericho: and the LORD [1] ſhewed him * all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

*See Numb. 27.12.

‖ Or. *the hill.*

* Chap.3.27. 2 Mac.2.4.

[1] *V.4. Rev.21.10. Ezek.40.2.* By a miraculous power ſtrengthning his ſight; or making a clear repreſentation of all thoſe parts to his view.

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manaſſeh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmoſt ſea,

3 And the ſouth, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, [2] the city of palm-trees unto Zoar.

[2] *Judg.1.16.* and 3.3. 2 *Chron.28.15.*

* Gen.12.7. & 13.15. & 15.18. & 26.3. & 28.13.

4 And the LORD ſaid unto him,* This *is* the land which I [3] ſware unto Abraham, unto Iſaac, and unto Jacob, ſaying, I will give it unto thy ſeed: I have cauſed thee to [1] ſee *it* with thine eyes, but thou ſhalt [4] not go over thither.

[3] *Gen.12.7.* and 22.16,17. *Pſal.105.9--11.* ¶ [4] *Num.20.12.* over *Jordan.* So the Law may fit us for Chriſt, but can never bring us into the poſſeſſion of the heavenly *Canaan.* That is reſerved for Chriſt, *Heb.9.12.*

5 ¶ So Moſes [5] the ſervant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab according to the word of the LORD.

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[5] *Joſh.1.1,2, 7,13,15. Mal.4.4. Rev.15.3.* So *Pſal.36.* title, and *116.16. Rom.1.1. viz.* By ſpecial office and employment. From hence to the end of the Chapter probably was written by *Joſhua.*

6 ¶ And [6] he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over againſt Beth-peor: but [7] no man knoweth of his ſepulchre unto this day.

[6] The Lord, or Chriſt, *Jude* 9. A type of Chriſts aboliſhing the Ceremonial Law. ¶ [7] But the Devil would have had it known, (*Jude* 9.) that it might have been an occaſion of Idolatry.

7 ¶ And Moſes *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: * his [8] eye was [8] not dim, nor his † natural force † abated.

* See Joſh.14.10,11.

[8] *Gen.27.1.*

† Heb. *moiſture.*

† Heb. *fled.*

8 ¶ And the children of Iſrael wept for Moſes in the plains of Moab [9] thirty days: ſo the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moſes were ended.

[9] *Numb.20.29. Gen.50.3,10.*

9 ¶ And Joſhua the ſon of Nun was full of the [10] ſpirit of wiſdom; for Moſes had [11] laid his hands upon him: and the children of Iſrael [12] hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moſes.

[10] Wiſdom miniſtred by the Spirit of God, wherein he was a figure of Chriſt, *Luke* 4.1. *&c. Iſa.* 11.2. ¶ [11] See on *Numb.27.18.* ¶ [12] *Numb.27.20. Joſh.1.16--18.*

10 ¶ And there aroſe not a prophet ſince in Iſrael like unto Moſes, * whom the LORD knew [13] face to face:

*Num.12.6,8.

[13] See on *ch.5.4.*

11 [14] In all * the ſigns and the wonders which the LORD ſent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his ſervants, and to all his land,

* Chap.4.34. & 7.19.

[14] *i.e.* There was none like him in miraculous works

12 And in all that [15] mighty hand, and in all the [16] great terror which Moſes ſhewed in the ſight of all Iſrael.

[15] Works of Divine power. ¶ [16] Works to terrifie the obſtinate, and rebellious Iſraelites.

JOSHUA.

The ARGUMENT.

IN *this Book is ſhewed the Faithfulneſs and Power of God in the accompliſhment of his Promiſes made to* Abram, &c. *by bringing the* Iſraelites *into the land of* Canaan *under the Conduct of* Joſhua (*an eminent Type of Chriſt, both in name and Office, who only brings his People into the Heavenly* Canaan) *and conquering the Inhabitants thereof,* ch.1--12. *Dividing it among the Tribes,* ch. 13--21. *Diſmiſſing the two Tribes and an half with a Bleſſing,* ch. 22. *After which he gives all the people a Charge, and Dies,* ch. 23. *and* 24. *It contains the Hiſtory of ſomewhat more than ſeventeen years,* viz. *from the Death of* Moſes *to the Death of* Joſhua; *by whom probably it was written, moſt of it.*

CHAP. I.

1 *The Lord appointeth Joſhua to ſucceed Moſes.* 3 *The borders of the promiſed land.* 5,9 *God promiſeth to aſſiſt Joſhua:* 8 *He giveth him inſtructions.*

NOW after the death of Moſes [1] the ſervant of the LORD, it came to paſs, that the LORD ſpake unto Joſhua the ſon of Nun, Moſes [2] miniſter, ſaying,

[1] See on *Deut.34.5.* ¶ [2] *Deut.1.38.* One trained up by him, and ſo fitted to ſucceed in the Government of the Nation.

2 Moſes my ſervant is dead; now therefore ariſe, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I [3] do give to them, *even* to the children of Iſrael.

[3] Am now about to give 'em poſſeſſion of.

3 * [4] Every place that the ſole of your foot ſhall tread upon, that have I given unto you, [5] as I ſaid unto Moſes.

* Chap.14.9.

[4] See on *Deut.11.24.*

[5] *Viz. Deut.11.24.*

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4 [6] From the wilderneſs and this Lebanon, even unto the great river the river [7] Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the [8] great ſea, toward the going down of the ſun, ſhall be your coaſt.

[6] *Exod.*23.31. *Numb.*34.3. ¶ [7] Tho they never had the poſſeſſion, yet they had the Dominion ſo far; thoſe Lands being tributary to 'em in *David*'s and *Solomon*'s time. ¶ [8] The Mediterranean.

5 There ſhall not any man be able to ſtand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moſes, *ſo* I will be with thee: * I will not [9] fail thee, nor forſake thee.

* Heb.13.5.

[9] See on *Deut.*31.6. This is often repeated in regard of the many difficulties he was to encounter withal.

6 * [9] Be ſtrong and of a good courage: for || unto this people ſhalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I ſware unto their fathers to give them.

* Deut.31.23. || Or, *thou ſhalt cauſe this people to inherit the land*, &c.

7 Only be thou [9] ſtrong and very couragious, [10] that thou mayeſt obſerve to do according to all the law * which Moſes my ſervant [11] commanded thee: turn not from it to the [12] right hand, or to the [12] left, that thou mayeſt || [13] proſper whitherſoever thou goeſt.

*Deut.31.7. || Or, *do wiſely.*

[10] Without Courage and Chriſtian Reſolution we can never yield ſincere obedience. ¶ [11] *Deut.*5.32. and 28.14. ¶ [12] See on *Deut.*5.32. ¶ [13] *V.*-8. *Deut.*29.-9. Obedience to God's Commands is the beſt way for Governors to proſper in all they do.

8 [14] This book of the law ſhall [15] not depart out of thy mouth, but thou ſhalt [16] meditate therein day and night, that thou mayeſt obſerve to do according to all *that is* written therein: for then thou ſhalt make thy way proſperous, and then thou ſhalt have || good ſucceſs.

|| Or, *do wiſely.*

[14] *Deut.*31.9. The ſubſtance and matter contained therein. ¶ [15] *Deut.*11.19. and 17.18,19. *Matth.*12.35. *Col.*3.16. ¶ [16] *Pſal.*1.2. *Deut.*17.19. Be continually thinking of it, that thou mayeſt practiſe accordingly.

9 * [17] Have not [18] I commanded thee? [9] Be ſtrong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou diſmayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, whitherſoever thou goeſt.

*Deut.31.7,8.

[17] *Judg.*6.-14. ¶ [18] I, who am All-ſufficient to preſerve thee in all dangers and difficulties, and proſper thee in all thy enterpriſes.

10 ¶ Then Joſhua commanded the officers of the people, ſaying,

11 Paſs through the hoſt, and command the people, ſaying, Prepare you * [19] victuals; for within [20] three days ye ſhall paſs over this Jordan, to go in to poſſeſs the land which the LORD your God [3] giveth you to poſſeſs it.

[19] All proviſions neceſſary for ſuch an expedition (which they might furniſh themſelves withal in the land of the *Amorites*, where they now were.) ¶ [20] *Viz.* After the return of the Spies, *ch.*2.1. and 3.2.

12 ¶ And to the [21] Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manaſſeh, ſpake Joſhua, ſaying,

[21] Their Elders and Princes, who were to communicate it to the reſt.

13 Remember the [22] word which Moſes the ſervant of the LORD commanded you, ſaying, The LORD your God hath given you [23] reſt, and hath given you this land:

[22] The Agreement between him and you, *Numb.* 32.20. ¶ [23] A place of reſt for your Wives, Children, and Cattel.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattel ſhall remain in the land which Moſes gave you on this ſide Jordan; but ye ſhall [24] paſs before your brethren † armed, [25] all the mighty men of valour, and help them.

† Heb. *marſhalled by five, as* Exo.13.18.

[24] Be ready to aſſiſt 'em upon all occaſions. ¶ [25] *Iſa.*13.3. ſo many as are needful.

15 [26] Until the LORD have given your brethren reſt, as *he hath given* you, and they alſo have poſſeſſed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: * then ye ſhall [27] return unto the land of your poſſeſſion, and enjoy it, which Moſes the LORDs ſervant gave you on this ſide Jordan toward the ſun-riſing.

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* Chap.22.4. &c.

[26] *Numb.*32.17,18. 1 *Cor.*12.26. *Phil.*2.4. ¶ [27] *Numb.* 32.22.

16 ¶ And they anſwered Joſhua, ſaying, [28] All that thou commandeſt us, we will do, and whitherſoever thou ſendeſt us, we will go.

[28] *Deut.*31.-25

17 According as we hearkened unto Moſes in all things, ſo will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, [29] as he was with Moſes.

[29] *V.*-5.

18 Whoſoever *he be* that doth rebel againſt thy commandment, and will [30] not hearken unto thy words, in all that thou commandeſt him, he ſhall be put to death: only be ſtrong and of a good courage.

[30] *Heb.*10.28.

CHAP. II.

1 *Rahab receiveth and concealeth the two ſpies ſent from Shittim.* 8 *The covenant between her and them*

AND Joſhua the ſon of Nun || ſent out of * Shittim two men, to [1] ſpie ſecretly, ſaying, Go view the land, even Jericho: and they went, and came into an [2] harlots houſe, named * Rahab, and † lodged there.

|| Or, *had ſent.* * Numb.25.1. * Mat.1.5. † Heb. *lay.*

[1] To learn the ſtate of the Land and People, and what way and method they ſhould proceed in. ¶ [2] *Heb.*11.31. *Jam.* 2.25. An Hoſteſs and Harlot both; but probably was now reclaimed from it: For her Diſcourſe with the Spies ſavours of Religion, and the fear of God.

2 And it was [3] told the king of Jericho, ſaying, Behold, there came men in hither to night, of the children of Iſrael, to ſearch out the countrey.

[3] *Pſal.*127.-1.

3 And the king of Jericho ſent unto Rahab, ſaying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entred into thine houſe: for they be come to ſearch out all the countrey.

4 And the woman took the two men, and [4] hid them, and ſaid thus, There came men unto me, but [5] I wiſt not whence they *were*.

[4] *Heb.*11.31. ¶ [5] This and other paſſages were abſolute untruths; wherein ſhe diſcovered humane frailty mixt with her faith.

5 And it came to paſs *about the time* of ſhutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went, I wot not: purſue after them quickly, for ye ſhall overtake them.

6 But ſhe had brought them up to the [6] roof of the houſe, and [7] hid them with the ſtalks of flax, which ſhe had laid in order upon the roof.

[6] Which was flat, like the Leads of our Churches. ¶ [7] 2*Sam.* 17.19.

7 And the men purſued after them the way to Jordan, unto the fords: and aſſoon as they which purſued after them were gone out, they ſhut the gate.

8 ¶ And before they were laid down, ſhe came up unto them upon the roof;

9 And ſhe ſaid unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that * [8] your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land † faint becauſe of you.

* Gen.35.5. † Heb. *melt.*

[8] *Exod.*23.27. *Deut.*2.15. and 11.25. and 28.-10.

10 For we have [9] heard how the LORD [10] dried up the water of the Red ſea for you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did unto the [11] two kings of the Amorites that

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were on the other ſide Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly deſtroyed.

[9] *Exod.*15.14. ¶ [10] *ch.*4.23. *Exod.*14.21. ¶ [11] *Numb.* 21. 24, 35.

11 And aſſoon as we had heard *theſe things*, our † Heb. *roſe up.* [12] hearts did [13] melt, neither † did there remain any more courage in any man, becauſe of you: for the LORD your God, [13] he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

[12] *Ch.*5.1. and 7.5. *Exod.*15.14. *Iſa.* 13.7. *Deut.* 1. 28. and 20.8. Our courage failed. ¶ [13] *Deut.*4.39. He can do whatſoever he pleaſes in heaven and in earth.

12 Now therefore, I pray you, [14] ſwear unto me by the LORD, ſince I have ſhewed you kindneſs, that ye will alſo ſhew kindneſs unto my [15] fathers houſe; and give me [16] a true token:

[14] A ſingular act of Faith; whereby ſhe treats with 'em, as if they had already conquer'd the City. ¶ [15] *ch.* 6. 23. 1 *Tim.*5.8. All my kindred. ¶ [16] A ſure ſign to ſecure us when you take the City, and that you'l be as good as your words.

13 And *that* ye will ſave alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my ſiſters, and [17] all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

[17] Their children, *ch.*6.23.

† Heb. *inſtead of you to die.* 14 And the men anſwered her, Our life † for yours, if ye utter not this our [18] buſineſs. And it ſhall be when the LORD hath given us the land, that * we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

* Judg. 1.24.

[18] This agreement between us; ſo that no other may have the benefit of it.

[19] So *Act.*9.25. 15 Then ſhe [19] let them down by a cord through the window: for her houſe *was* upon the town-wall, and ſhe dwelt upon the wall.

16 And ſhe ſaid unto them, Get you to the mountain, leſt the purſuers meet you; and hide your ſelves there three days, until the purſuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men ſaid unto her, [20] We *will be* blameleſs of this thine oath which thou haſt made us ſwear.

[20] *q. d.* We would willingly obſerve moſt exactly what we promiſe and ſwear, and therefore that there may be no miſtake on either part, we repeat the terms again.

18 Behold, *when* we [21] come into the land, thou ſhalt bind this line of ſcarlet threed in the window which thou didſt let us down by: and † Heb. *gather.* thou ſhalt † bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy fathers houſhold home unto thee.

[21] And are drawing near to your City.

[22] *Acts* 27.31. 19 And it ſhall be, *that* whoſoever ſhall [22] go out of the doors of thy houſe into the ſtreet, [23] his blood *ſhall be* upon his head, and we *will* [23] See on *Lev.* 20.9. *be* guiltleſs: and whoſoever ſhall be with thee in the houſe, * his blood *ſhall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him. *Matth.27.25.

20 And if thou utter this our [18] buſineſs, then we will be [24] quit of thine oath which thou haſt made us to ſwear.

[24] Not be bound to perform theſe Conditions.

21 And ſhe ſaid, [25] According unto your words, ſo *be* it. And ſhe ſent them away, and they departed: and ſhe bound the ſcarlet line in the window.

[25] *q. d.* I willingly ſubmit to all theſe terms.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the purſuers were returned. And the purſuers ſought [26] 1 *Sam.* 19. 10. *Pſal.*32.6, 7. *them* throughout all the way, but [26] found *them* not.

23 ¶ So the two men returned, and deſcended from the mountain, and paſſed over, and came to Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and told him all *things* that befel them;

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24 And they ſaid unto Joſhua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do † [27] faint becauſe of us.

† Heb. *melt.* [27] *v.*-9.

CHAP. III.

1 *Joſhua cometh to Jordan.* 7 *The Lord encourageth Joſhua.* 9 *Joſhua encourageth the people.*

AND Joſhua roſe [1] early in the morning, and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Iſrael, and lodged there before they paſſed over.

[1] *Gen.*21.14. and 22.3. *Pſal.*119.60.

2 And it came to paſs * after three days, that the officers [2] went through the hoſt;

* Chap.1.11.

[2] A ſecond time, with more particular directions.

3 And they commanded the people, ſaying, * When ye ſee the ark [3] of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the prieſts the Levites [4] bearing it, then ye ſhall remove from your place, and go after it.

* See Numb. 10.33.

[3] See on *Numb.*10.23. A type of Chriſt conducting us to Heaven. ¶ [4] This was ordinarily the charge of the Kohathites, (*Numb.* 3.21. and 4.15.) yet upon occaſion, for the greater ſolemnity, the Prieſts themſelves did bear it; as *ch.* 6. 6.

4 Yet there ſhall be a [5] ſpace between you and it, about [6] two thouſand cubits by meaſure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye muſt go: for ye have not paſſed *this* way † heretofore.

† Heb. *ſince yeſterday, and the third day.*

[5] *Exod.*3.5. and 19.12. Out of Reverence to God, of whoſe Preſence the Ark was a ſign. ¶ [6] About three quarters of a mile.

5 And Joſhua ſaid unto the people, * [7] Sanctifie your ſelves: for to morrow the LORD will do [8] wonders among you.

* Exod. 19.10, 14, 15. Lev. 20. 7. Num. 11.18. Chap. 7.13. 1 Sam. 16.5. Joel 2.16.

[7] Endeavour to bring your hearts to a holy frame, that with Faith, Reverence, and Admiration you may behold the great work that God will do for you. ¶ [8] *v.*13,15.

6 And Joſhua ſpake unto the prieſts, ſaying, * [4] Take up the ark of the covenant, and paſs over [3] before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

* Numb.4.15.

7 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Joſhua, This day will I begin to [9] magnifie thee in the ſight of all Iſrael, that they may know that [10] as I was with Moſes, *ſo* I will be with thee.

[9] Give thee power to work a Miracle, whereby all the people ſhall be brought to a high eſteem of thee. ¶ [10] *ch.* 1. 5.

8 And thou ſhalt command the prieſts that bear the ark of the covenant, ſaying, When ye are come to the [11] brink of the water of Jordan, ye ſhall [12] ſtand ſtill in [13] Jordan.

[11] In the firſt entrance into the River; (where they ſtood for a ſeaſon, till the River was divided, and then they went into the midſt of it; as is implied *v.* 17.) ¶ [12] *Exod.*14.13. *Iſa.*30.15 ¶ [13] In the Channel, on the further ſide; not going up the bank.

9 ¶ And Joſhua ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, Come [14] hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

[14] *Viz.* To the Ark, or Tabernacle, (the place of public Aſſemblies.)

10 And Joſhua ſaid, [15] Hereby ye ſhall know that the [16] living God *is* [17] among you, and *that* he will without fail [18] drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgaſhites, and the Amorites, and the Jebuſites.

[15] *Pſal.*9.16. ¶ [16] *Deut.*5. 26. *Jer.* 10. 10. 1 *Theſſ.* 1.-9. *Hebr.*10.-31. ¶ [17] *Exod.*17.-7. *Deut.* 31.-17. *Joſh.* 22. 31. ¶ [18] *Deut.*7.1. *Pſal.* 44.3.

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11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of [19] all the earth, paſſeth over before you into Jordan.

12 Now therefore [20] take ye twelve men out of the tribes of Iſrael, out of every tribe a man.

[19] *v.*12. *Mich.* 4.-13. *Zech.*4.-14.

[20] Make choice of 'em for the work mention'd *ch.* 4. 3.

13 And it [22] ſhall come to paſs, as ſoon as the ſoles of the feet of the prieſts that bear the ark of the LORD, the [19] Lord of all the earth, ſhall reſt in the waters of Jordan, *that* the waters of Jordan ſhall be [23] cut off *from* the waters that come down from above: and they ſhall [24] ſtand upon an heap.

[22] *q. d.* I tell you of it afore-hand, that you may not attribute it to any accidental cauſe, but only to God's Providence and Power. ¶ [23] Paſs away,(*v.*-16.) and ſo leave the Channel dry. ¶ [24] *Pſal.*114.-3. Being as it were congeal'd, (as the Red Sea was, *Exod.*15.8.) and ſo kept from overflowing all the Country.

14 ¶ And it came to paſs when the people removed from their tents, to paſs over Jordan,
† Acts 7.45. and the prieſts bearing the * ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the prieſts that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the wa-
*Eccluſ.24.26. water (for * Jordan [25] overfloweth all his banks
* See Chap. 4. 19. and 5. 10. * all the time of [26] harveſt)

[25] 1 *Chron.*12.15. *Jer.* 12. 5. and 49. 19. (And therefore the Miracle was the greater to dry up the waters; and the Prieſt's Faith was the greater alſo to venture in at ſuch a time.) ¶ [26] *Viz.* Barley harveſt, (which was in the firſt Month, 1 *Chron.*12.25.) God brought 'em into *Canaan* when it was furniſh'd with all neceſſary Proviſions.

16 That the waters which came down from
[27] *Pſal.* 29.10. and 77.19. above, [27] ſtood *and* roſe up upon an heap very far
* 1 King.4.12. and 7.46. from the city Adam, that *is* beſide * Zaretan:
* Numb.34.3. and thoſe that came down toward the ſea of the plain, *even* * the ſalt-ſea, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people paſſed over right againſt Jericho.

17 And the prieſts that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, ſtood firm on dry ground in [28] the midſt of Jordan, and all the Iſraelites paſſed over on dry ground, until all the people were paſſed clean over Jordan.

[28] See *n.* 11. Having paſſed on from the brink of the River, (where they firſt ſtood, *v.*8.) to the deepeſt part of it.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Twelve ſtones taken for a memorial out of Jordan:*
9 *Twelve other ſtones ſet up in the midſt thereof.*
10, 19 *The people paſs over.* 14 *God magnifieth Joſhua.*

AND it came to paſs when all the people were clean [1] paſſed over Jordan, that the LORD [2] ſpake unto Joſhua, ſaying,

[1] *Deut.*27.2. *Acts* 14.-22. ¶ [2] Repeated that Command formerly given, (*ch.*3.12.) with enlargements.

2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

3 And command you them, ſaying, Take you hence out of the [3] midſt of Jordan, out of the place where the prieſts feet ſtood firm, twelve [4] ſtones, and ye ſhall carry them over with
* Verſ. 19,20. you, and leave them in the * lodging-place where you ſhall lodge this night.

[3] Some part of the Channel. ¶ [4] *ch.*24.27. *Gen.*28.22.

4 Then Joſhua called the twelve men, whom he had [5] prepared of the children of Iſrael, out of every tribe a man.

[5] Choſen before for that Employment, *ch.* 3. 12.

5 And Joſhua ſaid unto them, [6] Paſs over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midſt of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a ſtone upon his ſhoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Iſrael:

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[6] Go back again to the place where the Ark ſtands; (which ſtood ſtill in the River till all was done, *v.*10.)

6 That this may be [7] a ſign among you, *that* [8] when your children ask *their fathers* † in time to come, ſaying, [9] What *mean* you by theſe ſtones?

† Heb. *to morrow.*

[7] *Ch.*22.27. and 24.27. A Monument and Memorial of this great Mercy, *v.*-7. ¶ [8] *v.*21. *Exod.* 13.14. *Deut.* 6.20. ¶ [9] *Pſal.*111.2.

7 Then ye ſhall anſwer them, That the waters of Jordan were [10] cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, when it paſſed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and theſe ſtones ſhall be for [11] a memorial unto the children of Iſrael for ever.

[10] See on *ch.* 3.13.

[11] *Pſal.* 103.2.

8 And the children of Iſrael did ſo as Joſhua commanded, and took up twelve ſtones out of the midſt of Jordan, as the LORD ſpake unto Joſhua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Iſrael, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 And Joſhua ſet up twelve ſtones in [12] the midſt of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the prieſts which bare the ark of the covenant ſtood: and they are there unto this day.

[12] See *n.* 3. Where they might ſome times be ſeen at low water.

10 ¶ For the prieſts which bare the ark, ſtood in the midſt of Jordan, until [13] every thing was finiſhed that the LORD commanded Joſhua to ſpeak unto the people, according to all that Moſes [14] commanded Joſhua: and the people [15] haſted and paſſed over.

[13] *Exod.*23.13. *Gal.*6.9. ¶ [14] *Viz.* To obey God in all his Commands, *Numb.* 27. 21-23. ¶ [15] As apprehending great danger while they were in their paſſage, by reaſon of the mountains of water that ſeem'd ready to overwhelm 'em.

11 And it came to paſs when all the people were clean paſſed over, that the ark of the LORD paſſed over, and the prieſts in the preſence of the people.

12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manaſſeh, [16] paſſed over armed before the children of Iſrael, as Moſes [17] ſpake unto them:

[16] *ch.*1.-14. [17] *Numb.* 32. 20,27.

13 About forty thouſand ‖ prepared for war, paſſed over [18] before the LORD unto battel, to the plains of Jericho.

‖ Or, *ready armed.*

[18] See on *Numb.*32.20.

14 ¶ On that day the LORD [19] magnified Joſhua in the ſight of all Iſrael, and they [20] feared him, as they feared Moſes, all the days of his life.

[19] See on *ch.* 3.7.

[20] *Ex.* 14.-31.

15 And the LORD ſpake unto Joſhua, ſaying,

16 Command the prieſts that bear the ark [21] of the teſtimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

[21] See on *Exod.* 25.16.

17 Joſhua therefore commanded the prieſts, ſaying, [22] Come ye up out of Jordan.

[22] *Gen.*8.16.

18 And it came to paſs when the prieſts that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, were come up out of the mids of Jordan, *and* the [23] ſoles of the prieſts feet were † lift up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and † flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.

[23] *ch.*3.15. † Heb. *plucked up.* † Heb. *went.*

19 ¶ And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the firſt month, and [24] encamped in [25] Gilgal, in the eaſt-border of Jericho.

[24] Pitch'd their ſtanding Camp: while part of the Army march'd on further to conquer the Country: and from thence they ſent out parties, as there was occaſion. ¶ [25] So called afterwards, upon that occaſion mention'd *ch.* 5.9.

20 ¶ And thoſe twelve ſtones which they took

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21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, [5] When your children shall ask their fathers † in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones?

† Heb. *to morrow.*

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the [26] Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over.

[26] *Exod.* 14.21.

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD that it *is* mighty: that ye might [27] fear the LORD your God † [28] for ever.

† Heb. *all days.*

[27] *Jer.* 10.7. *Psal.* 76.7. Worship and serve him alone. ¶ [28] All your lives long.

CHAP. V.

1 *The Canaanites are afraid.* 2 *Circumcision renewed.* 10 *The passover is kept at Gilgal.* 13 *An angel appeareth to Joshua.*

AND it came pass when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan west-ward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, * which *were* by the sea, [1] heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel until we were passed over, that their [2] heart melted; neither was there [3] spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

* Num. 13.29.

[1] *Exod.* 15.14. ¶ [2] See on *ch.* 2.11. ¶ [3] Understanding (thro' fear and astonishment;) but they were at their wits end.

2 ¶ [4] At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, [5] Make thee ‖ sharp [6] knives, and [7] circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

‖ Or, *knives of flints.*

[4] As soon as they were passed over *Jordan.* ¶ [5] Prepare, and get ready. ¶ [6] *Exod.* 4.25. ¶ [7] Revive the use of this Sacrament again (which had been omitted for some time, *v.* 5.)

3 And Joshua [8] made him sharp knives, and [9] circumcised the children of Israel at ‖ the hill of the foreskins.

‖ Or, *Gibeah-haaraloth.*

[8] Took order for it. ¶ [9] Caused it to be done.

4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war [10] died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

[10] *Num.* 14.23, 29. 1 *Cor.* 10.5. *Heb.* 3.17.

5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised; but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way, as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had [11] not circumcised.

[11] Because they were uncertain of their stay in any place.

6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war which came out of Egypt were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD [12] sware that he would not shew them the land which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and hony.

[12] *Num.* 14.23. *Psal.* 95.10,11. *Heb.* 3.17,18.

7 And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they [11] had not circumcised them by the way.

† Heb. *when the people had made an end to be circumcised.*

8 And it came to pass † when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp * till they were whole.

* See Gen. 34.25

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I [13] rolled away * the [14] reproach [15] of Egypt from off you: wherefore the name of the place is called ‖ Gilgal unto this day.

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* Num. 14.33. See Lev. 18.3. Chap. 24.14. Ezek. 20.7. & 23.3, 8. 1 Mac. 4.58.

‖ That is, *Rolling.*

[13] By renewing your Covenant with God by Circumcision. ¶ [14] *i.e.* Uncircumcision, which the Jews count a reproach (*Gen.* 34.14. 1 *Sam.* 17.26. *Eph.* 2.11.) because it shews that such are strangers from the Covenant of Promise, *Eph.* 2.12. ¶ [15] Which they began to contract in *Egypt*; when, probably, this Sacrament was much neglected by reason of their bondage and oppression there.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover, * on the fourteenth day of the month at even, in the plains of Jericho.

* Exod. 12.6.

11 And they did eat of the [16] old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover [17] unleavened cakes, and [18] parched *corn* in the selfsame day.

[16] (Which they found in the Barns.) ¶ [17] Made of the old Corn. ¶ [18] *Lev.* 23.14. New Corn, which they found standing on the ground.

12 ¶ And * the manna [19] ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land, neither had the children of Israel manna any more, but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

* Exod. 16.35.

[19] So will all outward Comforts and Enjoyments, when we come to Heaven, *Rev.* 21.22,23.

13 ¶ And it came to pass when Joshua was by Jericho, that he [20] lift up his eys and looked, and behold, there stood * [21] a man over against him, with his [22] sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adversaries?

* Exod. 23.23. Zech. 1.8.

[20] *Gen.* 18.2. and 33.1,5. *Dan.* 8.3. and 10.5. Fixt his eyes upon something that was new and unexpected. ¶ [21] The Lord Christ (*ch.* 6.2.) who appeared often in humane shape, as a preparative to his Incarnation. ¶ [22] As the Captain General of their Armies, *v.* 14.

14 And he said, [23] Nay, but *as* ‖ captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua [24] fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my LORD unto his servant?

‖ Or, *prince.* See Exod. 23.20. Dan. 10.13, 21. & 12.1. Rev. 12.7. & 19.11, 14.

[23] I am no mortal man, as thou thinkest; neither Israelite, or Canaanite; especially not an adversary, but— ¶ [24] See on *Gen.* 17.3.

15 And the captain of the LORDs host said unto Joshua, * [25] Loose thy shoe from off thy foot, for the place whereon thou standest, *is* holy: and Joshua did so.

* Act. 7.33. [25] See on *Exod.* 3.5.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Jericho is shut up.* 20 *The walls fall down.* 22 *Rahab is saved,* 26 *and the builder thereof cursed.*

NOw Jericho † was straitly shut up, because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

† Heb. *did shut up and was shut up.*

2 And the [1] LORD said unto Joshua, See, [2] I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour.

[1] *ch.* 5.13, 14. [2] *Dan.* 2.21.

3 And ye shall [3] compass the city, all *ye* men of war, *and* go round about the city once: thus shalt thou do [4] six days.

[3] *Numb.* 14.9. 2 *Cor.* 4.7. and 12.9. 1 *Cor.* 1.21,25. ¶ [4] To exercise their Faith, Obedience, and Patience.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven * trumpets of [5] rams horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

* See Judg. 7.16,22. [5] 1 *Cor.* 1.27. *Zech.* 4.6. 2 *Chron.* 20.17.

5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make [6] a long *blast* with the rams horn, *and* when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall

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ſhall ſhout with a great ſhout: and the [7] wall of the city ſhall fall down † flat, and the people ſhall aſcend up every man ſtraight before him.

† Heb. *under it.*

[6] *Exod.*19.19. ¶ [7] So much of it as was ſufficient to give the Iſraelites free entrance.

6 ¶ And Joſhua the ſon of Nun called the prieſts, and ſaid unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let ſeven prieſts bear ſeven trumpets of rams horns before the ark of the LORD.

7 And he ſaid unto the [8] people, Paſs on, and compaſs the city, and let him that is [9] armed paſs on before the ark of the LORD.

[8] The men of war, *v.* 3. ¶ [9] The men of the two Tribes and the half, *ch.*1.-14.

8 ¶ And it came to paſs when Joſhua had ſpoken unto the people, that the ſeven prieſts bearing the ſeven trumpets of rams horns, paſſed on [10] before the the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

[10] *ch.*4.13. See on *Num.*32.20.

9 ¶ And the [11] armed men went before the prieſts that blew with the trumpets, and the † [12] rere-ward came after the ark, *the prieſts* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

† Heb. *gathering* hoſt.

[11] Part of 'em. ¶ [12] The other part of the armed men.

10 And Joſhua had commanded the people, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſhout, nor † make any noiſe with your voice, neither ſhall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you ſhout, then ſhall ye ſhout.

† Heb. *make your voice to be heard.*

11 So the ark of the LORD compaſſed the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 ¶ And Joſhua roſe early in the morning, and the prieſts took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And ſeven prieſts bearing ſeven trumpets of rams horns before the ark of the LORD, went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them, but the rere-ward came after the ark of the LORD, *the prieſts* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the ſecond day they compaſſed the city once, and returned into the camp: ſo they did ſix days.

15 And it came to paſs on the ſeventh day, that they roſe early about the dawning of the day, and compaſſed the city after the ſame manner, ſeven times: only on that day they compaſſed the city ſeven times.

16 And it came to paſs at the ſeventh time, when the prieſts blew with the trumpets, Joſhua ſaid unto the people, [13] Shout, for the LORD hath given you the city.

[13] (1) To teſtifie their Faith in God's promiſe (*Heb.* 11. 30.) and joyful aſſurance of Succeſs. (2) To encourage one another in the following aſſault. (3) To ſtrike fear into their enemies.

17 ¶ And the city ſhall be ‖ [14] accurſed, *even* it and all that *are* therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot ſhall live, ſhe and all that *are* with her in the houſe, becauſe ſhe [15] hid the meſſengers that we ſent.

‖ Or, *devoted.* Mic. 4. 13.

[14] *Lev.*27.28,29. *Deut.*2.34. *Jer.* 46. 10. Devoted to deſtruction, and ſo conſecrated to God as the Firſt-fruits of the land of *Canaan.* ¶ [15] *ch.*2.4.

18 And you, in any wiſe keep *your ſelves* from the accurſed thing, leſt you make *your ſelves* [16] accurſed when ye take of the accurſed thing, and make the camp of Iſrael [17] a curſe, and [18] trouble it.

[16] Liable to that curſe, *Deut.*7.26. ¶ [17] Liable to puniſhment. ¶ [18] *ch.*7.25. 2 *Sam.*21.1. *Eccl.*9.-18. *Jona* 1. 12.

19 But all the ſilver and gold, and veſſels of braſs and iron, *are* ‖ conſecrated unto the LORD: they ſhall come into the treaſury of the LORD.

† Heb. *holineſs.*

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20 So the people ſhouted when *the prieſts* blew with the trumpets. And it came to paſs when the people heard the ſound of the trumpet, and the people ſhouted with a great ſhout, that the wall [19] fell down † flat, ſo that the people went up into the city, every man ſtraight before him, and they took the city.

[19] *v.*5. *Heb.*11. 30. † Heb. *under it.*

21 And they [20] utterly deſtroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and ſheep, and aſs, with the edge of the ſword.

[20] According to God's command, *Deut.*20.16,17. So *Deut.* 2.34. Which was to ſtrike terror into others, that they might not ſtand out.

22 But Joſhua had ſaid unto the two men that ſpied out the countrey, Go into the harlots houſe, and bring out thence the woman, and all that ſhe hath, * as ye [21] ſware unto her.

* Heb.11. 31. [21] *ch.* 2. 14.

23 And the young men that were ſpies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that ſhe had; and they brought out all her † kindred, and left them [22] without the camp of Iſrael.

† Heb *families*

[22] Till they were well inſtructed in the Jewiſh Religion, and ſo admitted into the Congregation.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: only the ſilver and the gold, and the veſſels of braſs and of iron, they put into the treaſury of the houſe of the LORD.

25 And Joſhua ſaved Rahab the harlot alive, and her fathers houſhold, and all that ſhe had; and ſhe [23] dwelleth in Iſrael *even* unto this day: becauſe ſhe hid the meſſengers which Joſhua ſent to ſpy out Jericho.

[23] Being married to *Salmon* a Prince of the Tribe of *Judah*, one of Chriſts Progenitors (*Matth.*1.5.) A notable inſtance of Free-grace.

26 ¶ And Joſhua [24] adjured *them* at that time, ſaying, * Curſed *be* the man [25] before the LORD, that riſeth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he ſhall lay the foundation thereof [26] in his firſt-born, and in his youngeſt *ſon* ſhall he ſet up the gates of it.

* 1 King.16.34.

[24] Pronounced and laid this Curſe upon 'em (as *Numb.*5. 19.21. and 1 *Sam.* 14. 27.) in God's name, and by Authority from him. ¶ [25] From God's preſence, and by his Sentence. ¶ [26] *i.e.* He ſhall loſe all his Children in the Work: the firſt, at the beginning; others, in the progreſs; by degrees; and the youngeſt in the cloſe of it.

27 So the LORD was with Joſhua, and his [27] fame was *noiſed* throughout all the countrey.

[27] 1 *Sam.*2.30 2 *Sam.*7. 9.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The Iſraelites are ſmitten at Ai.* 6 *Joſhua's complaint.* 10 *God inſtructeth him what to do.* 18 *Achan is taken by the lot.* 19 *His confeſſion.* 22 *He and all he had are deſtroyed in the valley of Achor.*

BUt the [1] children of Iſrael committed a treſpaſs in the [2] accurſed thing: for ‖ [3] Achan the ſon of Carmi, the ſon of ‖ Zabdi, the ſon of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accurſed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled againſt [4] the children of Iſrael.

‖ Or, *Achar.* ‖ Or, *Zimri.* 1 Chron.2. 6.

[1] One of 'em. ¶ [2] *ch.*6.17,18. in taking ſome of the accurſed goods. ¶ [3] *ch.*22.20. 1 *Chron.*2.7. ¶ [4] Who might ſome way or other be acceſſary to this ſin; or elſe God takes this occaſion to puniſh 'em all for the fault of one, to make 'em more watchful over one another.

2 And Joſhua ſent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beſide Beth-aven, on the eaſt-ſide of Beth-el, and ſpake unto them, ſaying, Go up and view the countrey. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

3 And

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3 And they returned to Joſhua, and ſaid unto him, Let not all the people go up: but let † about two or three thouſand men go up and ſmite Ai, *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few.

† Heb. *about* 2000 *men, or about* 3000 *men.*

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thouſand men, and [5] they fled before the men of Ai.

[5] *Iſa.* 59.2.

5 And the men of Ai ſmote of them about thirty and ſix men: for they chaſed them *from* before the gate *even* unto [6] Shebarim, and ſmote them || in the going down: wherefore [7] the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

|| Or, *in Morad.*

[6] *i. e.* The place of Breaches. So called, becauſe here their Army was broken and diſcomfited. ¶ [7] *Lev.* 26. 36. See on *ch.* 2.11. The whole body of the people was extreamly diſmaid at this ſign of God's diſpleaſure.

6 ¶ And Joſhua [8] rent his clothes, and [9] fell to the earth upon his face, before the ark of the LORD, [10] until the even-tide, he and the [11] elders of Iſrael, and * put [12] duſt upon their heads.

* Neh. 9.1.

[8] See on *Gen.* 37. 29. ¶ [9] 2 *Sam.* 12. 16. and 13. 31. As one dejected with extream grief at the apprehenſion of God's wrath, and proſtrating himſelf to implore mercy. ¶ [10] Joyning Faſting with Prayer. ¶ [11] See *Eſther* 4. 1. ¶ [12] 1 *Sam.* 4.-12. 2 *Sam.* 13. 19. *Job* 2.-12. *Ezek.* 27. 30. *Jon.* 3. 6. *Mich.* 1.10. In token that they deſerv'd to be buried under ground.

7 And Joſhua ſaid, Alas, O Lord GOD, [13] wherefore haſt thou at all brought this people over Jordan, [14] to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to deſtroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other ſide Jordan.

[13] *Job* 21.7. *Jer.* 12.1. ¶ [14] *Pſal.* 116.11. This ſavours too much of paſſion, and weakneſs of faith.

8 O Lord, [15] what ſhall I ſay, when Iſrael turneth their † backs before their enemies!

† Heb. *necks.*

[15] In anſwer to the Reproaches of our Enemies.

9 For the Canaanites, and all the inhabitants of the land ſhall hear *of it*, and ſhall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and [16] what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

[16] *Viz.* To preſerve the honour of thy Name, when upon this occaſion the Canaanites ſhall blaſpheme it. So *Exod.* 32. 12. *Numb.* 14.13. *Deut.* 32.27. *Joel* 2.17.

10 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Joſhua, Get thee up, [17] wherefore † lieſt thou thus upon thy face?

† Heb. *falleſt.*

[17] *q. d.* Don't continue grieving and afflicting thy ſelf, but uſe means for relief.

11 [1] Iſrael hath ſinned, and they have alſo tranſgreſſed my [18] covenant which I [19] commanded them: for they have even taken of the accurſed thing, and have alſo ſtolen, and [20] diſſembled alſo, and they have put *it* even amongſt their own ſtuff.

[18] The Conditions of it. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 6. 18, 19. ¶ [20] Conceal'd it.

12 Therefore the children of Iſrael [21] could not ſtand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, becauſe they were [22] accurſed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye deſtroy the accurſed from amongſt you.

[21] As *Numb.* 14.45.

[22] *ch.* 6.18.

13 Up, ſanctifie the people, and ſay, [23] Sanctifie your ſelves againſt to morrow: for thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, *There is* an accurſed thing in the midſt of thee, O Iſrael: thou canſt not ſtand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accurſed thing from among you.

[23] *Ch.* 3.5. Prepare your ſelves to appear before God.

14 In the morning therefore ye ſhall be brought according to your tribes: and it ſhall be *that* the tribe which the LORD [24] taketh ſhall come according to the families *thereof*; and the family which the LORD ſhall take ſhall come by houſholds; and the houſhold which the LORD ſhall take ſhall come man by man.

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[24] *Viz.* By Lot; as 1 *Sam.* 14. 41, 42. *Jon.* 1. 7. *Acts* 1. 24, 26.

15 And it ſhall be *that* he that is taken with the accurſed thing ſhall be [25] burnt with fire, he and all that he hath; becauſe he hath tranſgreſſed the [18] covenant of the LORD, and becauſe he * hath wrought || [26] folly in [25] Iſrael.

* Judg. 20.6.

|| Or, *wickedneſs.*

[25] (Being firſt ſton'd, *v.* 25.) as the accurſed thing ought to have been, *Deut.* 13.15,16. ¶ [26] See on *Gen.* 34.7.

16 ¶ So Joſhua roſe up [27] early in the morning, and [28] brought Iſrael by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

[27] *Pſal.* 101. 8. ¶ [28] Brought Lots for each Tribe.

17 And he brought the [29] family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites [30] man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

[29] The ſeveral Families. ¶ [30] The heads of that Family one after another.

18 And he brought his houſhold man by man; and Achan the ſon of Carmi, the ſon of Zabdi, the ſon of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 And Joſhua ſaid unto Achan, My ſon, * [31] give, I pray thee, [31] glory to the LORD God of Iſrael, and make confeſſion unto him; and tell me now what thou haſt done; hide *it* not from me.

* Jer. 13.16. John 9. 24.

[31] 1 *Sam.* 6.-5. 1 *Chron.* 16.29. *Mal.* 2.2. *Rom.* 4.20. *Rev.* 14. 7. and 16.9. *Viz.* By a free confeſſion of thy ſin, thereby owning God's Omniſcience in finding thee out, and his Juſtice in puniſhing thee according to thy deſert.

20 And Achan anſwered Joſhua and ſaid, Indeed I have ſinned againſt the LORD God of Iſrael, and thus and thus have I done.

21 When I [32] ſaw among the ſpoils a goodly Babyloniſh garment, and [33] two hundred ſhekels of ſilver, and a † wedge of gold of [34] fifty ſhekels weight, then I [35] coveted them, and took them, and behold they *are* [36] hid in the earth in the midſt of my tent, and the ſilver under it.

† Heb. *tongue.*

[32] 1 *John* 2. 16. ¶ [33] Twenty two pounds ſixteen ſhillings ſterling. ¶ [34] In value ninety one pounds five ſhillings. ¶ [35] *Prov.* 28.-16. ¶ [36] *Job* 20. 15.

22 ¶ So Joſhua ſent meſſengers, and they ran unto the tent, and behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the ſilver under it.

23 And they took them out of the midſt of the tent, and brought them unto Joſhua, and unto all the children of Iſrael, and † laid them out before the LORD.

† Heb. *poured.*

24 And Joſhua and all Iſrael with him, took Achan the ſon of Zerah, and the ſilver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his [37] ſons, and his [37] daughters, and his oxen, and his aſſes, and his ſheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto [*] the valley of Achor.

* Verſ. 26.

[37] *Exod.* 30.5. Who perhaps might be privy to what he had done: or however, they had ſin enough of their own to be puniſh'd for.

25 And Joſhua ſaid, Why haſt thou [38] troubled us? the LORD ſhall trouble thee this day. And all Iſrael ſtoned him with ſtones, and burned them with fire, after they had ſtoned them with ſtones.

[38] See on *ch.* 6.-18. Alluding to his name, that ſignifies, Trouble.

26 And they * raiſed over him a great [39] heap of ſtones unto this day: [40] So the LORD turned from the fierceneſs of his anger: wherfore the name of that place was called, The valley of || [41] Achor, unto this day.

* Lam. 3.53.

|| That is, *Trouble.*

[39] As they uſed to do over thoſe that died ignominiouſly, (*ch.* 8.-29. 2 *Sam.* 18. 17.) that it might be a monument to warn

warn others not to commit the like ſin. ¶ [40] 2*Sam*.21.-14. *Zech*.6.8. *Prov*.21.3. ¶ [41] *Iſa*.65.10. *Hoſ*.2.15. *i. e.* Trouble, becauſe all *Iſrael* was troubled here, (*v*. 1. 25.) as alſo himſelf and all his family were troubled by this dreadful puniſhment.

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CHAP. VIII.

1 *God encourageth Joſhua.* 3 *The ſtratagem whereby Ai was taken.* 30 *Joſhua buildeth an Altar,* 32 *writeth the law on ſtones,* 33 *propoundeth bleſſings and curſings.*

AND the LORD ſaid unto Joſhua, [1] Fear not, neither be thou diſmayed: take all the people of war with thee, and ariſe, go up to Ai: ſee, [2] I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land.

[1] *Deut*.1.-21. and 7.18. *Iſa*.12.1. ¶ [2] *ch*.6.2. *Pſal*. 44.3. *Dan*.2.21.

[3] *ch*.6.21. [4] *Deut*.3.2. [5] *Deut*.20.14.

2 And thou ſhalt do to [3] Ai and her king, [4] as thou didſt unto Jericho and her king: only the [5] ſpoil thereof, and the cattel thereof ſhall ye take for a prey unto your ſelves: lay thee an ambuſh for the city, behind it.

3 ¶ So Joſhua aroſe and all the people of war, to go up againſt Ai: and Joſhua choſe out thirty thouſand mighty men of valour, and ſent them away by night.

* Judg.20.29. [6] Five thouſand of you, *v*. 12.

4 And he commanded them, ſaying, Behold, * [6] ye ſhall lie in wait againſt the city, *even* behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:

5 And I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city: and it ſhall come to paſs when they come out againſt us, as at the firſt, that [7] we will [8] flee before them,

[7] I and the twenty five thouſand with me. ¶ [8] *Eccl*. 9. 18.

† Heb. *pulled*. [9] *Exod*.15.9.

6 (For they will come out after us) till we have † drawn them from the city; for [9] they will ſay, They flee before us, as at the firſt: therefore we will flee before them.

7 Then ye ſhall riſe up from the ambuſh, and ſeiſe upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 And it ſhall be when ye have taken the city, *that* ye ſhall ſet the [10] city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD ſhall ye do. See, [11] I have commanded you.

[10] Some part of it, (for *v*. 28.) ¶ [11] *ch*. 1. 16. 2 *Sam*. 13.-28.

9 ¶ Joſhua therefore ſent [12] them forth; and they went to lie in ambuſh, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the weſt-ſide of Ai: but Joſhua lodged that night among the [13] people.

[12] The five thouſand, *v*.12. ¶ [13] The twenty five thouſand remaining.

[14] *ch*.6.12. *Pſal*.101.8. *Jer*.48.10.

10 And Joſhua roſe up [14] early in the morning and numbred the [13] people, and went up, he and the elders of Iſrael, before the people to Ai.

[15] Thoſe mention'd *v*.3.

11 And [15] all the people, *even the people* of war that *were* with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north-ſide of Ai: now *there was* a valley between them and Ai.

12 And he took about five thouſand men, and ſet them to lie in ambuſh between Beth-el and Ai, on the weſt-ſide || of the city.

|| Or, *of Ai.*

13 And when they had ſet the people, *even* all the hoſt that *was* on the north of the city, and † Heb. *their lying in wait.* * their liers in wait on the weſt of the city: [16] Joſhua went that night into the midſt of the valley.

[16] And ſome ſmall Company with him.

14 ¶ And it came to paſs when the king of Ai ſaw *it*, that they haſted and roſe up early, and the [17] men of the city went out againſt [18] Iſrael to battel, he and [19] all his people, at a time appointed, [20] before the plain; but he [21] wiſt not that *there were* liers in ambuſh againſt him, behind the city. Chap. 8. 2553.

[17] Some of 'em, (for *v*. 16.) ¶ [18] That ſmall Company with *Joſhua*, *v*.13. ¶ [19] The men of war. ¶ [20] Towards, or in ſight of it. ¶ [21] 1 *Theſ*. 5. 3. *Eccl*. 9.12.

15 And Joſhua and all Iſrael made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderneſs.

16 And [19] all the people that *were* in Ai, were called together to purſue after them: and they purſued after Joſhua, and were [22] drawn away from the city.

[22] *Pſal*. 9. 16.

17 And there was not [19] a man left in Ai, or Beth-el, that went not out after Iſrael: and they left the city open, and purſued after Iſrael.

18 And the LORD ſaid unto Joſhua, Stretch out the ſpear that *is* in thy hand, toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joſhua [23] ſtretched out the ſpear that *he had* in his hand, toward the city.

[23] *Exod*.17.11. As a ſignal to the liers in wait, *v*. 19.

19 And the ambuſh aroſe quickly out of their place, and they ran as ſoon as he had ſtretched out his hand: and they entred into the city, and took it, and haſted, and ſet the [10] city on fire.

20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they ſaw, and behold, the ſmoke of the city aſcended up to heaven, and they had no † [24] power to flee this way or that way: and the people that [25] fled to the wilderneſs turned back upon the purſuers.

† Heb. *hand.* [24] *Pſal*. 48. and 76.5. [25] *v*. 15.

21 And when Joſhua and [26] all Iſrael ſaw that the ambuſh had taken the city, and that the ſmoke of the city aſcended, then they turned again, and ſlew the men of Ai.

[26] The reſt of the Army that was with him, who ſeemed to fly away before.

22 And the [27] other iſſued out of the city againſt them, ſo they were in the midſt of Iſrael, ſome on this ſide, and ſome on that ſide: and they ſmote them, ſo that they [28] let none of them remain, or eſcape.

[27] The Ambuſh that had taken the City. ¶ [28] *Deut*. 7. 2.

23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joſhua.

24 And it came to paſs, when Iſrael had made an end of ſlaying all the inhabitants of Ai, in the field, in the wilderneſs wherein they chaſed them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the ſword, until they were conſumed, that all the Iſraelites returned unto Ai, and ſmote [29] it with the edge of the ſword.

[29] The men unable to bear arms, and women and children.

25 And *ſo* it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelve thouſand, *even* all the men of [30] Ai.

[30] And Beth-el too.

26 For Joſhua [31] drew not his hand back wherewith he ſtretched out the ſpear, until he had utterly deſtroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

[31] *V*.-18. *Exod*.17.11. Kept his Hand and Spear in the ſame poſture, as a ſign both to encourage 'em, and direct 'em to go on in the work.

* Numb.31. 22,26.

27 * Only the cattel and the ſpoil of that city, Iſrael took for a prey unto themſelves, according unto the word of the LORD, which he [32] commanded Joſhua.

[31] *v*.2.

28 And Joſhua burnt Ai, and made it an heap [33] for ever, *even* a deſolation unto this day.

[33] For a long time; (for *Neh*. 11. 31.)

29 And

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29 And the king of Ai he [34] hanged on a tree until [35] even-tide: and as ſoon as the ſun was down, Joſhua commanded that they ſhould take his carcaſe down from the tree, and caſt it at the entring of the gate of the city, and raiſe thereon a great [36] heap of ſtones *that remaineth* unto this day.

[34] *Pſal.*107.40. and 110.5. *Eſth.*7.10. ¶ [35] *Deut.* 21. 23. ¶ [36] See on *ch.*7.26.

30 ¶ [37] Then Joſhua [38] built an altar unto the LORD God of Iſrael in mount Ebal,

[37] About that time, after the taking of *Ai*: He took this opportunity to perform this ſervice. ¶ [38] *Gen.*8.20.

31 As Moſes the ſervant of the LORD [39] commanded the children of Iſrael, as it is written in the book of the law of Moſes, an altar of [40] whole ſtones, over which no man hath lift up *any* iron: and they offered thereon [41] burnt-offerings unto the LORD, and ſacrificed [42] peace-offerings.

[39] *Deut.*11.29. and 27.5,6. ¶ [40] *Exod.*20.5. *Deut.*27.5. ¶ [41] See on *Lev.*1.3. ¶ [42] See on *Lev.*3.1.

32 And he wrote there upon the [43] ſtones a [44] copy of the law of Moſes, which he wrote in the preſence of the children of Iſrael.

[43] Set up there for that purpoſe; beſides the Altar, *Deut.*27. 2,3. ¶ [44] See on *Deut.* 27. 3. Some more weighty parts of the Law; eſpecially the ten Commandments. ¶ [45] See on *Numb.*10. 33. ¶ [46] Proſelytes. ¶ [47] See on *Deut.* 27. 12. ¶ [48] *Deut.*27.12.

33 And all Iſrael, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, ſtood on this ſide the ark and on that ſide, before the prieſts the Levites, which bare the ark [45] of the covenant of the LORD, as well the [46] ſtranger as he that was born among them; half of them [47] over againſt mount Gerizzim, and half of them over
* Deut.11.29. againſt mount Ebal; * as Moſes the ſervant of the LORD had commanded before, that they ſhould [48] bleſs the people of Iſrael.

34 And afterward he [49] read all the words of the law, the bleſſings and curſings, according to all *that is* written in the book of the lavv.

[49] *Neh.*8.1,2. Cauſed the Levites to read, *Deut.*27. 14.

53 There was not a word of all that Moſes commanded, which Joſhua [49] read not before
[50] *Deut.*31.12. all the congregation of Iſrael, with the [50] women, and the little ones, and the [46] ſtrangers
†Heb. *walked.* † that were converſant among them.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The kings combine againſt Iſrael.* 3 *The Gibeonites obtaining a league by craft,* 21 *are condemned to perpetual bondage.*

AND it came to paſs, when all the kings which *were* on this ſide Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coaſts of the great ſea over againſt Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebuſite heard *thereof*;

2 That they [1] gathered themſelves together [2] to fight with Joſhua, and with Iſrael, with one
†Heb. *mouth.* † accord.

[1] *Pſal.*83.2–8. 2 *Chron.*20.1. ¶ [2] To enter into a League ſo to do.

3 ¶ And when the inhabitants of [3] Gibeon heard what Joſhua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

[3] And ſome neighbouring Towns, *v.* 17.

4 They did work [4] wilily, and went and made as if they had been [5] embaſſadours, and took old ſacks upon their aſſes, and wine-bottles, old, and rent, and bound up,

[4] *Luke* 16.–8. ¶ [5] Sent from ſome far Countrey, *v.* 6.

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5 And old ſhoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them, and all the bread of their proviſion was dry *and* mouldy.

6 And they went to Joſhua unto the [6] camp at Gilgal, and ſaid unto him, and to the [7] men of Iſrael, We be come from [8] a far countrey: now therefore make ye a league with us.

[6] See on *ch.*4.19. ¶ [7] The Princes of the Congregation, who uſed to meet in counſel with *Joſhua*. ¶ [8] With whom it was lawful for 'em to make peace (*Deut.*20.11,15.) but not with any of the Inhabitants of *Canaan*, *N.*7,24.

7 And the men of Iſrael ſaid unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell [9] among us, and [10] how ſhall we make a league with you?

[9] In this Land, of which we are come to take poſſeſſion. ¶ [10] *Exod.*23,31–33. and 34.12. *Deut.*7.2. and 20.16.

8 And they ſaid unto Joſhua, We *are* [11] thy ſervants. And Joſhua ſaid unto them, Who *are* ye? and from whence come ye?

[11] Not enemies, but friends; who will ſubmit to any conditions of peace.

9 And they ſaid unto him, From a very far countrey thy ſervants are come, becauſe of the [12] name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in [13] Egypt,

[12] *Pſal.*83.18. That Fame we have heard of him for his wonderful works. ¶ [13] Not mentioning what was done lately; as if they had not heard thereof, becauſe of their remoteneſs.

10 And * all that he did to the two kings of * Numb. 21. the Amorites, that *were* beyond Jordan, to Sihon 24, 33. king of Heſhbon, and to Og king of Baſhan, which *was* at Aſhtaroth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our countrey, ſpake to us, ſaying, Take victuals † with you for the journey, and go to † Heb. *in your hand.* meet them, and ſay unto them, We *are* your ſervants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

12 This our bread we took hot *for* our proviſion out of our houſes, on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

13 And theſe bottles of wine which we filled, *were* new, and behold, they be rent: and theſe our garments and our ſhoes are become old, by reaſon of the very long journey.

14 And ‖ the [7] men took of their [14] victuals, ‖ Or, *they received the men by reaſon of their victuals.* and [15] asked not *counſel* at the mouth of the LORD.

[14] That they might thereby gueſs at the probability of their Story. ¶ [15] As they ought to have done, *Exod.* 28. 30. *Deut.*27.21. and as 1 *Sam.*30.7,8. and 23.9 *Ezr.*8.21.

15 And Joſhua [16] made peace with them, and made a [16] league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation ſware unto them.

[16] Which was not unlawful, becauſe they ſubmitted to their own terms, reſerving nothing to themſelves but their Lives (and they too to be employed in the Iſraelites ſervice) and probably embrac'd their Religion too.

16 And it came to paſs at the end of three days, after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbours, and *that* they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Iſrael journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day: now their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim.

18 And the children of Iſrael ſmote them not, becauſe the princes of the congregation had [17] ſworn unto them by the LORD God of Iſrael: and all the congregation [18] murmured againſt the princes.

[17] 2 *Sam.*21.7. *Pſal.*15.4. ¶ [18] Without cauſe; for want of a right underſtanding of the Law to deſtroy the Canaa-

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nites, which they took to be absolute, whereas it was only conditional. See on *Deut.*7.2.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may [19] not touch them.

[19] 2 *Sam.*2.-1, 2. *Ezek.*17.13, 19.

20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live, (but let them be *[20] hewers of wood, and [20] drawers of water [21] unto all the congregation) as the princes had * promised them.

* Deut.29.11.

* Vers. 15.

[20] Put into places of the greatest drudgery and meanest employment (as *Deut.*29.-11.) which was by way of punishment for their fraud. ¶ [21] For their use, and the use of the Tabernacle chiefly, *v.*-23,27.

22 ¶ And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We *are* very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye *are* [22] cursed, and there shall † none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood, and drawers of water for the house of my God.

† Heb. *not be cut off from you.*

[22] *Gen.*9. 25. Adjudged to a mean, calamitous condition.

24 And they answered Joshua and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God [23] commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

[23] *Exod.*23.32, 33. *Deut.*7. 2.

25 And now behold, we *are* in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them [24] out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

[24] *v.*-18,19.

27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

CHAP. X.

1 *Five kings war against Gibeon.* 6 *Joshua rescueth it.* 12 *The Sun and Moon stand still at the word of Joshua.*

NOw it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken [1] Ai, and had utterly destroyed it, (* as he had done to [2] Jericho and her king, so he had done to * Ai and her king) and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and [3] were among them;

* Chap.6.15.

* Chap.8. 3.

[1] *Ch.* 8. 22. ¶ [2] *Ch.*6.20. ¶ [3] Mingled interests with 'em.

† Heb. *cities of the kingdom.*

2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon *was* a great city as one of the † royal cities, and because it *was* greater then Ai, and all the men thereof *were* mighty.

3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem, sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua, and with the children of Israel.

5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

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6 ¶ And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from [4] thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains, are gathered together against us.

[4] Who have put our selves under thy protection.

7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and [5] all the people of war with him, and [5] all the mighty men of valour.

[5] So many as were sufficient.

8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, [6] Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

[6] A sign that God was pleased with their sparing of the *Gibeonites*; for else he would not have prospered them in fighting for their defence.

9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, *and* went up from Gilgal all night.

10 And the LORD * discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

* Isa.28.21.

11 And it came to pass as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down [7] great stones from heaven upon [8] them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* mo which died with hailstones, then *they* whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

[7] *Judg.*5.20. *Psal.*11.6 and 18.13. ¶ [8] The main body of the Army.

12 ¶ Then [9] spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he [10] said in the sight of Israel, * Sun, † stand thou still upon Gibeon, and thou moon in the valley of Ajalon.

* Isa.28.21. Hab. 3. 11. Eccluf.46. 4.

† Heb. *be silent.*

[9] *Jam.*5.17. Pray'd to God that this miracle might be wrought. ¶ [10] Being assured by the secret instinct of God's Spirit, that God would perform what he desired.

13 And the [11] sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. *Is* not this written in the book of ‖ [12] Jasher? so the sun stood still in the midst of Heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

‖ Or, *the upright.*

[11] *Hab.* 3. 11. And together with it, all the other moveable host of Heaven. ¶ [12] 2 *Sam.*1.18. A Chronicle containing the memorable Acts of Gods Worthies in those times.

14 And there was no [13] day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

[13] *Viz.* in that Climate.

15 ¶ And Joshua [14] returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

[14] *V.*43. *viz.* When he had performed all things related to the end of this Chapter, *v.* 43.

16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found [15] hid in a cave at Makkedah.

[15] *Psal.* 139. 8--10. *Am.*9. 2.

18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them.

19 And stay you not, *but* pursue after your enemies, and † smite the hindmost of them, suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.

† Heb. *cut off the tail.*

20 And it came to pass when Joshua and the children

Chap. 10. 2553. children of Iſrael had made an end of ſlaying them with a very great ſlaughter till they were conſumed, that the reſt *which* remained of them, entred into fenced cities.

21 And all the [16] people returned to the [17] camp to Joſhua at Makkedah [18] in peace: none [19] moved his tongue againſt any of the children of Iſrael.

[16] They that purſued the enemy, *v.*19. ¶ [17] The preſent Camp, pitch'd upon this occaſion. ¶ [18] Safe and ſound. ¶ [19] See on *Exod.* 11.7.

22 Then ſaid Joſhua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out thoſe five kings unto me out of the cave.

23 And they did ſo, and brought forth thoſe five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jeruſalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachiſh, *and* the king of Eglon.

24 And it came to paſs when they brought out thoſe kings unto Joſhua, that Joſhua called for all the men of Iſrael, and ſaid unto the captains of the men of war, which went with him, Come near, [20] put your feet upon the necks of theſe kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

[20] *Pſal.*149.8,9. *Iſa.* 26. 6. *Mal.* 4. 3. (1) To teach 'em hereby to ſhew no mercy to this people. (2) To hearten 'em for the time to come, and aſſure 'em that thus they ſhould deal with their enemies, *v.* 25.

25 And Joſhua ſaid unto them, Fear not nor be diſmayed, be ſtrong and of good courage: for [21] thus ſhall the LORD do to all your enemies againſt whom ye fight.

[21] 1 *Sam.* 17. 37. 2 *Cor.* 1. 10. *Pſal.* 63.7. and 77. 11.

26 And afterward Joſhua ſmote them, and ſlew them, and [22] hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the [22] evening.

[22] See on *ch.* 8.29.

27 And it came to paſs at the time of the going down of the ſun, *that* Joſhua commanded, and they * took them down off the trees, and caſt them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great [23] ſtones in the caves mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

* Deut. 21.23. Chap.8.29.

[23] See on *ch.* 7. 26.

28 ¶ And that day Joſhua [24] took Makkedah, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and the king thereof he utterly deſtroyed, them, and all the ſouls that *were* therein, he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah, * as he did unto the king of Jericho.

* Chap.6.21.

[24] While ſome were in purſuit of the five Kings and their Armies, *Joſhua* with others encamped againſt *Makkedah*, and took it.

29 Then Joſhua paſſed from Makkedah, and all Iſrael with him, unto Libnah, and fought againſt Libnah.

30 And the LORD delivered it alſo, and the King thereof, into the hand of Iſrael, and he ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and all the ſouls that *were* therein: he let none remain in it, but did unto the king thereof, as he did unto the king of Jericho.

31 ¶ And Joſhua paſſed from Libnah, and all Iſrael with him, unto Lachiſh, and encamped againſt it, and fought againſt it.

32 And the LORD delivered Lachiſh into the hand of Iſrael, which took it on [25] the ſecond day, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and all the ſouls that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

[25] *Viz.* After they had beſieged it.

33 ¶ Then Horam king of Gezer, came up to help Lachiſh; and Joſhua ſmote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 ¶ And from Lachiſh, Joſhua paſſed unto Eglon, and all Iſrael with him, and they encamped againſt it, and fought againſt it.

35 And they took it on [26] that day, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and all the ſouls that *were* therein he utterly deſtroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachiſh. Chap. 11. 2553.

[26] The ſame day they ſate down afore it.

36 And Joſhua went up from Eglon, and all Iſrael with him, unto * Hebron, and they fought againſt it.

* See Chap. 14.13. and 15. 13.

37 And they took it, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the ſouls that *were* therein: he left none remaining (according to all that he had done to Eglon) but deſtroyed it utterly, and all the ſouls that *were* therein.

38 ¶ And Joſhua [27] returned, and all Iſrael with him to * Debir, and fought againſt it.

* Chap.15.15.

[27] Bent his courſe back again towards *Gilgal*, *v.* 43.

39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and they ſmote them with the edge of the ſword, and utterly deſtroyed all the ſouls that *were* therein, he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, ſo he did to Debir, and to the king thereof, as he had done alſo to Libnah, and to her king.

40 ¶ So Joſhua ſmote all the country of the hills, and of the ſouth, and of the vale, and of the ſprings, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly deſtroyed all that [28] breathed, as the LORD God of Iſrael [29] commanded.

[28] *Viz.* Of mankind. ¶ [29] *Deut.*7.2. and 20.16,17.

41 And Joſhua ſmote them from Kadeſh-barnea, even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goſhen, even unto Gibeon.

42 And all theſe kings, and their land did Joſhua take [30] at one time: becauſe the LORD God of Iſrael fought for Iſrael.

[30] In one expedition.

43 And Joſhua returned, and all Iſrael with him, unto the [31] camp to Gilgal.

[31] See on *ch.*4. 19.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Divers kings overcome at the waters of Merom.* 10 *Hazor is taken and burnt.* 21 *The Anakims cut off.*

AND it came to paſs, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *theſe things*, that he ſent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achſhaph,

2 And to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains, ſouth of Cinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor, on the weſt;

3 *And to* the Canaanite on the eaſt and on the weſt, and *to* the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebuſite in the mountains, and *to* the Hivite under Hermon, in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hoſts with them, much people, even, [1] as the ſand that *is* upon the ſea-ſhore in multitude, with horſes and chariots very many.

[1] *Gen.*22.17. See there.

5 And when all theſe kings were † met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight againſt Iſrael.

† Heb. *aſſembled by appointment.*

6 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Joſhua, [2] Be not afraid becauſe of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all ſlain before Iſrael: thou ſhalt [3] hough their horſes, and burn their chariots with fire.

[2] *Ch.*10.8. ¶ [3] 2 *Sam.*8.4. Make 'em unſerviceable.

7 So Joſhua came, and all the people of war with him, againſt them by the waters of Merom ſuddenly, and they fell upon them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the

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hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto ‖ great Zidon, and unto ‖ † Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh east-ward, and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

‖ Or, *Zidon rabbah.*
‖ Or, *Salt pits.*
† Heb. *burnings of waters.*

9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they smote all the souls that *were* therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them*: there was not † any left to [4] breathe; and he burnt Hazor with fire.

† Heb. *any breath.*
[4] *ch.*10.40.

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he utterly destroyed them, * as Moses the servant of the LORD [5] commanded.

* Num.33.52. Deut.7.2. and 20.16,17.
[5] *ch.*10.-40.

13 But *as for* the cities that [6] stood still † in their strength, Israel [7] burned none of them, save [8] Hazor only; *that* did Joshua burn.

† Heb. *on their heap.*
[6] Were not dismantled, nor demolish'd in the taking of 'em. ¶ [7] But preserv'd 'em for themselves. ¶ [8] Because the king thereof was the first and chief in raising this last war, *v.*1.

14 And all the [9] spoil of these cities, and the cattel, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves: but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

[9] *ch.*8.27.

15 ¶ * [10] As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua: † he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

* Exod.34.11.
† Heb. *he removed nothing.*

16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south-country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the [11] mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same:

[10] *Deut.*7.2. ¶ [11] The mountanous part of the Country, (except that which fell to *Judah*, *v.* 21.)

‖ Or, *the smooth mountain.*

17 *Even* from ‖ the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad, in the valley of Lebanon, under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them and slew them.

[12] About seven years.

18 Joshua made war a [12] long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the * Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon; [13] all *other* they took in battel.

* Chap.9.3.
[13] *Viz.* Above mention'd; or, which were taken by him, were taken by assault.

20 For * it was of the LORD to [14] harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battel, that he might destroy them utterly, *and* that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, * as the LORD commanded Moses.

* Deut.2.30.
* Deut.10.16, 17.
[14] See on *Exod.*4.21. To give 'em up to their own pride, confidence and stubbornness.

21 ¶ And at that time came Joshua and [15] cut off * the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the [16] mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed *them* utterly with their cities.

* Deut.1.28.
[15] Gave leave to *Caleb*; who did it, *ch.* 15. 14.
¶ [16] Where these Giants chiefly inhabited, *ch.* 14.12. *Numb.* 13,22.

22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, [17] in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

[17] 1 *Sam.* 17.4. 2 *Sam.*21.16—22.

23 So Joshua took the [18] whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses, and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel, * [19] according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from [20] war.

[18] *Viz.* Before mention'd; or, the greatest part of all the Land promis'd to 'em. ¶ [19] *i. e.* He assign'd to each Tribe their Inheritance; who afterwards divided it among themselves. ¶ [20] Open wars.

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* Num.26.53.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The two kings whose countreys Moses took and disposed of.* 7 *The one and thirty kings on the other side Jordan which Joshua smote.*

NOw these *are* the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun: from the river Arnon, unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east.

2 * Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon:

* Num.21.24. Deut.2.36. and 3.6,16.

3 And * from the plain to the sea of Cinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt-sea on the east, the way to Beth-jeshimoth: and from ‖ the south, under ‖ * Ashdoth-pisgah.

* Deut.3.17.
‖ Or, *Teman.*
‖ Or, *the springs of Pisgah*, or *the hill.*

4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of * the remnant of the giants, * that dwelt at Ashtaroth, and at Edrei,

* Deut.3.17. and 4.49.

5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites, and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

* Deut.3.11. Chap. 13.12.

6 * Them did Moses the servant of the LORD, and the children of Israel smite, and * Moses the servant of the LORD gave it *for* a possession unto the Reubenites, and Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

* Deut.1.4.
* Numb. 21. 24,33.
* Numb.32. 29,33. Deut.3.12. Chap.13.8.

7 ¶ And these *are* the kings of the countrey which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon, even unto * the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel *for* a possession, according to their divisions:

* Chap.10.40. and 11.17.

8 In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south-country: the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 ¶ * The king of Jericho, one: * the king of Ai, which *is* beside Beth-el, one:

* Chap.6.2.
* Chap.8.29.

10 * The king of Jerusalem, one: the king of Hebron, one:

* Chap.10.23.

11 The king of Jarmuth, one: the king of Lachish, one:

12 The king of Eglon, one: * the king of Gezer, one:

* Chap. 10.33.

13 * The king of Debir, one: the king of Geder, one:

* Chap.10.38.

14 The king of Hormah, one: the king of Arad, one:

15 * The king of Libnah, one: the king of Adullam, one:

* Chap.10.29.

16 * The king of Makkedah, one: * the king of Beth-el, one:

* Chap.10.28.
* Chap. 8.17.

17 The king of Tappuah, one: the king of Hepher, one:

18 The king of Aphek, one: the king of ‖ Lasharon, one:

‖ Or, *Sharon.*
* Chap.11.10.

19 The king of Madon, one: * the king of Hazor, one:

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20 The king of Shimron-meron, one: the king of Achſhaph, one:

21 The king of Taanach, one: the king of Megiddo, one:

22 The king of Kedeſh, one: the king of Jockneam of Carmel, one:

23 The king of Dor in the coaſt of Dor, one: the king of the * [1] nations of Gilgal, one;

24 The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

* Gen.14.2.
[1] See on *Mat.* 4.-15.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The bounds of the land not yet conquered.* 14,33 *The Lords ſacrifices are the Levites inheritance.* 22 *Balaam ſlain.*

NOw Joſhua * was old *and* ſtricken in years; *and* the LORD ſaid unto him, Thou art old *and* ſtricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land † to be poſſeſſed.

* See Chap. 14.10.

† Heb. *to poſſeſs it.*

2 * This *is* the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philiſtines, and all Geſhuri,

* Judg.3.3.

3 From Sihor, which *is* before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron, north-ward, *which* is [1] counted to the Canaanite: * five lords of the Philiſtines; the Gazathites, and the Aſhdothites, the Eſhkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; alſo * the Avites.

* Zeph.2.5.

* Deut.2. 23.

[1] Belonged to *Canaan*, and conſequently to *Iſrael*, tho as yet poſſeſt by the *Philiſtins*.

4 From the ſouth all the land of the Canaanites, and || Mearah that *is* beſide the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of * the Amorites:

|| Or, *the cave.*

* See Judg. 1. 34.

5 And the land of * the Giblites, and all Lebanon toward the ſun-riſing, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon, unto the entring into Hamath.

* 1 King.5.18. Pſal.83. 7.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill-country from Lebanon unto * Miſrephoth-maim, *and* all the Sidonians, them will I [2] drive out from before the children of Iſrael: only divide thou it by lot unto the Iſraelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

* Chap.11.8.

[2] *Viz.* Upon condition of their obedience: wherein failing, they never came to poſſeſs them (tho in *David's* and *Solomon's* time they were Tributaries.)

7 Now [3] therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh,

[3] *Viz.* Since thou art ſo old, *v.* 1.

8 [4] With whom the Reubenites, and the Gadites have received their inheritance, * which Moſes gave them, beyond Jordan eaſt-ward, *even* as Moſes the ſervant of the LORD gave them.

* Num.32.33. Deut.3.12,13. Chap.22.4.

[4] With which half Tribe of *Manaſſeh.*

9 From Aroer that *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midſt of the river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon.

10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heſhbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon:

11 And Gilead, and the border of the Geſhurites, and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Baſhan unto Salcah:

12 All the kingdom of Og in Baſhan, which reigned in Aſhtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of * the remnant of the giants: for [5] theſe did Moſes ſmite, and caſt them out.

* Deut.3.11. Chap.12.4.

[5] *Viz. Sihon* and Og, and their people.

13 Nevertheleſs, the children of Iſrael [6] expelled not the Geſhurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geſhurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Iſraelites until this day.

[6] Wherein they were very blame-worthy.

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14 * Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave [7] none inheritance, [8] the ſacrifices of the LORD God of Iſrael made by fire *are* their inheritance, * as he ſaid unto them.

* Chap.14.3,4.

* Verſ. 33.

[7] *Deut.*10.9. and 18.2. No Regions or parts of the Countrey, but only ſome Cities with their Suburbs, *ch.* 14. 4.

¶ [8] *Numb.*18.8–23. With other oblations due to God.

15 ¶ And Moſes gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben, *inheritance* [9] according to their families.

[9] Proportionable to the number of their families.

16 And their coaſt was from Aroer that *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midſt of the river, and all the plain by Medeba:

17 Heſhbon, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Dibon, and || Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

|| Or, *the high places of Baal, and houſe of Baal-meon.* See Num. 32. 38.

18 And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

19 And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-ſhahar, in the mount of the valley,

20 And Beth-peor, and * || Aſhdoth-piſgah, and Beth-jeſhimoth,

* Deut.3.17.

|| Or, *ſprings of Piſgah*, or *the hill.*

21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites which reigned in Heſhbon, * whom Moſes [10] ſmote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *which were* dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the countrey.

* Num.21.24.

[10] *Numb.*31.8.

22 ¶ [11] Balaam alſo the ſon of Beor the || [12] ſooth-ſayer did the children of Iſrael ſlay with the ſword, among them that were ſlain by them.

|| Or, *diviner.*

[11] *Numb.*22.5. ¶ [12] So *Balack* counted him (*Numb.* 22. 6,7.) and he uſed Enchantments (*Numb.* 24. 1.) For tho he had ſome knowledge of the true God (See on *Numb.* 22. *n.* 12.) yet he did profeſs and practice Southſaying.

23 And the border of the children of Reuben, was Jordan and the border *thereof.* This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

24 And Moſes gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gad, *even* unto the children of Gad according to their families:

25 And their coaſt was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children [13] of Ammon, unto Aroer that *is* before Rabbah:

[13] Which had been formerly theirs, but was taken from them by *Sihon*, from whom they took it again, and therefore kept it, *Judg.*11.15.

26 And from Heſhbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim: and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir:

27 And in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the reſt of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heſhbon, Jordan and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of the ſea of Cinnereth, on the other ſide Jordan eaſt-ward.

28 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

29 ¶ And Moſes gave *inheritance* unto the half-tribe of Manaſſeh: and *this* was *the poſſeſſion* of the half-tribe of the children of Manaſſeh, by their families.

30 And their coaſt was from Mahanaim, all Baſhan, all the kingdom of Og king of Baſhan, and * all the towns of Jair, which *are* in Baſhan, threeſcore cities:

* Num.32. 41.

31 And

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31 And half Gilead, and Aſhtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Baſhan, *were pertaining* unto the children of Machir the ſon of Manaſſeh, *even* to the [14] one half of the * children of Machir by their families.

* Num.32.39.

[14] For the other half had their inheritance within *Jordan*, *Numb.*32.39,40.

32 Theſe *are the countreys* which Moſes did diſtribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other ſide Jordan by Jericho eaſtward.

* Chap.18.7.

33 * But unto the tribe of Levi Moſes gave not *any* inheritance: the LORD God of Iſrael *was* their inheritance, * as he ſaid unto them.

* Num.18.20. Deut.10. 9. & 18. 1,2.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The nine tribes and an half are to have their inheritance by lot.* 6 *Caleb by priviledge obtaineth Hebron.*

AND theſe *are the countreys* which the children of Iſrael inherited in the land of Canaan, which [1] Eleazar the prieſt, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun, and the [2] heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Iſrael diſtributed for inheritance unto them.

[1] *Numb.*34. 17.
[2] *Numb.*34.18.

2 *[3] By lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the [4] hand of Moſes, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half-tribe.

* Num.33.54. & 34.13.

[3] See on *Num.* 26. 55. ¶ [4] Miniſtry.

3 For Moſes had given the inheritance of two tribes, and an half-tribe, on the other ſide Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

4 [5] For * the children of Joſeph were [6] two tribes, Manaſſeh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, ſave [7] cities to dwell *in*, with their ſuburbs for their cattel, and for their ſubſtance.

[5] *q.d.* Tho the Levites had no Inheritance (*v.*3.) yet there were twelve Tribes beſides them, becauſe— ¶ [6] *Gen.*48.5. (which was the priviledg of the Birth-right, 1 *Chron.*5.1,2.) ¶ [7] *ch.*21.8. *Numb.*35.2.

5 As the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo the children of Iſrael did, and they [8] divided the land.

[8] Deſigned it, and agreed upon a method how it ſhould be done.

6 ¶ Then the children of [9] Judah came unto Joſhua in Gilgal: and Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh * the Kenezite ſaid unto him, Thou knoweſt * the thing that the LORD ſaid unto Moſes the [10] man of God, concerning me and thee in Kadeſh-barnea.

* Num.32.12.
* Num.14.24.

[9] To aſſiſt Caleb, one of their Tribe, in his Suit. ¶ [10] *Deut.* 33.1. ſee there.

7 Forty years old *was* I when Moſes the ſervant of the LORD * [11] ſent me from Kadeſh-barnea, to eſpy out the land; and I brought him word again, as [12] *it was* in mine heart.

* Num. 13. 7. & 14.6.

[11] *Numb.*13. ¶ [12] What I thought of the Land, and of our going to poſſeſs it, *Numb.*13.30.

8 Nevertheleſs, * my brethren that went up with me, made the heart of the people [13] melt: but I [14] wholly followed the LORD my God.

* Num.13.31, 32.

[13] *Ch.*2.11. ſee there. ¶ [14] See on *Numb.* 14. 24.

9 And Moſes ſware on that day, ſaying, Surely * the [15] land * whereon thy feet have troden, ſhall be thine inheritance, and thy childrens for ever: becauſe thou haſt wholly followed the LORD my God.

* Deut.11.24. Chap. 1. 3.
* See Num. 13.22.

[15] *Deut.*1.36. Thoſe parts about *Hebron*.

10 And now behold the LORD hath kept me alive, * as he ſaid, theſe forty and five years, even ſince the LORD ſpake this word unto Moſes, while *the children of* Iſrael † wandered in the wilderneſs: and now lo, I *am* this day fourſcore and five years old.

* Num.14.30.

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† Heb. *walked.*

11 * As yet I *am* [16] *as* ſtrong this day as *I was* in the day that Moſes ſent me: as my ſtrength *was* then, even ſo *is* my ſtrength now, for war, both to [17] go out and to [17] come in.

* Eccluſ.46. 9.

[16] So *Deut.*34.7. (and therefore I am able to do my part for the gaining of it.) ¶ [17] See on *Numb.*27.17. to perform all the duties belonging to my place.

12 Now therefore give me this [18] mountain, whereof the LORD ſpake in that day, (for thou heardſt in that day how * the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great, *and* fenced) [19] if ſo be the LORD *will be* with me, then I ſhall be able to drive them out, as the LORD ſaid.

* Num.13.29, 33, 34.

[18] Mountanous Countrey, *ch.*11.21. ¶ [19] *q. d.* Tho the enterprize be very difficult, yet through God's aſſiſtance (which I promiſe my ſelf) I doubt not but to effect it.

13 And Joſhua [20] bleſſed him, and * gave unto Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, [21] Hebron for an inheritance.

* Chap.15.13. Judg.1.20. See Ch.21.11,12. 1 Chron.6.55, 56.

[20] *Ch.*22.6. ¶ [21] The Countrey-Towns and Villages thereabouts (for the City it ſelf was given to the Levites, *ch.*21.11,12.) See on *Numb.*35.*n.*6.

14 * Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh the Kenezite, unto this day: becauſe that he wholly followed the LORD God of Iſrael.

* 1 Mac.2.56.

15 And * the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba, *which Arba was* a great man among the Anakims. And the land had [22] reſt from war.

* Gen.23.2. Chap.15. 13.
[22] See on *ch.* 11.23.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The borders of the lot of Judah.* 13 *Calebs portion and conqueſt.* 16 *Othniels valour and reward.* 18 *The requeſt of Achſah.* 63 *The Jebuſites not conquered.*

THIS then was the [1] lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families,* *even* to the border of Edom: the * wilderneſs of Zin ſouth-ward, *was* the uttermoſt part of the ſouth-coaſt.

[1] *ch.*14. 2. See on *Num.*26.15.
* Num.34. 3.
* Num.33.36.

2 And their ſouth-border was from the ſhore of the ſalt-ſea, from the † bay that looketh ſouth-ward.

† Heb. *tongue.*

3 And it went out to the ſouth-ſide to ‖ Maaleh-acrabbim, and paſſed along to Zin, and aſcended up on the ſouth-ſide unto Kadeſh-barnea: and paſſed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compaſs to Karkaa.

‖ Or, *the going up to Acrabbim.*

4 *From thence* it paſſed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of that coaſt were at the ſea: this ſhall be your ſouth-coaſt.

5 And the eaſt-border *was* the ſalt-ſea, *even* unto the end of Jordan; and *their* border in the north-quarter, *was* from the bay of the ſea, at the uttermoſt part of Jordan,

6 And the border went up to Beth-hogla, and paſſed along by the north of Beth-arabah, and the border went up to the ſtone of Bohan the ſon of Reuben.

7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and ſo north-ward looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before the going up to Adummim, which *is* on the ſouth-ſide of the river: and the border paſſed towards the waters of En-ſhemeſh, and the goings out thereof were at * En-rogel.

* 1King.1.9.

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the ſon of [2] Hinnom, unto the ſouth-ſide of the Jebuſite, the ſame *is* Jeruſalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain, that *lieth* before the valley of Hinnom, weſt-ward, which *is* at the end of the valley of the giants north-ward.

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[2] 2 King.23. 10. 2 *Chron.* 28.3. *Jer.* 7. 31–33.

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron, and the border was drawn to Baalah, which *is* Kirjath-jearim.

10 And the border compaſſed from Baalah weſt-ward unto mount Seir, and paſſed along unto the ſide of mount Jearim (which *is* Cheſalon) on the north-ſide, and went down to Beth-ſhemeſh, and paſſed on to Timnah.

11 And the border went out unto the ſide of Ekron north-ward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and paſſed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the ſea.

12 And the weſt-border *was* to the great ſea, and the coaſt *thereof*: this *is* the coaſt of the children of Judah round about, according to their families.

[3] *ch.*14.13.

13 ¶ And unto [3] Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joſhua, *even* * || the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron.

* Chap.14.15. || Or, *Kirjath-arba.*

14 And Caleb [4] drove thence * the three ſons of Anak, * Sheſhai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

* Judg.1. 10, 20.
* Num.13.23.

[4] By the aſſiſtance of the Army, (*ch.*10.36,37. and 11.21.) and eſpecially of the Tribe of *Judah*, (*Judg.*1.10.) who did it at his ſuit, and chiefly for his ſake.

15 And * he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-ſepher.

* Chap.10.38. Judg.1.11.

16 And Caleb ſaid, [5] He that ſmiteth Kirjath-ſepher, and taketh it, to him will I [6] give Achſah my daughter to wife.

[5] *Judg.*1.12. ¶ [6] *Viz.* With her conſent, *Gen.* 24.51,57.

17 And * [7] Othniel the ſon of Kenaz, * the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achſah his daughter to wife.

* Judg.1.13. and 3.9.

[7] *Judg.*3.9. ¶ [8] *i.e. Kenaz* was *Caleb's* (younger) brother, (*Judg.*1.13.) ſo that *Achſah* was his Coſen-german.

18 And it came to paſs, [9] as ſhe came *unto him*, that ſhe moved him [10] to aſk of her father a field: and ſhe [11] lighted off *her* aſs; and Caleb ſaid unto her, What wouldeſt thou?

[9] *i.e.* As ſhe was going from her father's to her husband's family. ¶ [10] To give her leave that ſhe might aſk. ¶ [11] Being come back to her father, ſhe ſhew'd this reſpect to him; as *Gen.*24.64. 1 *Sam.*25.23.

19 Who anſwered, Give me [12] a bleſſing; for thou haſt given me a [13] ſouth-land, give me alſo [14] ſprings of water: and he gave her the [15] upper ſprings, and the [15] nether ſprings.

[12] A Gift or Preſent; (as *Gen.* 33.11.) ¶ [13] Dry and barren. ¶ [14] *i.e.* A field, (*v.* 18.) wherein are Springs. ¶ [15] Some higher ground well water'd, and ſome lower.

20 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

21 And the uttermoſt cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coaſt of Edom ſouth-ward, were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23 And Kedeſh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor,

26 Aman, and Shema, and Moladah,

27 And Hazar-gaddah, and Heſhmon, and Beth-palet,

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28 And Hazar-ſhual, and Beer-ſheba, and Bizjothjah,

29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30 And Eltolad, and Cheſil, and Hormah,

31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sanſannah,

32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities *are* [16] twenty and nine, with their villages.

[16] Beſides other large Towns mention'd in this Catalogue, which were not Cities.

33 *And* in the valley, Eſhtaol, and Zoreah, and Aſhnah,

34 And Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, || and Gederothaim: fourteen cities with their villages.

|| Or, *or.*

37 Zenan, and Hadaſhah, and Migdalgad,

38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,

39 Lachiſh, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

40 And Cabbon, and Lahmas, and Kithliſh,

41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah: ſixteen cities with their villages.

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Aſhan,

43 And Jiphtah, and Aſhnah, and Nezib,

44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareſhah: nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekron with her towns, and her villages.

46 From Ekron even unto the ſea, all that *lay* † near Aſhdod, with their villages.

† Heb. *by the place of.*

47 Aſhdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great ſea, and the border *thereof.*

48 ¶ And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

49 And Dannah, and Kirjath-ſannah, which *is* Debir,

50 And Anab, and Eſhtemoh, and Anim,

51 And Goſhen, and Holon, and Giloh: eleven cities with their villages.

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eſhean,

53 And || Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah,

|| Or, *Janus.*

54 And Humtah, and * Kirjath-arba (which *is* Hebron) and Zior: nine cities with their villages.

* Chap.14.15.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,

56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages.

58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,

59 And Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; ſix cities with their villages.

60 Kirjath-baal, (which *is* Kirjath-jearim) and Rabbah; two cities with their villages.

61 ¶ In the [17] wilderneſs, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah,

[17] The Woodland part of the Country; not ſo populous, nor fit for tillage.

62 And Nibſhan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi: ſix cities with their villages.

63 As for the Jebuſites the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, * the children [18] of Judah could [19] not drive them out: but the Jebuſites dwell with the children of Judah at Jeruſalem unto this day.

* See Judg. 1. 8. 2 Sam. 5.7.

[18] *Jeruſalem* was partly in the Tribe of *Judah*, *Viz.* the Tower of *Sion*, and mount *Moriah*, with ſome of the South parts adjacent; and partly in the Tribe of *Benjamin*, *viz.* the

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AND the lot of the children of Joseph † fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el,

[a] Judg.1.26.

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[a] Gen.41.51. and 46.20.

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[1] And so did himself win *Gilead*, and dispossess the Amorite, *Numb.*32.39,40.

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2 There was also *a lot* for [a] the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of ‖ Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male-children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

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4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD [2] commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren: therefore according to the commandment of the LORD, he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

[2] *Numb.*27.7.

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[5] *ch.* 16.9.

10 South-ward *it was* Ephraims, and North-ward *it was* Manassehs, and the sea is his border, and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam, and her towns, *and* the [6] inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, *even* three countreys.

[6] Not only the place, but the people, whom they spared, contrary to God's command, and used as Servants.

12 Yet [a] the children of Manasseh [7] could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities, but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

[a] Judg.1.27.

[7] See on *ch.* 15.63.

13 Yet it came to pass when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to [8] tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

[8] *ch.*16.-10.

14 And the children of Joseph [9] spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* [10] one lot and [10] one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* [11] a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

[9] *Viz.* When they saw what their own portion was, which fell to 'em by lot. ¶ [10] No more Land than is sufficient for one Tribe; whereas we are two, (*Manasseh* and *Ephraim*) and part of our portion is unfit for habitation, (*v.* 15.) and part of it is still inhabited by the Canaanites, *v.*12. ¶ [11] *Num.* 26.34,37.

15 And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood-*country*, and [12] cut down for thy self there in the land of the Perizzites, and of the ‖ giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

‖ Or, *Rephaims.*

[12] And drive out the Inhabitants; and so make it more habitable.

16 And the children of Joseph said, [13] The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley, have [a] chariots of [14] iron, *both they* who *are* of Beth-shean and her towns, and *they* who *are* of the valley of Jezreel.

[a] Judg.4.3.

[13] *q. d.* Suppose we should do as thou sayest, yet——

¶ [14] Armed

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[14] Armed with Sithes and Hooks fastned at each end of the Axle-tree to mow down all that stand in their way.

17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, *even* to Ephraim, and to Manasseh, saying, Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power: [15] thou shalt not have one lot *only*.

[15] Thou shalt, if thou wilt not be wanting to thy self, prevail over those places, and then thou shalt find thy portion large enough.

18 But the [16] mountain shall be [16] thine, for it *is* a wood: and thou shalt cut it down: and the [17] out-goings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

[16] Those mountainous places, when the wood is cut down, will be fit for thy habitation. ¶ [17] The valleys round about the Mountain.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The tabernacle is set up at Shiloh.* 2 *The remainder of the land is described,* 10 *and divided by lot.*

AND the whole congregation of the children of Israel [1] assembled together at Shiloh, and [2] set up the [3] tabernacle [4] of the congregation there, and the [5] land was subdued before them.

[1] Decamped from *Gilgal*, (where their former standing Camp was. See on *ch.* 4. 19.) ¶ [2] They first setled God's Worship, before their own Inheritances. ¶ [3] And observed all the Ceremonial Law. ¶ [4] Where the Congregation met together, and with God, *Exod.* 25. 22. ¶ [5] That Part of the Countrey thereabouts.

2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had [6] not yet received their inheritance.

[6] Partly, because they could not at first exactly describe the land (and therefore they described it anew now, *v.* 4.) and partly because they were full of Spoils, and tired out with Wars, and so gave themselves to ease and sloth, *v.* 3.

[7] *Judg.* 18. 9. *Prov.* 15. 19.

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long *are* you [7] slack to go to possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

4 Give out from among you three men for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it [8] according to the inheritance of them, and they shall come *again* to me.

[8] According as the seven Tribes and an half are to have their Inheritance out of it, *v.* 5, 6.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their [9] coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

[9] That part of the land already assign'd to 'em (for the generality; tho some small alteration was made afterwards, *ch.* 19. 9.)

[10] The men that went. *v.* 8.

6 [10] Ye shall therefore describe the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the description* hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

[11] See on *ch.* 13. 14.

7 But the Levites have [11] no part among you, for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

8 ¶ And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go, and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.

9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities, into seven parts, in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the host at Shiloh.

10 ¶ And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh, before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel [12] according to their divisions.

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[12] *i.e.* To each of the seven Tribes their portion.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth [13] between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

[13] *Deut.* 33. 12.

12 And their border on the north-side was from Jordan, and the border went up to the side of Jericho, on the north-side, and went up through the mountains west-ward, and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz (* which *is* Beth-el) south-ward, and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that *lieth* on the south-side of the nether Beth-horon.

* Gen. 28. 19.

14 And the border was drawn *thence*, and compassed the corner of the sea south-ward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon south-ward: and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal (which *is* Kirjath-jearim) a city of the children of Judah: This *was* the west-quarter.

15 And the south-quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah.

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which *is* in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom,* to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to* En-rogel,

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* Chap. 15. 6.

18 And passed along toward the side over against ‖ Arabah north-ward, and went down unto Arabah.

‖ Or, *the plain.*

19 And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah north-ward: and the out-goings of the border were at the †north-bay of the salt-sea at the south-end of Jordan: This *was* the south-coast.

† Heb. *tongue.*

20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east-side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof, round about, according to their families.

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22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el,

23 And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

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‖ Or, *brook of reeds.*

[5] *ch.* 16.9.

10 South-ward *it was* Ephraims, and North-ward *it was* Manasseh's, and the sea is his border, and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam, and her towns, *and* the [6] inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, *even* three countreys.

[6] Not only the place, but the people, whom they spared, contrary to God's command, and used as Servants.

12 Yet * the children of Manasseh [7] could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities, but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

* Judg.1.27.
[7] See on *ch.* 15.63.

13 Yet it came to pass when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to [8] tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

[8] *ch.*16.10.

14 And the children of Joseph [9] spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* [10] one lot and [10] one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* [11] a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

[9] *Viz.* When they saw what their own portion was, which fell to 'em by lot. ¶ [10] No more Land than is sufficient for one Tribe; whereas we are two, (*Manasseh* and *Ephraim*) and part of our portion is unfit for habitation, (*v.* 15.) and part of it is still inhabited by the Canaanites, *v.*12. ¶ [11] *Num.* 26.34,37.

15 And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood-*country*, and [12] cut down for thy self there in the land of the Perizzites, and of the ‖ giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

‖ Or, *Rephaims.*

[12] And drive out the Inhabitants; and so make it more habitable.

16 And the children of Joseph said, [13] The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley, have * chariots of [14] iron, *both they* who *are* of Beth-shean and her towns, and *they* who *are* of the valley of Jezreel.

* Judg.4.3.

[13] *q. d.* Suppose we should do as thou sayest, yet——

¶ [14] Armed

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[14] Armed with Sithes and Hooks fastned at each end of the Axle-tree to mow down all that stand in their way.

17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, *even* to Ephraim, and to Manasseh, saying, Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power: [15] thou shalt not have one lot *only*.

[15] Thou shalt, if thou wilt not be wanting to thy self, prevail over those places, and then thou shalt find thy portion large enough.

18 But the [16] mountain shall be [16] thine, for it *is* a wood: and thou shalt cut it down: and the [17] out-goings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

[16] Those mountainous places, when the wood is cut down, will be fit for thy habitation. ¶ [17] The valleys round about the Mountain.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The tabernacle is set up at Shiloh.* 2 *The remainder of the land is described,* 10 *and divided by lot.*

AND the whole congregation of the children of Israel [1] assembled together at Shiloh, and [2] set up the [3] tabernacle [4] of the congregation there, and the [5] land was subdued before them.

[1] Decamped from *Gilgal,* (where their former standing Camp was. See on *ch.* 4. 19.) ¶ [2] They first setled God's Worship, before their own Inheritances. ¶ [3] And observed all the Ceremonial Law. ¶ [4] Where the Congregation met together, and with God, *Exod.* 25. 22. ¶ [5] That Part of the Countrey thereabouts.

2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had [6] not yet received their inheritance.

[6] Partly, because they could not at first exactly describe the land (and therefore they described it anew now, *v.* 4.) and partly because they were full of Spoils, and tired out with Wars, and so gave themselves to ease and sloth, *v.* 3.

[7] *Judg.* 18.-9. *Prov.* 15. 19. 3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long *are* you [7] slack to go to possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

4 Give out from among you three men for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it [8] according to the inheritance of them, and they shall come *again* to me.

[8] According as the seven Tribes and an half are to have their Inheritance out of it, *v.* 5, 6.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their [9] coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

[9] That part of the land already assign'd to 'em (for the generality; tho some small alteration was made afterwards, *ch.* 19. 9.)

[10] The men that went. *v.* 8. 6 [10] Ye shall therefore describe the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the description* hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

[11] See on *ch.* 13. 14. 7 But the Levites have [11] no part among you, for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

8 ¶ And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go, and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.

9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities, into seven parts, in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the host at Shiloh.

10 ¶ And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh, before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel [12] according to their divisions.

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[12] *i.e.* To each of the seven Tribes their portion.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth [13] between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

[13] *Deut.* 33. 12.

12 And their border on the north-side was from Jordan, and the border went up to the side of Jericho, on the north-side, and went up through the mountains west-ward, and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz (* which *is* Beth-el) south-ward, and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that *lieth* on the south-side of the nether Beth-horon.

* Gen. 28. 19.

14 And the border was drawn *thence,* and compassed the corner of the sea south-ward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon south-ward: and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal (which *is* Kirjath-jearim) a city of the children of Judah: This *was* the west-quarter.

15 And the south-quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah.

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which *is* in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom,* to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to* En-rogel,

* Chap. 15. 8. * Chap. 15. 7.

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which *is* over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to * the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,

* Chap. 15. 6.

18 And passed along toward the side over against ‖ Arabah north-ward, and went down unto Arabah.

‖ Or, *the plain.*

19 And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah north-ward: and the out-goings of the border were at the † north-bay of the salt-sea at the south-end of Jordan: This *was* the south-coast.

† Heb. *tongue.*

20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east-side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof, round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families, were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el,

23 And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24 And Chephar-haammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba: twelve cities with their villages.

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi (which *is* [14] Jerusalem) Gibeath, *and* Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

[14] See on *ch.* 15. 63.

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CHAP. XIX.

1 The lot of Simeon, 10 of Zebulun, 17 of Iſſachar, 24 of Aſher, 32 of Naphtali, 40 and of Dan. 49 The children of Iſrael give an inheritance to Joſhua.

AND the ſecond lot came forth to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the children of Simeon, according to their families: and their inheritance was [1] within the inheritance of the children of [2] Judah.

[1] And ſo that was fulfilled, *Gen.* 49.7. ¶ [2] Becauſe their portion was too big before, *v.* 9.

* 1 Chron. 4. 28. 2 And * they had in their inheritance, Beerſheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

3 And Hazur-ſhual, and Baalah, and Azem,

4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

5 And Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-ſuſah,

6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen: thirteen cities and their villages.

7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Aſhan: four cities and their villages.

8 And all the villages that *were* round about theſe cities, to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the ſouth. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah, *was* the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 ¶ And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun, according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid.

11 And their border went up toward the ſea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbaſheth, and reached to the river that *is* before Jokneam,

12 And turned from Sarid eaſt-ward, toward the ſun-riſing, unto the border of Chiſloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia;

13 And from thence paſſeth on along on the eaſt to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth out to ‖ Remmon-methoar to Neah.

‖ Or, *which is drawn.*

14 And the border compaſſeth it on the north-ſide to Hannathon: and the out-goings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el.

15 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem, twelve cities with their villages.

16 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Zebulun, according to their families, theſe cities with their villages.

17 ¶ *And* the fourth lot came out to Iſſachar, for the children of Iſſachar according to their families.

18 And their border was *toward* Jez-reel, and Cheſulloth, and Shunem,

19 And Hapharaim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20 And Rabbith, and Kiſhion, and Abez,

21 And Remeth, and En-gannim, and Enhaddah, and Beth-pazzez.

22 And the coaſt reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-ſhemeſh, and the out-goings of their border were at Jordan: ſixteen cities with their villages.

23 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Iſſachar according to their families, the cities and their villages. Chap. 19. 2560.

24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Aſher according to their families,

25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achſhaph,

26 And Alammelech, and Amad, and Miſheal; and reacheth to Carmel weſt-ward, and to Shihor-libnath;

27 And turneth toward the ſun-riſing to Beth-dagon; and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el toward the north-ſide of Beth-emek, and Neiel; and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand;

28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, *even* unto great Zidon:

29 And *then* the coaſt turneth to Ramah, and to the ſtrong city † Tyre; and the coaſt turneth to Hoſah: and the out-goings thereof are at the ſea from the coaſt to * Achzib:

† Heb. *Tzor.*

* Gen. 38. 5.

30 Ummah alſo, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.

Judg. 1. 31. Mic. 1. 14.

31 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Aſher according to their families, theſe cities with their villages.

32 ¶ The ſixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, *even* for the children of Naphtali, according to their families.

33 And their coaſt was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel unto Lakum: and the out-goings thereof were at Jordan:

34 And *then* * the coaſt turneth weſtward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the ſouth-ſide, and reacheth to Aſher on the weſt-ſide, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the ſun-riſing:

* Deut. 33. 23.

35 And the fenced cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Cinnereth,

36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 And Kedeſh, and Edrei, and En-hazor,

38 And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-ſhemeſh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40 ¶ *And* the ſeventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

41 And the coaſt of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eſhtaol, and Ir-ſhemeſh,

42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45 And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,

46 And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border ‖ before ‖ Japho.

‖ Or, *over againſt.* ‖ Or, *Joppa.* Act. 9. 36.

47 And * the coaſt of the children of Dan [3] went out *too little* for them: therefore the children of Dan [4] went up to fight againſt Leſhem, and took it, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and poſſeſſed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leſhem, * Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

* See Judg. 18.

* Judg. 18. 29.

[3] God, for their Idolatry and other ſins, ſuffering their enemies to ſtraiten 'em, by driving 'em out of the Champaign Country into the Mountains, *Judg.* 1. 34. ¶ [4] Which was after Joſhua's death, in the time of the Iſraelites Anarchy, *Judg.* 18. &c.

48 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children

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children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 ¶ When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel [5] gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun, among them:

[5] Yielded to his desire that he should have it.

[6] See on *ch.* 14.9. * Chap.24.30. 50 [6] According to the word of the LORD, they gave him the city which he asked, *even* * Timnah-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

[7] *Numb.*34.17. 51 These *are* the inheritances which [7] Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot, in Shiloh before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: so they made an end of dividing the country.

CHAP. XX.

1 *God commanding,* 7 *the Israelites appoint six cities of refuge.*

THE LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, * Numb.45.6, 11,14. Deut.19.2,9. [1] Ministry, *Exod.*21.13. *Num.* 35.6,11. * Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the [1] hand of Moses:

3 That the slayer that killeth *any* person [2] unawares *and* unwittingly, may flee [3] thither: and they shall be your refuge from the [4] avenger of blood.

[2] See on *Numb.*35.11. ¶ [3] To some one of 'em, which lies nearest him. ¶ [4] See on *Numb.* 35.12.

4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities, shall stand at the entring of the gate of the city, and shall declare his [5] cause in the ears of the elders of that city; they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place that he may dwell among them.

[5] The circumstances of his fact.

5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand: because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

6 And he shall [6] dwell in that city, until he stand before the [7] congregation for judgment, *and* [6] until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

[6] See on *Numb.* 35.25. ¶ [7] See on *Numb.* 35.24.

† Heb. *sanctified.* 7 ¶ And they † appointed [8] Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba (which *is* Hebron) in the [9] mountain of Judah.

[8] All these Cities belonged to the Levites, that so the business might be carried with the greater authority, and impartiality. ¶ [9] Mountanous part of the Country.

* Deut.4.43. 1 Chron. 6.78. 8 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho east-ward, they [10] assigned * Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain, out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

[10] Confirm'd what *Moses* had appointed before, *Deut.* 4.41–43.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares, might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

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CHAP. XXI.

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1 *Eight and forty cities given by lot out of the other tribes unto the Levites,* 43 *God gave them rest.*

[1] THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto [2] Eleazar the priest, and unto [2] Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the [2] heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel.

[1] After each Tribe had their portion assigned 'em, and before they took possession of it. ¶ [2] *Numb.*34.17.

2 And they spake unto them at [3] Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD [4] commanded by the [5] hand of Moses, to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattel.

[3] *ch.* 18.1. [4] *Numb.* 35.2, &c. [5] Ministry.

3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites [6] out of their inheritance at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

[6] *Gen.*49.7.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and * the [7] children of Aaron the priest, *which were* of the Levites, * had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, [8] thirteen cities.

* Verse.8,19. * See *ch.*24.33.

[7] They whose employment lay at the Tabernacle and Temple, are by God's Providence disposed unto places near their service. ¶ [8] (Which they might dispose of at present as they saw good, till they should encrease: for as yet they were but few.)

5 And * the rest of the children of Kohath *had* by lot, out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

* Verse.20.&c.

6 And * the children of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

* Verse.27.&c.

7 * The children of Merari by their families, *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

* Verse.34.&c.

8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their [9] suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

[9] See on *Num.* 35.4,5.

9 ¶ And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* † mentioned by name,

† Heb. *called.*

10 Which the children of Aaron *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: (for theirs was the first lot)

11 And they gave them ‖ the city of Arba the father of * Anok (which *city is* [10] Hebron) in the hill-*country* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

‖ Or, *Kirjath-arba.* Gen. 23.2. * Chap.15.13, 14. *Anak,* and elsewhere.

12 But * the [11] fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh, for his possession.

[10] 1 *Chr.*6.55. See on *ch.* 14.13. [11] 1 *Chron.* 6.56. The rest beyond or besides the two thousand Cubits. See on *Numb.*35.*n.*6. * Chap.14.14. 1 Chron.6.56.

13 ¶ Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest, Hebron with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer, and Libnah with her suburbs,

14 And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,

15 And * Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs,

* 1 Chr. 6.58. *Hilen.*

16 And * Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah

* 1 Chr. 6.59. *Ashan.*

Chap. 21. with her ſuburbs, *and* Beth-ſhemeſh with her ſuburbs: nine cities out of thoſe two tribes.

2553. 17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her ſuburbs, Geba with her ſuburbs,

* 1 Chr. 6.60. *Alemeth.* 18 Anathoth with her ſuburbs, and * Almon with her ſuburbs: four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the prieſts, *were* thirteen cities with their ſuburbs.

20 ¶ And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gave them Shechem with her ſuburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for the ſlayer; and Gezer with her ſuburbs,

22 And Kibzaim with her ſuburbs, and Beth-horon with her ſuburbs: four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her ſuburbs, Gibbethon with her ſuburbs,

24 Aijalon with her ſuburbs, Gath-rimmon with her ſuburbs: four cities.

25 And out of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, Tanach with her ſuburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her ſuburbs, two cities.

26 All the cities *were* ten with their ſuburbs, for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

27 ¶ And unto the children of Gerſhon of the families of the Levites, out of the *other* half-tribe of Manaſſeh, *they gave* Golan in Baſhan with her ſuburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the ſlayer: and Beeſhterah with her ſuburbs: two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Iſſachar, Kiſhon with her ſuburbs, Dabareh, with her ſuburbs,

29 Jarmuth with her ſuburbs, En-gannim with her ſuburbs: four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Aſher, Miſhal with her ſuburbs, Abdon with her ſuburbs,

31 Helkath with her ſuburbs, and Rehob with her ſuburbs: four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedeſh in Galilee with her ſuburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the ſlayer: and Hammoth-dor with her ſuburbs, and Kartan with her ſuburbs: three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gerſhonites, according to their families, *were* thirteen cities with their ſuburbs.

34 ¶ And unto the families of the children of Merari the reſt of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her ſuburbs, and Kartah with her ſuburbs,

35 Dimnah with her ſuburbs, Nahalal with her ſuburbs: four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her ſuburbs, and Jahazah with her ſuburbs,

37 Kedemoth with her ſuburbs, and Mephaath with her ſuburbs: four cities:

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her ſuburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the ſlayer: and Mahanaim with her ſuburbs.

39 Heſhbon with her ſuburbs, Jazer with her ſuburbs: four cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were *by* their lot, twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites within the poſſeſſion of the children of Iſrael, *were* [12] forty and eight cities with their ſuburbs.

[12] A bountiful proviſion.

42 Theſe cities were every one with their ſuburbs round about them: thus *were* all theſe cities. Chap. 22. 2553.

43 ¶ And the LORD gave unto Iſrael [13] all the land which he ſware to give unto their fathers: and they [14] poſſeſſed it, and dwelt therein.

[13] (1) A title to it all. (2) Actual diviſion of it by lot. (3) Preſent poſſeſſion of a good part of it. (4) A promiſe of his aſſiſtance to ſubdue the reſt by fitting degrees, (*Exod.* 23.29,30.) if they were not wanting to themſelves. (5) Quiet enjoyment of what they poſſeſs'd, v. 44. (6) Abſolute dominion of all the people remaining in it. ¶ [14] *Viz.* By degrees, more and more.

44 And the LORD gave them [15] reſt round about, according to all that he ſware unto their fathers: and there [16] ſtood not a man of all their enemies [16] before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

[15] *Ch.* 11.-23. See there. ¶ [16] *ch.* 23.-9. *Viz.* All the days of *Joſhua*, *ch.* 1.5. (but afterwards it was otherwiſe.)

45 There [17] failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had ſpoken unto the houſe of Iſrael: all came to paſs. [17] *ch.* 23.14,15.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *The two tribes and half ſent home:* 10 *they build an altar of teſtimony in their journey.*

1 THen Joſhua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, [1] *ch.* 21.44.

2 And ſaid unto them, Ye have kept all that Moſes the ſervant of the LORD [2] commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you. [2] *Numb.* 32.10. *Deut.* 3.18.

3 Ye have [3] not left your brethren theſe many days unto this day, but have [4] kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

[3] *Hebr.* 6.10. ¶ [4] Done all this out of reſpect to God's command.

4 And now the LORD your God hath given reſt unto your brethren, as he promiſed them: therefore now return ye, and get ye unto your tents, *and* unto the land of your poſſeſſion, * which Moſes the ſervant of the LORD gave you on the other ſide Jordan. * Num. 32.33. Deut. 29.8. Chap. 13.8.

5 But take [5] diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moſes the ſervant of the LORD charged you, to [6] love the LORD your God, and to walk in [7] all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to [8] cleave unto him, and to ſerve him with all your heart, and with all your ſoul.

[5] *Exod.* 15.26. *Pſal.* 39.1. ¶ [6] *Deut.* 10.12. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 119.6. ¶ [8] See on *Deut.* 4.4.

6 So Joſhua [9] bleſſed them, and ſent them away: and they went unto their tents. [9] *ch.* 14.13.

7 ¶ Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manaſſeh, Moſes had given *poſſeſſion* in Baſhan: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Joſhua among their brethren on this ſide Jordan, weſtward. And when Joſhua ſent them away alſo unto their tents, then he bleſſed them,

8 And he ſpake unto them, ſaying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattel, with ſilver and with gold, and with braſs, and with iron, and with very much raiment: * [10] divide the ſpoil of your enemies with your [11] brethren. * 1 Sam. 30.24. [10] *Num.* 31.27. [11] That ſlay'd at home.

9 ¶ And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manaſſeh, returned, and departed from the children of Iſrael out of Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to go unto the countrey of Gilead,

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lead, to the land of their poſſeſſion, whereof they were poſſeſſed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moſes.

10 ¶ And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh built there an [12] altar [13] by Jordan; a great altar to ſee to.

[12] After the pattern of that in the Tabernacle, *v.* 28. ¶ [13] On the outer ſide of *Jordan* (over againſt the land of *Canaan*, *v.*11.) next to their own poſſeſſions.

[14] *Deut.*13.13. 11 ¶ And the children of Iſrael [14] heard ſay, Behold the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manaſſeh, have built an altar over againſt the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the paſſage of the children of Iſrael.

12 And when the children of Iſrael heard *of it*, the whole congregation of the children of [15] *Judg.*20. 1. Iſrael [15] gathered themſelves together at Shiloh, * Deut.13.15. * to go up [16] to war againſt them.

[16] *Gal.*4. 18.

13 And the children of Iſrael [17] ſent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manaſſeh into the * Exod.6. 25. Num.25. 7. land of Gilead, * [18] Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar the prieſt:

[17] *Deut.*13.14. *Judg.*20.12. *Prov.* 20—18. *Matth.* 18.15. ¶ [18] *Numb.* 25. 7. *Prov.*25.13.

† Heb. *houſe of the father.* 14 And with him ten princes, of each †chief houſe a prince, throughout all the tribes of Iſrael, and each one *was* an head of the houſe of *their* fathers, among the thouſands of Iſrael.

15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manaſſeh unto the land of Gilead, and they ſpake with them, ſaying,

16 Thus ſaith the whole congregation of the LORD, What treſpaſs *is* this that ye have committed againſt the God of Iſrael, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might [19] rebel this day againſt the LORD?

[19] *V.*16. By ſerving him in another way than he has appointed, 1 *Sam.*15.23.

*Num.25.3,4. Deut.4. 3. 17 [20] *Is* the iniquity * of Peor too little for us, from which we are [21] not cleanſed until this day, (although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD)

[20] *Numb.*25.3. *Ezra* 9. 13, 14. *q. d.* Is it not enough that we provok'd God to wrath then, but we muſt provoke him again now? ¶ [21] Many particular perſons being infected with an inclination to this ſin ſtill (and accordingly are puniſh'd upon occaſion) which was ready ever and anon to break out, when not reſtrained by good Rulers, *ch.*24.23.

18 But that ye muſt turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, *ſeeing* ye [19] rebel to day againſt the LORD, that [22] to morrow he will be wroth with the [23] whole congregation of Iſrael.

[22] Very ſuddenly. ¶ [23] As *ch.*7.1. *&c.*

19 Notwithſtanding [24] if the land of your poſſeſſion *be* [24] unclean, *then* paſs ye over unto the land of the poſſeſſion of the LORD, wherein the LORDs tabernacle dwelleth, and take poſſeſſion among us: but rebel not againſt the LORD, nor rebel [25] againſt us, in building you an altar beſide the altar of the LORD our God.

[24] *Act.*10.—14. *q. d.* If you apprehend that your land is not regarded by God for want of the Tabernacle and Ark, but like Heathen Lands ¶ [25] As having broken Communion with us, and provok't God to puniſh us all.

[26] *ch.* 7.1.&c. 20 Did not [26] Achan the ſon of Zerah commit a treſpaſs in the accurſed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Iſrael? and that man periſhed not alone in his iniquity.

21 ¶ Then the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh [27] anſwered and ſaid unto the heads of the [28] thouſands of Iſrael,

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[27] *Act.*11.4. 1 *Pet.*3.15. ¶ [28] *Exod.*18.21. *Mic.*5.2.

22 The LORD [29] God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and [30] Iſrael he ſhall know, if *it be* in rebellion, or if in tranſgreſſion againſt the LORD (ſave us not this day)

[29] *Deut.*10.17. ¶ [30] We'll make our integrity appear to all our Brethren, by our future carriage, that we had no ſuch deſign as you charge us withal.

23 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering, or meat-offering, or if to offer peace-offerings thereon, let the LORD himſelf [31] require *it*.

[31] *Gen.*9.12. Puniſh us for it.

24 And if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* thing, ſaying, † In time to come your children might ſpeak unto our children, ſaying, What have you to do with the LORD God of Iſrael?

† Heb. *in time to morrow.*

25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you; ye children of Reuben, and children of Gad, ye have [32] no part in the LORD: ſo ſhall your children make our children ceaſe from [33] fearing the LORD.

[32] 2 *Sam.*20.1. 1 *King.*12.16. *Neh.*2.20. No right to ſerve him, or expect any favour from him. ¶ [33] Making profeſſion of his name, and worſhiping him according to his Will.

26 Therefore we ſaid, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offerings, nor for ſacrifice:

27 But *that* it *may be* * [34] a witneſs between us and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the ſervice of the LORD before him with our burnt-offerings and with our ſacrifices and with our peace offerings; that your children may not ſay to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD.

* Gen.31.48.

[34] *V.*34. *ch.*24.27. *Gen.*31.48. A laſting Monument to teſtifie to ſucceeding Ages that we have a true right in the ſame God and his Worſhip, with you.

28 Therefore ſaid we, that it ſhall be, when they ſhould *ſo* ſay to us, or to our generations in time to come, that we may ſay *again*, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offerings, nor for ſacrifices; but it *is* a witneſs between us and you.

29 God forbid that we ſhould rebel againſt the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt-offerings, for meat-offerings, or for ſacrifices, beſides the altar of the LORD our God that *is* before his tabernacle.

30 ¶ And when Phinehas the prieſt, and the princes of the congregation, and heads of the thouſands of Iſrael which *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manaſſeh ſpake, † [35] it pleaſed them.

† Heb. *it was good in their eyes.*

[35] *V.*33. *Prov.*15.1. *Act.*11.18. 1 *Sam.*25. 32, 33.

31 And Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar the prieſt ſaid unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manaſſeh, This day we perceive that the LORD *is* [36] among us, becauſe ye have not committed this treſpaſs againſt the LORD: † now ye have [37] delivered the children of Iſrael out of the hand of the LORD.

† Heb. *then.*

[36] 2 *Chron.*15.2. ¶ [37] By being free from that ſin which would have pulled down ſome heavy judgment upon us all.

32 And Phinehas the ſon of Eleazar the prieſt, and the princes, returned from the children of

* Reuben,

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Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.

33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battel, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar ‖ *Ed:* for it *shall be* a witness between us that the LORD *is* [38] God.

‖ That is, A witness. So Chap. 24. 27.

[38] 1 *Kings* 18. 39. That God that we own for our God, and will worship according to his own Rule.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Joshua's exhortation before his death,* 3 *by former benefits,* 5 *by promises,* 11 *and by threatnings.*

AND it came to pass, a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old *and* † stricken in age.

† Heb. *come into days.*

2 And Joshua [1] called for [2] all Israel, *and* for their [3] elders, and for their [4] heads, and for their [5] judges, and for their [6] officers, and said unto them, I am old *and* stricken in age:

[1] *Act.*20.17. ¶ [2] Their Parliament or Representative Body, consisting of those after mentioned. ¶ [3] The States General or Senate. ¶ [4] Chief Rulers of every Tribe. ¶ [5] Inferiour Magistrates. ¶ [6] Such as executed the judgments of the Magistrates.

[7] *Mal.*1.5.

3 And ye have [7] seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations, because of you; for the LORD your God *is* he that hath [8] fought for you.

[8] *Exod.* 14.14.

[9] *ch.*18.10.

[10] Unconquered.

4 Behold, I have divided unto you by [9] lot these nations that [10] remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea † west-ward.

† Heb. *at the sun-set.*

5 And the LORD your God he shall [11] expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight, and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

[11] *Numb.*33.52. *Viz.* by degrees (*Exod.*23.29,30.) if you don't provoke him to forsake you, *v.*12,13.

6 Be ye therefore very couragious to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom, to the [12] right hand or to the [12] left;

[13] See on *Deut.* 5.32.

[14] Psal.16.4. Jer.5. 7. See Num.32.38.

7 That ye [13] come not among these nations, these that remain amongst you, * neither make [14] mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to [15] swear *by them,* neither serve them, nor bow your selves unto them:

[13] *V.*12. *Eph.*5.11. 2 *Cor.*6.14. Entertain no familiar Society with 'em, especially by way of Marriage, *v.*12. ¶ [14] See on *Exod.*23.-13. ¶ [15] *Zeph.*1.-5. Suffer not your Children to swear by them: and let not your Judges admit such Oaths.

‖ Or, *for if you will cleave,* &c

[16] Deut.11. 22.

8 ‖ * But [16] cleave unto the LORD your God, [17] as ye have [18] done unto this day.

[16] See on *Deut.* 4. 4. ¶ [17] The body of the People. ¶ [18] Having never cast off the profession of him.

‖ Or, *then the LORD will drive.*

9 ‖ For the LORD hath driven out from before you, great nations and strong: but *as for* you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

[4] See Judg.3. 31. & 15. 15. 2 Sam.23.8.

10 * [19] One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he *it is* that fighteth for you, as he hath [20] promised you.

[19] *Lev.* 26. 8. *Deut.* 32. 30. ¶ [20] *Exod.* 14. 14. and 23. 27.

[21] *Deut.* 6. 10—12.

11 [21] Take good heed therefore unto your † selves, that ye love the LORD your God.

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12 Else if ye do in any wise [22] go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

† Heb. *souls.*

[22] Revolt from the profession and practice of the true Religion.

13 Know for a certainty, that * the LORD your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; * but they shall be [23] snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

* Judg.2. 3.

* Exod.23.33. Deut.7. 16.

[23] See on *Num.* 33.-55.

14 And behold, this day I *am* [24] going the way [25] of all the earth, and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that [26] not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof.

[24] 1 *King.*2.2. ¶ [25] *Heb.*9.27. ¶ [26] *ch.*21. 45. 1 *Sam.* 3. 19. 1 *King.*8.-56. *Luke* 21. 33. For tho God promis'd to give 'em all the Land, yet it was not at once, but by degrees, *Deut.*7.22.

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things are come upon you which the LORD your God promised you: so shall the LORD bring upon you [27] all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

[27] *Lev.*26. 14. *&c. Deut.* 28. 15. *&c.*

16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed your selves to them: then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Joshua assembling the tribes,* 2 *relateth Gods benefits:* 14 *He reneweth a covenant between them and God.*

AND Joshua gathered [1] all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the [2] elders of Israel, and for their [2] heads, and for their [2] judges, and for their [2] officers, and they presented themselves [3] before God.

[1] See on *ch.*23.2. ¶ [2] See on *ch.*23.1. ¶ [3] As in God's Presence.

2 And Joshua said unto [4] all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, * Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the [5] flood in old time, *even* Terah the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and * they [6] served other gods.

* Gen.11.26, 31. and 12. 1. Judith 5.6,7.

* Gen.31.53.

[4] The Representatives of the people; that they might communicate it to them. ¶ [5] *Euphrates* in *Mesopotamia.* ¶ [6] (And therefore God did not choose them for any worth in themselves.)

3 And I * [7] took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and [8] multiplied his seed, and gave him [9] Isaac.

* Gen.12.1.

[7] *Act.*7.2.3. Apprehended him by my Grace, and snatch'd him out of that Idolatrous and wicked place, and took him into Acquaintance and Covenant with my self. ¶ [8] *Gen.*21. 13. ¶ [9] *Gen.*21.2,3.

4 And I gave unto Isaac, [10] Jacob and [10] Esau: and I gave unto Esau [11] mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children [12] went down into Egypt.

[10] *Gen.*

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[10] *Gen.*25.25,26. ¶ [11] *Gen.*36.8. ¶ [12] *Gen.*46.1,6.

5 [13] I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, [14] according to that which I did amongst them: and afterward * I brought you out.

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[13] *Exod.*3.10. ¶ [14] *i.e.* The plagues that came upon 'em were inflicted by me.

[15] *Exod.*12.37. * Exod.14.2. [16] *Exod.*14.9.

6 And I [15] brought your fathers out of Egypt: and * you came unto the sea, and the Egyptians [16] pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsmen unto the Red sea.

7 And when they cried unto the LORD, he [17] put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and [18] your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

[17] *Exod.* 14.20. A dark Cloud. ¶ [18] Many of you.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they [19] fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you.

[19] *Num.*21.33. *Deut.*2.32.

* See Judg.11.25. * Deut.23.4.

9 Then * Balak the son of Zippor king of Moab, arose and [20] warred against Israel, and * [21] sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

[20] Intended to make war, and in order thereto would first have 'em cursed. ¶ [21] *Numb.*22.5.

10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam, therefore I blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

* Chap.3.14. * Chap.6.1. and 10.1. and 11.1.

11 And * ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and * the men of Jericho [20] fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And I sent the [22] hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites: *but* not with thy [23] sword, nor with thy bow.

[22] *Exod.*23.28. *Deut.*7.20. ¶ [23] *Psal.*7.12,13. and 44.3,6.

[24] *Pro.*13.-22. *Esther* 8.7. [25] *Deut.*6.10, 11.

13 And I have given you a land for which ye did [24] not labour, and [25] cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them: of the vineyards and olive-yards which ye planted not, do ye eat.

14 ¶ Now therefore, [26] fear the LORD, and serve him in [27] sincerity and in [28] truth, and [29] put away the gods which your fathers *on the other side of the flood, and * in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

* Lev.17.7.

[26] *Psal.* 116.8,9. ¶ [27] 2 *Kings* 20. 3. Without hypocrisie. ¶ [28] *John* 4.23. In a right manner, and not with will-worship. ¶ [29] *v.*23. *Ezek.*20.18. Banish all inclinations to Idolatry out of your hearts, and cast away your Idols, if any remain, which you had in the wilderness, *Am.*5.25,26.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, * [30] choose you this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but [31] as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

* See Ruth 1. 15. Ez. 20.39.

[30] Not as if it were indifferent, but to convince 'em of the folly of a bad choice, and that they might be more free and willing in their right choice. Like that 1 *Kings* 18.21. ¶ [31] *Matth.*26.33,35. *John* 6.68. *Gen.*6.9.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods.

17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed.

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18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the LORD, for he *is* our God.

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19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye [32] cannot serve the LORD; for he *is* [33] an holy God: he *is* a [34] jealous God, * he will not forgive your [35] transgressions, nor your sins.

* Exod. 23.21.

[32] *Viz.* (1) If you retain your Idols either in your houses or hearts, and mingle false worship with true, *v.*23. (2) Except you are fixt and fully resolv'd upon it afore hand, *Luke* 14.28.&c. (3) If you allow your selves in any sinful course, *Matth.*6.-24. (and therefore consider well what you do.) ¶ [33] *Exod.*15.11. (And therefore will never endure a profane people, nor be satisfied with the bare profession of Religion without the practise.) ¶ [34] See on *Exod.*20.5. ¶ [35] *Viz.* If you still continue in the practise of 'em.

20 If ye [36] forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, * then he will [37] turn and do [38] you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

* Chap.23.15.

[36] *Ch.*23.12. *Ezek.*18.24. 2 *Chron.*15.2. ¶ [37] See on *Gen.* 6.6. ¶ [38] *ch.*23.15.

21 And the people said unto Joshua, [39] Nay, but we will serve the LORD.

[39] *q. d.* All that thou hast said shall not discourage us, but we are resolved to serve him only.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses [40] against your selves, that * ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

[40] *Luke* 19.22. * Ps. 119.173.

23 Now [41] therefore [29] put away *(said he)* the strange Gods which *are* among you, and encline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

[41] Since you have thus resolved and covenanted, be as good as your words.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Joshua * made a [42] covenant with the people that day, and [43] set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

* See Exod. 15.25.

[42] 2 *Kings* 11.17. ¶ [43] Made this as a standing law for them and their posterity, that they should serve God only.

26 ¶ And Joshua wrote [44] these words [45] in the book of the law of God, and took * a great stone, and [46] set it up there under an oak, that *was* by the [47] sanctuary of the LORD.

* See Judg. 9. 6.

[44] This Covenant, together with all the passages about it. ¶ [45] That Book written by *Moses*, and laid up by the Ark, *Deut.*31.26. or, That he wrote all in this Book of *Joshua* (to which some passages were afterwards added) and laid it up with the Book of the Law. ¶ [46] As *Gen.*28.18. and 31.45. and 35.14. For a Monument and Memorial of this solemn Covenant, *v.*27. ¶ [47] The Tabernacle now brought hither, *ch.*18.1.

27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be [48] a witness unto us; for * it [49] hath heard all the [50] words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye [51] deny your God.

* See Deut 32. 1.

[48] *Ch.*22.-34. ¶ [49] Shall bring to your minds what was now done, as well as if it had heard, and could relate it to you again. ¶ [50] Of the Covenant between God and you. ¶ [51] Fall to Idolatry, and forsake God's pure Worship.

28 So * Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

* Judg.2.6.

29 ¶ † And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun the [52] servant of the LORD died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

† *Judg.*2.8,9. [52] See on *Deut.*34.5.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in * Timnath-serah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north-side of the hill of Gaash.

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31 And Israel served the LORD [53] all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that † overlived Joshua, and which had known all

† Heb. *prolonged* their *days after* Joshua.

[53] *Judg.*2.7.

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the works of the LORD, that he had done for Iſrael.

[53] *Judg.* 2. 7. So 2 *Kings* 12. 2. *Acts* 20. 29.

32 ¶ And the [54] bones of [55] Joſeph, which the children of Iſrael brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob [56] bought of the ſons of Hamor the father of Shechem, for an hundred ‖ pieces of ſilver; and it became the inheritance of the children of Joſeph.

‖ Or, *lambs.*

[54] *Gen.* 50. 25. *Exod.* 13. 19. ¶ [55] And the reſt of his brethren. *Acts* 7. 16. ¶ [56] *Gen.* 33. 19.

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33 And Eleazar the ſon of Aaron died, and they buried him in a hill *that pertained to* Phinehas his ſon, which was [57] given him in mount Ephraim.

[57] By an extraordinary gift, that he might be near to *Joſhua* and the Tabernacle, where he was to be reſident.

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The ARGUMENT.

THis Book contains the Hiſtory of the Iſraelites Church and Commonwealth from Joſhua's *Death to* Eli: *(in all four hundred and ten years) during which time for the moſt part, it was governed by Judges; who were Perſons raiſed up by God in an extraordinary manner to execute his Judgments, both in ſubduing, puniſhing, and deſtroying the wicked enemies of his Church,* (ch. 2. 16.) *and in adminiſtring Juſtice to his People according to his Laws: wherein they were but God's Deputies or Lieutenants, imploy'd by him in times of extremity, and were to lay down their Authority, when their work was done; as we ſee in* Gideon's *Example. It teaches us in general, That Piety is the beſt Policy: according to that of* Solomon, Prov. 14. 34.

CHAP. I.

1 *The acts of Judah and Simeon.* 4 *Adoni-bezek juſtly requited.* 8 *Jeruſalem* 10 *and Hebron taken.*

NOw after the death of Joſhua, it came to paſs, that the children of Iſrael [1] asked the LORD, ſaying, [2] Who ſhall go up for us againſt the Canaanites firſt to fight againſt them?

[1] *Viz.* By Urim and Thummim, (as *ch.* 20. 18. 1 *Sam.* 23. 9.) according to the Law, *Numb.* 27. 21. *Exod.* 28. 30. ¶ [2] Which of our Tribes ſhall firſt begin and ſet upon the Inhabitants that ſtill abide in their lot?

2 And the LORD ſaid, Judah ſhall go up: behold, I have delivered the [3] land into his hand.

[3] That part of it he now contends for.

3 And Judah ſaid unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight againſt the Canaanites, and I likewiſe will go
‡ 2 *Sam.* 10. 11. with ‡ thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up, and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they ſlew of them in Bezek ten thouſand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought againſt him, and they ſlew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled, and they purſued after him, and caught him, and [5] cut off his thumbs, and his great toes.

[5] *Jam.* 2. 13. *Iſa.* 33. 1. *Rev.* 14. 19. As a juſt puniſhment for his dealing ſo with others, *v.* 7.

† Heb. *the thumbs of their hands and of their feet.*

‖ Or, *gleaned.*

7 And Adoni-bezek ſaid, Threeſcore and ten kings, having † their thumbs and their great toes cut off, ‖ gathered *their meat* under my table: [6] as I have done, ſo God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jeruſalem, and there he died.

[6] 1 *Sam.* 15. 33. *Matth.* 7. 2. *Rev.* 13. 10. and 16. 6.

8 (Now * the children of Judah [7] had fought againſt Jeruſalem, and had taken [8] it, and ſmitten it with the edge of the ſword, and ſet the [9] city on fire.)

* See Joſh. 15. 63.

[7] Becauſe the Author of this Hiſtory was here to relate the memorable Exploits of the men of *Judah*, therefore together with thoſe done after the death of *Joſhua*, he repeats what were done by 'em in his life time. ¶ [8] All but the Fort of *Sion*, (2 *Sam.* 5. 7.) But yet many of the Inhabitants remain'd both in *Judah*'s part, and in *Benjamin*'s, *v.* 21. ¶ [9] Part of it.

9 ¶ And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight againſt the Canaanites that dwelt in the mountain, and in the ſouth, and in the ‖ valley.

‖ Or, *low country.*

10 And Judah [10] went againſt the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron, (now the name of Hebron before *was* * Kirjath-arba) and they ſlew Sheſhai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

* Joſh. 15. 13.

[10] *Viz.* Under the Conduct of *Joſhua* and *Caleb*, *Joſh.* 10. 36. and 15. 13, 14.

11 *And from thence he went againſt the inhabitants of Debir: (and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-ſepher)

* Joſh. 15. 15. &c.

12 And Caleb ſaid, " He that ſmiteth Kirjath-ſepher, and taketh it, to him will I " give Achſah my daughter to wife.

" See on *Joſh.* 15. 15–19.

13 And * Othniel the ſon of Kenaz Calebs younger " brother took it: and he gave him Achſah his daughter to wife.

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14 And it came to paſs when " ſhe came *to him*, that ſhe moved him to " ask of her father a field: and ſhe " lighted from off her aſs; and Caleb ſaid unto her, What wilt thou?

15 And ſhe ſaid unto him, Give me " a bleſſing: for thou haſt given me a " ſouth-land, give me alſo " ſprings of water. And Caleb gave her the " upper ſprings, and the " nether ſprings.

16 ¶ And

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16 ¶ And * the [12] children of the Kenite, Moses father in law, went up out of the [13] city of [14] palm-trees, with the children of [15] Judah into the [16] wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the south of * Arad, and they went and dwelt among the people.

* See Ch.4.17. 1 Sam.15.6. 1 Chron.2.55. Jer. 35. 2.

[12] See on *Num.* 10.30. ¶ [13] The Territories, Hamlets and Villages belonging to *Jericho* (for the City it self was burnt, and not re-edified.) ¶ [14] *Deut.* 34. 3. ¶ [15] To whom the *Kenites* chiefly adhered. ¶ [16] Mountainous Countrey adjoyning to the Tribe of *Judah.*

* Numb.21.1.

17 And Judah [17] went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it: (and the name of the city was called * Hormah)

[17] *V.* 3.

* Numb.21.3.

18 Also Judah took [18] Gaza with the coast thereof, and [18] Askelon with the coast thereof, and [18] Ekron with the coast thereof.

[18] They took only the Cities, but did not destroy the people, as they ought to have done; and so they recovered strength afterwards, and expelled the Jews out of those Cities.

19 And the LORD was [19] with Judah, and || he drave out *the inhabitants of* the mountain, but [20] could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had [21] chariots of iron.

|| Or, *he possessed the mountain.*

[19] *Gen.*39.21. 1 *Sam.* 18. 14. 2 *King.*18. 7. ¶ [20] See on *Josh.*15.63. ¶ [21] See on *Josh.*17.16.

20 And they [22] gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said; and he expelled thence the [23] three sons of Anak.

[22] *Numb.*14.24. *Josh.*14.13. and 15.13. ¶ [23] *Numb.*13.22. *Josh.*15.14.

21 And the children of Benjamin did [20] not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

22 ¶ And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: and the LORD *was* [19] with them.

23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry Beth-el: (now the name of the city before *was* * Luz)

* Gen.28.19.

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the [24] entrance into the city, and we will [25] shew thee mercy.

[24] Where we may most easily surprize it. ¶ [25] *Josh.* 2. 14.

25 And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword: but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which *is* the name thereof unto this day.

27 ¶ * Neither did Manasseh [26] drive out *the inhabitants of* Beth-shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites [27] would dwell in that land.

* Jos.17.11, 12,13.

[26] *Josh.*17.12. After the death of *Joshua* they grew remiss in driving out the remainders of the Canaanites, but made peace with 'em; which was the first step of their defection. ¶ [27] By Force, or Composition.

28 And it came to pass [28] when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

[28] *Josh.* 17.13.

29 ¶ * Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

* Jos.16.10.

30 ¶ Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol: but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 ¶ Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor Achzib, nor Helbah, nor Aphik, nor of Rehob:

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32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless, the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley.

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the [29] hand of the house of Joseph † prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

† Heb. *was heavy.*

[29] The Auxiliaries that they brought to the assistance of the *Danites.*

36 And the coast of the Amorites *was* from || the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

|| Or, *Maaleh-akrabbim.*

CHAP. II.

1 *An angel rebuketh the people at Bochim.* 6 *The wickedness of the new generation after Joshua.*

AND an ||[1] angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and * I said, I will [2] never break my covenant with you.

||Or, *messenger.*

* Gen.17.7.

[1] Christ, as *Exod.*14.19. and 23.20. and 33.14. *Josh.*5.13, 14. *Judg.*6.12. and 13.3. ¶ [2] *Viz.* If you break not with me by your Apostacy and Idolatry.

2 And ye shall make [3] no league with the inhabitants of this land, you shall [4] throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice; why have ye done this?

[3] *Exod.*23.32. and 34.15. *Deut.*7. 2. and 12. 3. ¶ [4] *Deut.* 12. 3.

3 Wherefore I also [5] said, I will not drive them out from before you: but they shall be [6] *as thorns* in your sides, and * [7] their gods shall be [7] a snare unto you.

* Deut.7.16.

[5] *V.*20. *Josh.*23.13. ¶ [6] See on *Numb.*33. 55. ¶ [7] *Exod.* 23. 33. and 34.12.

4 And it came to pass when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lift up their voice, and [8] wept.

[8] 1 *Sam.*7.6. *Ezr.* 10. 1.

5 And they called the name of that place || Bochim: and they [9] sacrificed [10] there unto the LORD.

|| That is, *Weepers.*

9 For the expiation of their sins, whereby they had provoked God to this Resolution, and for the regaining of his Favor. ¶ [10] By special Dispensation, as *ch.*6.24. and 13. 19. 1 *Sam.*7.9.

6 ¶ And [11] when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.

[11] This does not relate to the preceding Story, but is a repetition of what was delivered *Josh.* 24. 28–31. by way of preparation to the following account of the defection and punishment of the people in the following part of the Book.

7 And the people served the LORD [12] all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that † out-lived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD that he did for Israel.

† Heb. *prolonged days after Joshua.*

[12] So 2 *Kings* 12.2. *Act.* 20. 29.

8 And * Joshua the son of Nun, [13] the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

* Josh.24.29.

[13] See on *Deut.* 34.5.

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9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in * Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north-side of the hill Gaash.

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* Josh. 19. 50. & 24. 30. *Timnath-serah.*

10 And also all that generation were [14] gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which [15] knew not the LORD, nor yet the [16] works which he had done for Israel.

[14] See on *Gen.* 25. 8. ¶ [15] *ch.* 3. -1. *Exod.* 1. 8. *Isa.* 5. -12. Had no such sensible experience of the Goodness and Power of God as their Fore-fathers had, and so were not wrought upon truly to know and fear him. ¶ [16] *ch.* 3. 1. *Psal.* 92. 6.

11 ¶ And the children of Israel did [17] evil in the [18] sight of the LORD, and served [19] Baalim.

[17] *Ch.* 3. 7. and 4. 1. and 6. 1. and 10 6. and 13. 1. ¶ [18] *Gen.* 38. 7. Whose presence was with 'em, and his eye upon 'em in a special manner. ¶ [19] The Idols of the Heathen.

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed [20] other gods, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

[20] Together with the Lord.

13 And they forsook the LORD, and served [21] Baal and [21] Ashtaroth.

[21] 1 *King.* 11. 5, 33. 2 *King.* 23. 13. 1 *Sam.* 31. 10. all the He-Gods, and She-Gods

14 ¶ And the [22] anger of the LORD was [23] hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that [23] spoiled them, and he [24] sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

[22] *Ch.* 3. 8. and 6. 39. and 10. 7. He resolv'd to punish 'em severely for their sins. ¶ [23] 2 *King.* 17. 20. *Isa.* 21. 2. wasted their Countrey, and plunder'd their Goods. ¶ [24] *ch.* 3. 8. and 4. 2, 9. *Psal.* 44. 12, 13. *Isa.* 50. 1. Gave their Persons to be Bond-slaves.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, [25] as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

[25] *Lev.* 26. 14. &c. *Deut.* 28. 15. &c.

16 ¶ Nevertheless the LORD [26] raised up judg[illegible]hich † delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

† Heb. *saved.*

[26] Called to, and fitted for this work in an extraordinary manner. ¶ [27] See the Argument to this Book.

17 And yet they would [28] not hearken unto their judges, but they went a [29] whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way, which [30] their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; *but* they did not so.

[28] Not constantly, but by fits. ¶ [29] See on *Gen.* 34. 15. ¶ [30] *Josh.* 24. 31.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was [31] with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies, all the days of the judge: (for * it [32] repented the LORD, because of their [33] groanings, * by reason of them that oppressed them, and vexed them)

* See Gen. 6. 6.

[31] *Josh.* 1. 5. ¶ [32] See on *Gen.* 6. 6. He alter'd his Dispensations from a way of Judgment to a way of Mercy. ¶ [33] *Exod.* 2. 24. *Psal.* 12. 5.

19 And it came to pass * when the judge was dead, *that* they returned, and ‖ corrupted *themselves* more then their fathers, in following other gods, to serve them, and to bow down unto them: † they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

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‖ Or, *were corrupt.*

† Heb. *they let nothing fall of their.*

20 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was [34] hot against Israel; and he [35] said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice:

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21 I also [34] will not hence-forth drive out any [35] from before them, of the nations which Joshua left when he died.

[34] *Josh.* 23. 13. [35] *ch.* 3. 1.

22 That through them I may [36] prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD, to walk therein, as their fathers did keep *it*, or not.

[36] *Gen.* 22. 1. *Deut.* 8. 2. and 13. 3. 2 *Chron.* 32. 31.

23 Therefore the LORD ‖ left those nations, without driving them out [37] hastily, neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

‖ Or, *suffered.*

[37] When the Israelites desired and needed it.

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1 *The nations which were left to prove Israel.* 5 *By communion with them they commit idolatry.*

NOw these *are* the nations which the LORD left to [1] prove Israel by them, (*even* as many *of Israel* as had [2] not known all the wars of Canaan;

[1] *V.* 4. *ch.* 2. 22. See there. ¶ [2] See on *ch.* 2. -10.

2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might [3] know to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof)

[3] Be able to train 'em up in martial Discipline, and so fit 'em to drive out these relicks of the Canaanites.

3 *Namely,* * five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon, unto the entring in of Hamath.

* Josh. 13. 3.

4 And they were to [4] prove Israel by them, [4] to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

[4] *Deut.* 8. -2. That thereby it might appear both to themselves and others.

5 ¶ And the children of Israel [5] dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites:

[5] Entermingled themselves, and became familiar with, and friendly to 'em.

6 And they [6] took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and [7] served their gods.

[6] Contrary to *Exod.* 34. 16. *Deut.* 7. 3. ¶ [7] 1 *King.* 11. 2, 3.

7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served [8] Baalim, and * [9] the groves.

* Deut. 16. 21. Chap. 6. 25.

[8] *Ch.* 2. 11. ¶ [9] Idols set up under shady Trees, consecrated to the honour of their Gods, contrary to *Exod.* 34. 13. See there.

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8 ¶ Therefore the [10] anger of the LORD was [10] hot against Israel, and he [11] sold them into the hand of * Chushan-rishathaim king of † Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.

[10] See on *ch.* 2. 14. [11] *ch.* 2. 14. * Hab. 3. 7. † Heb. *Aram-naharaim.*

9 And when the children of Israel cried [12] unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a † deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, *even* * Othniel the son of Kenaz, [13] Caleb's younger brother.

† Heb. *saviour.*

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[12] *Psal.* 78. 34. and 50. 15. *Hos.* 5. 15. ¶ [13] See on *Josh.* 15. 17.

10 And the [14] spirit of the LORD † came upon him, and he [15] judged Israel, and went out to war; and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim

† Heb. *was.*

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thaim king of † Meſopotamia into his hand: and his hand prevailed againſt Chuſan-riſhathaim.

† Heb. *Aram*

[14] *Ch.*6.34. and 11.29. and 13.25. and 14.6. 1 *Sam.*10.6. and 16.13. 2 *Chron.*20.14. *Numb.* 27. 18. A ſpecial impulſe and motion of ſpirit, together with an extraordinary degree of courage. ¶ [15] Executed God's Judgments on their enemies, and adminiſtred Juſtice to them.

11 And the land had [16] reſt [17] forty years: and Othniel the ſon of Kenaz died.

[16] From war and ſervitude. ¶ [17] Or, to the fortieth year; *viz.* from *Joſhua*'s death to the death of *Othniel*.

2661. 12 ¶ And the children of Iſrael did evil [18] again in the ſight of the LORD: and the LORD [19] ſtrengthened * Eglon the king of Moab againſt Iſrael, becauſe they had done evil in the ſight of the LORD.

* 1 Sam.12.9.

[18] *Pſal.*78.32. *Hoſ.*6.-4. ¶ [19] Gave him power and victory.

13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon, and Amalek, and went and ſmote Iſrael, and poſſeſſed the [20] city of palm-trees.

[20] See on *ch.* 1.16.

14 So the children of Iſrael [21] ſerved Eglon the king of Moab [22] eighteen years.

[21] *Deut.* 28. 47, 48. ¶ [22] *Jabin* oppreſs'd 'em but eight years, (*v.*-8.) *Eglon* eighteen: as their ſins increas'd, ſo their puniſhment.

2679. 15 But when the children of Iſrael [23] cried unto the LORD, the LORD raiſed them up a deliverer, Ehud the ſon of Gera, ‖ a Benjamite, a man † [23] left-handed: and by him the children of Iſrael ſent a [24] preſent unto Eglon the king of Moab.

‖ Or, *the ſon of Jemini.*

† Heb. *ſhut of his right hand.*

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[23] *Ch.* 20. 16. 1 *Chron.* 12. 2. ¶ [24] *Prov.* 21. 14.

16 But Ehud made him a dagger (which had two edges) of a cubit length, and he did gird it under his raiment, upon his right thigh.

17 And he brought the preſent unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon *was* a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the preſent, he [25] ſent away the people that bare the preſent.

[25] Having accompanied them to the Quarries, *v.* 19.

19 But he himſelf turned again from the ‖ quarries that *were* by Gilgal, and ſaid, I have a [26] ſecret errand unto thee, O king: who ſaid, Keep ſilence. And all that ſtood by him, went out from him.

‖ Or, *graven images.*

[26] To be deliver'd in ſecret, (yet not by word of mouth, but by the ſtroke of a dagger.)

20 And Ehud came unto him, and he was ſitting in † a ſummer-parlour which he had for [27] himſelf alone: and Ehud ſaid, I have a meſſage [28] from God unto thee. And he aroſe out of *his* ſeat.

† Heb. *a parlour of cooling.* See Am. 3.15.

[27] To be private in. ¶ [28] Which I have authority from God to deliver.

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and [29] thruſt it into his belly.

[29] *Numb.* 25. 8. Having ſpecial warrant from God, *v.* 15, 20.

22 And the haft alſo went in after the blade: and the fat cloſed upon the blade, ſo that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly, and the ‖ dirt came out.

‖ Or, *it came out at the fundament.*

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and ſhut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his ſervants came; and when they ſaw, that behold, the doors of the parlour *were* locked, they ſaid, Surely he ‖ [30] covereth his feet in his ſummer-chamber.

‖ Or, *doth his eaſement.*

[30] Is laid down to ſleep, (at which time they covered their feet eſpecially, *Ruth* 3.7.) So 1 *Sam.* 24.3.

25 And they tarried till they were [31] aſhamed: and behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour, therefore they took a key, and opened *them*: and behold, their lord *was* fallen down dead on the earth.

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[31] Could not tell what to ſay or think; fearing either to diſturb him, or to be thought to neglect him.

26 And Ehud eſcaped while they tarried: and paſſed beyond the quarries, and eſcaped unto Seirath.

27 And it came to paſs when he was come, that he [32] blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Iſrael went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

[32] *ch.*6.34.

28 And he ſaid unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and ſuffered not a man to paſs over.

29 ¶ And they ſlew of Moab at that time about ten thouſand men, all † luſty, and all men of valour; and there eſcaped not a man.

† Heb *fat.*

30 So Moab was ſubdued that day under the hand of Iſrael. And the land had reſt [33] fourſcore years.

[33] To the end of the eightieth year after *Othniel*'s death, as *v.* 11.

31 ¶ And after him was Shamgar the ſon of Anath, which ſlew of the Philiſtines ſix hundred men * with an [34] ox-goad: and he alſo delivered Iſrael.

* Chap.5.6,8. 1 Sam.13.19, 22.

[34] *ch.*15.15. 1 *Cor.*1.27,28.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Deborah and Barak deliver Iſrael from Jabin and Siſera.* 18 *Jael killeth Siſera.*

AND the children of Iſrael [1] again did evil in the ſight of the LORD when Ehud was dead.

[1] *ch.*3.12.

2 And the LORD [2] ſold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whoſe hoſt *was* * Siſera, which dwelt in Haroſheth of the [3] Gentiles.

2699. * 1 Sam. 12.9. Pſal.83.9.

[2] *Ch.* 2. 14. See there. ¶ [3] See on *Joſh.* 12. 23.

3 And the children of Iſrael cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred * chariots [4] of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppreſſed the children of Iſrael.

* Chap.1.19. [4] See on *Joſh.* 17.16.

4 ¶ And Deborah a propheteſs, the wife of Lapidoth, ſhe [5] judged Iſrael at that time.

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[5] Determined Cauſes and Controverſies.

5 And ſhe dwelt under the palm-tree of Deborah, between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Iſrael came up to her [6] for judgment.

[6] To learn the will of God concerning things which themſelves knew not, in matters of difference between man and man.

6 And ſhe ſent and called * Barak the ſon of Abinoam out of Kedeſh-naphtali, and ſaid unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Iſrael commanded, *ſaying*, Go, and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thouſand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

* Hebr.11,32.

7 And I will [7] draw unto thee, to the * river Kiſhon, Siſera the captain of Jabins army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

* Pſal.83.9, 10.

[7] *Ch.* 1.3. *John* 6.-44. Effectually incline his heart to meet thee there.

8 And Barak ſaid unto her, [8] If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go.

[8] So

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[8] So *Exod.*4.10. Being ſomething fearful and diſtruſtful of himſelf.

9 And ſhe ſaid, I will ſurely go with thee: notwithſtanding the journey that thou takeſt ſhall not be for [9] thine honour: for the LORD ſhall ſell Siſera into the hand of a [10] woman. And Deborah aroſe, and went with Barak to Kedeſh.

[9] Not ſo much as otherwiſe it might have been, if thou hadſt not been ſo diſtruſtful. ¶ [10] *Jael Heber*'s wife as the inſtrument, and *Deborah* as the chief Commandreſs of the Army, (to whom therefore the honour of the Victory is aſcribed.)

10 ¶ And Barak called [11] Zebulun and [11] Naphtali to Kedeſh; and he [12] went up with ten thouſand men * at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

* See 1 Kings 20.10.

[11] *Ch.* 5. 18. ¶ [12] To mount *Tabor*, *v.* 12.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, *which was* of the children of * Hobab the father in law of Moſes, had ſevered himſelf [13] from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which *is* by Kedeſh.

* Num.10.29.

[13] Who were ſeated among the Cities of *Judah*, *ch.*1.-16.

12 And they ſhewed Siſera, that Barak the ſon of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

13 And Siſera † gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of [4] iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Haroſheth of the Gentiles, unto the river of Kiſhon.

† Heb. *gathered by cry*, or *proclamation.*

14 And Deborah ſaid unto Barak, Up; for this *is* the day in which the LORD hath delivered Siſera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone [14] out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thouſand men after him.

[14] *Iſa.* 52.-12. and 24. -23. As General to fight for thee againſt thine enemies, *ch.*5.20. 2 *Sam.*5.24.

15 And the [15] LORD diſcomfited Siſera, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* hoſt with the edge of the ſword, before Barak; ſo that Siſera lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled away on his feet.

[15] *Pſal.*83.9,10. Probably with Thunder, Lightning, Hailſtones, and the like.

16 But Barak purſued after the chariots, and after the hoſt unto Haroſheth of the Gentiles: and all the hoſt of Siſera fell upon the edge of the ſword, *and* there was not † a man [16] left.

† Heb. *unto one.*

[16] *Viz.* In the field, to make reſiſtance.

17 Howbeit, Siſera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for *there was* [17] peace between Jabin the king of Hazor, and the houſe of Heber the Kenite.

[17] A Ceſſation of Hoſtility, becauſe they were peaceable people.

18 ¶ And Jael went out to meet Siſera, and ſaid unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me, [18] fear not: and when he had turned in unto her into the tent, ſhe covered him with a ‖ mantle.

‖ Or, *rug*, or *blanket.*

[18] Herein ſhe cannot be excuſed from diſſembling, and treachery, tho' her intent was good.

19 And he ſaid unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink, for I am thirſty: and ſhe opened * a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

* Chap.5.25.

20 Again he ſaid unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it ſhall be when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and ſay, Is there any man here? that thou ſhalt ſay, No.

21 Then Jael Hebers wife, took a nail of the tent, and † took an hammer in her hand, and went ſoftly unto him, and [19] ſmote the nail into his temples, and faſtened it into the ground: (for he was faſt aſleep and weary) ſo he died.

† Heb. *put.*

[19] Which act of hers is highly approved by the Spirit of God, (*ch.*5.24.) and therefore was certainly done by his ſpecial motion and inſtinct.

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22 And behold, as Barak purſued Siſera, Jael came out to meet him, and ſaid unto him, Come, and I will ſhew thee the man whom thou ſeekeſt. And when he came into her *tent*, behold, Siſera lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

23 So God ſubdued on that day, Jabin the king of Canaan, before the children of Iſrael.

24 And the hand of the children of Iſrael † proſpered, and prevailed againſt Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had deſtroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

† Heb. *going went and was hard.*

CHAP. V.

The ſong of Deborah and Barak.

THen [1] ſang [2] Deborah, and Barak the ſon of Abinoam, on that day, ſaying,

[1] So *Exod.*15.1. ¶ [2] Who, probably, made this Song, becauſe ſhe is firſt named, and ſpeaks in the firſt perſon, *v.*7.

2 Praiſe ye the LORD for the [3] avenging of Iſrael, when the people [4] willingly offered themſelves.

[3] *Pſal.*94. 1. Puniſhing their enemies for all the wrong they have done to *Iſrael*, ¶ [4] *v.* 9. *Pſal.*110.3.

3 [5] Hear, O ye kings, give ear, O ye princes; I, *even* I will ſing unto the LORD, I will ſing *praiſe* to the LORD God of Iſrael.

[5] *Pſal.*2.10. Take warning by this Judgment on a mighty Oppreſſor.

4 LORD, * when thou [6] wenteſt out of Seir, when thou [6] marcheſt out of the field of Edom, * [7] the earth trembled, and the heavens [8] dropped, the clouds alſo dropped water.

* Deut.4.11. * Iſa.64.3. Hab. 3.3.

[6] *Deut.*33.2. See there. Ledſt thy people along by thoſe Countries towards *Canaan*, *Numb.*20.21. and 21.4. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 68.8. It was as if all Creatures were amazed at thy coming and preſence. A Poetical deſcription of great terrour. ¶ [8] With extraordinary ſhowres.

5 * The mountains † [9] melted from before the LORD, [10] *even* * that Sinai from before the LORD God of Iſrael.

* Pſal.97.5. † Heb. *flowed.* * Exod. 19.18.

[9] *Hab.*3.10. Flowed with floods of water powr'd out of the Clouds upon 'em, which running down carried ſome part of the Mountain with it. ¶ [10] Even as mount *Sinai* had formerly done, where God gave his Law.

6 In the days of [11] Shamgar the ſon of Anath, in the days of * Jael, * [12] the high-ways were unoccupied, and the † travellers walked through † by-ways.

* Chap.4.18. * Iſa. 33.8. † Heb. *walkers of paths.* † Heb. *crooked ways.*

[11] *Ch.*3.31. ¶ [12] *Lev.*26.-22. 2 *Chron.*15.5. *Lam.*1.4.

7 *The inhabitants* of the [13] villages [14] ceaſed, they ceaſed in Iſrael, until that I Deborah aroſe, that I aroſe a [15] mother in Iſrael.

[13] *Eſth.*9.19. ¶ [14] Fled from them to places of ſtrength. ¶ [15] *Ch.*3.4,6. *Iſa.*49.23. To inſtruct and take care of 'em with a tender affection.

8 They choſe new [16] gods; then *was* war in the gates: [17] was there a ſhield or ſpear ſeen among forty thouſand in Iſrael?

[16] *Ch.*2.12. *Deut.* 32.16. ¶ [17] 1 *Sam.* 13. 19, 22. *Lev.* 26. 36.

9 My heart *is* toward the governours of Iſrael, that offered themſelves [4] willingly among the people: [18] Bleſs ye the LORD.

[18] *Viz.* For them.

10 ‖ [19] Speak, [20] ye that ride on [20] white aſſes, ye that [21] ſit in judgment, and [22] walk by the way.

‖ Or, *Meditate.*

[19] As *Pſal.* 145. 5, 11. *Viz.* Of this great deliverance. ¶ [20] Perſons of quality, *ch.* 10. 4. and 12. 14. ¶ [21] *Pſal.* 107.32. ¶ [22] The common ſort of people, who are fain to go on foot from place to place. Now all ſorts of perſons may freely go about their affairs without any danger.

11 *They that are delivered* from the [23] noiſe of archers

Chap. 5. archers in the places of drawing water; there shall they rehearse the †[24] righteous acts of the LORD, *even* the righteous acts *towards the inhabitants* of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the [25] gates. 2719.

† Heb. *righteousnesses of the LORD.*

[23] *Lam.*5.4,9. The Soldiers coming with great noise to rob the Drawers of water. ¶ [24] 1 *Sam.* 12.7. *Mic.*6.5. In destroying the Enemy, and freeing his people from their oppression. ¶ [25] Their own habitations, or any places of business, as their occasions lead 'em.

12 [26] Awake, awake Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise Barak, and lead [27] thy captivity [28] captive, thou son of Abinoam.

[26] *Psal.*57.8. ¶ [27] *Psal.*68.18. Them that kept thee in Captivity, as *Eph.*4.8. see there. ¶ [28] In triumph.

13 Then [29] he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the [30] people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

[29] *Psal.*49.14. God caused the poor despised remainders of his people. ¶ [30] The Heathen their adversaries.

14 [31] Out of Ephraim [32] *was there* a root [33] of them against [34] Amalek; [35] after thee Benjamin, among thy people: out of Machir came down [36] governors, and out of Zebulun they that † [37] handle the pen of the writer.

† Heb. *draw with the pen, &c.*

[31] Here she begins to relate how the several Tribes behaved themselves in this Expedition; either blaming or praising them according to their merit. ¶ [32] *i. e.* The first mover in this expedition was *Deborah* of the tribe of *Ephraim*, *ch.*4.6. ¶ [33] *Viz.* That came to fight. ¶ [34] Who assisted the *Canaanites* in this War, and were ancient enemies of *Israel*. ¶ [35] *q. d.* Tho the first mover of this War was from *Ephraim*, and some of that Tribe came to fight in it, yet they were not so forward as you of the tribe of *Benjamin*, but came in after you, and joyned themselves with you. ¶ [36] Such as were Magistrates in their Countrey, and Commanders in the Army. ¶ [37] Never bred up to military employment, yet now betook themselves to their Arms.

15 And the princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah; [38] even Issachar, and also Barak, he was sent [39] on † foot into the valley: ‖ for the [40] divisions of Reuben *there were* [41] great † thoughts of heart.

† Heb. *his feet.*
‖ Or, *In the divisions, &c.*
† Heb. *impressions.*

[38] A great part of the Tribe, as well as the Princes. ¶ [39] *ch.*4.-14. Took much pains, and fought at great disadvantage. ¶ [40] Their differences among themselves, so that they could not agree to joyn together and assist their Brethren against the common Enemy. ¶ [41] Sad trouble of mind among the Israelites, to see themselves deserted by so great and potent a Tribe as *Reuben* was.

16 Why abodest thou [42] among the sheepfolds, to [43] hear the bleatings of the flocks? ‖ for the [40] divisions of Reuben *there were* great [44] searchings of heart.

‖ Or, *In.*

[42] Pretending to take care of thy Cattel (*Num.*32.1.) lest they should be plunder'd. A poor excuse in such a case. ¶ [43] To be more affected with them, than with the Outcries and Complaints of your poor Brethren under *Jabin's* cruel tyranny; and therefore didst prefer that before the deliverance of thy Brethren. ¶ [44] Studyings and musings what the matter should be, that so rich and potent a Tribe should desert their Brethren in so just a quarrel.

17 [45] Gilead [46] abode beyond Jordan: and [47] why did Dan remain in ships? Asher [48] continued on the ‖ sea-shore, and abode [49] in his ‖ breaches.

‖ Or, *port.*
‖ Or, *creeks.*

[45] The Inhabitants thereof, *viz.* the *Gadites*, and other half of *Manasseh*. ¶ [46] Made that their excuse for not coming, that they were so far off, and at present not molested by *Jabin*. ¶ [47] *q. d.* It was very ill done of the *Danites* to leave their Brethren in the lurch, and prefer their own private affairs, or ease, or advantage, to the public weal. ¶ [48] They were as blame-worthy as the former, and that upon the same grounds too. ¶ [49] In their craggy rocks, where they thought to secure themselves.

18 [50] Zebulun and [50] Naphtali *were* a people † *that* † [51] jeoparded their lives unto the death, in the [52] high places of the field.

† Heb. *exposed to reproach.*

[50] *Ch.*4.10. ¶ [51] *Rev.*12.11. *Phil.*4.-16. *Act.*20.24.1 *Joh.* 3.-16. ¶ [52] *Mount Tabor*, *ch.*4.6, 12, 14.

19 [53] The kings came *and* fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Tanaach by the waters of Megiddo, they [54] took no gain of money. Chap. 5. 2719.

[53] *Psal.*48.4. They were more ready to assist one another than the Tribes of Israel were. ¶ [54] They came not out of a mercenary disposition, but out of friendship to one another, and enmity to God's people.

20 [55] They fought from heaven, [55] the stars in their † courses fought against Sisera.

† Heb. *paths.*

[55] *Psal.*77.17. The Heavenly Bodies, by their influences, raising storms of Wind, Thunder, *&c.* as *Josh.*10.11. 1 *Sam.* 7. 10.

21 The river of Kishon [56] swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon: [57] O my soul, thou hast [58] troden down strength.

[56] Drown'd them by its Inundation. ¶ [57] O *Deborah.* ¶ [58] Overcome the proud Enemy, who gloried in their own strength.

22 Then were the horse-hoofs [59] broken, [59] by the means of the ‖ pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones.

‖ Or, *transplings*, or *plungings.*

[59] Their Captains and Commanders did so prance about with their pamper'd Steeds, and were so furious in their assaults, that their Horses feet were much batter'd and disabled, on that hard, stony ground.

23 Curse ye Meroz, ([60] said the angel of the LORD) curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof: because they * came not to [61] the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

* Neh.3.5.

[60] *q. d.* Which I don't pronounce rashly, or out of malice, but by Authority from Christ (who frequently appeared to direct his people (as *ch.*2.1, and 6.11.) called the Lord, *ch.*4.6.) ¶ [61] 1 *Sam.*17.-47. *Rev.*17.14. *q. d.* And tho their Enemies were mighty, yet since it was God's Cause, they ought to have lent their helping hand.

24 [62] Blessed above women shall * Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women [63] in the tent.

* Chap.4.17.

[62] *Luke* 1.28. *Gen.*14.19. Highly extolled and applauded, and many blessings wish'd to her. ¶ [63] In respect of that which she did in her Tent.

25 He asked water, *and* she gave *him* [64] milk, she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

[64] *ch.*4.-19.

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmens hammer: and † with the hammer she smote Sisera, she [65] smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

† Heb. *she hammered.*

[65] This is more than was mentioned before in the story, *ch.*4. Or, *smote through.*

27 † At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, there he fell down † dead.

† Heb. *between.*
† Heb. *destroyed.*

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattes, Why *is* his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned † answer to her self,

† Heb. *her words.*

30 [66] Have they not sped? have they *not* divided the prey, † to every man a damsel *or* two? to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needle-work, of divers colours of needle-work on both sides, *meet* for the necks of *them that take* the spoil?

† Heb. *to the head of a man.*

[66] *Exod.*15.9. *q. d.* They have surely obtain'd the Victory, and so cannot come so soon, but must have some time allowed to divide the Spoil.

31 [67] So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but *let* them that love him, *be* [68] as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest [69] forty years.

[67] *Psal.*83.9,10. ¶ [68] *Psal.*19.5. and 37.6. 2 *Sam.* 23.4. *Prov.*4.14. *Isa.*40.31. Renowned, unconquerable, irresistible. ¶ [69] To the fortieth year, counting from *Ehud's* death, when the former eighty ended, *ch.*3.30.

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CHAP. VI.

1 *The Iſraelites for their ſins are oppreſſed by Midian.* 8 *A prophet rebuketh them.* 11 *Gideon delivereth them.*

2752. And the children of Iſrael did evil in the ſight of the LORD: and the LORD [1] delivered them into the hand of * Midian ſeven years.

[1] *ch.*2.14. * Hab. 3. 7.

† Heb. *was ſtrong.*

2 And the hand of Midian † prevailed againſt Iſrael: *and* becauſe of the Midianites the children of Iſrael made them the [2] dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and ſtrong holds.

[2] 1 *Sam.*13. 6. *Heb.*11.-38.

3 And *ſo* it was when Iſrael had ſown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the [3] children of the eaſt, even they came up againſt them:

[3] *ch.*8. 10,11. *Job* 1.-3.

4 And they encamped againſt them, and deſtroyed the encreaſe of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left [4] no ſuſtenance for Iſrael, neither ‖ ſheep, nor ox, nor aſs.

[4] Nothing conſiderable. ‖ Or, *goat.*

5 For they came up with their cattel, and their [5] tents, and they came as [6] graſhoppers for multitude, *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they entred into the land to deſtroy it.

[5] *Iſa.* 13. 20. ¶ [6] *v.*-10. *ch.* 17. 12.

6 And Iſrael was greatly impoveriſhed, becauſe of the Midianites; and the children of Iſrael [7] cried unto the LORD.

[7] *ch.*3.9.

2759. 7 ¶ And it came to paſs when the children of Iſrael cried unto the LORD, becauſe of the Midianites;

† Heb. *a man a prophet.*

8 That the LORD ſent † a prophet unto the children of Iſrael, which ſaid unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the houſe of bondage,

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppreſſed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;

10 And I ſaid unto you, I *am* the LORD your God, [8] fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whoſe land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

[8] *Jer.* 10.-5. 2 *King.* 17.-38. don't ſerve, nor worſhip 'em.

[9] *ch.*2. 1. ſee there. * Joſh.17.2. * Heb.11. 32. called *Gedeon.* † Heb. *to cauſe it to reſt.*

11 ¶ And there came an [9] angel of the LORD, and ſat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joaſh the * Abi-ezrite: and his ſon * Gideon threſhed wheat by the wine-preſs, † to hide *it* from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and ſaid unto him, The [10] LORD *is* with thee, thou [11] mighty man of valour.

[10] *Ruth* 2. 4. *Luke* 1. 28. *q. d.* I'll aſſiſt thee againſt my and thy enemies. ¶ [11] Endued by God with valour for this work.

* Deut.31.17.

13 And Gideon ſaid unto him, Oh my lord, * if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, ſaying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forſaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

* 1Sam.12.11. Heb.11.32.

14 And the LORD [12] looked upon him, and ſaid, * Go in this [13] thy might, and thou ſhalt ſave Iſrael from the hand of the Midianites: [14] have not I ſent thee?

[12] In a powerful, efficacious manner, ſo as to inſpire him (*John* 20.22.) with Courage, and endue him with Authority. ¶ [13] Now beſtowed upon thee. ¶ [14] *ch.*4.6. *Joſh.*1.9. (and therefore make no excuſes nor delays.)

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15 And he ſaid unto him, O my lord, [15] wherewith ſhall I ſave Iſrael? behold, * † my family *is* poor in Manaſſeh, and I *am* the leaſt in my fathers houſe. 2759.

[15] *Luke* 1. 34. * See 1 *Sam.*9. 21. † Heb. *my thouſand is the meaneſt.* See Exod.18.25. Mic. 5. 2.

16 And the LORD ſaid unto him, Surely I will be [16] with thee, and thou ſhalt [17] ſmite the Midianites, [17] as one man.

[16] *V.*12. *Joſh.*1.5. ¶ [17] Deſtroy 'em to a man (as he did, *ch.* 8.)

17 And he ſaid unto him, If now I have found grace in thy ſight, then ſhew me a [18] ſign that thou [19] talkeſt with me.

[18] 2 *King.*20.8. *Pſal* 86.17. *Matth.*16.-1. For the ſtrengthning of his Faith. ¶ [19] *Viz.* By Authority from God, *v.* 16.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and * bring forth my ‖ [20] preſent, and ſet *it* before thee. And he ſaid, I will tarry until thou come again.

* Chap.13.15. ‖ Or, *meat-offering.* [20] *Gen.*18.5. & 19.-3.

19 And Gideon went in, and made ready † a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the fleſh he put in a baſket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, and preſented *it.*

† Heb. *a kid of the goats.*

20 And the angel of God ſaid unto him, Take the fleſh, and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and [21] pour out the broth. And he did ſo.

[21] 1 *King.* 18. 33,34.

21 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the ſtaff that *was* in his hand, and touched the fleſh, and the unleavened cakes: and * there roſe up [22] fire out of the rock, and conſumed the fleſh and the unleavened cakes: then the angel of the LORD departed out of his ſight.

* Lev.9. 24. [22] 1 *King* 18.38. 2 *Chron.*7.1.

22 And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gideon ſaid, [23] Alas, O Lord God: * for becauſe I have ſeen an angel of the LORD [24] face to face.

* Gen.16.13. Exod.33.20.

[23] *Ch.*13.22. *Gen.*32.-30. *Deut.* 5.-24, 26. ¶ [24] *Deut.* 5. 4.

23 And the LORD ſaid unto him, [25] Peace *be* unto thee, fear not, thou ſhalt not die.

[25] See on *Gen.* 43. 23. and on *Rom.* 1. 7.

24 Then Gideon [26] built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it ‖ [27] Jehovah-ſhalom: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

‖ That is, *The LORD* ſend *peace.* See Exod.17. 15. Jer.33. 16. Ezek. 48. 35.

[26] *Viz.* After that God had commanded him to do it, *v.*26. and given him directions about ſeveral other things there. See on *ch.* 21.4. ¶ [27] *i.e.* The ſign or witneſs of God's ſpeaking peace to me and to his people.

25 ¶ And it came to paſs the ſame night, that the LORD ſaid unto him, [28] Take thy fathers young bullock, ‖ even [29] the ſecond Bullock of ſeven years old, and [30] throw down the [31] altar of Baal that [32] thy father hath, and * cut down the [33] grove that *is* by it.

‖ Or, *and.* * Deut.7. 5.

[28] *Gen.*35.2. ¶ [29] Which was ſet apart to be ſacrificed to *Baal* in the ſecond place. ¶ [30] He muſt begin with the Reformation of Religion before he engages with the *Midianites.* ¶ [31] *Matth.*6.24. 2 *Cor.*6.15,16. 1 *King.*18.21. ¶ [32] He that would reform public abuſes, muſt begin firſt at home, for 1 *Tim.*3.5. ¶ [33] Dedicated to Idolatry, *ch.*3.7. ſee there, and on *Exod.*34.13.

26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the [34] top of this † rock, ‖ in [35] the ordered place, and take the ſecond bullock, and offer a burnt-ſacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou ſhalt cut down.

† Heb. *ſtrong place.* ‖ Or, *in an orderly manner.*

[34] *V.*20,21. ¶ [35] In a plain and ſmooth place of the rock, where an Altar may conveniently be built.

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his ſervants, and [36] did as the LORD had ſaid unto him: and *ſo* it was, becauſe he feared his fathers

[36] *Gal.*1.16.

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thers houſhold, and the men of the city, that he could not do *it* by day, that he did *it* by
37 night.

[n] *Pſal.*112. 5. 28 ¶ And when the men of the city aroſe early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was caſt down, and the grove was cut down that *was* by it, and the ſecond bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built.

29 And they ſaid one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they ſaid, Gideon the ſon of Joaſh hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city ſaid unto [38] Joaſh, Bring out thy ſon, that he may [39] die: becauſe he hath caſt down the altar of Baal, and becauſe he hath cut down the grove that *was* by it.

[38] The chief Magiſtrate there. ¶ [39] *John* 16.-2. Without any more ado, or further trial.

31 And Joaſh ſaid unto all that ſtood againſt him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye ſave him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death, whileſt *it is yet* morning: if he *be* a god, let him plead for himſelf, becauſe *one* hath caſt down his altar.

[40] His Father *Joaſh.* * 2Sam.11.21. *Jerubbeſheth.* 32 Therefore on that day [40] he called him * Jerubbaal, ſaying, Let Baal plead againſt him, becauſe he hath thrown down his altar.

33 ¶ Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites, and the children of the eaſt were gathered together, and went [41] over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

[41] *Viz. Jordan*, into the Land of *Canaan.*

‡Heb. *clothed.* † Heb. *was called after him.* 34 But the [42] ſpirit of the LORD † [43] came upon Gideon, and he [44] blew a trumpet, and Abiezer † was gathered after him.

[42] See on *ch.* 3.10 ¶ [43] 1 *Chron.*12.18. 2 *Chron.* 24.20 Indued him with fitting qualifications for this work. ¶ [44] *ch.* 3. 27.

35 And he ſent meſſengers throughout all Manaſſeh, who alſo was gathered after him, and he ſent meſſengers unto Aſher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali, and they came up to meet them.

[45] See *n.* 18. *Pſal.*103. 13, 14. 36 ¶ And Gideon ſaid unto God, [45] If thou wilt ſave Iſrael by mine hand, as thou haſt ſaid,
37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wooll in the floor: *and* if the [46] dew be on the fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the earth *beſide*, then ſhall I know that thou wilt ſave Iſrael by mine hand, as thou haſt ſaid.

[46] So it was with *Iſrael*: they enjoyed the means of grace, when other Nations were deſtitute of 'em; *Heſ.* 14. 5. *Pſal.* 147.19,20. *Matth.*10.5,6. and 15.24.

38 And it was ſo: for he roſe up early on the morrow, and thruſt the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece a bowl-full of water.

39 And Gideon ſaid unto God, [47] Let not thine anger be hot againſt me, and I will ſpeak but this once: Let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be [48] dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

[47] *Gen.*18.32. ¶ [48] So the Jews are now depriv'd of the means of grace, whiles we Gentiles do enjoy 'em, *Matth.* 8.12. *Act.*13.46. and 28.28. *Pſal.*107.33–35. *Iſa.*35.6, 7. and 43.19,20.

40 And God did ſo that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

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CHAP. VII.

1 *Gideons army.* 9 *He is encouraged by the dream, and the interpretation of the barley-cake.* 24 *Oreb and Zeeb.*

THen [1] Jerubbaal (who *is* Gideon) and all the people that *were* with him, roſe up early, and pitched beſide the well of Harod: ſo that the hoſt of the Midianites were on the north-ſide of them by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. [1] *ch.*6.32.

2 And the LORD ſaid unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee, *are* [2] too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, leſt Iſrael vaunt themſelves againſt me, ſaying, Mine own hand hath ſaved me. [2] *Zech.*4.-6.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, ſaying, [3] Whoſoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead: and there returned of the people twenty and two thouſand, and there remained ten thouſand. [3] *Deut.*20.8.

4 And the Lord ſaid unto Gideon, The people *are* yet too many: bring them down unto the water, and I will [4] try them for thee there: and it ſhall be, *that* [5] of whom I ſay unto thee, This ſhall go with thee, the ſame ſhall go with thee; and of whomſoever I ſay unto thee, This ſhall not go with thee, the ſame ſhall not go.

[4] Give thee a ſign whereby thou may'ſt diſcover, who they be that are indeed fit for this ſervice. ¶ [5] 1 *Sam.* 16. 6,7.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD ſaid unto Gideon, Every one that [6] lappeth of the water with his tongue as a dog lappeth, him ſhalt thou ſet by himſelf; likewiſe every one that [7] boweth down upon his knees to drink.

[6] Takes up water in the palm of his hand, and ſo laps it in a haſty manner. ¶ [7] Arguing ſloth and minding their bellies.

6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the reſt of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the LORD ſaid unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped, will I ſave you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.

8 So the [8] people took victuals in their hand, and their [9] trumpets: and he ſent all *the reſt of* Iſrael, every man unto his tent, and retained thoſe three hundred men: and the hoſt of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

[8] The three hundred that lapped. ¶ [9] *v.* 16.

9 ¶ And it came to paſs the ſame [10] night, that the LORD ſaid unto him, Ariſe, get thee down unto the hoſt, for I have delivered it into thine hand. [10] *ch.*6.25. *Gen.* 46.2,3.

10 But if thou fear to go [11] down, go thou with Phurah thy ſervant down to the hoſt.

[11] *Viz.* Without ſome further aſſurance of ſucceſs, I'll give thee another ſign.

11 And thou ſhalt hear what they ſay, and afterwards ſhall thine hands be ſtrengthened to go down unto the hoſt. Then went he down with Phurah his ſervant, unto the outſide of the ‖ armed men that *were* in the hoſt. ‖ Or, *ranks by five.*

12 And the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and all the children of the eaſt, lay along in the valley like [12] graſhoppers for multitude; and [12] *ch.*6.5.& 17. their 12.

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their camels *were* without number, as the ſand by the ſea-ſide for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and ſaid, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and lo, a [13] cake of barley-bread tumbled into the hoſt of Midian, and came unto a tent, and ſmote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

[13] 1 *Cor.*1.27. Signifying, that God would deſtroy 'em by unlikely, contemptible means, *ch.*6. 15.

[14] *Numb.*23.5. 14 And his fellow anſwered, and ſaid, [14] This *is* nothing elſe ſave the ſword of Gideon the ſon of Joaſh, a man of Iſrael: *for* into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the hoſt.

15 ¶ And It was *ſo*, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the † interpretation thereof, that he [15] worſhiped, and returned into the hoſt of Iſrael, and ſaid, [16] Ariſe, for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the hoſt of Midian.

† Heb. *breaking.*

[15] *Gen.*24.26,27. Returned thanks for this encouragement, and pray'd for good ſucceſs. ¶ [16] *ch.*4.14.. 2 *Cor.*1.4, 6.

16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a † trumpet in every mans hand, with [17] empty pitchers, and [18] ‖ lamps within the pitchers.

† Heb. *trumpets in the hand of all of them.* ‖ Or, *fire-brands*, or *torches.*

[17] *John* 15. 5. 2 *Cor.* 3. 5. ¶ [18] 2 *Cor.* 4. 7.

17 And he ſaid unto them, [19] Look on me, and do likewiſe: and behold, when I come to the outſide of the camp, it ſhall be *that* as I do, ſo ſhall ye do.

[19] 1 *Cor.*11. 1.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets alſo on every ſide of all the camp, and ſay, [20] *The ſword* of the LORD, and [20] of Gideon.

[20] 1 *Sam.* 17. 47. 2 *Chron.* 20. 15. *Viz.* Will now gain you the Victory.

19 ¶ So Gideon and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outſide of the camp, in the beginning of the [21] middle watch; and they had but newly ſet the watch, and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands.

[21] About midnight.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The ſword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

21 And they [22] ſtood every man in his place, round about the camp: and all the hoſt ran, and cried, and [23] fled.

[22] *Exod.*14.13. 2 *Chron.*20.17. ¶ [23] *Prov.* 28.1. 2 *Kings* 7.6,7.

* Joſh.6.4,16, 20. See 2Cor. 4. 7. † Pſal.83.9. Iſa.9.4. [24] 1*Sam.*14.15, 16.2*Chron.*20. 23. ‖ Or, *towards.* † Heb. *lip.*

22 And the three hundred * blew the trumpets, and * the [24] LORD ſet every mans ſword againſt his fellow, even throughout all the hoſt: and the hoſt fled to Beth-ſhittah, in ‖ Zererath, *and* to the † border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabbath.

23 And the men of Iſrael gathered themſelves together out of Naphtali, and out of Aſher, and out of all Manaſſeh, and purſued after the Midianites.

24 ¶ And Gideon ſent meſſengers throughout all mount Ephraim, ſaying, [25] Come down againſt the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah, and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themſelves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan.

[25] Tho' he and his three hundred men routed their enemies, yet the aſſiſtance of others was needful to compleat the Victory.

25 And they took two princes of the Midianites, [26] Oreb and Zeeb; and they ſlew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they ſlew at the wine-preſs of Zeeb, and purſued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb, to Gideon on [27] the other ſide Jordan.

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[26] *Pſal.*83.11. *Iſa.*10.26. ¶ [27] After he had paſs'd over, *ch.*8.4.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The Ephraimites pacified.* 10 *Zeba and Zalmunna.* 33 *The Iſraelites idolatry and ingratitude.*

AND * the men of Ephraim ſaid unto him, † [1] Why haſt thou ſerved us thus, that thou calledſt us not when thou wenteſt to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him † ſharply.

* 2Sam.19.41. † Heb. *What thing is this thou haſt done unto us?* [1] So *ch.* 12. 1. † Heb. *ſtrongly.*

2 And he ſaid unto them, [2] What have I done now in compariſon of you? *Is* not [3] the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim, better then the [4] vintage of Abiezer?

[2] *Prov.* 15.1. and 25. 15. ¶ [3] Your purſuit of the flying forces, and taking two of their Kings, *v.*3. and *ch.*7.25. ¶ [4] The whole work done by me and my houſe.

3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in compariſon of you? Then their † anger was [5] abated toward him, when he had ſaid that.

† Heb. *ſpirit.* [5] *Prov.*15.1.

4 ¶ And Gideon came to Jordan, *and* [6] paſſed over, he, and the three hundred men that *were* with him, faint, yet purſuing *them.*

[6] This is repeated again (tho' it was intimated before *ch.* 7.-25.) to make way for the following Relation.

5 And he ſaid unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, [7] loaves of bread unto the people that follow me, for they *be* faint, and I am purſuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

[7] *Deut.*23. 4. [2] *Sam.*17. 28.

6 ¶ And the princes of Succoth ſaid, [8] *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we ſhould [9] give bread unto thine army?

[8] 1*King.*20.11. [9] 1 *Sam.*25. 10, 11.

7 And Gideon ſaid, Therefore when the LORD hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will † tear your fleſh with the thorns of the wilderneſs, and with briers.

† Heb. *threſh.*

8 And he went up thence to Penuel, and ſpake unto them likewiſe: and the men of Penuel anſwered him, as the men of Succoth had anſwered *him.*

9 And he ſpake alſo unto the men of Penuel, ſaying, When I come again in [10] peace, I will break down this towre.

[10] 1 *King.* 22. -27,28.

10 ¶ Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their hoſts with them, about fifteen thouſand *men*, all that were left of all the hoſts of the children of the eaſt: for there fell ‖ [11] an hundred and twenty thouſand men that [12] drew ſword.

‖ Or, *an hundred and twenty thouſand every one drawing a ſword.*

[11] *ch.*7.12. ¶ [12] *ch.*20.-2,15,46. 2 *Sam.*24.9. 2 *King.*3. 26. 1 *Chron.*21.5. Expert and exercised in war.

11 ¶ And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents, on the eaſt of * Nobah, and Jogbehah, and ſmote the hoſt: for the hoſt was [13] ſecure.

* Num. 32. 35, 42. [13] *ch.* 18. 27. 1 *Sam.*15.-32.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he purſued after them, and * took the two kings of Midian, Zebah, and Zalmunna, and † diſcomfited all the hoſt.

* Pſal.83.11. † Heb. *terrified.*

13 ¶ And Gideon the ſon of Joaſh returned from battel before the ſun *was up*,

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14 And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he † described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, *even* threescore and seventeen men.

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† Heb. *writ.*

15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold, Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men *that are* weary?

16 And he took the elders of the city, and [14] thorns of the wilderness, and briers, and with † Heb. *made to know.* them he † taught the [15] men of Succoth.

[14] Wherewith he tore 'em to pieces. ¶ [15] The rest of the Inhabitants to take warning by their sufferings not to commit the like fault.

* 1 King. 12. 25. 17 And he beat down the towre of * Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

18 ¶ Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men *were they* whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they, each one † resembled the children of a king. † Heb. *according to the form,* &c.

19 And he said, They *were* my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: *as* the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

20 And he said unto [16] Jether his first-born, [17] Up, *and* slay them: but the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he *was* yet a youth.

[16] Hereby to hearten him against God's enemies, and inure him to destroy 'em. ¶ [17] *Josh.* 10. 24.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, [18] Rise thou and fall upon us: for [19] as the man *is*, *so is* his strength. And Gideon arose, and [20] slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ‖ [21] ornaments that *were* on their camels necks. ‖ Or, *ornaments like the moon.*

[18] *Ch.* 9. 54. ¶ [19] *q. d.* Thou excellest him, as in Age and Stature, so in strength; and therefore it's a fitter work for thee, than for such a Stripling. ¶ [20] *Psal.* 83. 11. ¶ [21] Chains (*v.* 26.) wherewith great men adorned the Camels they rode upon.

22 ¶ Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, [22] Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy sons son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.

[22] 1 *Sam.* 12. 12. *Joh.* 6. 15. *viz.* As a King that has sovereign and supreme power, in which his Children succeed him.

23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: * the [23] LORD shall rule over you. * 1 Sam. 10. 19. & 12. 12.

[23] 1 *Sam.* 8. 6, 7. As he has done hitherto, in a special, peculiar manner. He modestly refuses this rash offer.

24 And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that you would give me every man the [24] ear-rings of his prey: (for they had golden ear-rings, because they *were* Ishmaelites.)

[24] One of the Jewels that he took.

25 And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the ear-rings of his prey.

26 And the weight of the golden ear-rings that he requested, was a [25] thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold, beside ornaments, and ‖ collars, and purple raiment that *was* on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that *were* about their camels necks. ‖ Or, *sweet jewels.*

[25] In weight Fifty three pounds two ounces. In value Three thousand one hundred and two pounds ten shillings sterling.

27 And Gideon made an [26] ephod thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in Ophrah; and all Israel went thither a [27] whoring after it: which thing became a [28] snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

[26] A rich Garment, in imitation of that made for the High-Priest (*Exod.* 28. 6. *&c.*) to enquire of God by, 1 *Sam.* 23. 9, 10. Wherein he committed a great sin, which drew down Judgment upon the people, and his Posterity; *ch.* 17. 5. ¶ [27] See on *Gen.* 34. 15. Abused it to some Idolatrous, superstitious use or other. ¶ [28] See on *Exod.* 23. 33.

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28 ¶ Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more: and the country was in quietness [29] forty years in the days of Gideon.

[29] To the fortieth year, reckoning from *Barak*'s death to the death of *Gideon*, *ch.* 5. 31.

29 ¶ And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons † of his body begotten: for he had many wives. † Heb. *going out of his thigh*

31 And his [30] concubine that *was* in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he † called Abimelech. [30] See on *Gen.* 22. 24. † Heb. *set.*

32 ¶ And Gideon the son of Joash died in a [31] good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites. [31] See on *Gen.* 15. 15.

33 And it came to pass [32] assoon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. [32] *Josh.* 24. 31. 2 *Kings* 12. 2.

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34 And the children of Israel [33] remembred not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side.

[33] *Psal.* 78. 11. and 106. 13, 21. *Eccl.* 12. 1. so as to fear and serve him according to his Will.

35 Neither [34] shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, *namely* Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

[34] *Ch.* 9. 5, 16, 17, 24, 56. *Eccles.* 9. 15.

CHAP IX.

1 *Abimelech is made king.* 7 *Jotham by a parable rebuketh them, and foretelleth their ruine.*

AND Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went [1] to Shechem unto his mothers brethren, and [2] communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mothers father, saying,

[1] *Ch.* 8. 31. ¶ [2] *Psal.* 83. 11. *Jer.* 18. 18. 1 *King.* 12. 28.

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, † Whether *is* better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal (*which are* threescore and ten persons) reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I *am* [3] your bone and your flesh. † Heb. *What is good; Whether, &c.*

[3] *Gen.* 29. 14. 2 *Sam.* 19. 13. 1 *Chron.* 11. 1.

3 And his mothers brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined † to follow Abimelech; for they said, He *is* our brother. † Heb. *after.*

4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver, [4] out of the house of Baal-berith: wherewith Abimelech hired [5] vain and [6] light persons, which followed him.

[4] That which they designed for the promoting their idolatrous use, God makes a means of bringing upon 'em deserv'd punishment. ¶ [5] *ch.* 11. 3. 2 *Chron.* 13. 7. destitute both of Wit and Grace. ¶ [6] Giddy headed, unsetled persons, apt to receive any impression, and to be made tools of for any base project.

5 And he went unto his fathers house at Ophrah, and [7] slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, *being* threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding, yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. [7] 2 *King.* 10. 7. & 11. 1.

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6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the [8] house of [9] Millo, and went, and made Abimelech [10] king, ‖ by the [11] plain of the pillar that *was* in Shechem.

‖ Or, *by the oak of the pillar.*

[8] The Inhabitants of that place. ¶ [9] *V.* 20. 2 *Sam.* 5. 9 2 *King.* 12. 20. Some strong hold, such a one as was in the City of *David*, 2 *Chron.* 32. 5. ¶ [10] Over their own City at first; but afterwards he screw'd himself into the Government of the whole Nation, *v.* 22. ¶ [11] In that field near *Shechem* where *Joshua* set up the stone under an Oak, *Josh.* 24. 26.

7 ¶ And when they told *it* to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount [12] Gerizim, and lift up his voice, and [13] cried, and said unto them, [14] Hearken unto me, you men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

[12] *Deut.* 11. 29. ¶ [13] Being mov'd by God's Spirit, probably, to threaten judgment if they did not repent of their Murder, and Ingratitude, and other sins. ¶ [14] To repent of your sins.

2769. 8 The [15] trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them, and they said unto the [16] olive-tree, Reign thou over us.

[15] 2 *King.* 14. 9. the men of *Shechem*. His design in this Parable is to shew (1) Their folly in affecting Kingly Government. (2) The mischief that would follow upon it, both to themselves, and their new made King. (3) The vain and groundless pride and ambition of *Abimelech* in aspiring to it. ¶ [16] *Gideon* (*ch.* 8. 22.) and perhaps some of his Sons, and former Worthies that were useful to those about 'em, and content with their stations.

9 But the [17] olive-tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness,* wherewith by me they honour [18] God and [19] man, and † go to be promoted over the trees?

* Psal. 104. 15.

† Heb. *go up and down for* other *trees.*

[17] Implying, That when men leave their private Stations wherein they were useful before, thro' pride and ambition, they commonly grow less serviceable to God and Man than before, *Deut.* 32. 15. and 17. 20. ¶ [18] In Oblations, (*Lev.* 2. 1. &c. *Exod.* 29. 2. *Ezr.* 7. 22, 23.) the Lights of the Sanctuary (*Exod.* 35. 14.) and anointing of sacred persons and things. ¶ [19] *Exod.* 29. 7. 1 *King.* 19. 16. *Psal.* 104. 15.

10 And the trees said to the [16] fig-tree, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

11 But the fig-tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then said the trees unto the [16] vine, Come thou *and* reign over us.

13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth [20] God and [21] man, and † go to be promoted over the trees?

[20] Used in Sacrifices and Oblations, wherewith God is delighted, *Numb.* 15. 5, 7, 10. ¶ [21] *Psal.* 104. 14. *Prov.* 31. 6.

‖ Or, *thistle.*

14 Then said all the trees unto the ‖ [22] bramble, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

[22] A mean, barren, hurtful tree; noting ambitious persons, particularly *Abimelech*, who was base in his Birth, void of all good, and cruel in his Practices.

15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, *then* come *and* [23] put your trust in my [24] shadow: and * Ezek. 19. 14. [25] if not, * let [26] fire come out of the bramble, and devour the [27] cedars of Lebanon.

[23] Give up your selves wholly to my conduct, and rely on my protection, and then I'll be sure to secure you. ¶ [24] *Dan.* 4. 12. ¶ [25] If you will not submit to me, and do as I'd have you. ¶ [26] *Dan.* 3. 15. ¶ [27] Nobles and Grandees.

2771. 16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made [28] Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with [29] Jerubbaal and his [29] house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands:

[28] The Bramble, *v.* 14. ¶ [29] The Olive, Fig-tree and Vine, *v.* 8.

† Heb. *cast his life.*

17 (For my father fought for you, and † adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

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18 And ye are risen up against my fathers house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech the son of his [30] maid-servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he *is* your brother)

[30] *ch.* 8. 31.

19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* [31] rejoyce ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoyce in you:

[31] *Psal.* 28. 4. Much cause of rejoycing and mutual satisfaction and delight may you have one in another.

20 But if not,[32] let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the [8] house of [9] Millo: and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech. 2768.

[32] *V.* 15. A Spirit of dissention and revenge, *v.* 23.

21 And Jotham ran away and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

22 ¶ When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

23 Then * God [33] sent an [34] evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem: and the men of Shechem dealt [35] treacherously with Abimelech: 2771.

* 2 Chron. 10. 15. & 18. 19, &c.

[33] 2 *Thess.* 2. 11. 1 *King.* 22. 21, 22. Gave the Devil Commission to enter into their hearts, and fill 'em with mistakes, Jealousies, Dissentions, and heart-burnings, which would end in their ruin. ¶ [34] *v.* 20. 1 *Sam.* 16. 14. *Isa.* 19. 14. ¶ [35] *Isa.* 33. 1. rebell'd against him.

24 That the [36] cruelty *done* to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their [37] blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother which slew them, and upon the men of Shechem which † aided him in the killing of his brethren.

† Heb. *strengthened his hands to kill.*

[36] The punishment for it (as *Esth.* 9. 25.) ¶ [37] *Matth.* 23. 34.

25 And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was [38] told Abimelech.

[38] Their whole Plot was discover'd to him.

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his [39] brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

[39] Allies and Friends.

27 And they [40] went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode *the grapes*, and made ‖ [41] merry, and went into the [42] house of their god, and did eat and drink, and [43] cursed Abimelech.

‖ Or, *songs.* See Jer. 25. 30.

[40] (Which they durst not do before *Gaal* came to assist 'em.) ¶ [41] *Am.* 6. 13. *Psal.* 4. 7. *Isa.* 16. 10. ¶ [42] *v.* 4. *ch.* 16. 23. ¶ [43] 1 *Sam.* 17. 43. Reviled and railed upon him, wishing all evil to him.

28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, [44] Who *is* Abimelech, [45] and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? *is* not *he* the son of [46] Jerubbaal, and Zebul his [47] officer? [48] serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him?

[44] 1 *Sam.* 25. 16. 1 *King.* 12. 16. He is a base person, and unworthy of that honour conferr'd upon him. ¶ [45] This *Shechemite*, (born of a woman of your City, and she but his Concubine and Servant.) Why should we submit to one so basely descended? ¶ [46] Who destroyed the Altar of your God. ¶ [47] *v.* 30. Who domineers over you, so that you are Slaves not only to *Abimelech*, but to him too. ¶ [48] *q.d.* If you are weary of your Liberty, and love Bondage, you had better choose one of the old stock, descended from *Hamor*, who may rule over you in a fatherly manner, as *Hamor* did of old, than this upstart Tyrant.

29 And [49] would to God this people were under my hand; then would I [50] remove Abimelech. And he [51] said to Abimelech, [52] Increase thine army, and come out.

[49] 2 *Sam.*

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49 2 *Sam.* 15.4. ¶ 50 Drive him out of the Country. ¶ 51 Sent him this challenge. ¶ 52 Muster up all the forces thou canst procure: I fear thee not.

30 ¶ And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was ‖ kindled.

‖ Or, *hot.*

31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech † privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed, and his brethren be come to Shechem; and behold, they fortifie the city against thee.

† Heb. *craftily*, or, *to Termah.*

32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that *is* with thee, and lie in wait in the field.

33 And it shall be, *that* in the morning, assoon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and behold, *when* he and the people that *is* with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them † as thou shalt find occasion.

† Heb. *as thine hand shall find.*

34 ¶ And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that *were* with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entring of the gate of the city: And Abimelech rose up, and 53 the people that *were* with him from lying in wait.

53 One of the four Companies.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to 54 Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, 55 Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as *if they were* men.

54 Who pretended to be for *Gaal*, that he might perswade him to go out to fight. 55 *Mar.* 8. 24. *q. d.* Sure your eyes deceive you, and you are afraid of shadows.

37 And Gaal spake again, and said, See, there come people down by the † middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of ‖ Meonenim.

† Heb. *navel.*

‖ Or, *the regarders of times.*

38 Then said Zebul unto him, 56 Where *is* now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who *is* Abimelech, that we should serve him? *is* not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

56 *q. d.* Are all thy great brags come to this, that thou art afraid to go out to fight?

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown *and* wounded, *even* unto the entring of the gate.

41 And Abimelech 57 dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

57 Abode there with his forces, waiting for some fit opportunity to surprise *Shechem.*

42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people 58 went out into the field, and they told Abimelech.

58 About their business, or upon some solemn occasion in honour of their Idol.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and behold, the people *were* come forth out of the city, and he rose up against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the company that *was* with him, rushed forward, and 59 stood in the entring of the gate of the city: and the two *other* companies ran upon all *the people* that *were* in the fields, and 60 slew them.

59 To slay those that ran to secure themselves in the City. ¶ 60 *v.* 20.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and he took the city, and slew the people that *was* therein, and * beat down the city, and 61 sowed it with 61 salt.

* 1 Kin. 12. 25.

61 In token that he design'd it to perpetual Desolation; (for Salt is a sign of Perpetuity, *Numb.* 18. 19. *Deut.* 29. 23. 2 *Chron.* 13. 5.)

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46 ¶ And when all the men of the towre of Shechem heard *that*, they entred into an hold of the house of the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the towre of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that *were* with him; and Abimelech took an Ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said unto the people that *were* with him, What ye have seen † me do, make haste, *and* do as I *have done*.

† Heb. *I have done.*

49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put *them* to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them: so that all the men of the towre of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ 62 Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.

62 2 *Kings* 14. 10.

51 But there was a strong towre within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut *it* to them, and gat them up to the top of the towre.

52 And Abimelech came unto the towre, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the towre to burn it with fire.

53 And a certain 63 woman cast a piece of a 64 milstone upon 65 Abimelechs head, and all to brake his scull.

63 2 *Sam.* 11. 21. *Jer.* 50. 45. ¶ 64 *Job* 31. 3. ¶ 65 *v.* 20.

54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his 66 armour-bearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

66 1 *Sam.* 31. 4, 5.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 ¶ Thus God rendred the wickedness of Abimelech which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren.

57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem, did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the 67 curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

67 *v.* 24.

CHAP. X.

1 Tola judgeth Israel. 7 The Philistines and Ammonites oppressing Israel, 15 upon their repentance God pitieth them.

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AND after Abimelech, there 1 arose to ‖ † defend Israel, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

1 *ch.* 3. 9. *Hebr.* 5. 4. ‖ Or, *deliver.* † Heb. *save.*

2 And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 ¶ And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years.

4 And he had thirty sons that * 2 rode on thirty ass-colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called ‖ Havoth-jair unto this day, which *are* in the land of Gilead.

* Chap. 12. 14. 2 See on *ch.* 5. 10. ‖ Or, *The villages of Jair.* Numb. 32. 41.

5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

6 And * the children of Israel did 3 evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served 4 Baalim, and 4 Ashtaroth, and the gods of 5 Syria, and the gods of 5 Zidon, and the gods of 5 Moab, and the gods of the children of 5 Ammon, and

* Chap. 3. 7. and 4. 1. and 6. 1. and 13. 1.

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the gods of the [5] Philistines, and [6] forsook the LORD, and served [6] not him.

[3] *Ch.*2.11. ¶ [4] See on *ch.* 2.13. ¶ [5] *Ezek.* 16. 25, 26, ¶ [6] *Jer.*2.13. So wholly gave up themselves to idolatry that they utterly laid aside the worship of God. They grew worse and worse.

[*] 1 Sam. 12.9. [7] See on *ch.* 2. 14.

7 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was [7] hot against Israel, and he [*] [7] sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

2799. † Heb. *crushed.*

8 And [8] that year they vexed and † oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that *were* on the other side Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead.

[8] *Viz.* That *Jair* died, they encreas'd their oppressions.

[9] 2 *Chron.*15.5.

9 Moreover, the children of Ammon [9] passed over Jordan, to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

2816. [10] *ch.* 3. 9.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel [10] cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have [6] forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.

11 And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, *Did* not *I deliver you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?

12 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites did oppress you, and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

[*] Deut.32.15.

13 [*] Yet ye have [6] forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you [11] no more.

[11] *Viz.* Except ye repent, as *Jer.*18.7,8. *Jona* 3. 4.

14 [12] Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

[12] So *Deut.*32. 37, 38. 1 *King.* 18. 27. 2 *Kings* 3. 13. *Jer.* 2. 28.

15 ¶ And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned, [13] do thou unto us † Heb. *is good in thine eyes.* whatsoever † seemeth good unto thee, [14] deliver us only, we pray thee, this day;

[13] 1 *Sam.*7.18. 2 *Sam.*10.12. and 15.26. and 24.14. *Matth.* 26.39. *Act.*21.-14. Chastise us with thine own hand as much as thou wilt, but deliver us not into the hands of these cruel men. ¶ [14] *Luke* 13,8,9. try us once more.

† Heb. *gods of strangers.* † Heb. *was shortned.*

16 And they [15] put away the † strange gods from among them, and served the LORD, and his soul † was [16] grieved for the misery of Israel.

[15] 1 *Chron.* 7. 14. ¶ [16] *Isa.* 63. 9. he dealt with them in such a way as men do when they are so affected.

† Heb. *cried together.*

17 Then the children of Ammon were † gathered together, and encamped in Gilead: and the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh.

18 And the people *and* [17] princes of Gilead said one to another, What man *is he* that will [18] begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be [19] head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

[17] *Ch.*11.-5. ¶ [18] Lead us on in this Expedition. ¶ [19] *ch.* 11. 8.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Jephthahs covenant with the Gileadites.* 30 *His vow.* 34 *He performeth it on his daughter.*

[*] Heb. 11. 32. called *Jephthae.* † Heb. *a woman an harlot.*

NOw [*] Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he *was* the son of † an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.

2 And Gileads wife bare him sons, and his wives sons grew up, and they [1] thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our fathers house, for thou *art* the son of a strange woman.

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[1] By Authority and countenance of the Magistrates; *v.* 7.

3 Then Jephthah fled † from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered [*] [2] vain men to Jephthah, and [3] went out with him.

† Heb. *from the face.* [*] 1 Sam.22. 2.

[2] See on *ch* 9.4. ¶ [3] Assisted him in his Inroads upon the *Ammonites*, and other neighbour Countries.

4 ¶ And it came to pass † in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

† Heb. *after days.*

5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, [4] the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob:

[4] *ch.*10.-17,18.

6 And they said unto Jephthah, Come and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, [*] Did not ye hate me, and [5] expel me out of my fathers house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

[*] Gen.26.27.

[5] Assist my Brethren in it, *v.* 2.

8 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we [6] turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our [7] head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

[6] *Luke* 17.3. Repent of what we have done formerly, and come now to make thee amends. ¶ [7] Not only General at present, but supreme Civil Magistrate.

9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD † be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

† Heb. *be the hearer between us.*

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah [8] uttered all his words [*] before the LORD in Mizpeh.

[*] Chap.20.1. 1 Sam. 10. 17.

[8] Repeated before the Assembly at *Mizpeh* (*ch.* 10.-17.) the agreement between them, and confirm'd it solemnly on both sides, as in God's Presence.

12 ¶ And Jephthah [9] sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, [10] What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

[9] *Deut.*20.10,11. ¶ [10] What just cause hast thou to invade my Country?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel [11] took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably.

[11] *Numb.* 21. 24, 25.

14 And Jephthah sent messengers [12] again unto the king of the children of Ammon:

[12] *Rom.*12. 18. *Psal.*120. 7.

15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, [13] Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

[13] *Deut.*2.9. *Neh.*6.8. See on *Josh.* 13.25.

16 But when Israel came up from Egypt, and [*] walked through the wilderness, unto the Red sea, and [*] came to Kadesh;

[*] Num.14.25. [*] Num.20.1.

17 Then Israel [14] sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom [15] would not hearken *thereto.* And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab; but he would not *consent:* and Israel [16] abode in Kadesh.

[14] *Numb.* 20. 14. ¶ [15] *Numb.* 21. 18. ¶ [16] Remained peace-

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2816. 18 Then they went along through the wilderneſs, and compaſſed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the eaſt-ſide of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other ſide
[17] *Num.*21.13. & 22. 24,36. of Arnon, but [17] came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon *was* the border of Moab.

* Deut.2.26. 19 And * Iſrael [18] ſent meſſengers unto Sihon
[18] *Num.*21. 21. king of the Amorites, the king of Heſhbon; and Iſrael ſaid unto him, Let us paſs, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place.

20 But Sihon truſted not Iſrael to paſs through his coaſt: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought againſt Iſrael.

21 And the LORD God of Iſrael delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Iſrael, and they ſmote them: ſo Iſrael poſſeſſed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that countrey.

* Deut. 2. 36. 22 And they poſſeſſed * all the coaſts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderneſs even unto Jordan.

23 So now the LORD God of Iſrael hath diſpoſſeſſed the Amorites from before his people Iſrael, and ſhouldſt thou poſſeſs it?

24 Wilt not thou poſſeſs that which Chemoſh [19] thy God [20] giveth thee to poſſeſs? ſo whomſoever the LORD our God ſhall drive out from before us, them will we poſſeſs.

[19] *Numb.*21.29. 1 *King.* 11.7. *Jer.*48.13. ¶ [20] To whoſe aſſiſtance thou aſcribeſt all thy Victories.

25 And now [21] *art* thou any thing better then [22] Balak the ſon of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever [23] ſtrive againſt Iſrael, or did he ever [23] fight againſt them,

[21] Haſt thou a better Title to this land, or more ability to vindicate it? ¶ [22] *Numb.*22.2. *Deut.*23.4. *Joſh.*24.9. ¶ [23] *Viz.* about the reſtitution of thoſe Lands.

26 While Iſrael dwelt in Heſhbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* along by the coaſts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover *them* within that time?

27 Wherefore I have not ſinned againſt thee, but thou doeſt me wrong to war againſt me: the LORD the [24] judge be [25] judge this day between the children of Iſrael and the children of Ammon.

[24] *Gen.*18.25. *Pſal.*50.-6. ¶ [25] 1 *Sam.*24.12. *Gen.*31. 53. Proſper us according to the equity of our Cauſe.

28 Howbeit, the king of the children of
[26] *Prov.*21.29. Ammon [26] hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he ſent him.

[27] See on *ch.*3. 10. [28] See on *ch.*6. 34. 29 ¶ Then the [27] ſpirit of the LORD [28] came upon Jephthah, and he paſſed over Gilead, and Manaſſeh, and paſſed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he paſſed over *unto* the children of Ammon.

[29] See on *Gen.* 28.20. *Gal.* 4. 18. 30 And Jephthah vowed a [29] vow unto the LORD, and ſaid, If thou ſhalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

† Heb. *that which cometh forth, which ſhall come forth* ‖ Or, *or I will offer it*, &c. 31 Then it ſhall be, that † whatſoever cometh forth of the doors of my houſe to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, ſhall ſurely [30] be the LORDs, ‖ and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering.

[30] Conſecrated to his ſpecial Service.

32 ¶ So Jephthah paſſed over unto the children of Ammon to fight againſt them, and the LORD delivered them into his hands.

33 And he ſmote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, *even* twenty cities, and
‖ Or, *Abel.* unto ‖ the plain of the vineyards, with a very great ſlaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were ſubdued before the children of Iſrael.

Chap. 12. 2816. 34 ¶ And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his houſe, and behold, his * daughter came out to meet him with [31] timbrels and with dances, and ſhe *was his* only child: ‖ † beſide her he had neither ſon nor daughter.

* Pſal.68. 25. ‖ Or, *he had not of his own either ſon or daughter.* † Heb. *of him ſelf.*

[31] *Exod.*15.20. 1 *Sam.*18.6. In conſort with other Virgins, as the cuſtom was.

35 And it came to paſs when he ſaw her, that he [32] rent his clothes, and ſaid, Alas my daughter, thou haſt brought me [33] very low, and thou art one of them that [33] trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I [34] cannot go back.

[32] *Gen.*37.29. See there. ¶ [33] Becauſe I ſhall hereby be deprived of thee. ¶ [34] *Pſal.*15.4.

36 And ſhe ſaid unto him, my father, *if* thou haſt opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; foraſmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even* of the children of Ammon.

37 And ſhe ſaid unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: Let me alone two months, that I may † go up and down upon the [35] mountains, and bewail my [36] virginity, I and my fellows. † Heb. *go and go down.*

[35] Which ſhe choſe as a ſolitary place, and therefore fitteſt both for lamentation, and for her preparation for her approaching calamity. ¶ [36] That I ſhall die childleſs (which was eſteemed both a curſe, and a diſgrace, *Gen.*30.23. 1 *Sam.* 1.6,7. *Iſa.*4.1.)

38 And he ſaid, Go. And he ſent her away *for* two months: and ſhe went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to paſs at the end of two months, that ſhe returned unto her father, who [37] did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed: and ſhe [36] knew no man. And it was a
‖ cuſtom in Iſrael, ‖ Or, *ordinance*

[37] Offered her for a Burnt-offering, *v.* -31. (which, conſidering the ignorance of the times, his rude education, and the practice of the Nations round about, he might think himſelf obliged to.)

40 *That* the daughters of Iſrael went † yearly to ‖ [38] lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year. † Heb. *from year to year.* ‖ Or, *to talk with.*

[38] To bewail her untimely end, and celebrate her praiſes for her chearful ſubmiſſion to that death.

CHAP. XII.

1 The Ephraimites quarrelling with Jephthah, and diſcerned by Shibboleth, are ſlain by the Gileadites. 7 Jephthah dieth.

AND the [1] men of Ephraim † gathered themſelves together, and went north-ward, and ſaid unto Jephthah, Wherefore paſſedſt thou over to fight againſt the children of Ammon, and didſt not call us to go with thee? we will [2] burn thine houſe upon thee with fire. † Heb. *were called.*

[1] *Ch.* 8. 1. *Eccl.*4.4. ¶ [2] *Pſal.*109.4. *Joh.*10. 32.

2 And Jephthah ſaid unto them, I and my people were at great [3] ſtrife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. [3] *ch.*11,12. &c

3 And when I ſaw that ye delivered *me* not, I [4] put my life in my hands, and paſſed over againſt the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight againſt me?

[4] 1 *Sam.*19.5. and 28.21. *Job* 13.-14. *Pſal.*119.109.

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the [5] men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and

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and the men of Gilead ſmote Ephraim, becauſe they ſaid, Ye Gileadites *are* [6] fugitives of Ephraim, among the Ephraimites, *and* among the Manaſſites.

[5] *Ch.*11.10. ¶ [6] *Neh.*4.4. 1 *Sam.*25.10. The Refuſe and Scum of theſe two Tribes, and therefore ſhould not have undertaken a matter of ſuch importance without our knowledg, who are ſo much your betters.

*Ch.7.24.

5 And the Gileadites took the [7] paſſages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was *ſo*, that when thoſe Ephraimites which were eſcaped, ſaid, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead ſaid unto him, *Art* thou an Ephraimite? If he ſaid, Nay:

6 Then ſaid they unto him, Say now [8] Shibboleth: and he ſaid [9] Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and ſlew him at the paſſages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites, [10] forty and two thouſand.

[8] *Matth.*26.73. *Mark* 14.70. ¶ [9] *Matth.*12.37. ¶ [10] *Prov.* 18. 19. *Eccl.*10.1.

7 And Jephthah judged Iſrael ſix years: then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

8 ¶ And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Iſrael.

*ch.10.4.

9 And he had [11] thirty ſons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he ſent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his ſons. And he judged Iſrael ſeven years.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 ¶ And after him, Elon a Zebulonite judged Iſrael, and he judged Iſrael ten years.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the countrey of Zebulun.

13 ¶ And after him, Abdon the ſon of Hillel a Pirathonite judged Iſrael.

† Heb. *ſons ſons.*

14 And he had forty ſons and thirty † nephews, that * [12] rode on threeſcore and ten [12] aſs-colts: and he judged Iſrael eight years.

* Chap.5.10. & 10.4.

[11] *ch.* 5.10.

15 And Abdon the ſon of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Iſrael is in the hand of the Philiſtines. 2 An angel appeareth to Manoahs wife. 8 The angel appeareth to Manoah. 15 Manoahs ſacrifice, whereby the angel is diſcovered. 24 Samſon is born.

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AND the children of Iſrael †*did [1] evil again in the ſight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philiſtines forty years,

† Heb. *added to commit, &c.*

* Chap.3.7. & 4.1. & 6.1. & & 10.6.

2 ¶ And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the [2] family of the Danites, whoſe name *was* Manoah, and his wife *was* [3] barren, and bare not.

[1] *ch.* 2.11.

[2] Tribe. ¶ [3] *Gen.*16.1. and 25.21. 1 *Sam.*1.7. *Luke* 1.7.

3 And the [4] angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and ſaid unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren and beareſt not: but thou ſhalt [5] conceive and bear a ſon.

[4] *ch.*2.1. and 6.11. Chriſt. ¶ [5] *Pſal.*127.3.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and * [6] drink not wine, nor ſtrong drink, and eat not any [7] unclean *thing*.

* Num.6. 2,3.

[6] *Numb.*6.2,3. ¶ [7] Nothing that is forbidden to the *Nazarites* (*Numb.*6.4.) much leſs any thing forbidden to others, *Lev.*11.

5 For lo, thou ſhalt conceive, and bear a ſon; and * [8] no raſour ſhall come on his head: for the child ſhall be a [9] Nazarite unto God from the

* Num.6.5. 1 Sam.1.11.

womb: and he ſhall [10] begin to deliver Iſrael out of the hand of the Philiſtines.

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[8] See on *Numb.*6.5. ¶ [9] See on *Numb.*6.2. ¶ [10] Which was carried on afterwards by others, 1 *Sam.*7.13. 2 *Sam.* 8.1.

6 Then the woman came and told her husband, ſaying, [11] A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very [12] terrible: but I aſked him not whence he *was*, neither told he me his name.

[11] A holy Prophet, ſent of God, *Deut.*33.1. ſee there. ¶ [12] Full of Majeſty.

7 But he ſaid unto me, Behold, thou ſhalt conceive and bear a ſon; and now drink no wine nor ſtrong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child ſhall be a Nazarite to God, from the womb to the day of his death.

8 ¶ Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and ſaid, O my LORD, let the man of God which thou didſt ſend, come again unto us, and [13] teach us what we ſhall do unto the child that ſhall be born.

[13] *Act.*9.6.

9 And God [14] hearkened unto the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as ſhe ſat in the field: but Manoah her husband *was* not with her.

[14] *Pſal.*65.2. *Matth.* 7.7.

10 And the woman made haſte, and ran and ſhewed her husband, and ſaid unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day.

11 And Manoah aroſe, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and ſaid unto him, *Art* thou the man that ſpakeſt unto the woman? And he ſaid, I *am*.

12 And Manoah ſaid, [15] Now let thy words come to paſs: † How ſhall we order the child, and ‖ † *how* ſhall we do unto him?

† Heb. *What ſhall be the manner of the, &c.*

[15] *q.d.* I believe thy words will come to paſs: and ſo be it.

‖ Or, what *ſhall he do?*

† Heb. what ſhall be *his work.*

13 And the angel of the LORD ſaid unto Manoah, Of all that I ſaid unto the woman, let her beware.

14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or ſtrong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*: all that I commanded her, let her obſerve.

15 ¶ And Manoah ſaid unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we ſhall have made ready [16] a kid † for thee.

[16] *ch.*6.18, 19. *Gen.* 18.5.

† Heb. *before thee.*

16 And the angel of the LORD ſaid unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt-offering, thou muſt offer it unto the LORD: for Manoah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah ſaid unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that when thy ſayings come to paſs, we may do thee [17] honour?

[17] Preſent thee with ſome reward, as a Prophet of God, as 1 *Sam.*9.8. 1 *King.*14.3.

18 And the angel of the LORD ſaid unto him, *Why aſkeſt thou thus after my name, ſeeing it *is* ‖ [18] ſecret?

* Gen.32.29.

‖ Or, *wonderful.*

[18] My Nature or Eſſence is incomprehenſible, *Iſa.*9.6.

19 So Manoah took a kid, with a meat-offering, and [19] offered *it* upon a [19] rock unto the LORD: and *the angel* did wondrouſly, and Manoah and his wife looked on.

[19] *ch.* 6.26.

20 For it came to paſs when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD [20] aſcended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on *it*, and [21] fell on their faces to the ground.

[20] To

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[20] To carry up their Sacrifice to Heaven with him, and preſent it to God, and procure his gracious acceptance thereof, *Rev.*5.8. ¶ [21] *Gen.*17.3. See there. Out of a religious horror and fear of death, *v.*22. for the preventing whereof they fell down in a way of ſupplication to God.

2848. 21 (But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife.) Then Manoah knew that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

* Exod.33.20. Deut.5.26. 22 And Manoah ſaid unto his wife, * We ſhall ſurely [22] die, becauſe we have ſeen God.

[22] *ch.*6.22. 23 But his [23] wife ſaid unto him, If the LORD were pleaſed to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meat-offering at our hands, neither would he have [24] ſhewed us all theſe *things*, nor would as at this time have told us *ſuch things* as theſe.

[23] 1 *Cor.*12.21. 2 *Kings* 5.13. ¶ [24] *Pſal.* 86.17.

2849. 24 ¶ And the woman bare a ſon, and called
* Hebr.11.32. his name * [25] Samſon: and the child grew, and the LORD [26] bleſſed him.

[25] A ſingular Type of Chriſt; who was (1) Called and ſanctified in and from the Womb, *Luke* 1. 35. *Hebr.* 7. 26. (2) Set apart to deliver his people out of the hands of all their enemies, *v.*5. *Matth.* 1.21. *Luke* 1.71. (3) He performed all by his own perſonal ſtrength alone, (*Iſa.*63.1–3.) yea and by his own might, *Hoſ.*1.7. (as *Samſon* without weapons, in a manner.) (4) In his birth; which was beſide the courſe of Nature. (5) In his death; whereby he did more eminently deſtroy the Devil's power, than in all his life time, *Hebr.*2.14. ¶ [26] Endued him with an Heroic Spirit, invincible Valour, miraculous ſtrength of Body, and all other Gifts and Graces befitting his Calling.

* 1 Sam. 11.6. † Heb. *Mahaneh-Dan*, as Chap. 18.12. 25 And * the ſpirit of the LORD began to [27] move him at times in † the camp of Dan, between Zorah and Eſhtaol.

[27] To put him upon, and enable him to, extraordinary and admirable exploits and atchievements.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Samſon deſireth a wife of the Philiſtines:* 10 *His marriage-feaſt,* 12 *and riddle:* 19 *He ſpoileth thirty Philiſtines.*

2868. AND Samſon went down to Timnath, and ſaw a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philiſtines.

2 And he came up and told his father and his mother, and ſaid, I have ſeen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philiſtines: now
[1] *Gen.*21.21. and 24.3. and 28.1,2. therefore [1] get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother ſaid unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goeſt to take a wife of the [2] uncircumciſed Philiſtines? And Samſon ſaid unto his fa-
† Heb. *ſhe is right in mine eyes.* ther, Get her for me, for † ſhe pleaſeth me well.

[2] *Ch.*15.-18. *Gen.*34.14. 1 *Sam.*14.6. and 17.26,36.

* 1 Kin.12.15. 4 But his father and his mother * knew not that it *was* [3] of the LORD, that he ſought [4] an occaſion againſt the Philiſtines: for at that time the Philiſtines had [5] dominion over Iſrael.

[3] 2 *Chron.*10.15. and 22.7. and 25.20. By his ſpecial providence and direction. ¶ [4] *Viz.* From ſome private, perſonal wrong done to himſelf, that ſo he might not exaſperate 'em againſt the whole Nation. ¶ [5] *ch.* 15.11. (And therefore it was not ſafe for the whole body of the people to provoke 'em.)

5 Then went Samſon down, and his [6] father and his [6] mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and behold, a † young
† Heb. *in meeting him.* lion rored † againſt him.

[6] Godly parents are ſometimes too fond of their children, and complying with their deſires; (for they were ignorant of any thing of Divine warrant in the caſe, *v.* 4.) ¶ † An embleme of the Philiſtines and Devil.

* Chap.3.10. 1 Sam.11.6. 6 And * the [7] ſpirit of the LORD came [8] mightily upon him, and he [9] rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* [10] nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

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[7] *V.*19. *ch.*15.14. ¶ [8] Fill'd him with an heroic ſpirit, and with a miraculous degree of ſtrength, courage, reſolution, and zeal upon this occaſion. ¶ [9] 1 *Sam.* 17.34. ¶ [10] *Zech.*4.6. So Chriſt vanquiſh'd the Devil by the ſole virtue of his own power.

7 And he went down and [11] talked with the woman, and ſhe pleaſed Samſon well.

[11] Concluded of the Marriage, and time of it.

8 ¶ And after a time, he returned to [12] take her, and he turned aſide to ſee the carcaſe of the lion: and behold, *there was* a [13] ſwarm of bees, and hony in the carcaſe of the lion.

[12] *Matth.*1.20. To ſolemnize the Marriage. ¶ [13] God's Providence ſo order'd it, to be the ground of the following Riddle, and ſo of that miſchief which enſued to the Philiſtines.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the hony out of the carcaſe of the lion.

10 ¶ So his father went down unto the woman, and Samſon made there [14] a feaſt: for ſo [14] *Gen.*29.22. *Job.*2.1,9. uſed the young men to do.

11 And it came to paſs when they [15] ſaw him, that they brought [16] thirty companions to be with him.

[15] 1 *Sam.*10.23. Obſerved ſeriouſly his perſon, ſtature, ſtrength, countenance and whole behaviour; all which were extraordinary. ¶ [16] 1 *Sam.*18.-20,21. *Matth.* 9.15. Partly as Bridemen; but chiefly, under pretence of reſpect, to be a kind of Guard upon him.

12 ¶ And Samſon ſaid unto them, I will now
* 1 Kin. 10.1. * put forth a [17] riddle unto you: if you can certainly declare it me within the [18] ſeven days of the feaſt, and find *it* out, then I will give you thirty ‖ ſheets, and thirty [19] change of gar- ‖ Or, *ſhirts.* ments.

[17] *Ezek.* 17.2. ¶ [18] *Gen.* 29.27. ¶ [19] *Gen.* 45.22. See there.

13 But if ye cannot declare *it* me, then ſhall ye give me thirty ſheets, and thirty change of garments. And they ſaid unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

14 And he ſaid unto them, Out of [20] the eater came forth meat, and out of the ſtrong came forth ſweetneſs. And they [21] could not in three days expound the riddle.

[20] A Creature that lives only by prey, devouring all others; but is food for none: whereby is cloſely implyed that the Philiſtines, tho' now upon all occaſions they devour'd the Iſraelites, yet at laſt ſhould become meat to 'em. ¶ [21] So 1 *Cor.*2.14, 15.

15 And it came to paſs on the ſeventh day, that they ſaid unto Samſons wife, [22] Entice thy [22] *ch.*16.5. husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, *Gen.*3.-6. leſt we burn thee and thy fathers houſe with fire: have ye called us † to take that we have? *is it* not † Heb. *to poſſeſs us*, or *to impoveriſh us.* *ſo?*

16 And Samſons wife wept before him, and ſaid, Thou doſt but [23] hate me, and loveſt me [23] *ch.*16.15. not: thou haſt put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and haſt not told *it* me. And he ſaid unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my father nor my mother, and ſhall I tell *it* thee?

17 And ſhe wept before him ‖ [24] the ſeven ‖ Or, the laſt days, while their feaſt laſted: and it came to *of the ſeven* paſs on the ſeventh day, that he told her, becauſe *days*, &c. ſhe lay ſore upon him; and ſhe told the riddle to the children of her people.

[24] It's like, that after they had ſtudied a little, and could make nothing on't, they ſet her a work from the firſt, to fiſh it out of him: tho' the nearer the time drew on, the more urgent they were on her.

18 And the men of the city ſaid unto him on the ſeventh day before the ſun went down,

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[25] *Mich.* 7.5.

19 ¶ And the [26] ſpirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Aſhkelon, and ſlew thirty men of them, and took their ‖ ſpoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle: and his anger was [27] kindled, and he went up to his fathers houſe.

‖ Or, *apparel.*

[26] *v.* 6. An actual impulſe of ſpirit, beſides his extraordinary habitual ſtrength and courage. ¶ [27] *Viz.* Againſt his wife for betraying his ſecret.

20 But Samſons wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had uſed as his [28] friend.

[28] In a particular manner.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Samſon is denied his wife:* 3 *He burneth the Philiſtines corn:* 7 *He ſmiteth them hip and thigh:* 9 *He is bound by the men of Judah, and delivered to the Philiſtines:* 14 *He killeth them with a jaw-bone.*

BUt it came to paſs within a while after, in the time of wheat-harveſt, that Samſon viſited his wife with a [1] kid, and he ſaid, I will [2] go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not ſuffer him to go in.

[1] To feaſt together, and be reconcil'd. ¶ [2] *ch.*16.-1.*Gen.* 6.4.

2 And her father ſaid, I verily thought that thou hadſt utterly [3] hated her, therefore I gave her to thy companion: *is* not her younger ſiſter fairer then ſhe? † take her, I pray thee, in ſtead of her.

[3] *ch.*14.19.

† Heb. *let her be thine.*

3 ¶ And Samſon ſaid concerning them, ‖ Now ſhall I be more blameleſs then the Philiſtines, though I do them a diſpleaſure.

‖ Or, *Now ſhall I be blameleſs from the Philiſtines, though*, &c.

4 And Samſon went and caught three hundred [4] foxes, and took ‖ fire-brands, and turned tail to tail, and put a fire-brand in the midſt between two tails.

‖ Or, *torches.*

[4] (Which were very numerous there, *Cant.* 2.15. *Lam.* 5. 18. *Pſal.*63.-10. *Neh.* 4.3.)

5 And when he had ſet the brands on fire, he let *them* go into the ſtanding-corn of the Philiſtines, and burnt up both the ſhocks, and alſo the ſtanding-corn, with the vineyards *and* olives.

6 ¶ Then the Philiſtines ſaid, Who hath done this? And they anſwered, Samſon the ſon in law of the Timnite, becauſe [5] he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philiſtines came up, and [5] burnt her and her father with fire.

[5] *Ch.*14.15. *Prov.* 10.24. and 22.8. *Hoſ.* 8.7.

7 ¶ And Samſon ſaid unto them, Though ye have done [6] this, yet will I be [7] avenged of you, and after that, I will [8] ceaſe.

[6] Which has ſome appearance of a vindication of my quarrel; yet ſince it was for your own ends, therefore ——— ¶ [7] *ch.*14.19. ¶ [8] *Viz.* For the preſent, till another fit occaſion offer it ſelf.

8 And he ſmote them [9] hip and thigh with a great ſlaughter; and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

[9] *Deut.*28.35. *Ezek.*9.5,6. Some in one place, ſome in another, as they came in his way.

9 ¶ Then the Philiſtines went up, and pitched in Judah, and ſpread themſelves in [10] Lehi.

[10] So called upon that occaſion, *v.* 17.

10 And the men of Judah ſaid, Why are ye come up againſt us? And they anſwered, To bind Samſon are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

11 Then three thouſand men of Judah † went to the top of the rock Etam, and ſaid to Samſon, Knoweſt thou not that the Philiſtines *are* [11] rulers over us? what *is* this *that* thou haſt done unto us? And he ſaid unto them, As they did unto me, ſo have I done unto them.

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† Heb. *went down.*

[11] *ch.*13.1. and 14.-4.

12 And they ſaid unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may [12] deliver thee into the hand of the Philiſtines. And Samſon ſaid unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not [13] fall upon me your ſelves.

[12] *Phil.*2.21. So the Jews delivered Chriſt bound to the Gentiles. ¶ [13] Kill me, *v.* 13.

13 And they ſpake unto him, ſaying, No: but we will bind thee faſt, and deliver thee into their hand: but ſurely, we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14 ¶ *And* when he came unto Lehi, the Philiſtines [14] ſhouted againſt him: and the ſpirit of the LORD came [15] mightily upon him, and the cords that *were* upon his arms, became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands † looſed from off his hands.

† Heb. *were melted.*

[14] For joy that they had got their Enemy into their hands. ¶ [15] See on *ch.*14.6.

15 And he found a † new jaw-bone of an aſs, and put forth his hand and took it, and ſlew a thouſand men therewith.

† Heb. *moiſt.*

16 And Samſon ſaid, With the [16] jaw-bone of an aſs, † heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an aſs have I ſlain a thouſand men.

[16] 1 *Cor.*1.-21, 27. *Zech.*4.6.

† Heb. *An heap, two heaps.*

17 And it came to paſs when he had made an end of ſpeaking, that he caſt away the jaw-bone out of his hand, and called that place ‖ Ramath-lehi.

‖ That is, *The lifting up of the jaw-bone*, or, *caſting away of the jaw-bone.*

18 ¶ And he was ſore [17] athirſt, and called on the LORD, and ſaid, [18] Thou haſt given this great deliverance into the hand of thy ſervant: and now [19] ſhall I die for thirſt, and fall into the hand of [20] the uncircumciſed?

[17] *John* 19.-29. To humble him. ¶ [18] *Pſal.* 3. 7, 8. ¶ [19] 1 *Sam.* 17. 36. 2 *Sam.* 1. 20. *q. d.* I do confidently believe I ſhall not die, *Hebr.* 11. 32. ¶ [20] *chap.* 14. 3. See there.

19 But God clave an hollow place that *was* in ‖ the [21] jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his ſpirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he [22] called the name thereof ‖ En-hakkore, which *is* in Lehi unto this day.

‖ Or, *Lehi.*

‖ That is, *The well of him that called*, or *cried.*

[21] Rather, *in Lehi*, the field ſo called, *v.* -17. ¶ [22] As *Gen.* 16.13. and 22.14. and 28.19. and 32.2, 30. and 35.15.

20 And he [23] judged Iſrael in the days of [24] the Philiſtines twenty years.

[23] Revenged their wrongs, and gave 'em ſome degree of deliverance, *ch.* 13. 5. ¶ [24] Of their Dominion and Tyranny.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Samſon carries away the gates of Gaza:* 4 *Delilah corrupted by the Philiſtines, enticeth him,* 15 *and overcometh him:* 21 *The Philiſtines put out his eyes:* 22 *The manner of his death.*

THen went Samſon to Gaza, and ſaw there † an harlot, and [1] went in unto her.

† Heb. *a woman an harlot.*

[1] *Ch.* 15.-1. *Gen.*38.16,18.

2 *And it was told* the Gazites, ſaying, Samſon is come hither. And they [2] compaſſed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were † quiet all the night, ſaying, In the morning when it is day, we ſhall [3] kill him.

[2] 1 *Sam.*23.26.

† Heb. *ſilent.*

[3] *ch.*15.14.

3 And Samſon lay till midnight, and aroſe at midnight, and [4] took the doors of the gate of the

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the city, and the two poſts, and went away with them, † bar and all, and put *them* upon his ſhoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before Hebron.

† Heb. *with the bar.*

[4] *Pſal.*127.2. *Jer.*5.-10. So Chriſt (*Iſa.*63.1-3.) God does not always preſently withdraw the influences of his Spirit from thoſe that highly provoke him.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs afterward, that he [5] loved a woman ‖ in the valley of Sorek, whoſe name *was* Delilah.

‖ Or, *by the brook.*

[5] *Neh.*13.26. 1 *Cor.*10.6. How prone are perſons intangled in this ſin, to proceed further? *Prov.*22.14. and 23.27.

5 And the lords of the Philiſtines came up unto her, and ſaid unto her, [6] Entice him, and ſee wherein his [7] great ſtrength *lieth*, and by what *means* we may prevail againſt him, that we may bind him to [8] ‖ afflict him: and we will [9] give thee [10] every one of us [10] eleven hundred *pieces* of ſilver.

‖ Or, *humble.*

[6] *Ch.*14.15. ¶ [7] *Prov.*7.26. ¶ [8] Chaſtiſe him for his injuries done to us. ¶ [9] *Numb.*22. 17. *Matth.*26.15. 1 *Tim.*6.10. *Jude* 11. ¶ [10] Which came to in all above a thouſand pounds Sterling.

6 And Delilah ſaid to Samſon, Tell [11] me, I pray thee, wherein thy great ſtrength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mighteſt be bound to [8] afflict thee.

[11] *Prov.*26.28. *Pſal.*12.2.

7 And Samſon ſaid unto her, [12] If they bind me with ſeven ‖ † green withs, that were never dried, then ſhall I be weak, and be [13] as † another man.

‖ Or, *new cords.* † Heb. *moiſt.* † Heb. *one.*

[12] *Rom.*3.8. *Gal.*6.7. ¶ [13] *Pſal.*119.8.

8 Then the lords of the Philiſtines brought up to her ſeven green withs which had not been dried, and ſhe [14] bound him with them.

[14] *Prov.*6.26. & 7.22.

9 (Now *there were* men lying in wait abiding with her in the chamber) And ſhe ſaid unto him, [15] The Philiſtines *be* upon thee, Samſon. And he brake the withs as a thred of tow is broken when it † toucheth the fire: ſo his ſtrength was [16] not known.

† Heb. *ſmelleth.*

[15] (All this was pretended to be done in ſport.) ¶ [16] *Joh.* 5.14.

10 And Delilah [17] ſaid unto Samſon, Behold, thou haſt [18] mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mighteſt be bound.

[17] At ſome convenient diſtance of time afterwards. ¶ [18] *Prov.*7.13.

11 And he ſaid unto her, If they bind me faſt with new ropes † that never were occupied, then ſhall I be weak, and be as another man.

† Heb. *wherewith work hath not been done.*

12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and ſaid unto him, The Philiſtines *be* upon thee, Samſon. (And *there were* liers in wait abiding in the chamber) And he brake them from off his arms like a thred.

13 And Delilah ſaid unto Samſon, Hitherto thou haſt mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mighteſt be bound. And he ſaid unto her, If thou weaveſt the ſeven locks of my head with the web.

14 And ſhe [19] faſtened *it* with the pin, and ſaid unto him, The Philiſtines *be* upon thee, Samſon. And he awaked out of his ſleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

[19] Having woven his Locks with the Web that was in the Loom, and rolled it about the Beam, ſhe faſtned the Beam, that it might not turn back.

15 ¶ And ſhe ſaid unto him, How canſt thou ſay, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? Thou haſt mocked me theſe three times, and haſt not told me wherein thy great ſtrength *lieth.*

16 And it came to paſs, when ſhe preſſed him daily with her words, and urged him, *ſo* that his ſoul was † [20] vexed unto death.

† Heb. *ſhortned.*

[20] Being diſtracted between her importunity on the one hand, and his unwillingneſs to diſcover this Secret on the other; (but being deſerted by God, he choſe the worſer part.)

17 That he [21] told her all his heart, and ſaid unto her, * There hath not come a raſour upon mine head; for I *have been* [22] a Nazarite unto God from my mothers womb: if I be ſhaven, then my ſtrength will [23] go from me: and I ſhall become weak, and be like any *other* man.

* Numb. 5. 6.

[21] 2 *Chron.*15.-2. ¶ [22] *ch.*13.5. ¶ [23] Becauſe it ſeems God had revealed it to him, that the preſerving his hair uncut ſhould be a pledg and condition of the continuance of the extraordinary aſſiſtance of the Spirit to him.

18 And when Delilah ſaw that he had told her all his heart, ſhe ſent and called for the lords of the Philiſtines, ſaying, Come up this once, for he hath ſhewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philiſtines came up unto her, and brought [24] money in their hand.

[24] *v.* -5.

19 And ſhe made him [25] ſleep upon her knees, and ſhe called for a man, and ſhe cauſed him to ſhave off the ſeven locks of his head, and ſhe began to [26] afflict him, and his ſtrength [27] went from him.

[25] *Prov.*7.21,23. Security is a Fore-runner of deſtruction. ¶ [26] By binding, thruſting, or ſome ſuch like means to try his ſtrength. ¶ [27] Which ſhe perceived by ſome diſcovery or other of it.

20 And ſhe ſaid, The Philiſtines *be* upon thee, Samſon. And he awoke out of his ſleep, and ſaid, I will go out as at other times before, and [28] ſhake my ſelf. And he wiſt not that the LORD was [29] departed from him.

[28] Rouſe up my Spirits, and put forth my ſtrength to cruſh 'em, and deliver my ſelf. ¶ [29] *Joſh.*7.12. *Jer.*9.23, 24. Not in reſpect of Sanctifying Grace, but of that ſupernatural Strength wherewith he had before aſſiſted him.

21 ¶ But the Philiſtines took him, and † put out his [30] eyes, and brought him down to [31] Gaza, and [32] bound him with fetters of braſs, and he did [33] grind in the priſon-houſe.

† Heb. *bored out.*

¶ [30] Which firſt betrayed him to ſin, *v.* 1. ¶ [31] Where he firſt acted his ſin of uncleanneſs, *v.* 1. ¶ [32] *Pſal.* 107. -10,11. *Hoſ.*9.-12. ¶ [33] *Iſa.*47.2.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began [34] to grow again, ‖ after he was ſhaven.

‖ Or, *as when he was ſhaven.*

[34] A token of the recovery of God's favor, and reſtoring his Strength upon his Repentance, and renewing his Vow.

23 Then the lords of the Philiſtines gathered them together, for to offer a great ſacrifice unto [35] Dagon their god, and to rejoyce: for they ſaid, Our god hath delivered Samſon our enemy into our hand.

[35] 1 *Sam.* 5. 2. Whoſe Image had the upper part like a Man, the lower like a Fiſh.

24 And when the people ſaw him, they [36] praiſed their god; for they ſaid, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the deſtroyer of our countrey, † which ſlew many of us.

[36] *Dan.*5.4. Gave him thanks.

† Heb. *and who multiplied our ſlain.*

25 And it came to paſs when their hearts were [37] merry, that they ſaid, Call for Samſon, that he may make us [38] ſport. And they called for Samſon out of the priſon houſe; and he made them † ſport: and they ſet him [39] between the pillars.

† Heb. *before them.*

[37] *Ch.*9.27. and 18.10. and 19.-6,9. *Ruth.* 3.7. 2 *Sam.* 13. 28. Frollick and jolly. ¶ [38] *Job* 30. 9. *Pſal.*35.16. *Heb.*11. 36. Be the Subject of our mirth and diriſion. So Chriſt, *Matth.*26.67,68. and 27.29. ¶ [39] Standing in the middle of the houſe (and ſo was the moſt conſpicuous place) and ſupporting all the roof, *v.*29.

26 And Samſon ſaid unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the houſe ſtandeth, that I may lean upon them.

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27 Now the houſe was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philiſtines *were* there: and *there were* upon the [40] roof about three thouſand men and women, that beheld while Samſon made ſport.

[40] Which was flat.

28 And Samſon [41] called unto the LORD, and ſaid, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and ſtrengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once [42] avenged of the Philiſtines for my two eyes.

[41] *Heb.* 11. 32. *Pſal.* 50. 15. and 116. 4. 2 *Chron.* 20. 12. ¶ [42] (Which yet was not an act of Malice, and private Revenge, but of Faith and Zeal for God.)

29 And Samſon took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the houſe ſtood, and ‖ on which it was born up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

‖ Or, *he leaned on them.*

† Heb. *my ſoul.*

30 And Samſon ſaid, [43] Let † me die with the Philiſtines: and he bowed himſelf with *all his* might: and the houſe [44] fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein: ſo the dead which he ſlew [45] at his death, were mo then *they* which he ſlew in his life.

[43] *q. d.* I am willing to die, ſo I can but thereby contribute any thing to the vindication of God's Glory, and the deliverance of his people. This was no Self-murder (no more than going into a Battel) but only expoſing his Life to apparent danger (for it might have been preſerved in ſuch a downfall) and being willing to die upon ſuch an occaſion. So Chriſt, *Phil.* 2. 6. ¶ [44] 1 *Theſſ.* 5. 3. *Eccl.* 9. 12. *Matth.* 24. 38. *Job* 31. 3. ¶ [45] So Chriſt, *Col.* 2. 15. *Heb.* 2. 14.

31 Then his brethren, and all the houſe of his father, came down and took him, and brought *him* up, and buried him between Zorah and Eſhtaol, in the burying-place of Manoah his father: and he [46] judged Iſrael twenty years.

[46] See on *ch.* 15. 20.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Micah reſtoring the ſtollen money to his mother, ſhe maketh images: 7 He hireth a Levite to be his prieſt.*

1 AND there was a man of mount Ephraim, whoſe name *was* Micah.

[1] The paſſages from hence to the end of the Book were done in the times of ſome of the former Judges, long before *Samſon.*

2 And he ſaid unto his mother, The [2] eleven hundred *ſhekels* of ſilver, that were taken from thee, about which thou curſedſt, and ſpakeſt of alſo in mine ears; behold, the ſilver *is* with me, I took it. And his mother ſaid, Bleſſed *be thou* of the LORD, my ſon.

[2] One hundred and twenty five pounds nine Shillings and fourpence half-penny Sterling.

3 And when he had reſtored the eleven hundred *ſhekels* of ſilver to his mother, his mother ſaid, I had wholly dedicated the ſilver [3] unto the LORD, from my hand, [4] for my ſon, to make a [5] graven image, and a [5] molten image: now therefore I will reſtore it unto thee.

[3] To the Service of the true God (tho in an idolatrous way) *ch.* 18. 5. ¶ [4] That thou mayeſt cauſe theſe things to be made. ¶ [5] *ch.* 18. 18. As Repreſentations or Remembrancers of the true God, and in honour to him (as they thought.)

4 Yet he reſtored the money unto his mother, and his mother took two hundred *ſhekels* of ſilver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image, and a molten image: and they were in the houſe of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had an houſe [6] of gods, and made an [7] ephod and [8] teraphim, and † [9] conſecrated one of his ſons, who became his prieſt.

† Heb. *filled the hand.*

[6] Conſecrated for the Service of God in this manner. ¶ [7] See on *ch.* 8. 27. ¶ [8] See on *Gen.* 31. 19. ¶ [9] So 1 *King.* 13. 33.

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6 In thoſe days *there was* [10] no king in Iſrael, *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own [11] eyes.

[10] *Ch.* 18. 1. and 19. 1. and 21. 25. *Gen.* 36. 31. *Pſal.* 12. 4. No Supreme Magiſtrate to puniſh ſuch Offenders, *ch.* 18. 7. ¶ [11] *Deut.* 12. 8. *Prov.* 3. 5. and 14. 12. *Jer.* 10. 23. and 44. 17.

7 ¶ And there was a young man out of * Beth-lehem-judah, of the [12] family of Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he ſojourned there.

* See Joſh. 19. 15.

[12] Born and bred up among 'em.

8 And the man [13] departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah, to ſojourn where he could [14] find *a place*: and he came to mount Ephraim to the houſe of Micah, † as he journeyed.

† Heb. *in making his way.*

[13] *Neh.* 13. 10, 11. ¶ [14] For employment and a Livelyhood.

9 And Micah ſaid unto him, Whence comeſt thou? And he ſaid unto him, I *am* a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to ſojourn where I may find *a place.*

10 And Micah ſaid unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a [15] father and a prieſt, and I will give thee [16] ten *ſhekels* of ſilver by the year, and ‖ † a ſuit of apparel, and thy [17] victuals. So the Levite went in.

‖ Or, *a double ſuit*, &c. † Heb. *an order of garments.*

[15] *Ch.* 18. 19. 2 *King.* 6. 21. and 8. 8, 9. and 13. 14. *Iſa.* 22. 21. A Spiritual Father. ¶ [16] Twenty three ſhillings almoſt. ¶ [17] *Ezek.* 13. 19.

11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man, and the young man was unto him as one of his ſons.

12 And Micah conſecrated the Levite, and the young man became his prieſt, and was in the houſe of Micah.

13 Then ſaid Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, ſeeing I have a Levite to *my* prieſt.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The Danites ſend five men to ſeek out an inheritance.* 27 *They win Laiſh.*

1 IN thoſe days *there was* [2] no king in Iſrael: and in thoſe days the [3] tribe of the Danites [4] ſought them an inheritance to dwell in: for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen [5] unto them among the tribes of Iſrael.

[1] See on *ch.* 17. 1. ¶ [2] *ch.* 17. 6. See there. [3] A part or Family of that Tribe. ¶ [4] So *ch.* 1. 3. *Joſh.* 19. 47. ¶ [5] Into their actual poſſeſſion, *ch.* 1. 34.

2 And the children of Dan ſent of their family, five men from their coaſts, † men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eſhtaol, to ſpie out the land, and to ſearch it; and they ſaid unto them, Go, ſearch the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the [6] houſe of Micah, they lodged [7] there.

† Heb. *ſons.*

[6] *Ch.* 17. 1. ¶ [7] In ſome houſe near *Micah's.*

3 When they *were* by the houſe of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and ſaid unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makeſt thou in this *place?* and what haſt thou here?

4 And he ſaid unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath [8] hired me, and I am his prieſt.

[8] *ch.* 17. 10.

5 And they ſaid unto him, [9] Ask counſel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go ſhall be proſperous.

[9] *Hoſ.* 4. 12. *Act.* 8. 10.

6 And the prieſt [10] ſaid unto them, [11] Go in peace: [12] before the LORD *is* your way wherein ye go.

[10] *Neh.*

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[10] *Neh.*6.-8. *Jer.* 23. 21. Of his own head. ¶ [11] You shall prosper in your design. ¶ [12] *Deut.*11.12. *Psal.* 33.18. and 34.15. Acceptable to him.

7 ¶ Then the five men departed, and came to * Laish, and saw the people that *were* therein, * how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure, and *there was* no † magistrate in the land, that might [13] put *them* to shame in *any* thing: and they *were* far from the Zidonians, and had no [14] business with *any* man.

* Josh. 19.47. called *Leshem.* * V.27,28.

† Heb. *possessour*, or *heir of restraint.*

[13] Punish 'em for any Crime. ¶ [14] No Commerce, nor Leagues.

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye?

9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and behold, it *is* very good: and *are* ye still? be not slothful to go, *and* to enter to possess the land.

10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for [15] God hath given it into your hands: a place where *there is* no want of any thing that *is* in the earth.

[15] There's no question to be made but God will give it.

11 ¶ And there went from thence of the family of the Danites out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men, † appointed with weapons of war.

† Heb. *girded.*

12 And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place * Mahaneh-dan, unto this day: behold *it is* behind Kirjath-jearim.

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13 And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the [6] house of Micah.

14 ¶ Then [16] answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, [17] Do ye know that there is in [18] these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider [19] what ye have to do.

[16] Spake thus when they came near the place. ¶ [17] *q. d.* If you know it not already, we now tell you of it. ¶ [18] One of 'em, *viz. Micah's.* ¶ [19] Whether it may not be advisable to take 'em along with us.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, *even* unto the house of Micah, and † saluted him.

† Heb. *asked him of peace.*

16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entring of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spie out the land, went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest [20] stood in the entring of the gate, with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of war.

[20] While the others rifled the Chappel.

18 And these went into [21] Micahs house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: then said the priest unto them, What do ye?

[21] That part of it where the Chappel was.

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, [22] lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a [23] father and a priest: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel?

[22] *Job* 21.5. and 29.9. and 40.4. *Prov.*30.32. *Mich.* 7. 16. ¶ [23] See on *ch.*17.10.

20 And the priests heart was [24] glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.

[24] *Phil.*3.19.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones, and the cattel, and the carriage [25] before them.

[25] To secure 'em from *Micah.*

22 ¶ *And* when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Micahs house, were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they cried unto the children of Dan: and they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, † that thou comest with such a company?

† Heb. *that thou art gathered together.*

24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and [26] what have I more? and what *is* this *that* ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

[26] *Jer.*50.-38. and 51. 17. *Psal.* 115.8. *viz.* Worth having.

25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest † angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

† Heb. *bitter of soul.*

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

27 And they took *the things* which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people *that were* at [27] quiet, and [27] secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

[27] *V.* 10.

28 And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from [28] Zidon, and they had no business with *any* man; and it *was* in the valley that *lieth* by Beth-rehob: and they built a city, and dwelt therein.

[28] Their Patrons and Protectors.

29 And they called the name of the city * [29] Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city *was* Laish at the first.

[29] *Josh.* 29.47. * Gen.14.14. Chap.20.1.

30 ¶ And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons, were priests to the tribe of Dan, until the day of the [30] captivity of [31] the land.

[30] Upon that great defeat (1 *Sam.*4.10.) called a Captivity, *Psal.* 78.60,61. or, till the general Captivity of the ten Tribes, 2 *Kings* 17.6,23. ¶ [31] Some part of it.

31 And they set them up Micahs graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in [32] Shiloh.

[32] *Josh.*18.1.

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1 *A Levite going to Beth-lehem to fetch home his wife,* 16 *an old man entertaineth him at Gibeah:* 22 *the Gibeathites abuse his concubine to death.*

AND it came to pass in those days, * when *there was* [1] no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him † a [2] concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.

* Chap. 18.1. and 21.25.

† Heb. *a woman a concubine*, or *a wife a concubine.*

[1] See on *ch.* 17.6. ¶ [2] See on *Gen.* 22. 24.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her fathers house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there ‖ † four whole months.

‖ Or, *a year and four months.* † Heb. *days four months.*

3 And her husband arose, and went [3] after her to speak † [4] friendly unto her, *and* to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her

† Heb. *to her heart.*

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fathers houſe, and when the father of the damſel ſaw him, he rejoyced to meet him.

[3] So *ch.* 15. 1. ¶ [4] *Gen.* 34. 3. and 50. 21. *Hoſ.* 2. 14.

4 And his father in law, the damſels father, retained him, and he abode with him three days: ſo they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5 And it came to paſs on the fourth day, when they aroſe early in the morning, that he roſe up to depart: and the damſels father ſaid unto his ſon in law, † [5] Comfort thine heart with a morſel of bread, and afterward go your way.

† Heb. *Strengthen.*

[5] *Gen.* 18. 5. *Pſal.* 104. 15. 1 *Kings* 13. 7.

6 And they ſat down and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damſels father had ſaid unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be [6] merry.

[6] See on *ch.* 16. 25.

7 And when the man roſe up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

8 And he aroſe early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damſels father ſaid, [5] Comfort thine heart, I pray thee: And they tarried † until after noon, and they did eat both of them.

† Heb. *till the day declined.*

9 And when the man roſe up to depart, he and his concubine, and his ſervant, his father in law, the damſels father ſaid unto him, Behold, now the day † draweth towards evening, I pray you, tarry all night: behold, the day † groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayeſt go † home.

† Heb. *is weak.*
† Heb. it is *the pitching* time *of the day.*
† Heb. *to thy tent.*

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he roſe up and departed, and † came over againſt Jebus, (which *is* Jeruſalem) and *there were* with him two aſſes ſadled, his concubine alſo *was* with him.

† Heb. *to over againſt.*

11 *And* when they *were* by Jebus, the day was far ſpent, and the ſervant ſaid unto his maſter, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in unto this city of the Jebuſites, and lodge in it.

12 And his Maſter ſaid unto him, We will not turn aſide hither into the city of [7] a ſtranger, that *is* not of the children of Iſrael; we will paſs over to Gibeah.

[7] (And therefore the ſtory of this Chapter fell out before *Jeruſalem* was taken, either by the Benjamites, (*Joſh.* 15. 63.) or by *Judah*, *ch.* 1. 8.)

13 And he ſaid unto his ſervant, Come, and let us draw near to one of theſe places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they paſſed on and went their way, and the ſun went down upon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aſide thither, to go in *and* to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he ſat him down in a ſtreet of the city: for *there was* no man that [8] took them into his houſe to lodging.

[8] *Hebr.* 13. 2. *Matth.* 25. 35.

16 ¶ And behold, there came an old man from his [9] work out of the field at even, which *was* alſo of mount Ephraim; and he ſojourned in Gibeah, but the men of the place *were* Benjamites.

[9] *Gen.* 3. 10. *Eccleſ.* 1. 13. 2 *Theſſ.* 3. 10. *Eph.* 4. 28. *Pſal.* 128. 2. and 104. 23.

17 And when he had lift up his eyes, he ſaw a wayfaring man in the ſtreet of the city: and the old man ſaid, Whither goeſt thou? and whence comeſt thou?

18 And he ſaid unto him, We *are* paſſing from Beth-lehem-judah, toward the ſide of mount Ephraim, from thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I *am now* going to the [10] houſe of the LORD, and there *is* no man that † receiveth me to houſe.

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† Heb. *gathereth.*

[10] *Ch.* 18. 31. To do his ſervice there as a Levite.

19 Yet there is both ſtraw and provender for our aſſes; and there is bread and wine alſo for me and for thy handmaid, and for the young man *which is* with thy ſervants: *there is* no want of any thing.

20 And the old man ſaid, [11] Peace *be* with thee; howſoever, [12] *let* all thy wants *lie* upon me; only [13] lodge not in the ſtreet.

[11] See on *Gen.* 43. 23. ¶ [12] I'le take care to ſupply 'em all. ¶ [13] *Gen.* 19. 2.

21 So he brought him into his houſe, and gave provender unto the aſſes: and they [14] waſhed their feet, and did eat and drink.

[14] See on *Gen.* 18. 4.

22 ¶ *Now* as they were making their hearts [6] merry, behold, the men of the city, certain ſons [15] of Belial, [16] beſet the houſe round about, *and* beat at the door, and ſpake to the maſter of the houſe, the old man, ſaying, Bring forth the man that came into thine houſe, that we may [17] know him.

[15] See on *Deut.* 13. 13. ¶ [16] *Gen.* 19. 4. *Hoſ.* 9. 9. and 10. 9. ¶ [17] *Gen.* 4. 1. and 19. 5. *Rom.* 1. 27.

23 And the man, the maſter of the houſe went out unto them, and ſaid unto them, [18] Nay, my brethren, *nay*, I pray you, do not *ſo* wickedly; ſeeing that this man is [19] come into mine houſe, do not this [20] folly.

[18] 2 *Sam.* 13. 12. *Gen.* 19. 7. ¶ [19] *Gen.* 19. 8. ¶ [20] See on *Gen.* 34. 7.

24 [21] Behold, *here is* my daughter a maiden, and his concubine, them I will bring out now, and [22] humble ye them, and do with them what ſeemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not † ſo vile a thing.

[21] *Gen.* 19. 8.
[22] But *Rom.* 3. 8.
† Heb. *the matter of this folly.*

25 But the men would not hearken to him: ſo the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abuſed her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to ſpring, they let her go.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the mans houſe, where her [23] lord *was*, [24] till it was light.

[23] *Gen.* 18. 12. 1 *Pet.* 3. 6. ¶ [24] Lay there till——

27 And her lord roſe up in the morning, and opened the door of the houſe, and went out to go his way: and behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the houſe, and her hands *were* upon the threſhold.

28 And he ſaid unto her, Up, and let us be going: but none anſwered. Then the man took her *up* upon an aſs, and the man roſe up, and gat him unto his place.

29 ¶ And when he was come into his houſe, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and * divided her *together* with her bones into twelve pieces, and ſent her into all the coaſts of Iſrael.

* See 1 Sam. 11. 7.

30 And it was ſo, that all that ſaw it, ſaid, There was no ſuch deed done nor ſeen, from the day that the children of Iſrael came up out of the land of Egypt, unto this day, conſider of it, take advice, and ſpeak *your minds.*

CHAP. XX.

1 *The Levite in a general aſſembly declareth his wrong.*
8 *Their decree.* 26 *The Benjamites are deſtroyed.*

THen [1] all the children of Iſrael went out, and the congregation was gathered together,

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ther, [2] as one man, from * Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, [3] unto the LORD in [4] Mizpeh.

[1] Many out of each Tribe. ¶ [2] *v.* 8, 11. 1 *Sam.* 11.7. 2 *Sam.*19.14. *Ezr.*3.1. ¶ [3] *ch.* 11.11. 1 *Sam.* 10.17. For mercy, and counsel from him. ¶ [4] *ch.*11.-11. 1 *Sam.*7.5. and 10.17. 2 *King.*25.22.

2 And the chief of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that [5] drew sword.

[5] See on *ch.* 8.10.

[6] *Prov.*22.3. *Matth.*5.25.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin [6] heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell *us* how was this wickedness?

†Heb. *the man the Levite.*

4 And † the Levite the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that *belongeth* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, *and* thought to have [7] slain me: *and* my concubine have they † forced, that she is dead.

†Heb. *humbled.*

[7] *Viz.* In case I would not yield to 'em: or else, by their unnatural Lust.

6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the countrey of the inheritance of Israel: for they

*Josh.7.15.

* have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

7 Behold, ye *are* all [8] children of Israel, [9] give here your advice and counsel.

[8] *Exod.*19.6. (And therefore concerned as well as my self to punish this horrid sin.) ¶ [9] *ch.*19.-30.

8 ¶ And all the people arose as one man, saying, [10] We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house.

[10] *Prov.*21.3. And probably at this time they made that Oath, *ch.*21.1,5.

9 But now, this *shall be* the thing which we will do to Gibeah, *we will go up* by lot against it:

10 And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, [11] according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

[11] That we may punish 'em as such wickedness deserves.

11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, † knit together as one man.

†Heb. *fellows.*

12 ¶ And the tribes of Israel [12] sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you?

[12] *Deut.*20.10,11. *Rom.*12.18. So *Josh.*22.13.

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13 Now therefore [13] deliver *us* the men, * the children of [14] Belial, which *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and [15] put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would [16] not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel:

[13] As 2 *Sam.*20.21. ¶ [14] See on *Deut.* 13.13. ¶ [15] Terrify others from the like Villany, and so divert those judgments which otherwise will befall us. ¶ [16] 1 *Sam.* 2.-25. *Rom.*1.-32.

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities, unto Gibeah, to go out to battel against the children of Israel:

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbred at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that [5] drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbred seven hundred chosen men.

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16 Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men [17] left-handed, every one could sling stones at an hair-*breadth*, and not miss.

[17] *ch.* 3.15. 1 *Chron.*12.2.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbred four hundred thousand men that drew sword; all these *were* men of war.

18 ¶ And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and [18] asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battel against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, [19] Judah *shall go up* first.

[18] *Ch.*1.1. *Josh.*9.14. by Urim, *v.*27. ¶ [19] So *ch.*1.2.

19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battel against Benjamin, and the men of Israel put themselves in aray to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and [20] destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day, twenty and two thousand men.

[20] *Eccl.*9.1. *Psal.* 77.19. (which God suffer'd to correct 'em for their Self-confidence, Idolatry, and other sins, and to prevent their glorying in their own strength.)

22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battel again in aray in the place where they put themselves in aray the first day.

23 (And the children of Israel went up and [21] wept before the LORD until even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, [22] Shall I go up again to battel against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, [23] Go up against him.)

[21] For their punishment, rather than their sins. ¶ [22] They crave not his assistance. ¶ [23] *q. d.* Tho he be your Brother, yet you may fight against him, (but he promis'd no success, as *v.*-28.)

24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again, eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

26 ¶ Then all the children of Israel, and all the people went up, and came unto the house of God, and [24] wept, and sat there before the LORD, and [25] fasted that day until even, and offered [26] burnt-offerings, and [27] peace-offerings before the LORD.

[24] In a more serious and sincere manner than before. ¶ [25] 1 *Sam.*7.6. *Neh.*1.4. and 9.1. *Eph.*4.3. ¶ [26] To make Atonement for their own sins. ¶ [27] To bless God for sparing so many of 'em, and to implore his assistance for the future.

27 And the children of Israel [28] enquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God *was* [29] there in those days.

[28] *Numb.*27.21. ¶ [29] In the Tabernacle at *Shiloh*, near to *Gibeah.*

28 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, [30] stood before it in those days) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battel against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

[30] To Minister, *Deut.*10.8. and 18.5. (and therefore these things were done not long after *Joshua*'s death.)

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29 And Israel set [31] liers in wait round about Gibeah.

[31] *V.* 33. Ten thousand of 'em, *v.*34. So *Josh.*8.4. 2 *Sam.* 5. 23.

30 And [32] the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in aray against Gibeah, as at other times.

[32] Another part of the Army that was appointed to assault them, and then presently to retreat.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city, and they began † to smite of the people, *and* kill as at other times, in the high-ways, of which one goeth up to ‖ the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

† Heb. *to smite of the people wounded as at*, &c.
‖ Or, *Beth-el.*

32 And the children of Benjamin said, They *are* smitten down before us as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city, unto the high-ways.

33 And [33] all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in aray at Baal-tamar: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, *even* out of the meadows of Gibeah.

[33] The main Body of the Army kept as a Reserve.

34 And there came against Gibeah [34] ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the [35] battel was sore: but they [36] knew not that [37] evil *was* near them.

[34] Which were the Liers in wait. ¶ [35] Between the main Body of the Army, and the Benjamites that pursued those that fled. ¶ [36] *Josh.*10.-14. *Isa.*47.11. ¶ [37] By reason of another party fighting against the City, *v.* 37.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day, [38] twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword.

[38] This is the general Sum; the particulars are mentioned *v.*44,45. Besides a hundred slain, probably, in the former Battels, or scattering about in other places.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah.

37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah, and the liers in wait ‖ drew *themselves* along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

‖ Or, *made a long* sound with the trumpets.

38 Now there was an appointed ‖ sign between the men of Israel † and the liers in wait, that they should make a great † flame with smoke to rise up out of the city.

‖ Or, *time.*
† Heb. *with.*
† Heb. *elevation.*

39 And when the men of Israel [39] retired in the battel, Benjamin began † to smite *and* kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they said, [40] Surely they are smitten down before us, as *in* the first battel.

[39] *V.* 31.
† Heb. *to smite the wounded.*
[40] *Exod.*15.9.

40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city, with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites [41] looked behind them, and behold, † the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

[41] So *Josh.*8. 20.
† Heb. *the whole consumption.*

41 And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were [42] amazed: for they saw that evil † was come upon them.

† Heb. *touched them.*

[42] And then thereupon they look't back, *v.* 40. and saw that evil was upon 'em.

42 Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel, unto the way of the wilderness, but the [43] battel overtook them: and them which *came* out of the cities, they destroyed [44] in the midst of them.

[43] The main Battel, or chief strength of the Army, *v.*33.

¶ [44] Having enclosed them in on every side, *v.* 43.

43 *Thus* they enclosed the Benjamites round about, *and* chased them, *and* trode them down ‖ with ease † over against Gibeah toward the sun-rising.

‖ Or, from *Menuchah*, &c.
† Heb. *unto over against.*

44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these *were* men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the high-ways five thousand men, and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin, were [38] twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valour.

47 But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness [45] unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

[45] *ch.*21.13.

48 And the men of Israel turned again [46] upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of *every* city, as the beast, and all that † came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities † that they came to.

† Heb. *was found.*
† Heb. *were found.*

[46] The rest of the Cities of that Tribe.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *The people bewailing the desolation of Benjamin,* 16 *advise them to surprize the virgins that danced at Shiloh.*

NOw the men of Israel had [1] sworn in Mizpeh, saying, [2] There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

[1] See *ch.*20.8. ¶ [2] *q. d.* Tho there should many of 'em escape, yet we'll have no dealings, nor society with 'em, but look upon 'em as Heathens.

2 And the people came to the [3] house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lift up their voices and wept sore.

[3] To mourn for the common loss, and ask counsel of God about the repairing of it.

3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?

4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an [4] altar, and offered [5] burnt-offerings, and [5] peace-offerings.

[4] By special Dispensation, upon an extraordinary occasion (as *ch.*6.24. 1 *Sam.*7.-17. and 11.15. and 16. 2, 5. 2 *Sam.* 24. 18,25. 1 *King.*18.-30.) which seems to be allowed (*Ex.* 20.24.) specially while the Tabernacle was in an unsetled condition. ¶ [5] See on *ch.*20,26.

5 And the children of Israel said, Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel, that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? for they had made a [6] great oath concerning him that came not up to [7] the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, he shall surely be put to death.

[6] In respect of the solemnity of it, and perhaps with an execration, as *v.*-18. ¶ [7] See on *ch.*20.-1.

6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day:

7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD, that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 ¶ And they said, What one *is there* of the tribes of Israel, that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? and behold there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbred, and behold, *there*

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10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the [8] women and the children.

[8] Who, in such public and scandalous crimes, were, for the greater terror of such transgressors, and prevention of the like sins, often involved in the same punishment with the men, as *Deut.*13.15. *Josh.*7.24. &c.

11 And this *is* the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy [9] every male, and every woman that † hath [10] lien by man.

† Heb. *knoweth the lying with man.*

9 *Numb.* 31. 17. ¶ [10] Is a married woman.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead, four hundred † young virgins that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan.

† Heb. *young women virgins.*

13 And the whole congregation sent *some* † to speak to the children of Benjamin that *were* in the [11] rock Rimmon, and to ‖ call [12] peaceably unto them.

† Heb. *and spake and called.*
[11] *ch.*20.47.
‖ Or, *proclaim peace.*
[12] *Psal.* 78.38.

14 And Benjamin came again at that time, and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 ¶ Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

17 And they said, [13] *There must be* an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

[13] *q. d.* They that are escap'd must have the whole Inheritance that belongs to that Tribe; and therefore all of 'em had need to have wives.

18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have [1] sworn, saying, Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

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19 Then they said, Behold, *there is* a feast of the LORD in Shiloh † yearly *in a place* which *is* on the north-side of Beth-el, ‖ on the east-side ‖ of the high-way that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

† Heb. *from year to year.*
‖ Or, *towards the sun-rising.*
‖ Or, *on.*

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards:

21 And see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out, to [14] dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and [15] catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

[14] *Exod.*15.20. 1 *Sam.*18.6. 2 *Sam.*6.14. ¶ [15] This was but a meer eluding their Oath: and hereby they added Rape and Fraud to their Perjury.

22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, ‖ Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, *that* you should be [15] guilty.

‖ Or, *Gratifie us in them.*

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took *them* wives according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and [16] repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

[16] *ch.*20.48.

24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe, and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

25 * In those days *there was* [17] no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* [17] right in his own eyes.

* Chap.18.1. and 19.1.
[17] See on *ch.* 17.6.

RUTH.

The ARGUMENT.

THe main design of this Book is to give an Account of the Holy Line of Christ's Ancestors from Judah *to* David; *and that by means of* Ruth *a Moabitish woman, to shew, That Christ came Of, and For, the Gentiles as well as the Jews; which therefore may be a great encouragement to 'em to believe in him.*

CHAP. I.

1 *Elimelech driven by famine into Moab, dieth there.* 6 *Naomi returning home,* 14 *Ruth accompanieth her.*

NOw it came to pass in the days when the [1] judges † ruled, that there was * a [2] famine in the land: and a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of [3] Moab, he and his wife, and his two sons.

† Heb. *judged.*
* See 2 Kings 8.1.
[1] Probably about *Barak's* or *Gideon's* time. ¶ [2] *Gen.* 12. 10. *Judg.*6.4,6. *Deut.* 28. 23, 24. *Psal.* 107. 34. ¶ [3] *Psal.* 120. 5.

2 And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, * Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah: and they came into the country of Moab, and † continued there.

* See Gen. 35. 19.
† Heb. *were.*

3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband [4] died, and she was left, and her [5] two sons.

[4] *Psal.*34.19.
[5] *Isa.*27.8.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

5 And

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5 And Mahlon and Chilion died alſo both of them; and the woman was left of her two ſons, and her husband.

6 ¶ Then ſhe aroſe with her daughters in law, that ſhe might return from the country of Moab: for ſhe had heard in the country of Moab, how that the LORD had viſited his people, in giving them [6] bread.

[6] All manner of Proviſion; as *Matth.* 6. 11.

‖ *Exod.*18.27. 7 Wherefore ſhe [7] went forth out of the place where ſhe was, and her two daughters in law with her: and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi ſaid unto her two daughters in law,* Go, return each to her mothers houſe: [8] the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

* See Joſh.24. 15.
[8] 2 *Tim.*1.18.

9 [8] The LORD grant you that you may find [9] reſt, each *of you* in the houſe of her [10] husband. Then ſhe [11] kiſſed them: and they lift up their voice, and wept.

[9] *Ch.*3.1. A comfortable and ſetled abode. ¶ [10] Which you ſhall be married to. ¶ [11] *Gen.* 29.11. Took her leave of them.

10 And they ſaid unto her, Surely we will return [12] with thee unto thy people.

[12] *Pſal.*16.3. and 119.63.

11 And Naomi ſaid, Turn again, my daughters, why will ye go with me? *are* there yet *any mo* ſons in my womb, * that they may be your [13] husbands?

* Deut.25.5.
[13] According to that Law *Deut.*25.5,6. So *Gen.*38.11,14.

12 Turn again, my daughters, go *your way*, for I am too old to have an husband: if I ſhould ſay, I have hope, ‖ *if* I ſhould have a husband alſo to night, and ſhould alſo bear ſons:

‖ Or, *if I were with an huſband.*

13 Would ye † tarry for them till they were grown? would ye ſtay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters: for it † grieveth me much for your ſakes, that the [14] hand of the LORD is gone out againſt me.

† Heb. *hope.*
† Heb. *I have much bitterneſs.*
[14] *Job* 19.21. And ſo I am not in a capacity to help you as I would.

14 And they lift up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah [15] kiſſed her mother in law, but Ruth [15] clave unto her.

[15] *Prov.*17.17.

15 And ſhe ſaid, Behold, thy ſiſter in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her [16] gods: [17] return thou after thy ſiſter in law.

[16] Her idolatrous worſhip; (which here ſhe upbraids her for, thereby to bring her off from it.) ¶ [17] This ſhe ſpake to try her conſtancy in the true Religion, and love to her ſelf, as *Joſh.*24.15. 2 *Kings* 2.2. *Luke* 24.28.

‖ Or, *Be not againſt* me. 16 And Ruth ſaid,‖ [18] Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goeſt, I will go; and where thou lodgeſt, I will lodge: thy people *ſhall be* [19] my people, and [20] thy God my God:

[18] *Acts* 21.13. ¶ [19] I'le become one of them. ¶ [20] 1 *Theſſ.* 1.6,9. 2 *Cor.*6.14.

17 Where thou dieſt, will I die, and there will I be buried: * [21] the LORD do ſo to me, and more alſo, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

[4] 2 *Sam.*19.13. 2 Kings 6. 31.
[21] 1 *Sam.*3.17. and 25.22. 2 *Sam.* 3.9,35. 1 *Kings* 2. 23. and 19.2. and 20.10. The Lord puniſh me thus and thus.

† Heb. *ſtrengthned her ſelf.*
18 When ſhe ſaw that ſhe † was ſtedfaſtly minded to go with her, then ſhe [22] left ſpeaking unto her.

[22] Acts 21.14.

19 ¶ So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to paſs when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was [23] moved about them, and they ſaid, [24] *Is* this Naomi?

[23] With compaſſion and wonder at the ſad plight ſhe was in. ¶ [24] *Lam.*2.15.

20 And ſhe ſaid unto them, Call me not ‖ [25] Naomi, call me ‖ [26] Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

[25] Sweet, pleaſant, delightful. ¶ [26] Bitter, *Hebr.*12.11.

‖ That is, *Pleaſant.*
‖ That is, *Bitter.*

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, ſeeing the LORD hath [27] teſtified againſt me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

[27] *Job* 10.17. and 13. 26. and 16. 8. *Mal.* 3.5. *James* 5. 3. *Deut.*19. 16. Declared his juſt diſpleaſure.

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabiteſs her daughter in law with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley-harveſt.

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CHAP. II.

1 *Ruth gleaneth in the fields of Boaz:* 4 *He taking knowledge of her,* 8 *ſheweth her favour.*

AND Naomi had a [1] kinſman of her husbands, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name *was* ‖ Boaz.

[1] *ch.*3.2.
‖ Called *Booz.* Matth.1.5.

2 And Ruth the Moabiteſs ſaid unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and [2] glean ears of corn after *him*, in whoſe ſight I ſhall find grace. And ſhe ſaid unto her, Go, my daughter.

[2] *Lev.*19.9. and 23.22. *Deut*24.19,20. *Eph.*4.28.

3 And ſhe went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her † [3] hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech.

† Heb. *happned.*
[3] The Providence of God ſo ordered it, tho' it was a chance in reſpect of ſecond cauſes, *Matth.*10.29. 1 *Sam.* 23.27. *Eſth.* 6. 1, 2.

4 ¶ And behold, [3] Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and ſaid unto the reapers, [4] The LORD *be* with you: and they anſwered him, The LORD bleſs thee.

[4] *Judg.*6.12.

5 Then ſaid Boaz unto his ſervant that was [5] ſet over the reapers, Whoſe damſel *is* this?

[5] *Gen.*24.2.

6 And the ſervant that was ſet over the reapers, anſwered and ſaid, It *is* the Moabitiſh damſel that [6] came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

[6] *ch.*1.17,19.

7 And ſhe ſaid, I pray you, let me glean, and gather after the reapers amongſt the ſheaves: ſo ſhe came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that ſhe tarried a little in the houſe.

8 Then ſaid Boaz unto Ruth, Heareſt thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here faſt by my maidens.

9 *Let* thine eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men, that they ſhall not touch thee? and when thou art athirſt, go unto the veſſels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn.

10 Then ſhe [7] fell on her face, and [8] bowed her ſelf to the ground, and ſaid unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou ſhouldſt [9] take knowledge of me, ſeeing I *am* a ſtranger?

[7] See on *Gen.*17.3. ¶ [8] 1 *Sam.*25.23. ¶ [9] *Luke* 1.48.

11 And Boaz anſwered and ſaid unto her, It hath fully been [10] ſhewed me, all that thou haſt [11] done unto thy mother in law ſince the death of thine husband: and *how* thou haſt left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewеſt not heretofore.

[10] *Pſal.*37.5,6.
[11] *Prov.*31.31.

12 The LORD [12] recompenſe thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of

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of Iſrael, under whoſe [13] wings thou art come to truſt.

[12] 2 *Tim.*1.18. ¶ [13] *Pſal.*17.8. and 91.4. and 36. 7. and 61.4. and 57. 1. *Matth.*23. 37.

‖Or, *I find favour.* †Heb. *to the heart.*

13 Then ſhe ſaid, ‖[14] Let me find favour in thy ſight, my lord, for that thou haſt comforted me, and for that thou haſt ſpoken †friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be [15] not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

[14] *Gen.*33.9. Be pleaſed to continue thy kindneſs to me, ſince thou haſt begun to beſtow it upon me, tho unworthy. ¶ [15] 1 *Sam.*25.41. meaner and more unworthy.

14 And Boaz ſaid unto her, [16] at meal-time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morſel in the vineger. And ſhe ſat beſide the reapers: and he reached her [17] parched *corn*, and ſhe did eat and was [18] ſufficed, and left.

[16] *Prov.*11.27. ¶ [17] 1 *Sam.*17. 17. and 25. 18. 2 *Sam.* 17.28. ¶ [18] *Prov.*11.25. *Deut.*11.15.

15 And when ſhe was riſen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, ſaying, Let her glean even among the ſheaves, and †reproch her not.

†Heb. *ſhame.*

[19] *Pſal.*112. 9. *Iſa.*32.8.

16 And [19] let fall alſo *ſome* of the handfuls of purpoſe for her, and leave *them*, that ſhe may glean *them*, and rebuke her not.

17 So ſhe gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that ſhe had gleaned: and it was about an [20] ephah of barley.

[20] About three pecks.

18 ¶ And ſhe took *it* up, and went into the city: and her mother in law ſaw what ſhe had gleaned: and ſhe brought forth, and gave to her that ſhe had [21] reſerved, after ſhe was [18] ſufficed.

[21] *Job.*6.12,13.

19 And her mother in law ſaid unto her, Where haſt thou gleaned to day? and where wroughteſt thou? bleſſed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And ſhe ſhewed her mother in law with whom ſhe had wrought, and ſaid, the mans name with whom I wrought to day *is* Boaz.

20 And Naomi ſaid unto her daughter in law, * [22] Bleſſed *be* he of the LORD, who hath not [23] left off his kindneſs to the [24] living and to the [25] dead. And Naomi ſaid unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, ‖ one of our [26] next kinſmen.

* Chap.3.10. 2 Sam. 2.5.

‖Or, *one that hath right to redeem.* See Lev.25.25.

[22] *Job* 29.13. ¶ [23] *Prov.* 17. 17. ¶ [24] Me and Thee. ¶ [25] My Husband, and thy husband my Son; doing good to us for their ſakes, and ſo honouring their memory. ¶ [26] (And therefore ought to marry thee, if the next of all refuſe, *Deut.*25.5–7.)

21 And Ruth the Moabiteſs ſaid, He ſaid unto me alſo, Thou ſhalt keep faſt by my young men, until they have ended all my harveſt.

22 And Naomi ſaid unto Ruth her daughter in law, [27] *It is* good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they ‖ [28] meet thee not in any other field

[27] *Tit.*2.3. ‖ Or, *fall upon thee.* [28] *Prov.*22.3.

23 So ſhe [29] kept faſt by the maidens of Boaz to glean, unto the end of barley-harveſt, and of wheat-harveſt; and dwelt with her mother in law.

[29] 1 *Tim.*5.13. *Prov.*6.8.

CHAP. III.

1 *By Naomi's inſtruction, Ruth lieth at Boaz his feet.* 8 *Boaz acknowledgeth the right of a kinſman.*

THen Naomi her mother in law ſaid unto her, My daughter, ſhall I not ſeek [1] reſt for thee, that it may be well with the?

[1] See on *ch* 1.9. 1 *Cor.*7. 36.

2 [2] And now *is* not Boaz of our [3] kindred, with whoſe [4] maidens thou waſt? Behold, he [5] winnoweth barley to night in the threſhing-floor.

[2] *Prov.*18.24. ¶ [3] *ch.*2.20. ¶ [4] *ch.*2.8,22,23. ¶ [5] (And ſo thou mayeſt have a fit opportunity to try how my deſign will ſucceed.)

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3 [6] Waſh thy ſelf therefore, [6] and anoint thee, and put thy [7] raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the [8] floor: *but* make not thy ſelf [9] known unto the man, until he ſhall have done eating and drinking.

[6] 2 *Sam.*14.2. *Pſal.*104. 15. *Matth.*6. 17. To make thy ſelf the more amiable and acceptable. ¶ [7] 1 *Tim.* 2. 9. ¶ [8] Some place near thereabouts. ¶ [9] *Viz.* In ſo familiar a way as thou mayeſt do hereafter.

4 And it ſhall be when he lieth down, that thou ſhalt mark the place where he ſhall lie, and thou ſhalt go in, and ‖ [10] uncover his feet, and [11] lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou ſhalt do.

‖ Or, *lift up the clothes that are on his feet.*

[10] See on *Judg.*3. 24. ¶ [11] This might have ſome appearance of evil, but God uſed it as a means of good.

5 And ſhe ſaid unto her, [12] All that thou ſayeſt unto me, I will do.

[12] *Eph.*6. 1.

6 ¶ And ſhe went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was [13] merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and ſhe came ſoftly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

[13] See on *Judg.* 16. 25.

8 ¶ And it came to paſs at midnight, that the man was afraid, and ‖ turned himſelf: and behold, a woman lay at his feet.

‖ Or, *took hold on.*

9 And he ſaid, Who *art* thou? And ſhe anſwered, I *am* Ruth thine [14] handmaid: [15] ſpread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid, for thou *art* ‖ a [16] near kinſman.

‖ Or, *one that hath right to redeem.*

[14] 1 *Sam.*25.-41. ¶ [15] *Ezek.*16.8. *Gen.* 20. 16. Take me into thy protection, by taking me to be thy Wife. ¶ [16] *ch.* 2.20. See there, *n.*16.

10 And he ſaid, * Bleſſed *be* thou of the LORD, my daughter: *for* thou haſt ſhewed more [17] kindneſs in the [18] latter end, then at the [19] beginning, inaſmuch as thou followedſt not [20] young men, whether poor or rich.

* Chap.2.20.

[17] *Viz.* To thy deceaſed Husband, *ch.* 1. 8. ¶ [18] By ſeeking to raiſe up ſeed to him in ſuch a way, and by forſaking thy native Countrey. ¶ [19] In his life time. ¶ [20] 1 *Tim.* 5. 11.

11 And now, my daughter, fear not, I will do to thee all that thou requireſt: for all the † city of my people doth know, that thou *art* a [21] vertuous woman.

† Heb. *gate.*

[21] *Prov.*12.4. and 31. 31.

12 And now it is true, that I *am thy* near kinſman: howbeit there is a kinſman [22] nearer then I.

[22] 1 *Theſſ.*4. 6.

13 Tarry this night, and it ſhall be in the [23] morning, *that* if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinſman, well, let him do the kinſmans part; but if he will not do the part of a kinſman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinſman to thee, *as* the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

[23] *Pſal.*119.62.

14 ¶ And ſhe lay at his feet until the morning: and ſhe roſe up before one could know another. And he ſaid, [24] Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

[24] *Rom.*12.-17. 2 *Cor.*8.21. 1 *Theſſ.*5.22. 1 *Cor.*10.32. 1 *Pet.* 2,12. *Eccleſ.*7.1.

15 Alſo he ſaid, Bring the ‖ veil that *thou haſt* upon thee, and hold it. And when ſhe held it, he meaſured [25] ſix *meaſures* of barley, and laid *it* on her: and ſhe went into the city.

‖ Or, *ſheet*, or, *apron.*

[25] 1 *Joh.*3. 18. *Gal.*6.10.

16 And when ſhe came to her mother in law, ſhe ſaid, Who *art* thou my daughter? And ſhe told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And ſhe ſaid, Theſe ſix *meaſures* of barley gave he me; for he ſaid to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

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18 Then ſaid ſhe, [26] Sit ſtill, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in reſt, until he have finiſhed the thing this day.

[26] *Pſal.*37.3,4. *Iſa.*28.16

CHAP. IV.

1 *Boaz calleth into judgment the next kinſman*; 6 *he refuſing the redemption*, 10 *Boaz marrieth Ruth.*

THen went Boaz up to the gate, and ſat him down there: and [1] behold, the kinſman of whom Boaz [2] ſpake, came by; unto whom he ſaid, Ho, ſuch a one, turn aſide, ſit down here. And he turned aſide, and ſat down.

[1] *q. d.* Obſerve the ſpecial providence of God therein. ¶ [2] *ch.*3.12.

2 And he took [3] ten men of the elders of the city, and ſaid, Sit ye down here. And they [4] ſat down.

[3] *Exod.*18.21. [4] *Prov.*20. 8.

3 And he ſaid unto the kinſman, Naomi that is come again out of the countrey of Moab, ſelleth a parcel of land, which *was*, our brother Elimelechs.

† Heb. *I ſaid, I will reveal in thine ear.*

4 And † I thought to advertiſe thee, ſaying, [5] Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it*; but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know: for *there is* none to redeem *it* beſides thee, and I *am* after thee. And he ſaid, I will redeem *it*.

[5] *Jer.*32.7, 8.

5 Then ſaid Boaz, What day thou buyeſt the field of the hand of Naomi, thou muſt buy *it* alſo of Ruth the Moabiteſs, the [6] wife of the dead, to raiſe up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

[6] (And therefore muſt alſo marry her, *Gen.*38.8.)

6 ¶ And the kinſman ſaid, I cannot redeem *it* for my ſelf, leſt I [7] mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thy ſelf, for I cannot redeem *it*.

[7] By having it divided among many Children, (which probably he might have by a young woman.)

7 Now this *was the* [8] *manner* in former time in Iſrael, concerning redeeming, and concerning changing, for to confirm all things: a [9] man plucked off his ſhoe, and gave *it* to his [10] neighbour: and this *was* a [11] teſtimony in Iſrael.

[8] *Deut.*25.7–9. ¶ [9] The Seller. ¶ [10] The Buyer or Redeemer: and it was as if he had ſaid, Take this ſhoe wherewith I uſed to go and tread upon my Land, and in that ſhoe do thou enter upon it, and take poſſeſſion of it. ¶ [11] *Jer.*32. 10,11. The confirmation of the bargain and purchaſe.

8 Therefore the kinſman ſaid unto Boaz, Buy *it* for thee: ſo he drew off his ſhoe.

[12] *Jer.*32.12.

9 ¶ And Boaz ſaid unto the elders, and *unto* all the people, Ye *are* [12] witneſſes this day, that I have bought all that *was* Elimelechs, and all that *was* Chilions and Mahlons, of the hand of Naomi. Chap. 4.

10 Moreover, Ruth the Moabiteſs the wife of Mahlon, have I purchaſed to be my wife, to raiſe up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye *are* witneſſes this day.

11 And all the people that *were* in the gate, and the elders ſaid, *We are* witneſſes: [13] The LORD make the woman that is come into thine houſe, like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the houſe of Iſrael: and ‖ [14] do thou worthily in * Ephratah, and † be [15] famous in Beth-lehem.

‖ Or, *get thee riches*, or *power*.

* Gen.35.19.

† Heb. *proclaim thy name.*

[13] *Pſal.* 127. 3. ¶ [14] Grow more rich and mighty. ¶ [15] *Pſal.*127.4.5. By a numerous Progeny.

12 And let thy houſe be [16] like the houſe of [17] Pharez, (* whom Tamar [18] bare unto Judah) of the ſeed which the LORD ſhall give thee of this young woman.

* Gen38. 29. 1 Chron.2.4. Matth.1. 3.

[16] Honourable, in a numerous Poſterity. ¶ [17] One of thy Anceſtors, *v.*18. ¶ [18] *Gen.*38. 20.

13 ¶ So Boaz took Ruth, and ſhe was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the [19] LORD gave her conception, and ſhe bare a ſon.

[19] *Gen.*33.-5. ſee there.

14 And the [20] woman ſaid unto Naomi, Bleſſed *be* the LORD which hath not † left thee this day without a ‖ kinſman, that his name may be [21] famous in Iſrael.

† Heb. *cauſed to ceaſe unto thee.*

‖ Or, *redeemer.*

[20] *Luke* 1.58. *Rom.*12.15. ¶ [21] Continue and grow renowned by this Child now born to him.

15 And [22] he ſhall be unto thee a [23] reſtorer of *thy* life, and † [24] a nouriſher of † thine old age: for thy daughter in law which loveth thee, which is better to thee then [25] ſeven ſons, hath born him.

† Heb. *to nouriſh.*

† Heb. *thy gray hairs.*

[22] This Child. ¶ [23] *Pſal.*23.3. *Lam.*1.11. Make thee as it were young again. ¶ [24] *Gen.*45.11. and 47.12. 1 *King.*18. 4. ¶ [25] 1 *Sam.*1.-8.

16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her boſom, and became nurſe unto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, ſaying, There is a ſon born to Naomi, and they called his name [26] Obed: he *is* the father of Jeſſe, the father of David.

[26] *i. e.* A Servant, in reference to that ſerviceableneſs they expected from him to *Naomi*, *v.* 15.

18 ¶ Now theſe *are* the generations of Pharez: * Pharez begat Hezron,

* 1 Chron. 2. 4. &c. Matth. 1. 3.

19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

20 And Amminadab begat Nahſhon, and Nahſhon begat ‖ Salmon,

‖ Or, *Salmah.*

21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

22 And Obed begat Jeſſe, and Jeſſe begat David.

I. SAMUEL.

The ARGUMENT.

THis Book *contains the Hiſtory of the two laſt Judges,* Eli *and* Samuel, *and of* Saul *the firſt King of* Iſrael, *with the ſtate of the Church and Commonwealth under their Government. It begins with an Account of* Samuel's *birth,* (ch.1.) *Education,* (ch.2.) *and Call to the Prophetical Office under* Eli, (ch.3.) *who for his remiſneſs and connivance at his ſon's wickedneſs is threatned with the ruine of his Family,* (ch.2.22.&c.) *and accordingly his two ſons are ſlain in battel by the Philiſtines, the Ark is taken, and himſelf breaks his neck,* (ch.4.) *The Ark brings a Plague among the Philiſtines,* (ch. 5.) *whereupon they ſend it back again,* (ch.6.) *Then* Eli *being dead* Samuel *judges the people,* (ch.7.) *But when he was old, he imploys his ſons under him: with whoſe mal-adminiſtration the people being diſſatisfied deſire a King,* (ch.8.) *whereupon, by God's appointment,* Samuel *anoints* Saul, (ch.10.) *who takes upon him the Government,* (ch.11.) *and then* Samuel *reſigns up his Office,* (ch.12.) *and* Saul *rules,* (ch.13.) *but for his diſobedience is rejected,* (ch.15.) *and* David *anointed to ſucceed him,* (ch.16) *who ſlaies* Goliah, (ch.17.) *and is beloved by* Jonathan, *and applauded by the people; for which* Saul *envies him and ſeeks his life,* (ch.18–26.) *At laſt* Saul *being in diſtreſs and forſaken by God, ſeeks to a Witch for counſel,* (ch. 29.) *and is ſlain in Battel by the Philiſtines,* (ch. 31.)

It contains the Hiſtory of fourſcore years: forty under Eli, *and forty under* Samuel *and* Saul; *and probably was written by* Samuel, Nathan, *and* Gad, 1 Chron. 29.29.

CHAP. I.

1 *Elkanah, and his two wives.* 9 *Hannahs prayer.* 19 *Samuel is born,* 24 *and preſented to the Lord.*

NOw there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name *was* * Elkanah, the ſon of Jeroham, the ſon of Elihu, the ſon of Tohu, the ſon of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

* See 1 Chr. 6.27,34.

2 And he had [1] two wives, the name of the one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had [2] no children.

[1] See on *Gen.* 4.19.

[2] *Judg.*13.2. *Gen.*29.31.

3 And this man went up out of his city † [3] yearly, to worſhip and to ſacrifice unto the LORD of hoſts in [4] Shiloh; and the two ſons of [5] Eli, [6] Hophni and Phinehas, the prieſts of the LORD, *were* there.

† Heb. *from year to year.*

[3] *Exod.*23.17. and 34.23. *Deut.* 16. 16. ¶ [4] *Joſh.* 18. 1. ¶ [5] Who was Judge, or Supream Magiſtrate, Civil as well as Sacred, *v.* 9. *ch.* 4.-18. ¶ [6] Tho' they were wicked (which ſtumbled ſome, *ch.*2.17.) yet it hindred not *Elkanah* from his duty.

4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her ſons and her daughters, [7] portions.

¶ [7] *Viz.* Out of the Peace-offerings, the greateſt part whereof belonged to the Offerer; wherewith he and his Friends did feaſt together, *Deut.* 12. 12. and 16. 11. *Lev.* 7. 15. and 9. 22.

5 But unto Hannah he gave ‖ [8] a worthy portion; for he [9] loved Hannah, but the LORD had [10] ſhut up her womb;

‖ Or, *a double portion.*

[8] So *Gen.*43.-34. ¶ [9] *Gen.*29.30. ¶ [10] *v.*2. *Gen.* 16.2. and 20. 18.

6 And her [11] adverſary [12] alſo † * [13] provoked her ſore, for to make her [14] fret, becauſe the LORD had ſhut up her womb.

† Heb. *angered her.*

* Job 24.21.

[11] *Lev.*18.18. ¶ [12] Beſides the trouble ſhe underwent by reaſon of her barrenneſs, *v.*4. ¶ [13] Not only upbraided her with her barrenneſs, but alſo quarrel'd her, becauſe ſhe had a greater ſhare in her husband's affection and kindneſs than her ſelf, *v.*7. ¶ [14] *Job* 6. 14.

7 And *as* he [15] did ſo year by year, ‖ † when ſhe went up to the houſe of the LORD, ſo ſhe provoked her; therefore ſhe wept, and did not eat.

‖ Or, *from the time that ſhe,* &c.

† Heb. *from her going up.*

[15] Shew'd her ſuch extraordinary kindneſs, *v.* 5.

8 Then ſaid Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, [16] why weepeſt thou? and why eateſt thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? [17] *am* not I better to thee then ten ſons?

[16] 1 *Theſſ.*5.14. ¶ [17] *Ruth* 4.-15. Is not my hearty love to thee matter of greater comfort than if thou hadſt ten ſons?

9 ¶ So Hannah roſe up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk: (now Eli the prieſt ſat upon a ſeat by a poſt of the [18] temple of the LORD)

[18] *Ch.*3.3. 2 *Sam.*22.7. Some building of wood to cover the Tabernacle, and ſecure it from injury. So *ch.* 3. 15. for *Exod.*26.36.

10 And ſhe *was* † [19] in bitterneſs of ſoul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept ſore.

† Heb. *bitter of ſoul.*

[19] *Job* 9.18. and 10.-1. *Iſa.*38.-15. *Lam.* 3. 15. Extremity of grief and ſadneſs.

11 And ſhe [20] vowed a vow, and ſaid, O LORD of hoſts, if thou wilt indeed [21] look on the [22] affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt [23] give unto thine handmaid † a man-child, then I will give him unto the LORD [24] all the days of his life, and * [25] there ſhall no raſour come upon his head.

† Heb. *ſeed of men.*

* Judg.13.5.

[20] See on *Gen.*28.20. ¶ [21] *Viz.* Favourably, ſo as to remove it. ¶ [22] My reproach, by reaſon of my barrenneſs. ¶ [23] Devote him to thy ſervice in an extraordinary and more eſpecial manner than other Levites are. ¶ [24] And not only from thirty years old, as other *Levites* were, *Numb.* 4. 3. notwithſtanding which God might imploy him as he pleas'd; and therefore called him to be a Prophet, and General of the Army, and a Judge. ¶ [25] *Numb.*6.5. See there. *i.e.* he ſhall be a perpetual Nazarite.

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12 And it came to pass as she † [26] continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

†Heb. *multiplied to pray.*

[26] *Jam.*5.16.

13 Now Hannah, she [27] spake in her heart, only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

[27] *Neh.*2.-4. *Rom.*8.26.

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? [28] put away thy wine from thee.

[28] Go home and sleep thy self sober, and repent of this thy sin.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, [29] my lord, I *am* a woman † of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have [30] poured out my soul before the LORD.

† Heb. *hard of spirit.*

[29] *Prov.*15.1. ¶ [30] *Psal.*62.-8. and 142.2. *Lam.*2.19.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of [31] Belial: for out of the abundance of my ‖ complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

[31] See on *Deut.*13.13.

‖ Or, *meditation.*

17 Then Eli answered and said, [32] Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

[32] See on *Exod.*4.-18. *q. d.* Be not troubled at what I said, but compose thy self to a quiet waiting upon God.

18 And she said, Let thine handmaid [33] find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was [34] no more *sad.*

[33] Still enjoy the benefit of thy prayers, and continue in thy good opinion. ¶ [34] *Eccl.*9.7. *Rom.*15.13. Being assured by God's Spirit that both her own and *Eli*'s prayer for her was heard.

19 ¶ And they rose up in the morning [35] early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD [36] remembered her.

[35] *Psal*5.3. and 119.147. ¶ [36] *v.*11. *Gen.* 21.1. Made it appear that he did so.

† Heb. *in revolution of days.*

20 Wherefore it came to pass, ‖ when the time was come about, after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

‖ That is, *Asked of God.*

21 And the man Elkanah, and [37] all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his [38] vow

[37] Out of singular devotion, tho they were not oblig'd to it. ¶ [38] A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving (which he had vowed) besides the yearly and ordinary Sacrifice.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide [39] for ever.

[39] See *n.* 24. *Exod.*21.-6.

23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good, tarry until thou have weaned him, only the LORD [40] establish his word: so the woman abode, and [41] gave her son suck until she weaned him.

[40] 2 *Sam.*7.25. Continue this mercy he has bestow'd, and perform what ever else he has promis'd about this child. ¶ [41] *Gen.*21.7. *Psal.*22.9.

24 ¶ And when she had weaned him, [42] she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one [43] ephah of flour, and a bottle of [43] wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and [44] the child *was* young.

[42] *Luke* 2.-22. ¶ [43] *Numb.*15.9,10. ¶ [44] 2 *Tim.*3.15.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

* Gen.42.15. 2 Kings 2.2, 4,6.

26 And she said, O my lord, * [45] *as* thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, [46] praying unto the LORD.

[45] *Ch.*17.-55. and 20.3. 2 *Sam.* 11.11. and 14.19. *q. d.* As sure as thou art alive, and I desire thou maist so continue. ¶ [46] *v.*11.-13.

27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I have ‖ [23] lent him to the LORD as long as he liveth, ‖ he shall be lent to the LORD. And [47] he worshipped the LORD there.

‖ Or, *returned him, whom I have obtained by petition, to the LORD.*

[47] *Samuel* devoted and entred himself into the worship and service of God in that place, and served him according to his capacity.

‖ Or, *he whom I have obtained by petition shall be returned.*

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CHAP. II.

1 *Hannahs song.* 12 *The sin of Eli's sons.* 18 *Samuels ministery.* 27 *A prophecy against Eli's house.*

AND Hannah [1] prayed, and said, My heart [2] rejoyceth [3] in the LORD, [4] mine horn is exalted [5] in the LORD: [6] my mouth is enlarged [7] over mine enemies: because I rejoyce [8] in thy salvation.

[1] *Phil.*4.6. ¶ [2] *Luke* 1.47. ¶ [3] *Phil.* 3.1. See there. In this demonstration of his love to me. ¶ [4] *Psal.* 92.10. and 112.-9. and 148.14. My honour and reputation (which before seem'd to be eclips'd by my barrenness) is now repair'd. ¶ [5] *Psal.*18.2. and 89.17. By his power and goodness to me, and what he has done for me. ¶ [6] I have now matter enough to reply to the scornful reproaches of my insulting Adversary. ¶ [7] *Rev.* 18.20. ¶ [8] In this glorious deliverance from the reproaches of my Adversary.

2 * *There is* none [9] holy [10] as the LORD: for *there is* [11] none beside thee: neither *is there* any [12] rock like our God.

* Deut.3.24. and 32.4. Psal.86.8. and 89.6,8.

[9] *Viz.* Essentially, infinitely and originally. ¶ [10] *Exod.* 15.11. As he has shew'd himself to be in this act of grace to me. ¶ [11] No God, (*Deut.*32.39.) and all Creatures are as nothing, *Isa.*40.17. ¶ [12] *Deut.*32.4. See there. A sure defence and refuge to all that flee to him and trust in him.

3 [13] Talk no more so exceeding [13] proudly, * let *not* † [14] arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD *is* a God [15] of knowledge, and by him actions are [16] weighed.

* Mal.3.13. Jude 15.

† Heb. *hard.*

[13] Boast no more of thy numerous Off-spring, and speak no more so insolently and scornfully of me as thou hast done. ¶ [14] Vaunting speeches of thy self, to the disparagement of others. ¶ [15] Who sees your carriage to me, and will deal with you accordingly. ¶ [16] To give to every one according to their works; (and therefore he has pitied my oppressed innocency, and rebuked her arrogance.)

4 [17] The bows of the mighty men *are* broken, and they that [18] stumbled, are girt with strength.

[17] *Psal.* 76.3. *Judg.* 4.19. The designs and endeavours of the most powerful and politic are disappointed. ¶ [18] *Hebr.* 11.34. Were weak, and unable to conceive, (which was my case.)

5 * *They that were* [19] full, have hired out themselves for bread; and *they that were* hungry, [20] ceased: so that the barren hath born [21] seven; and [22] she that hath many children, is waxed [23] feeble.

* Psal.34.10. Luke 1.53.

[19] Enabled both to conceive and bring forth. ¶ [20] *Viz.* To be so; and are filled with blessings. ¶ [21] *v.*21. Several. ¶ [22] *Penimah.* ¶ [23] *Jer.*15.9. Unable to bear any more; or has lost those she had.

6 * The LORD [24] killeth, and [24] maketh alive: he bringeth down to the [25] grave, and bringeth up.

* Job 5.18. Hos.6.1.

[24] *Deut.*32.39. *Rev.*1.-18. Revives me, who was almost overwhelmed and consumed with grief. ¶ [25] *ch.* 20.3. *Isa.* 26.19. *Hos.*6.2. *Jon.*2.-2,3. *Psal.*18.5, and 116.3. and 130.1.

7 The LORD maketh [26] poor, and maketh rich: he [27] bringeth low, and lifteth up.

[26] *Job* 1.21. [27] *Psal.* 75.7.

8 He [28] raiseth up the poor out of the [29] dust, *and* lifteth up the begger from the [29] dunghil, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the [30] pillars of the earth

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earth *are* the LORDs, and he hath ſet the world upon them.

[28] *Pſal.*113.7. *Job* 36.11. *Luke* 1.52. ¶ [29] 1 *King.*16.2. *Pſal.*22.-15. *Lam.*4.5. ¶ [30] *Job* 38.4,5. *Pſal.*102. 25. and 104.5.

* Pſal.91.11. 9 *He will [31] keep the feet of his ſaints, and the wicked ſhall be [32] ſilent in darkneſs; for by ſtrength ſhall no man [33] prevail.

[31] *Pſal.*121.5,8. Direct and protect 'em in all their ways, *Prov.*16.-9. ¶ [32] *Pſal.* 94.-17. overwhelmed with aſtoniſhment in thoſe Calamities that befall 'em, *Matth.* 22. 12. *Job* 5.-16. *Iſa.*15.1. *Jer.*8.14. *Eccl.*5.17. *Zeph.*1. 15. ¶ [33] *ch.* 17.49. Accompliſh his own purpoſes.

10 [34] The adverſaries of the LORD ſhall be broken to pieces: out of heaven ſhall he [35] thunder upon them: the LORD ſhall [36] judge the [37] ends of the earth, and he [38] ſhall give ſtrength

* Pſal.89.24. unto his king, and *[38] exalt the horn of his anointed.

[34] *Ch.*7.-10. and 12.18. *Pſal.* 2.9. The *Philiſtines* ſhall be ſubdued. ¶ [35] 2 *Sam.*22.14,15. Deſtroy 'em in ſome terrible, unuſual way. ¶ [36] Condemn and puniſh. ¶ [37] The *Philiſtines* (who dwelt in the utmoſt Borders of the Land of *Canaan.*) ¶ [38] Set up and eſtabliſh the Kingdom of the Meſſiah. Here is the firſt promiſe of the Kingdom of the Meſſiah; and that Title firſt given to him.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his houſe;

* Chap.3. 1. and * the child did [39] miniſter unto the LORD [40] before Eli the prieſt.

[39] *V.*18. perform'd ſuch ſervice in opening and ſhutting the Doors, lighting the Lamps, or the like, as he was able. ¶ [40] According to his appointment.

12 ¶ Now the ſons of Eli *were* ſons [41] of Belial, they [42] knew not the LORD.

[41] See on *Deut.*13.13. ¶ [42] *Tit.*1.16. 1 *Joh.*2.3,4. *Jer.*9.-3. Did not fear nor ſerve him.

13 And the prieſts cuſtom with the people *was, that* when any man offered ſacrifice, the prieſts ſervant came, while the [43] fleſh was in ſeething, with a fleſh-hook of three teeth in his hand.

[43] That part of the Sacrifice that belonged to him that brought it.

* See 1 Eſd.1. 12. 14 And he ſtruck *it* into the * pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; [44] all that the fleſh-hook brought up, the prieſt took [45] for himſelf: ſo they did in Shiloh, unto all the Iſraelites that came thither.

[44] *Iſa.*56.11. ¶ [45] Not being content with the portion allotted him by God, *Exod.*29.27, 28. *Lev.*7.31. &c.

[46] *Lev.*3.-3,4. 15 Alſo before they burnt the [46] fat, the prieſts ſervant came, and ſaid to the man that ſacrificed, Give fleſh to roſt for the prieſt; for he will not have ſodden fleſh of thee, but raw.

16 And *if* any man ſaid unto him, Let them

† Heb. *as on the day.* not fail to burn the fat † preſently, and *then* take *as much* as thy ſoul deſireth: then he would anſwer him, *Nay*, but thou ſhalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force.

17 Wherefore the ſin of the young men was very great [47] before the LORD; for men [48] abhorred [49] the offering of the LORD.

[47] *Gen.*9.10. ¶ [48] *Mal.* 2.8. ¶ [49] To offer Sacrifices, when there was ſuch abuſes committed about 'em.

18 ¶ But Samuel [50] miniſtred before the

* Exod.28.4. LORD, *being* a child, * girded with a linen [51] ephod.

[50] See *n.*39. Perform'd his Service carefully and faithfully; not corrupting nor abuſing it, as *Eli's* Sons did. ¶ [51] *ch.* 22. 18. 2 *Sam.*6.14.

19 Moreover, his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year,

[52] *ch.* 1. 7. when ſhe [52] came up with her husband, to offer the yearly ſacrifice.

20 ¶ And Eli [53] bleſſed Elkanah, and his wife, and ſaid, The LORD give thee ſeed of this

‖ Or, *petition which ſhe asked,* &c. woman, [54] for the ‖ loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

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[53] *Gen.* 14. 19. *viz.* In God's name, as his High-Prieſt. ¶ [54] Inſtead of this which is given to the Lord; and ſo thou haſt but little of the comfort of his Company.

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21 And the LORD [55] viſited Hannah, ſo that ſhe conceived and bare three ſons, and two daughters: and the child Samuel [56] grew [57] before the LORD.

[55] *Gen.*21.1 ſee there. ¶ [56] *V.*26. *ch.*3.19. *Luke* 1.80. & 2.40. ¶ [57] In acceptation with God; by reaſon of his grace and goodneſs.

22 ¶ Now Eli was [58] very old, and heard all that his ſons [59] did unto all Iſrael, and how they lay with * the women that † aſſembled at the

* See Exod. 38.8. door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

† Heb. *aſſembled by troops.*

[58] So that he could not perſonally take notice of theſe miſcarriages in his Sons (only as the report thereof was brought to him) which gave 'em opportunity for their wickedneſs. ¶ [59] *v.*13.-16.

23 And he ſaid unto them, Why do ye ſuch things? for ‖ I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

‖ Or, *I hear evil words of you.*

24 Nay, my ſons: for *it is* [60] no good report that I hear; ye make the LORDs people ‖ to [61] tranſgreſs.

‖ Or, *to cry out.*

[60] 1 *Tim.*3.7. ¶ [61] By neglecting the Lords Sacrifice, (*v.* 17.) and committing folly with you, *v.* 22.

25 [62] If one man ſin againſt another, the judge ſhall judge him: but if a man ſin [63] againſt the LORD, [64] who ſhall intreat for him? Notwithſtanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, becauſe the LORD would [65] ſlay them.

[62] *q. d.* If only man be wronged, man can right it. ¶ [63] *viz.*-Directly and immediately. ¶ [64] *ch.* 3. 14. He muſt be left to the dreadful and juſt Judgment of God. ¶ [65] *Prov.* 14.-10. 2 *Chron.* 15.-16. Give 'em up to the wickedneſs of their own hearts, which would be their ruin in the end, *Pſal.*69.27.

26 And the child Samuel [56] grew on, and was [66] in favor both with the LORD, and alſo with men.)

[66] *Prov.*3.4. *Luke* 2.52. *Act.*2.47. *Rom.*14.18.

27 ¶ And there came [67] a man of God unto Eli, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD, *Did I plainly appear unto the houſe of thy * Exod.4.14. 27. [68] father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaohs houſe?

[67] *Gb.*9.6. 2 *Pet.*1.21. 1 *Tim.*6.11. a Prophet. ¶ [68] *Aaron*, the firſt Founder of thy Houſe, and the Prieſthood; by chooſing him to be joyn'd with *Moſes* for the deliverance of my People.

28 And did I [69] chooſe him out of all the tribes of Iſrael *to be* my prieſt, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incenſe, to wear an ephod before me? and * did I give unto the houſe of * Lev.2.3, 10. & 6.16. & 7. thy father all [70] the offerings made by fire of the children of Iſrael? 7,8. & 10.14. Numb.5.9, 10. & 18.8.

[69] *Numb.*17.5, 8. 2 *Sam.* 12. 7. ¶ [70] *Lev.* 6. 17. *Deut.* 18. 1.

29 Wherefore [71] kick ye at my ſacrifice, and at mine offering which I have commanded *in* [72] *my* habitation, and [73] honoureſt thy ſons above me, to make your ſelves fat with the [74] chiefeſt of all the offerings of Iſrael my people?

[71] *Deut.*32.15. Behave your ſelves contemptibly towards me, as if what I appointed were not good enough for you; and therefore you'll be your own Carvers, *v.* 13.-16. He charges *Eli* with his Sons faults. ¶ [72] *Pſal.* 132.-13. ¶ [73] Chooſeſt rather to humour and indulge them in their ſinful courſes, than to vindicate the honour of my Worſhip from thoſe abuſes they put upon it. ¶ [74] *v.* 13.-16.

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Iſrael ſaith, * [75] I ſaid indeed, *that* thy houſe, and the houſe * Exod.29.9. of thy father [76] ſhould walk before me for ever: but now the LORD ſaith, [77] Be it far from me; for them that [78] honour me, [79] I will honour, and * they that [80] deſpiſe me, ſhall be lightly eſteemed. * Pſal.18.26. Mal.2.9.

[75] *Viz. Exod.*28.43. and 29.9. ¶ [76] Should be eſtabliſh'd in the Prieſthood, *viz.* if they did walk in my Command-

ments.

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7 ‖ Now Samuel * 9 did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

‖ Or, *Thus* did *Samuel before he knew the LORD, and before the word of the LORD was revealed unto him.*

9 *Viz.* Experimentally, in this extraordinary way.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose, and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I, for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

* See Act.19.2.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down; and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, 10 Speak LORD, for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 *Act.*9.6.

10 And the LORD 11 came, and stood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak, for thy servant heareth.

11 The voice came near him.

11 ¶ And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it, shall 12 tingle.

12 2 *King.*21.12. *Jer.*19.3. *Psal.*119.120. Be stricken with horror and astonishment.

12 13 In that day, I will perform against Eli all *things* which I have 14 spoken concerning his house: † 15 when I begin, I will also make an end.

† Heb. *beginning and ending.*

13 In the Season that I have appointed for this work. ¶ 14 *ch.*2.27.&c. *Zech.* 1.6. *Luke* 21.33. ¶ 15 *q. d.* Tho it may be long e're I begin, yet I'll certainly and fully accomplish what I've said.

13 ‖ * For I have told him, that I will 16 judge his house for ever, for the 17 iniquity which he knoweth: because his sons made themselves ‖ vile, and he † 18 restrained them not.

‖ Or, *And I will tell him,* &c. * Chap.2. 29, 30, 31, &c. ‖ Or, *accursed.* † Heb. *frowned not upon them.*

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20 And all Iſrael * from Dan even to Beer-ſheba [27] knew that Samuel *was* ‖ eſtabliſhed *to be* a prophet of the LORD.

[27] *Viz.* By the event, and accompliſhment of what he ſaid.

21 And the LORD appeared [28] again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himſelf to Samuel in Shiloh, [29] by the word of the LORD.

[28] *Viz.* After a long intermiſſion of prophetical Revelations, *v.* 1. ¶ [29] By prophetical viſions from himſelf.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The Iſraelites are overcome by the Philiſtines.* 10 *The Ark is taken, and Eli's ſons ſlain.* 12 *Eli hearing the news, breaketh his neck.*

‖ Or, *came to paſs.* † Heb. *was.* 2888.

AND the [1] word of Samuel ‖ † came to all Iſrael. Now Iſrael went out againſt the Philiſtines to battel, and pitched beſide [2] Eben-ezer: and the Philiſtines pitched in Aphek.

[1] This Command to go fight with the Philiſtines. ¶ [2] So called afterwards, *ch.* 7. 11.

†Heb. *the battel was ſpread* [3] So *Joſh.* 7. 4, 5. † Heb. *the array.*

2 And the Philiſtines put themſelves in array againſt Iſrael: and *when* they † joyned battel, Iſrael was [3] ſmitten before the Philiſtines: and they ſlew of † the army in the field about four thouſand men.

† Heb. *take unto us.*

3 ¶ And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Iſrael ſaid, [4] Wherefore hath the LORD ſmitten us to day before the Philiſtines? Let us † fetch [5] the ark [6] of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that when it cometh among us, it may [7] ſave us out of the hand of our enemies.

[4] *Joſh.* 7. 7, 8. *Lam.* 3. 40. ¶ [5] *ch.* 14. 18. *Numb.* 14. 44, 45. and 31. 6. *Joſh.* 6. 4, 5. 2 *Sam.* 11. 11. ¶ [6] See on *Numb.* 19. 33. ¶ [7] *Jer.* 7. 4, 8–15.

4 So the people ſent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hoſts, which dwelleth [8] *between* the cherubims: and the two ſons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there, with the ark of the covenant of God.

[8] 2 *Sam.* 6. 2. 2 *Kings* 19. 15. 1 *Chron.* 13. 6. *Pſal.* 80. 1. and 99. 1. *Iſa.* 37. 16. Manifeſts himſelf in a ſpecial manner, and gives Anſwers and Oracles from thence, *Exod.* 25. 20. *Numb.* 7. 89.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Iſrael ſhouted with a great ſhout, ſo that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philiſtines heard the noiſe of the ſhout, they ſaid, What *meaneth* the noiſe of this great ſhout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they underſtood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

7 And the Philiſtines were afraid, for they ſaid, God is come into the camp. And they ſaid, [9] Wo unto us; for there hath not been ſuch a thing † heretofore.

[9] *Exod.* 14. 25. † Heb. *yeſterday*, or *the third day.*

8 Wo unto us: who ſhall deliver us out of the hand of theſe mighty Gods? theſe *are* the Gods that ſmote the Egyptians with all the plagues [10] in the wilderneſs.

[10] When he brought 'em into the wilderneſs thro' the red Sea, where, after all their former plagues, the Egyptians were drown'd.

9 Be ſtrong, and quit your ſelves like men, O ye Philiſtines, that ye be not ſervants unto the Hebrews, [11] as they have been to you: † quit your ſelves like men, and fight.

[11] *Judg.* 13. 1. *Deut.* 28. 47, 48. † Heb. *be men.*

10 ¶ And the Philiſtines fought, and Iſrael was ſmitten, and they fled every man [12] into his tent: and there was a very [13] great ſlaughter, for there fell of Iſrael thirty thouſand footmen.

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[12] 1 *Kings* 12. 16. To his own dwelling. ¶ [13] *Pſal.* 78. 62.

11 And the ark of God was [14] taken; and the two ſons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were †[15] ſlain.

[14] *Pſal.* 78. 61. † Heb. *died.* [15] *ch.* 2. 34. *Pſa.* 78. 64.

12 ¶ And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the ſame day with his [16] clothes rent, and * with [17] earth upon his head.

* Joſh. 7. 6. 2 Sam. 13. 19. and 15. 32. Job 2. 12.

[16] See on *Gen.* 37. 29. ¶ [17] 2 *Sam.* 1. 2. In token that they were unworthy to be above ground; but rather deſerved to be under it among the dead.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli ſat upon * a ſeat by the way-ſide, watching: for his heart trembled [18] for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told *it*, all the city cried out.

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[18] Leſt it ſhould be taken and abuſed by the Philiſtines, and God's people deprived of the comfort of it.

14 And when Eli heard the noiſe of the crying, he ſaid, What *meaneth* the noiſe of this tumult? And the man came in haſtily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli *was* ninety and eight years old; and * his eyes † were dim, that he could not ſee.

* Chap. 3. 2. † Heb. *ſtood.*

16 And the man ſaid unto Eli, I *am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he ſaid, What † is there done, my ſon?

† Heb. *is the thing.*

17 And the meſſenger anſwered and ſaid, Iſrael is fled before the Philiſtines, and there hath been alſo a great ſlaughter among the people, and thy two ſons alſo, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to paſs when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the ſeat backward by the ſide of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Iſrael forty years.

19 ¶ And his daughter in law Phinehas wife was with child *near* ‖ to be delivered: and when ſhe heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law, and her huſband were dead, ſhe bowed her ſelf and travailed; for her pains † came upon her.

‖ Or, *to cry out.* † Heb. *were turned.*

20 And about the time of her death, the women that ſtood by her, ſaid unto her, Fear not, for thou haſt born a [19] ſon. But ſhe anſwered not, † neither did ſhe regard *it*.

[19] *Gen.* 35, 17, 18. *Joh.* 16. 21. † Heb. *ſet not her heart.*

21 And ſhe named the child ‖ * I-chabod, ſaying, [20] The glory is departed from Iſrael: (becauſe the ark of God was taken, and becauſe of her father in law and her huſband.)

‖ That is, *Where is the glory?* or, There is *no glory.* * Chap. 14. 3.

[20] *Pſal.* 78. 61. and 106. 20. *Jer.* 2. 11. *Hoſ.* 9. 11, 12.

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[21] *Pſal.* 137. 6. *Neh.* 2. 3. *Phil.* 2. 4.

CHAP. V.

1 *The Philiſtines bring the ark into the houſe of Dagon.* 3 *Dagon falleth down.* 6, 9, 12 *They are ſmitten with emerods.*

AND the Philiſtines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Aſhdod. 2888.

2 When the Philiſtines took the ark of God, they brought it into the [1] houſe of [2] Dagon, and ſet it by Dagon.

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[8] 2 *Sam.* 6.2. 2 *Kings* 19.15. 1 *Chron.* 13.6. *Psal.* 80.1 and 99.1. *Isa.* 37.16. Manifests himself in a special manner, and gives Answers and Oracles from thence, *Exod.* 25.20. *Numb.* 7.89.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, [9] Wo unto us; for there hath not been such a thing † heretofore.

[9] *Exod.* 14.25.
† Heb. *yesterday*, or *the third day.*

8 Wo unto us: who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these *are* the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues [10] in the wilderness.

[10] When he brought 'em into the wilderness thro' the red Sea, where, after all their former plagues the Egyptians were drown'd.

9 Be strong, and quit your selves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, [11] as they have been to you: † quit your selves like men, and fight.

[11] *Judg.* 13.1. *Deut.* 28.47, 48.
† Heb. *be men.*

10 ¶ And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man [12] into his tent: and there was a very [13] great slaughter, for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot-men.

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[12] 1 *Kings* 12.16. To his own dwelling. ¶ [13] *Psal.* 78.62.

11 And the ark of God was [14] taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were †[15] slain.

[14] *Psal.* 78.61.
† Heb. *died.*
[15] *ch.* 2.34. *Psa.* 78.64.

12 ¶ And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his [16] clothes rent, and * with [17] earth upon his head.

* Josh. 7.6. 2 Sam. 13.19. and 15.32. Job 2. 12.

[16] See on *Gen.* 37. 29. ¶ [17] 2 *Sam.* 1. 2. In token that they were unworthy to be above ground; but rather deserved to be under it among the dead.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon * a seat by the way-side, watching: for his heart trembled [18] for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told *it*, all the city cried out.

* Chap. 1.9.

[18] Lest it should be taken and abused by the Philistines, and God's people deprived of the comfort of it.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli *was* ninety and eight years old; and * his eyes † were dim, that he could not see.

* Chap. 3.2.
† Heb. *stood.*

16 And the man said unto Eli, I *am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What † is there done, my son?

† Heb. *is the thing.*

17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to pass when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

19 ¶ And his daughter in law Phinehas wife was with child *near* ‖ to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law, and her husband were dead, she bowed her self and travailed; for her pains † came upon her.

‖ Or, *to cry out.*
† Heb. *were turned.*

20 And about the time of her death, the women that stood by her, said unto her, Fear not, for thou hast born a [19] son. But she answered not, † neither did she regard *it*.

[19] *Gen.* 35,17, 18. *Joh.* 16.21.
† Heb. *set not her heart.*

21 And she named the child ‖ * I-chabod, saying, [20] The glory is departed from Israel: (because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband)

‖ That is, *Where* is *the glory?* or, There is *no glory.*
* Chap. 14.3.

[20] *Psal.* 78.61. and 106.20. *Jer.* 2.11. *Hos.* 9.7–12.

22 And [21] she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

[21] *Psal.* 137.6. *Neh.* 2.3. *Phil.* 2.4.

CHAP. V.

1 *The Philistines bring the ark into the house of Dagon.* 3 *Dagon falleth down.* 6, 9, 12 *They are smitten with emerods.*

AND the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. 2888.

2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the [1] house of [2] Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

[1] As a Trophy of their Victory, obtain'd by the help of *Dagon*, as they thought. [2] See on *Judg.* 16.23.

3 ¶ And

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3 ¶ And when [3] they of Aſhdod aroſe early on the morrow, Behold, Dagon *was* [4] fallen upon his face to the earth, before the ark of the LORD: and they took Dagon, and ſet him in his place again.

[3] The Prieſts. ¶ [4] *Exod.*7. 12. *Mark* 3. 11. *Luke* 10. 18. 2 *Cor.*6.14,15. So when Chriſt was incarnate, the Devils Oracles ceaſed.

4 And when they aroſe early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the ground, before the ark of the LORD: and the [5] head of Dagon, and both the palms of his [5] hands *were* cut off upon the threſhold, only ‖ *the ſtump of* Dagon was left to him.

‖ Or, *the fiſhy part.*

[5] He had neither wiſdom nor ſtrength to defend himſelf or his worſhippers.

5 Therefore neither the Prieſts of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagons houſe, * [6] tread on the threſhold of Dagon in Aſhdod, unto this day.

* See Zeph. 1. 9.

[6] Out of deteſtation; as being the means of diſmembring and defacing their idol.

6 But the [7] hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Aſhdod, and he * [8] deſtroyed them, and ſmote them with * [9] emerods, *even* Aſhdod and the coaſts thereof.

* Chap. 6. 5.
* Pſal. 78. 66.

[7] *Exod.*9.3. *Acts* 13.11. ¶ [8] *v.* 11. Made the hemorroids become mortal to 'em. ¶ [9] *Pſal.* 78. 66. *Job* 31.-3. The blind piles; more grievous and incurable than the other.

7 And when the men of Aſhdod [10] ſaw that *it was* ſo, they ſaid, The ark of the God of Iſrael ſhall not abide with us: for his hand is ſore upon us, and [11] upon Dagon our god.

[10] *Iſa.*26.11.
[11] *v.*3,4. *Jer.*46.25.

8 They ſent therefore, and gathered all the lords of the Philiſtines unto them, and ſaid, [12] What ſhall we do with the ark of the god of Iſrael? And they anſwered, Let the ark of the God of Iſrael be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Iſrael about *thither.*

[12] *Prov.*21.30. *Iſa.*8.10.

9 And it was *ſo*, that after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was againſt the city with a very great deſtruction: and he ſmote the men of the city, both ſmall and great, and they had emerods [13] in their ſecret parts.

[13] Inwardly in their guts.

10 Therefore they ſent the ark of God to Ekron: and it came to paſs as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, ſaying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Iſrael to † us, to ſlay us and our people.

† Heb. *me, to ſlay me and my.*

11 So they ſent and gathered together all the lords of the Philiſtines, and [14] ſaid, Send away the ark of the God of Iſrael, and let it go again to his own place, that it ſlay † us not, and our people: for there was a deadly deſtruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

† Heb. *me not and my.*

[14] They of *Ekron* ſaid to the Lords of the Philiſtines.

12 And the men that died not, were ſmitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAP. VI.

1 The Philiſtines counſel how to ſend back the ark.
10 They bring it on a new cart to Beth-ſhemeſh.

AND the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philiſtines ſeven months.

2 And the Philiſtines [1] called for the prieſts and the diviners, ſaying, What ſhall we do [2] to the ark of the LORD? tell us [3] wherewith we ſhall ſend it to his place.

[1] *Exod.*7.11. ¶ [2] To ſhew our reſpects to it, and to appeaſe that God to whom it belongs. ¶ [3] With what Preſents.

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3 And they ſaid, If ye ſend away the ark of the God of Iſrael, ſend it not [4] empty; but in any wiſe return him a [5] treſpaſs-offering: then ye ſhall be healed, and [6] it ſhall be known to you, why his hand is not removed from you.

[4] *Deut.*16.-16. ¶ [5] To acknowledge your offence, and to pacifie his wrath for the wrong you have done him. ¶ [6] *v.*9. *q. d.* If hereupon you are heal'd, then it will plainly appear that he ſent theſe evils, and continues 'em thus long upon you.

4 Then ſaid they, What *ſhall be* the treſpaſs-offering which we ſhall return to him? They anſwered, [7] Five golden emerods, and [7] five golden mice, * *according to* the number of the lords of the Philiſtines: for one plague *was* on † you all, and on your lords.

* See verſ. 17.
† Heb. *them.*

[7] This was magical advice; yet hereby a viſible memorial of this ignominious puniſhment was preſerv'd among the people of God.

5 Wherefore ye ſhall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land, and ye ſhall [8] give glory unto the God of Iſrael: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off [9] your gods, and from off your land.

[8] *Joſh.*7.19. See there. Openly acknowledge your faults, and his Juſtice in inflicting this puniſhment upon you for the ſame. ¶ [9] *ch.*5.3,4,7. *Jer.* 46. 25. *Exod.* 12.-12. *Numb.* 33.-4.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts * [10] as the Egyptians and Pharaoh [11] hardened their hearts? when he had wrought ‖ wonderfully among them, * did they not let † the people go, and they departed?

* Exod.7.13. and 8.15.
‖ Or, *reproachfully.*
* Exod.12.31.
† Heb. *them.*

[10] It ſeems the memorial of thoſe Judgments continued a long while, even among the heathens themſelves. ¶ [11] *Exod.*14.17.

7 Now therefore make [12] a new cart, and take two milch-kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

[12] 2 *Sam.* 6. 3. Thereby to ſhew your reverence to the Ark.

8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart, and put the [13] jewels of gold which ye return him *for* a treſpaſs-offering, in a coffer by the ſide thereof, and ſend it away, that it may go.

[13] *v.*5,11.

9 And ſee, if it goeth up by the way of his own coaſt [14] to Beth-ſhemeſh, *then* ‖ he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we ſhall know that *it is* not his hand *that* ſmote us; it *was* a chance *that* happened to us.

‖ Or, *it.*

[14] Which was the way to *Shiloh*, and a City belonging to the Prieſts, who might take care of the Ark.

10 ¶ And the men did ſo: and took two milch-kine, and tied them to the cart, and ſhut up their calves at home:

11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

12 And the kine took the ſtraight way to the way of Beth-ſhemeſh, *and* went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aſide to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philiſtines went after them unto the border of Beth-ſhemeſh.

13 And *they of* Beth-ſhemeſh *were* reaping their wheat-harveſt in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and ſaw the ark, and rejoyced to ſee *it.*

14 And the cart came into the field of Joſhua a Beth-ſhemite, and ſtood there, where *there was* a great ſtone: And they clave the wood

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wood of the cart, and [15] offered the kine a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

[15] Which they might do upon this extraordinary occaſion, (See on *Judg.*21.4.) eſpecially the Ark being there.

15 And the [16] Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the jewels of gold *were*, and put *them* on the great ſtone: and the men of Beth-ſhemeſh offered burnt-offerings, and ſacrificed ſacrifices the ſame day unto the LORD.

[16] The Prieſts (who only might touch the Ark, *Num.* 4. 15. 2 *Sam.*6.6,7.)

16 And when the five lords of the Philiſtines had ſeen *it*, they returned to Ekron the ſame day.

17 And theſe *are* the golden Emerods which the Philiſtines returned *for* a treſpaſs-offering unto the LORD; for Aſhdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one.

18 And the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philiſtines, *belonging* to the five lords, [17] *both* of fenced cities, and of countrey villages, even unto the ‖ great *ſtone of* [18] Abel, whereon they ſet down the ark of the LORD: *which ſtone remaineth* unto this day, in the field of Joſhua the Beth-ſhemite.

‖ Or, *great ſtone.*

[17] *i. e.* The five golden Mice were a Treſpaſs-offering, not only for the five principal Cities, but alſo for the ſmaller Villages, who as they had ſhared in the Judgment, ſo contributed to the charge of theſe golden Mice. ¶ [18] *i.e.* Mourning: So called, becauſe of the people's Lamentation (*v.* 19.) for the great ſlaughter made among 'em. So *Gen.*50.11.

19 ¶ And * he ſmote the men of Beth-ſhemeſh, becauſe they had [19] looked into the ark of the LORD, even he ſmote of the [20] people fifty thouſand and threeſcore and ten men: and the people lamented, becauſe the LORD had ſmitten *many* of the people with a great ſlaughter.

* See Exod.19. 21. Numb. 4. 5,15,20.

[19] *Numb.* 4. 20. 2 *Sam.* 6. 7. *Deut.*19.19. ¶ [20] Some of 'em of *Bethſhemeſh*; others dwelling in the Countrey round about, who came flocking thither to ſee the Ark.

20 And the men of Beth-ſhemeſh ſaid, [21] Who is able to ſtand before this holy LORD God? and [22] to whom ſhall he go up from us?

[21] Inſtead of humbling themſelves, they complain of Gods dealings with 'em. ¶ [22] Who will dare to receive the Ark with ſo much hazard to themſelves?

21 ¶ And they ſent meſſengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, ſaying, The Philiſtines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you.

CHAP. VII.

3 *The Iſraelites by Samuels means ſolemnly repent at Mizpeh:* 9 *Samuel praying, the Philiſtines are diſcomfited.*

* Pſal.132.6.

AND the men of * Kirjath-jearim came, and [1] fetcht up the ark of the LORD, and

* 2 Sam.6.4.

brought it into the houſe of * Abinadab in the hill, and [2] ſanctified Eleazar his ſon, [3] to keep the ark of the LORD.

[1] Took care to have it brought to their City by the Prieſts. ¶ [2] Set him apart wholly to this work. ¶ [3] To preſerve it from profanation.

2 And it came to paſs while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was [4] twenty years: and all the houſe of Iſrael [5] lamented after the LORD.

[4] *Viz.* During the Government of *Samuel*; (for it was there forty years in all.) ¶ [5] Bewailed their ſins whereby they had loſt God's favor (*Iſa.* 59. 2.) and the preſence of the Ark ſo long, and ſought the recovery of it again.

3 ¶ And Samuel ſpake unto all the houſe of Iſrael, ſaying, If ye do [6] return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* [7] put away the ſtrange gods, and [8] Aſhtaroth from among you, and [9] prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and [10] ſerve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philiſtines.

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[6] *Joel.*2.12. 1 *King.*18.21. 2 *King.*17.33. ¶ [7] *Joſh.*24.14, 23. ¶ [8] See on *Judg.* 2. 13. ¶ [9] *Am.* 4. -12. Get a holy frame of heart befitting ſuch a holy God. ¶ [10] *Deut.*6.13. and 10.20. *Matth.*4.10. *Luke* 4.8.

4 Then the children of Iſrael did put away [11] Baalim, and [11] Aſhtaroth, and ſerved the LORD only.

[11] See on *Judg.*2.13. He-Gods and She-Gods.

5 And Samuel ſaid, Gather all Iſrael to * Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

* Judg.20. 1. 2 King.25.23.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and [12] drew water, and [12] poured *it* out [13] before the LORD, and [14] faſted on that day, and ſaid there, [15] We have ſinned againſt the LORD. And Samuel [16] judged the children of Iſrael in Mizpeh.

[12] Wept abundantly with much brokenneſs of heart, and repented unfeignedly (as *Judg.*2.4,5. *Pſal.* 6.6. and 119. 136. and 42.3. *Job* 16.20. *Jer.*9.1. *Lam.*2.11,18.) and us'd this outward Ceremony as a ſign of their inward filthineſs and need of cleanſing by the blood of Chriſt. ¶ [13] In his ſight, and as in his preſence. ¶ [14] *Dan.*9.3. ¶ [15] *Prov.*28.-13. ¶ [16] *Judg.* 3.10. ſee there. Took upon him the office of a Judg from this time forward.

7 And when the Philiſtines heard that the children of Iſrael were [17] gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philiſtines went up againſt Iſrael: and when the children of Iſrael heard *it* they were [18] afraid of the Philiſtines.

[17] For ſome conſpiracy, as they imagin'd, *ch.*22. 13. *Am.* 3.10. ¶ [18] 2 *Chron.*20.3.

8 And the children of Iſrael ſaid to Samuel, † [19] Ceaſe not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will ſave us out of the hand of the Philiſtines.

† Heb. *Be not ſilent from us from crying.*

[19] *Iſa.*37.-4.

9 ¶ And Samuel took a ſucking lamb, and [20] offered *it for* a burnt-offering wholly unto the LORD; and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Iſrael, and the LORD [21] ‖ heard him.

‖ Or, *anſwered.*

[20] 1 *King.*18.33. See on *Judg.*21.4. ¶ [21] *Pſal.*99.6. *Jer.* 15.1. So *Exod.*17.11.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philiſtines drew near to battel againſt Iſrael: but the LORD [22] thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philiſtines, and [23] diſcomfited them, and they were ſmitten before Iſrael.

[22] *Ch.*2.10. *Joſh.*10.10,11. *Judg.*4.15. and 5.20. ¶ [23] *Joſh.* 10.10.

11 And the men of Iſrael went out of Mizpeh, and purſued the Philiſtines, and ſmote them, until *they came* under Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a ſtone, and [24] ſet *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it ‖ [25] Eben-ezer, ſaying, [26] Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

‖ That is, *The ſtone of help.* Chap. 4. 1.

[24] *Gen.*28.18. ſee there. ¶ [25] *i. e.* The Stone of help. ¶ [26] He has begun to help us in ſome meaſure, tho he has not compleatly delivered us.

13 ¶ So the Philiſtines were ſubdued, and they came [27] no more into the coaſt of Iſrael: and the hand of the LORD was againſt the Philiſtines, all the days of Samuel.

[27] *Viz.* At this time, and during *Samuel*'s Government alone (as the next words import.)

14 And the cities which the Philiſtines had taken from Iſrael were reſtored to Iſrael, from Ekron even unto Gath, and the coaſts thereof did Iſrael deliver out of the hands of the Philiſtines: and there was peace between Iſrael and the [28] Amorites.

[28] The *Philiſtines* and other Inhabitants of *Canaan.*

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15 And Samuel [29] judged Israel [30] all the days of his life.

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[29] See on *Judg.*3.10. ¶ [30] Partly alone, and partly with *Saul.*

† Heb. *and he circuited.*

16 And he went from year to year † in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

* Chap.8. 4.

17 And * his return *was* to Ramah; for there *was* his house: and there he judged Israel, and there he [31] built an [32] altar unto the LORD.

[31] See on *Judg.* 21. 4. By Divine Dispensation. ¶ [32] For the ordinary service of God.

CHAP VIII.

1 *By the occasion of the ill government of Samuels sons, the Israelites ask a king.* 10 *The manner of a king.*

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AND it came to pass when Samuel was old, that he made his sons [1] judges over Israel.

* His Deputies.

2 Now the name of his first-born was ‖ Joel, and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beer-sheba.

‖ *Vashni.*

1 Chron.6.28.

3 And his sons [2] walked not in his ways, but turned aside after [3] lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

[2] *Eccl.*2.19. *Jer.*22.15,17. ¶ [3] *Exod.*18.21. *Deut.*16. 19. 1 *Tim.*6.10.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now * make us [4] a king to judge us [5] like all the nations.

* Hos.13.10. Act.13. 21.

[4] *Deut.*17.14. ¶ [5] But *Lev.*20.24.

† Heb. *was evil in the eyes of Samuel.*

6 ¶ But the thing † [6] displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us: and Samuel [7] prayed unto the LORD.

[6] (1) Because hereby they shewed that they were weary of God's Government, and distrustful of his protection. (2) They did it out of an affectation to be like the Heathen Nations. (3) Out of a carnal confidence in a King. (4) Because of that great servitude and misery which he foresaw they'd hereby bring upon themselves. ¶ [7] *Jam.* 1. 5. For direction in this case.

7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, [8] Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for * they have [9] not rejected thee, but * they have rejected me, that I should [10] not reign over them.

* See Exod.16. 8.

* Chap.10.19.

[8] *Hos.*13.11. *Numb.*22. 20. ¶ [9] *John* 13. 16. *Matth.* 10. 24,25. Not so much. ¶ [10] *Luke* 19.14. *viz.* in that immediate manner; by setting up Judges in an extraordinary way, and giving 'em particular directions upon special occasions, *Judg.*8.23.

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods: so do they also unto thee.

‖ Or, *obey.*

‖ Or, *notwithstanding, when thou hast solemnly protested against them, then thou shalt shew,* &c.

9 Now therefore ‖ hearken unto their voice: ‖ howbeit, yet [11] protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the [12] manner of the king that shall reign over them.

[11] Assure them that thus it will be, and warn 'em, that they may be inexcusable. ¶ [12] *ch.*2.13. Their usual practice (which yet was not lawful, *Ezek.*46.18.and 45.7,8.)

10 ¶ And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people, that asked of him a king.

* See Deut.17. 16,&c.

‡ Chap.14.52.

11 And he said, * This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: * [13] He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen, and *some* shall run before his chariots.

[13] *Viz.* In an arbitrary, tyrannical manner.

12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties, and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

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13 And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

14 And * he will take your fields and your vineyards, and your olive-yards, *even* the best of *them*, and [14] give *them* to his servants.

* 1 King.21.7.

[14] *ch.* 22. 7.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his † officers, and to his servants.

† Heb *eunuchs.*

16 And he will take your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and [15] ye shall be his servants.

[15] You shall loose the liberty and priviledg of free-born Israelites, and live in a servile and slavish condition.

18 And ye shall [16] cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will [17] not hear you in that day.

[16] *Isa.*8.21. ¶ [17] *Isa.*1.15. *Prov.*1. 27. See there.

19 ¶ Nevertheless, the people [18] refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, [19] Nay, but we will [20] have a king over us.

[18] *Psal.* 81. 11. *Isa.* 66. 4. *Jer.* 7.13. ¶ [19] *Jer.* 44. 16. ¶ [20] Whatever come of it.

20 That we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battels.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Saul despairing to find his fathers asses,* 6 *by the counsel of his servant,* 11 *and direction of young maidens,* 15 *according to God's revelation,* 18 *cometh to Samuel.* 19 *Samuel entertaineth Saul at the feast.*

NOw there was a man of Benjamin, whose name *was* * Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, ‖ a Benjamite, a mighty man of ‖ [1] power.

* Chap.14.51. 1 Chron.8.33.

‖ Or, *the son of a man of Jemini.*

‖ Or, *substance.*

[1] Wealth, Courage, and Authority.

2 And he had a son, whose name *was* Saul, [2] a choice young man, and a [3] goodly: and *there was* not among the children of Israel a goodlier person then he: from his shoulders and upward, *he was* [4] higher than any of the people.

[2] Of excellent natural parts. ¶ [3] Personable. ¶ [4] *ch.* 10 23. *Jer.*10.23.

3 And the asses of Kish, Sauls father, were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

4 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha; but they found *them* not: then they passed through the land of Shalim; and *there they were* not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites; but they found *them* not.

5 *And* when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses, and take thought for us.

6 And

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6 And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this city [5] a man of God, and he *is* an [6] honourable man; all that he saith, [7] cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can [8] shew us our way that we should go.

[5] *Ch.* 2.27. See there. ¶ [6] 1 *Thess.* 5.13. In great esteem with the people. ¶ [7] *ch.* 3.19. ¶ [8] God sometimes gratifies his people in these lesser matters, to prevent their seeking to Witches or Idols.

7 Then said Saul to his servant, But behold, *if* we go, what shall we [9] bring the man? for the bread † is spent in our vessels, and *there is* not a present to bring to the man of God: what † have we?

† Heb. *is gone out of*, &c. † Heb. is *with us*.

[9] 1 *Kings* 14.3. 2 *Kings* 4.42. and 8.8. *Judg.* 6.18. and 13.17.

8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, † I have here at hand the [10] fourth part of a shekel of silver: *that* will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

† Heb. *there is found in my hand.*

[10] About seven pence of our money.

* Gen. 25.22.

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man * went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for *he that is* now *called* a [11] Prophet, was beforetime called * [12] a seer.)

* 2 Sam. 24.11. 2 Kings 17.13. Am. 7.12.

[11] One that declares the mind of God. ¶ [12] One who saw Visions, and Revelations, and things to come.

10 Then said Saul to his servant, † Well said, come, let us go: so they went unto the city where the man of God *was*.

† Heb. *Thy word* is *good.*

11 ¶ *And* as they went up † the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?

† Heb. *in the ascent of the city.*

12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, *he is* before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for * *there is* [13] a ‖ sacrifice of the people to day in the [14] high place:

* Chap. 16.2. ‖ Or, *feast.*

[13] Some Peace-offerings or Thank-offerings; after which there was a Feast. ¶ [14] See on *Lev.* 26.30.

13 Assoon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth [15] bless the [16] sacrifice, *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up, for about † this time ye shall find him.

† Heb. *to day.*

[15] *Deut.* 8.10. *Matth.* 26.26. *Luke* 24.30. 1 *Tim.* 4.4. Crave a Blessing, and return Thanks. ¶ [16] *ch.* 1.4. That which belong'd to the Offerer, after the Sacrifice was ended.

14 And they went up into the city: *and* when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

15 ¶ * Now the LORD had † [17] told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

* Chap. 15.1. Acts 13.21. † Heb. *revealed the ear of Samuel.*

[17] 2 *Sam.* 7.27. *Job* 33.16. *Isa.* 22.14. Reveal'd it to him by his Spirit.

16 To morrow about this time I will [18] send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him *to be* captain over my people Israel, that he may [19] save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have [20] looked upon my people, because [21] their cry is come unto me.

[18] So order it by my Providence, that he shall come to thee. ¶ [19] Do something towards it. ¶ [20] Gen. 29.32. *Psal.* 14.2. ¶ [21] *Exod.* 3.9.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD [22] said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of: this same shall † reign over my people.

[22] *v.* 15. *ch.* 16.12. † Heb. *restrain.*

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seers house *is*.

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19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I *am* the seer: go up before me unto the high place, for ye shall eat with me to day; and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that *is* in thine heart.

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20 And as for thine asses that were lost † three days ago, set not thy mind on them, for they are found: and [23] on whom *is* all the desire of Israel? *is it* not on thee, and on all thy fathers house?

† Heb. *to day three days.*

[23] The Royal Dignity, so much desired by the people, must be conferr'd on thee.

21 And Saul answered and said, *Am* not I * a Benjamite, of the [24] smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the [25] least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou † so to me?

* Psal. 68.27. [24] *Judg.* 20.46, 48. [25] *Judg.* 6.14. † Heb. *according to this word.*

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which *were* about thirty persons.

23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the [26] portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.

[26] *ch.* 1.5. *Gen.* 43.34.

24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and *that* which *was* upon it, and set *it* before Saul: and *Samuel* said, Behold, that which is ‖ [27] left, set *it* before thee, *and* eat; for unto this time hath it been kept for thee, *since* I said, I have invited the people: so Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

‖ Or, *reserved.*

[27] Reserved for thee by my appointment.

25 ¶ And when they were come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* [28] communed with Saul upon the [29] top of the house.

[28] *Ch.* 10.1. ¶ [29] *Deut.* 22.8. 2 *Sam.* 11.2. *Matth.* 10.27. *Acts* 10.9. *Jer.* 19.13.

26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

27 *And* as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on) but [30] stand thou still † a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

[30] *Judg.* 3.20. † Heb. *a day.*

CHAP. X.

1 *Samuel anointeth Saul, and confirmeth him by prediction of three signs.* 9 *Sauls heart is changed, and he prophesies.*

THen Samuel took a [1] vial of oyl, and [2] poured *it* upon his head, and [3] kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because * the LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain over * his [4] inheritance?

* Acts 13.21. * Deut. 32.9.

[1] Of glass; to note the frailty of his Kingdom: but *David* was anointed with a horn of oyl, (*ch.* 16.13.) to note the stability of his kingdom. ¶ [2] Noting a plentiful effusion of the Gifts and Graces of the Spirit. Thus were set apart both Prophets, Priests, and Kings, to typifie Christ's setting apart to this threefold Office. ¶ [3] In token of homage, cheerful subjection, (*Psal.* 2.12.) and sincere affection. ¶ [4] *Exod.* 19.5. His own peculiar people.

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by [5] Rachels sepulchre, in the border of Benjamin, at Zelzah: and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and lo, thy father hath left † the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

[5] *Gen.* 35.20. † Heb. *the business.*

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3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine.

† Heb. *ask thee of peace, as* Judg. 18. 15.

4 And they will † salute thee, and give thee two *loaves* of bread, which thou shalt receive of their hands.

5 After that, thou shalt come to the hill [6] of God, [7] where *is* the garison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of [8] prophets coming down from the high place, with [9] a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp before them, and they shall [10] prophesie.

[6] Where was both a High-place, and a Colledge of Prophets consecrated to God's service. ¶ [7] Near unto it, *ch.* 13. 3. ¶ [8] *ch.* 19, 20. 2 *Kings* 2. 3, 5. Persons that applyed themselves to the study of the Scriptures, and instructing the people out of 'em, and to sing Psalms of praise to God, and train up others in this way: and some of these were commonly endued with the extraordinary Spirit of Prophecy to foretel things to come. ¶ [9] Used to raise up their spirits, and make 'em more cheerful and lively in religious Exercises, 2 *Kings* 3. 15. ¶ [10] Sing forth God's praises, and speak of the things of God.

6 And the [11] spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt [12] prophesie with them, and shalt be turned into [13] another man.

[11] *Judg.* 3. 10. See there. The Gift of Prophecy bestow'd by the Spirit of God. ¶ [12] *Numb.* 11. 25. *Matth.* 7. 22. ¶ [13] *v.* 9. Of a more excellent and heroic spirit than formerly, and better fitted for Government.

† Heb. *it shall come to pass that when these signs, &c.* † Heb. *do for thee as thine hand shall find.*

7 And † let it be when these signs are come unto thee, † *that* thou do [14] as occasion shall serve thee, for God *is* [15] with thee.

[14] *Judg.* 9. 33. What in thy wisdom shall seem most fitting to be done in any publick affair. ¶ [15] *Gen.* 21. 20.

8 And thou shalt [16] go down before me to Gilgal, and behold, I will come down unto thee, [17] to offer burnt-offerings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: seven days shalt thou [18] tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

[16] (Which was about two years after this, *ch.* 13. 1, 2, 8.) ¶ [17] *ch.* 11. 15. and 13. 9. ¶ [18] *ch.* 13. 8.

† Heb. *shoulder.* † Heb. *turned.*

9 ¶ And it was *so*, that when he had turned his † back to go from Samuel, God † gave him [19] another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

[19] See *n.* 13. Taken off from his Country, domestic Employments, and furnish'd with Kingly abilities.

10 And when they came thither to [6] the hill, behold, a company of [8] prophets met him, and the [11] spirit of God came upon him, and he [20] prophesied among them.

[20] *v.* 6. *ch.* 19. 23.

11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime, saw, that behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said † one to another, What *is* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? * [21] *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

† Heb. *a man to his neighbour.* * Chap. 19. 24.

[21] *Matth.* 13. 55. *John* 7. 15. *Acts* 2. 7, 8. and 4. 13. and 9. 21. *q. d.* Strange! to see him imploy'd in such a way quite besides his education and former course of life.

† Heb. *from thence.*

12 And one † of the same place answered, and said, But [22] who *is* their father? Therefore it became [23] a proverb, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

[22] *q. d.* Since all of 'em are enabled by God to do what they do, he cannot well enable *them* as any other, tho' he has not been bred up in that way. ¶ [23] *Viz.* When any man acted beyond expectation.

13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the [24] high place.

[24] To praise God for his singular favour, and to pray unto him for the conduct and assistance of his holy Spirit, and his blessing upon his endeavours.

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14 ¶ And Sauls uncle said unto him, and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that *they were* no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Sauls uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he [25] told him not.

[25] *Prov.* 29. 11.

17 ¶ And Samuel called the people together * [26] unto the LORD * to Mizpeh;

* Chap. 11. 15. * Chap. 7. 5.

[26] *Judg.* 11. 11. and 20. 1. See there. To make their appearance before the Lord.

18 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, [27] I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, *and* of them that oppressed you.

[27] *Judg.* 2. 1. and 6. 8.

19 And * ye have this day [28] rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities, and your tribulations: and ye have said unto him, [29] *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present your selves before the LORD by your [30] tribes, and by your [30] thousands.

* Chap. 8. 7, 19. and 12. 12.

[28] *Ch.* 8. 8. See there. By persisting still in your sinful desire of a King. ¶ [29] *ch.* 8. 19. ¶ [30] *Josh.* 7. 14.

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, * the tribe of Benjamin was [31] taken.

* Josh. 7. 14, 16.

[31] *Viz.* By Lot.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither: and the LORD answered, Behold, he hath [32] hid himself among the stuff.

[32] Out of modesty, as judging himself unfit for so great an undertaking; especially in such perillous times, *ch.* 9. 21. and 15. 17. *Luke* 14. 11.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was [33] higher then any of the people, from his shoulders and upward.

[33] *ch.* 9. 2.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that *there is* none like him among all the people? And [34] all the people shouted, and said, * † God save the King.

[34] The generality, (for *v.* 27.) * 1 King. 1. 25. † Heb. *Let the King live.*

25 Then Samuel told the people the [35] manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it* in a book, and laid *it* up [36] before the LORD: and Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

[35] The duties both of King and People, *Deut.* 17. 14--17. *Ezek.* 45. 9, 10. and 46. 16. *Rom.* 13. 1. 1 *Tim.* 2. 2. ¶ [36] In the Tabernacle.

26 ¶ And Saul also went home to [37] Gibeah, and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had [38] touched.

[37] Where for a while he lived privately, *ch.* 11. 5. ¶ [38] Inclin'd thus to attend upon him, as a Royal Guard, and yield willing obedience to him.

27 But * the children of [39] Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and * brought him no [40] presents: but ‖ he held his peace.

* Chap. 11. 12. * 1 Kin. 10. 25. ‖ Or, *he was as though he had been deaf.*

[39] See on *Deut.* 13. 13. ¶ [40] 2 *Chron.* 17. 5. *Matth.* 2. 11.

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CHAP. XI.

1 *Nahash offereth them of Jabesh-gilead a reproachful condition.* 4 *They send to Saul, and are delivered.*

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THen Nahash the Ammonite [1] came up, and encamped against * Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a [2] covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

* See Judg. 21. 8. &c.

[1] *Ch.* 12. 12. ¶ [2] *Viz.* That we shall enjoy our Religion and Properties.

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this *condition* will I make *a covenant* with you, that I may thrust out all your [3] right eyes, and lay it *for* a reproach upon all Israel.

[3] *Prov.* 12.-10.

3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, † Give us seven days respit, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then if *there be* no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

† Heb. *Forbear us.*

4 ¶ Then came the messengers to * Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lift up their voices, and wept.

* Chap. 15. 34.

5 And behold, Saul came [4] after the herd out of the field, and Saul said, What *aileth* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

[4] After his Election (*ch.* 10. 24.) he retires again to his private Capacity, till some fit opportunity offered it self for him to assume the Throne and Royal Dignity.

6 And * the [5] spirit of God came upon Saul, when he heard those tidings, and [6] his anger was kindled greatly.

* Judg. 6. 34. & 11. 29. & 13. 25. & 14. 6.

[5] *Ch.* 10. 6. See on *Judg.* 3. 10. Inspiring him with an heroick courage and resolution. ¶ [6] *Exod.* 32.-19.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and [7] hewed them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, [8] so shall it be done unto his oxen: and [9] the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out † with [10] one consent.

† Heb. *as one man.*

[7] *Judg.* 19. 29. ¶ [8] *Judg.* 21. 8. ¶ [9] *Gen.* 35. 5. A Spirit of fear sent by God, possess'd their hearts, that they should not dare to deny their help. ¶ [10] *Judg.* 20. 1.

8 And when he numbred them in Bezek, the children * of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of [11] Judah thirty thousand.

* 2 Sam. 2. 9.

[11] They are numbred distinctly by themselves, because of their precedency in all affairs both civil and military, *Judg.* 1. 2. *Numb.* 2. 3. So *ch.* 15.-4.

9 And [12] they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To morrow by *that time* the son be hot, ye shall have ‖ help. And the messengers came and shewed *it* to the men of Jabesh, and they were glad.

[12] *Saul* and *Samuel.*

‖ Or, *deliverance.*

10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will [13] come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

[13] *Viz.* If help come not in the mean while, (the hopes whereof they conceal.)

11 And it was *so* on the morrow, that * Saul put the people in three companies, and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites, until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that [14] two of them were not left together.

* See Chap. 31. 11.

[14] The Inhabitants of *Jabesh-gilead* remember and requite this kindness long after, *ch.* 31. 11-13.

12 ¶ And the people said unto Samuel, Who *is* he that said, [15] Shall Saul reign over us? * bring the men, that we may put them to death.

[15] *ch.* 10. 27.

13 And Saul said, [16] There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

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* See Luke 19. 27.

[16] 2 *Sam.* 19. -22.

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and [17] renew the kingdom there.

[17] Renew the Covenant between *Saul* and the people concerning the Kingdom, and install him publickly and solemnly into it.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and there they [18] made Saul king [19] before the LORD in Gilgal: and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace-offerings before the LORD: and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoyced greatly.

[18] Owned and accepted him for their King by general consent, and anointed him publickly (which was done only privately before) and performed all other Solemnities requisite for his Inauguration. ¶ [19] *ch.* 10. 17. and 14. 18.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Samuel testifieth his integrity,* 6 *reproveth the people for ingratitude,* 16 *he terrifieth them with thunder in harvest time,* 20 *and comforteth them in God's mercy.*

ANd Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.

2 And now behold, the king [1] walketh before you: and I am old, and gray headed, and behold, my sons *are* [2] with you: and I have [3] walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

[1] *Ch.* 8. 20. *Numb.* 27. 17. Executes his Office. ¶ [2] As private persons, and responsible for any Mal-administration. ¶ [3] Discharged my place faithfully, both as a Levite, Prophet, and Judge.

3 Behold, * here I *am*, witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: [4] Whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received *any* † [5] bribe ‖ [6] to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

* Ecclus. 46. 19.

† Heb. *ransom.*

‖ Or, *that I should hide mine eyes at him.*

[4] *Numb.* 16.-15. *Rev.* 14. 5. 1 *Thess.* 2. 10. ¶ [5] *Act.* 20. 33. *Deut.* 16. 19. See there. ¶ [6] That I should not discern what was right and just; or dissemble it, as if I did not see it.

4 And they said, [7] Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

[7] *Act.* 22. 12. *Dan.* 6. 4.

5 And he said unto them, The LORD *is* witness [8] against you, and his anointed *is* witness this day, that ye have not [9] found ought in my hand. And they answered, *He is* witness.

[8] That I gave you no cause to be weary of God's Government of you by Judges. ¶ [9] *Act.* 24. 16.

6 ¶ And Samuel said unto the people, *It is* the LORD that ‖ advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

‖ Or, *made.*

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may [10] reason with you before the LORD, of all the † [11] righteous acts of the LORD, which he did † to you and to your fathers.

† Heb. *righteousnesses*, or *benefits.*

† Heb. *with*

[10] *Isa.* 1. 18. *Mic.* 6. 3, 4. ¶ [11] Merciful dealings, according to his Covenant.

8 When [12] Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers [13] cried unto the LORD, then the LORD [14] sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and [15] made them dwell in this place.

[12] *Gen.* 46. 5, 6. ¶ [13] *Exod.* 2. 23. and 3. 7. ¶ [14] *Exod.* 3. 10. and 4. 28, 29. ¶ [15] Began that work.

9 And when they [16] forgat the LORD their God

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God, he [17] ſold them into the hand of [18] Siſera, captain of the hoſt of Hazor, and into the hand of * the [19] Philiſtines, and into the hand of the king of [20] Moab, and they fought againſt them.

*Judg.10.7.

[16] *Judg.*3.7. *Deut.*32.15. *Pſal.*10.-4. Forſook his Service, *v.*10. ¶ [17] *Judg.*2.14. ſee there. ¶ [18] *Judg.*4.2. ¶ [19] *Judg.* 13.1. ¶ [20] *Judg.*3.12.

10 And they [21] cried unto the LORD, and ſaid, We have ſinned, becauſe we have forſaken the LORD, and have ſerved [22] Baalim and Aſhtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will ſerve thee.

[21] *Judg.*3.9. See there. ¶ [22] *ch.*7.4. ſee there.

11 And the LORD ſent [23] Jerubbaal, and [24] Bedan, and * Jephthah, and * Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies, on every ſide, and ye dwelled [25] ſafe.

*Judg.11.1. *Chap.7.13.

[23] *Gideon*, *Judg.*6.14,32. ¶ [24] *Jair*, *Judg.*10.3. ¶ [25] So that it was not neceſſity, but meer wantonneſs that made you deſire a Change.

12 And when ye ſaw that Nahaſh the king of the children of Ammon came againſt you, ye ſaid unto me, Nay, but a [26] king ſhall reign over us; when * the LORD your God *was* [27] your king.

*Judg.8.23.

[26] *Ch.*8.-5,17. *Hoſ.*13.-10. ¶ [27] *Hoſ.*13.10. *Numb.* 23. -21. Manag'd the Government in a more immediate, extraordinary manner. See on *ch.*8.-7.

13 Now therefore behold the king * whom [28] ye have choſen, *and* whom ye have deſired: and behold, [29] the LORD hath ſet a king over you.

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[28] *Ch.*11.15. ¶ [29] *Hoſ.*13.11. Yielded to your inordinate deſire, *ch.*8.7.

14 If ye will [30] fear the LORD, and ſerve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel againſt the † commandment of the LORD, then ſhall both ye, and alſo the king that reigneth over you, † [31] continue following the LORD your God.

†Heb. *mouth.* †Heb. *be after.*

[30] *Joſh.*24.14. *Deut.*10.12. ¶ [31] Be continually directed and protected by him.

15 But if ye will [32] not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel againſt the commandment of the LORD, then ſhall the hand of the LORD be againſt you, as *it was* againſt your fathers.

[32] *Pſal.*81.11, 12. *Lev.* 26. 15, 16.

16 ¶ Now therefore ſtand and ſee [33] this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes.

[33] *v.* 18.

17 *Is it* not [34] wheat-harveſt to day? I will [35] call unto the LORD, and he ſhall ſend [36] thunder and rain: that ye may perceive and ſee that your wickedneſs *is* great, which ye have done in the ſight of the LORD, in aſking you a king.

[34] When Thunder and Rain was very rare in thoſe parts. ¶ [35] *Jer.*15.1. ¶ [36] *Prov.*26.1.

18 So Samuel called unto the LORD, and the LORD ſent [37] thunder and rain that day: and * all the people greatly feared the LORD, and [38] Samuel.

*See Ezr.10.9.

[37] *Ezr.*10.-9,10. In an extraordinary and terrible manner, which threatned their death, *v.*19. ¶ [38] Who had ſo great an intereſt in God.

19 And all the people ſaid unto Samuel, Pray for thy ſervants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not; for we have added unto all our ſins *this* evil, to ask us a king.

20 ¶ And Samuel ſaid unto the people, [39] Fear not: (ye have done all this wickedneſs: yet [40] turn not aſide from following the LORD, but ſerve the LORD [41] with all your hearts;

[39] *Viz.* An utter rejection; tho he does thus manifeſt his diſpleaſure againſt you for your ſin. ¶ [40] *q. d.* Tho you have ſinn'd, yet perſiſt not in your ſin, ſo as wholly to diſclaim God's Government over you. ¶ [41] *Deut.*6.5.

21 And turn ye not aſide: for then *ſhould ye go* after [42] vain *things*, which [43] cannot profit nor deliver, for they *are* vain)

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[42] *Deut.*32.21. *Jer.*2.-5. and 10. 8, 15. *Jon.*2.8. *Hab.*2.18. 1 *Cor.*8.4. ¶ [43] But be highly pernicious.

22 For the LORD will not forſake his people, [44] for his great names ſake: becauſe it hath [45] pleaſed the LORD to make you his people.

[44] *Exod.*32.12. *Numb.*14.13.&c. *Pſal.*94.14. *Ezek.*20.9. For his own Honour and Glory. ¶ [45] *Deut.*7.7,8. and 9.5. *Matth.*11.26.

23 Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I ſhould ſin againſt the LORD, in † ceaſing to [46] pray for you: but I will teach you the [47] good and the right way:

† Heb. *from ceaſing.*

[46] *Matth.*5.44. [47] *Eccl.*12.10.

24 [48] Only [49] fear the LORD, and ſerve him in truth with all your heart: for [49] conſider ‖ how great *things* he hath done for you.

‖ Or, *what a great* thing, *&c.*

[48] *q. d.* Otherwiſe neither my Prayers nor Counſel will ſtand you in any ſtead. ¶ [49] *Ezr.*9.13,14.

25 But if ye ſhall ſtill do wickedly, ye ſhall be conſumed, both ye, and your [50] king.

[50] *Job* 34 19.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Sauls ſelected band.* 5 *The Philiſtines great hoſt.* 6 *The Iſraelites great diſtreſs.* 8 *Saul weary of ſtaying for Samuel, ſacrificeth.* 11 *Samuel reproveth him.*

SAul † reigned one year, and when he had reigned two years over Iſrael,

† Heb. *the ſon of one year in his reigning.*

2 Saul choſe him [1] three thouſand *men* of Iſrael; *whereof* two thouſand were with Saul in Michmaſh and in mount Beth-el, and a thouſand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the reſt of the people he ſent every man to his tent.

[1] To be his conſtant Guard.

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3 And Jonathan ſmote * the garriſon of the Philiſtines that *was* in ‖ Geba, and the Philiſtines [2] heard *of it*: and [3] Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, ſaying, Let the Hebrews [4] hear.

* Chap.10.5. ‖ Or, *the hill.*

[2] (And prepared to revenge it.) ¶ [3] By his Officers. ¶ [4] Take notice of theſe preparations, and prepare themſelves accordingly.

4 And all Iſrael heard ſay, *that* Saul had ſmitten a garriſon of the Philiſtines, and *that* Iſrael alſo † was had [5] in abomination with the Philiſtines: and the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

† Heb. *did ſtink.*

[5] *Gen.*34.30.

5 ¶ And the Philiſtines gathered themſelves together, to fight with Iſrael, thirty thouſand [6] chariots, and ſix thouſand horſemen, and people [7] as the ſand which *is* on the ſea-ſhore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Mich-maſh, eaſt-ward from Beth-aven.

[6] Men that fought in Chariots. ¶ [7] *Gen.* 22.17. See there.

6 When the [8] men of Iſrael ſaw that they were in a [9] ſtrait, (for the people were diſtreſſed) then the people * did hide themſelves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in [10] high places, and in pits.

* Judg.6.2.

[8] Some of his Army. ¶ [9] *Exod.*12.1,2. ¶ [10] Places of ſtrength.

7 And *ſome of* the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead: as for Saul, he *was* yet in Gilgal, and all the people † followed him trembling.

† Heb. *trembled after him.*

8 ¶ And he tarried [11] ſeven days, according to the ſet time that Samuel *had* [12] *appointed*: but Samuel came not to Gilgal, and the people were ſcattered from him.

[11] Till towards the latter end of the ſeventh day, ¶ [12] *ch.* 10.8.

9 And

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9 And Saul ſaid, Bring hither a burnt-offering to me, and peace-offerings. And [13] he offered the burnt-offering.

[13] *Ch.*15.22. *Iſa.*28.-16. *Prov.*3.5,6. *Viz.* By the Priests, (as *ch.*1.3. 1 *Kings* 3.4.)

10 And it came to paſs, that [14] aſſoon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came, and Saul went out to meet him, that he might † ſalute him.

[14] *Pſal.*37.7. *Prov.*20.-22.

† Heb. *bleſs him.*

11 ¶ And Samuel ſaid, [15] What haſt thou done? And Saul ſaid, Becauſe I ſaw that the people were ſcattered from me, and *that* thou camest not within the days appointed, and *that* the Philiſtines gathered themſelves together to Michmaſh:

[15] *Gen.*3.13.

12 Therefore ſaid I, the Philiſtines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not † made ſupplication unto the LORD: I forced my ſelf therefore, and offered a burnt-offering.

† Heb. *intreated the face.*

13 And Samuel ſaid to Saul, Thou haſt done [16] fooliſhly: thou haſt not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have eſtabliſhed thy kingdom upon Iſrael [17] for ever.

[16] *Prov.*19.3. *Deut.*4.6. A plain reproof of a King. So 2 *Sam.*12.7,9. 1 *Kings* 18.18. 2 *Chron.*16.-9. and 19.2. *Matth.* 14.4. ¶ [17] In thy ſelf and poſterity for a long while.

14 But now thy kingdom ſhall not continue: * the LORD hath ſought him a man [18] after his own heart, and the LORD hath [19] commanded him *to be* captain over his people, becauſe thou haſt not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

* Pſal.89.20. Acts 13.22.

[18] *Acts* 13.22. Such a one as he likes. ¶ [19] Deſign'd, (as 1 *Kings* 17.4.)

15 And Samuel aroſe, and gat him up from Gilgal, unto Gibeah of Benjamin; and Saul numbred the people *that were* † preſent with him, * [20] about ſix hundred men.

† Heb. *found.* * Chap. 14.2.

[20] The reſt of his company being fled for fear, *v.* 6, 7.

16 And Saul and Jonathan his ſon, and the people *that were* preſent with them, abode in † Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philiſtines encamped in Michmaſh.

† Heb. *Gebah.*

17 ¶ And the ſpoilers came out of the camp of the Philiſtines, in three companies: one company turned unto the way *that leadeth to* Ophrah, unto the land of Shual.

18 And another company turned the way *to* Beth-horon: and another company turned *to* the way of the border, that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderneſs.

19 ¶ Now there was [21] no ſmith found throughout all the land of Iſrael: (for the Philiſtines ſaid, Leſt the Hebrews make *them* ſwords or ſpears)

[21] 2 *Kin.*24.14. *Jer.* 24.1. and 29.2.

20 But all the Iſraelites went down to the Philiſtines, to ſharpen every man his ſhare and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock.

21 Yet they had † a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to † ſharpen the goads.

† Heb. *a file with mouths.* † Heb. *to ſet.*

22 So it came to paſs in the day of battel, that there was [22] neither ſword nor ſpear found in the hand of any of the [23] people that *were* with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his ſon was there found.

[22] *Judg.*5.-8. ¶ [23] Thoſe ſix hundred, *v.*15. but others might have 'em.

23 And the ‖ gariſon of the Philiſtines went out to the [24] paſſage of Michmaſh.

‖ Or, *ſtanding camp.*

[24] To ſecure that from the Iſraelites, and ſo prevent their being ſurpriz'd by 'em.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Jonathan miraculouſly ſmiteth the Philiſtines gariſon.* 15 *A divine terrour maketh them beat themſelves.* 24 *Sauls unadviſed adjuration hindreth the victory.*

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NOw ‖ it came to paſs upon a day, that Jonathan the ſon of Saul ſaid unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and [1] let us go over to the Philiſtines gariſon, that *is* on the other ſide: but he [2] told not his father.

‖ Or, *there was a day.*

[1] This he was moved to do by the Spirit of God. ¶ [2] Leſt he ſhould diſſwade or hinder him from it.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermoſt part of Gibeah, under a pomegranate-tree, which *is* in Migron: and the people that *were* with him *were* * about ſix hundred men;

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3 And Ahiah the ſon of [3] Ahitub, * I-chabods brother, the ſon of Phinehas, the ſon of Eli, the LORDs prieſt in Shiloh, [4] wearing an ephod: and the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

* Chap.4.21.

[3] Called *Ahimelech*, *ch.* 22.9,11. ¶ [4] *Exod.* 28.30. *i. e.* Was High-prieſt.

4 ¶ And between the paſſages, by which Jonathan ſought to go over unto the Philiſtines gariſon, *there was* a ſharp rock on the one ſide, and a ſharp rock on the other ſide: and the name of the one *was* Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The † forefront of the one *was* ſituate north-ward over againſt Michmaſh, and the other ſouth-ward over againſt Gibeah.

† Heb. *tooth.*

6 And Jonathan ſaid to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the gariſon of theſe [5] uncircumciſed; [6] it may be that the LORD will work for us: for *there is* no reſtraint to the LORD, to ſave [7] by many or by few.

[5] *Judg.*14.3. See there. ¶ [6] *Joſh.* 14.-12. ¶ [7] 2 *Chron.* 14.11. *Matth.*19.-26. *Pſal.* 115.3.

7 And his armour-bearer ſaid unto him, Do all that *is* in thine heart: turn thee, behold, I *am* with thee according to thy heart.

8 Then ſaid Jonathan, Behold, we will paſs over unto *theſe* men, and we will diſcover our ſelves unto them.

9 If they ſay thus unto us, † Tarry until we come to you; then we will ſtand ſtill in our place, and will not go up unto them.

† Heb. *Be ſtill.*

10 But if they ſay thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for * the LORD hath delivered them into our hand; and this *ſhall be* a [8] ſign unto us.

* Macc. 4.30.

[8] To ſtrengthen our faith, (as *Gen.*24.13,14. *Judg.* 6.36, 37. and 7.13.)

11 And both of them diſcovered themſelves unto the gariſon of the Philiſtines: and the Philiſtines ſaid, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes, where they had [9] hid themſelves.

[9] *ch.*13.6. and 8.6.

12 And the men of the gariſon anſwered Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and ſaid, Come up to us, and we will [10] ſhew you a thing. And Jonathan ſaid unto his armour-bearer, Come up after me; for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Iſrael.

[10] To teach you more wit.

13 And Jonathan [11] climbed up upon his hands, and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour-bearer ſlew after him.

[11] *Pſal.* 18.29.

14 And that firſt ſlaughter which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was about twenty men;

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men, within as it were ‖ an half-acre of land, *which* a yoke *of oxen might plow.*

15 And there was [12] trembling in the hoſt, in the field, and among all the people: the gariſon, and the [13] ſpoilers, they alſo trembled, and the [14] earth quaked: ſo it was † a * very great trembling.

‖ Or, *half a furrow of an acre of land.*
† Heb. *a trembling of God.*
* Gen. 35.5.

[12] *Joſh.* 2.9. *Pſal.* 48.6. *Job* 18.11. ¶ [13] *ch.* 13.17. ¶ [14] God alſo ſent a terrible Earthquake, which did much encreaſe their fear and aſtoniſhment, and probably overthrew their Tents and Chariots, and deſtroy'd many of their perſons.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down *one another.*

17 Then ſaid Saul unto the people that *were* with him, Number now, and ſee who is gone from us. And when they had numbred, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer *were* not *there.*

18 And Saul ſaid unto Ahiah, Bring hither the [15] ark of God: (for the ark of God was at that time with the children of Iſrael.)

[15] To conſult with God by Urim and Thummim, (*Numb.* 27.21.) whether they ſhould ſet upon the Philiſtines, or keep their ſtanding.

‖ Or, *tumult.*

19 ¶ And it came to paſs while Saul talked unto the prieſt, that the ‖ noiſe that *was* in the hoſt of the Philiſtines went on, and increaſed: and Saul ſaid unto the Prieſt, [16] Withdraw thine hand.

[16] *q. d.* We need not ſtay for God's anſwer: there's a good opportunity offer'd of routing 'em. Thus he betrays his prophane ſpirit: and when he apprehends himſelf out of danger, he ſlights God's advice.

† Heb. *were cryed together.*
[17] So *Judg.* 7. 22. 2 *Chron.* 20.23.

20 And Saul and all the people that *were* with him, † aſſembled themſelves, and they came to the battel: and behold, [17] every mans ſword was againſt his fellow, *and there was* a very great diſcomfiture.

21 Moreover, the Hebrews *that* were with the Philiſtines before that time, which went up with them into the camp, *from the country* round about, even they alſo *turned* to be with the Iſraelites, that *were* with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewiſe all the men of Iſrael which had [9] hid themſelves in mount Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philiſtines fled, even they alſo followed hard after them in the battel.

[18] *Pſal.* 44.2. *Hoſ.* 1.7.

23 So the LORD [18] ſaved Iſrael that day: and the battel paſſed over unto Beth-aven.

24 ¶ And the men of Iſrael were [19] diſtreſſed that day: for Saul had [20] adjured the people, ſaying, [21] Curſed *be* the man that eateth *any* food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies: ſo none of the people taſted *any* food.

[19] *Viz.* With hunger and faintneſs, by reaſon of the following Adjuration. ¶ [20] Charg'd 'em in the Name of God, (*v.* 27.) not to eat upon pain of death. A raſh Oath in many reſpects, *v.* 29, 30. ¶ [21] He ſhall be put to death as an accurſed perſon.

25 And [22] all *they of* the land came to a wood, and there was [23] hony upon the ground.

[22] *Viz.* That were with *Saul.* ¶ [23] *Exod.* 3. 8.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the hony dropped, but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipt it in an hony-comb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his [24] eyes were enlightned.

[24] *Ch.* 30.12. *Viz.* By the recruit of his ſpirits with this hony.

28 Then anſwered one of the people, and ſaid, Thy father ſtraitly charged the people with an oath, ſaying, Curſed *be* the man that eateth *any* food this day. And the people were ‖ [25] faint.

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‖ Or, *weary.*

[25] So as they could not purſue their Victory ſo vigorouſly and effectually, as otherwiſe they might have done, *v.* 30.

29 Then ſaid Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: ſee, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightned, becauſe I taſted a little of this hony:

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the ſpoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater ſlaughter among the Philiſtines?

31 And they ſmote the Philiſtines that day from Michmaſh to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people [26] flew upon the ſpoil, and took ſheep, and oxen, and calves, and ſlew *them* on the ground: and the people did eat *them* * [27] with the blood.

* Deut. 12.16.

[26] *Viz.* In the evening; after the date of the Oath was expired. ¶ [27] Contrary to *Gen.* 9.4. *Lev.* 3.17. and 17. 10, 14. and 19. 26.

33 ¶ Then they told Saul, ſaying, Behold, the people ſin againſt the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he ſaid, Ye have ‖ [28] tranſgreſſed: roll [29] a great ſtone unto me this day.

‖ Or, *dealt treacherouſly.*

[28] *Matth.* 7.5. *Rom.* 2.1. ¶ [29] To kill the beaſts upon, (*v.* 34.) and build an Altar withal, *v.* 35.

34 And Saul ſaid, Diſperſe your ſelves among the people, and ſay unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his ſheep, and ſlay *them* here, and eat; and ſin not againſt the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox † with him that night, and ſlew *them* there.

† Heb. *in his hand.*

35 And Saul built an [30] altar unto the LORD: † the ſame was the [31] firſt altar that he built unto the LORD.

† Heb. *That altar he began to build unto the LORD.*

[30] See on *Judg.* 21.4. To offer Thank-offerings, and Peace-offerings thereon, and to be a ſtanding Monument of this Victory. ¶ [31] Tho' he had occaſion enough before for it, *ch.* 11.11. Another evidence of his neglect of God and his Worſhip.

36 ¶ And Saul ſaid, Let us go down after the Philiſtines by night, and ſpoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they ſaid, Do whatſoever ſeemeth good unto thee. Then ſaid the prieſt, Let us draw near hither [32] unto God.

[31] To ask counſel of him, *v.* 37.

37 And Saul [33] asked counſel of God, Shall I go down after the Philiſtines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Iſrael? But he anſwered him [34] not that day.

[33] *Judg.* 1.1. ¶ [34] So *ch.* 28.6. Hereby teſtifying his diſpleaſure againſt *Saul* for his raſh Oath, (*v.* 24.) and former neglect, (*v.* 18, 19.) and to ſhew his diſlike of the violation of Oaths which may be kept without ſin.

38 And Saul ſaid, * Draw ye near hither all the † chief of the people: and know and ſee wherein [35] this ſin hath been this day.

* Joſh. 7. 14. Chap. 10.19.
† Heb. *corners.* Judg. 20.2.
[35] *Joſh.* 7.1.

39 For *as* the LORD liveth, which ſaveth Iſrael, though it be in Jonathan my ſon, he ſhall ſurely die But *there was* not a man among all the people that anſwered him.

40 Then ſaid he unto all Iſrael, Be ye on one ſide, and I and Jonathan my ſon will be on the other ſide. And the people ſaid unto Saul, Do what ſeemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul ſaid unto the LORD God of

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of Israel, ‖ Give a perfect *lot*. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people † escaped.

‖ Or, *Shew the innocent.* † Heb. *went forth.*

42 And Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my son. And [36] Jonathan was taken.

[36] Tho he was free from any fault, yet he was guilty of the Fact; and therefore to preserve the honour of his Providence about Lots (*Prov.* 16. 33.) God discovers him by Lot.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in mine hand, *and* lo I must die.

44 And Saul answered, [37] God do so, and more also: for thou shalt [38] surely die, Jonathan.

[37] *Ruth* 1.7. See there. ¶ [38] 2 *Sam.* 12. 5.

45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: *as* the LORD liveth, there shall not [39] one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath [40] wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

[39] 2 *Sam.*14.-11. 1 *King.*1.52. *Matth.*10.30. *Luke* 21. 18. *Act.*27.34. ¶ [40] 2 *Cor.*6.1. Been a means, through God's help, of obtaining a most glorious Victory.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 ¶ So Saul [41] took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of
* Chap.11.11. * Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed *them.*

[41] Managed the Affairs thereof with success.

‖ Or, *wrought mightily.* [42] *ch.*15. 7.

48 And he ‖ gathered an host, and [42] smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

* Chap.31.2. 1 Chr.8.33.

49 Now * the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters *were these*; the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

50 And the name of Sauls wife *was* Ahinoham the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the
† Heb. *Abiner.* captain of his host *was* † Abner, the son of Ner, Sauls uncle.

51 And Kish *was* the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner *was* the son of
* Chap.9.1. * Abiel.

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he [43] took
[43] *ch.*8.11. into his service. him unto him.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Samuel sendeth Saul to destroy Amalek:* 8 *He spareth Agag and the best of the spoil.* 33 *Samuel killeth Agag.*

[1] *ch.*9. 16. SAmuel also said unto Saul, The LORD [1] sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD [2] of hosts, [3] I remember *that* which Amalek did to Israel, * how he
* Num.24.20. [4] laid *wait* for him in the way when he came up from Egypt.

[2] *Isa.*40.26. ¶ [3] *Rev.*18.-5. ¶ [4] *Exod.* 17.8. *Deut.*25. 17,18.

3 Now go, and smite Amalek, and [5] utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, [6] infant and suckling, [7] ox and sheep, camel and ass.

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[5] *Exod.*17.-14. *Numb.*24.20. *Deut.*25.19. ¶ [6] *Exod.*20.-5. ¶ [7] *Gen.*3.17,18. *Rom.*8. 20,22.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbred them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men [8] of Ju-
[8] See on *ch.* 11.8. dah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and
‖ Or, *sought.* ‖ laid wait in the valley.

6 ¶ And Saul said unto the [9] Kenites, [10] Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye [11] shewed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

[9] *Numb.*24. 21. *Judg.* 1. 16. *Jethro's* Posterity. ¶ [10] *Gen.* 19.12. *Isa.*52.11. 2 *Cor.*6.17. *Rev.*18.4. ¶ [11] *Exod.* 18. 9, 10,19. *Numb.*10.29, 31.

7 And Saul [12] smote the Amalekites from Ha-
[12] *Job* 21. 30. *Eccl.*8. 12. * Gen.16.7. & 25.18. vilah, *until* thou comest to * Shur, that *is* over against Egypt.

8 And * he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed [13] all the
* See 1 King. 20.34,35. people with the edge of the sword.

[13] *Viz.* That came in their way (for *ch.* 27.8. and 30.-1.)

9 But Saul and the people [14] spared Agag, and the [15] best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and
‖ Or, *of the second sort.* ‖ of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

[14] So 1 *King.*20.31. ¶ [15] To enrich themselves thereby, *v.* 19.

10 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying.

11 * [16] It repenteth me that I have set up
* 2 Sam.24.16. Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back [17] from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it [18] grieved Samuel; and he [19] cried unto the LORD all night.

[16] See on *Gen.*6.6. ¶ [17] (But *Numb.* 14.24.) ¶ [18] Because he had thus provok'd God to reject him. ¶ [19] *v.* 35. *ch.*16.1.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to * Carmel, and behold, he set him
* Josh.15. 55. up [20] a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

[20] Some Monument of his Victory, as 2 *Sam.*18.-18.

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: [21] I
[21] *Luke* 18.11. *Prov.* 27. 2. & 31.-31. have performed the commandment of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the [22] people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, [23] to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

[22] *V.*9. *Gen.*3.12. ¶ [23] *Matth.*2.-8. *Psal.*12. 2. *Eccl.*5.1.

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou *wast* [24] little
[24] *ch.*9.21. & 10.22. in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go, and utterly destroy the [25] sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until
† Heb. *they consume them.* † they be consumed.

[25] *V.*2. *Gen.*13.13. *Matth.*9.10. *Joh.*9.-24,31.

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[26] *Prov.*15.27.

19 Wherefore then didſt thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didſt [26] fly upon the ſpoil, and didſt evil in the ſight of the LORD?

20 And Saul ſaid unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD ſent me, and have

[27] *Luke* 19.22.

[27] brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly deſtroyed the Amalekites.

[28] *v.*9,15,24.

21 But the [28] people took of the ſpoil, ſheep and oxen, the chief of the things which ſhould have been utterly deſtroyed, to ſacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

* Pſal.50.8,9.

22 And Samuel ſaid, * [29] Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt-offerings and ſacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold,

* Eccl. 5. 1. Matth.5.24. & 9.13. & 12. 7.

* to obey [30] *is* better then [31] ſacrifice; *and* to hearken, then the fat of rams.

[29] *Iſa.*1.11. *Jer.*7.22,23. *Prov.*21.3. ¶ [30] *Hoſ.*6.6. (as it's better not to be ſick, than to take Phyſick.) ¶ [31] Becauſe Obedience without Sacrifice is always acceptable, but not Sacrifice without Obedience, *Jer.*7.22. *Iſa.*1.13. and 66.3. *Pſal.*50.8,13. *Prov.*15.8. *Eccl.*5.1. *Hoſ.*6.6. *Matth.* 12.7.

† Heb. *divination.*

23 For [32] rebellion *is as* the ſin of † [33] witchcraft, and [34] ſtubbornneſs *is as* [35] iniquity and idolatry: becauſe thou haſt rejected the word of the LORD, he hath alſo [36] rejected thee from *being* king.

[32] *q.d.* Thou, tho a King, by tranſgreſſing the command of God, art guilty of Rebellion againſt him: And wilful, peremptory diſobedience to any command of God, is for the nature of it a moſt heinous ſin, tho the matter about which it's converſant, be never ſo ſmall. ¶ [33] As plainly condemned, and as certainly damnable. ¶ [34] Perſiſting in ſin, juſtifying it, and pleading for it. ¶ [35] The higheſt degree of wickedneſs. ¶ [36] Pronounc'd the ſentence of Rejection; (tho it was not executed till afterwards.)

* See 2 Sam. 12.13.

24 ¶ * And Saul ſaid unto Samuel, [37] I have ſinned: for I have tranſgreſſed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: becauſe I [38] feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

[37] *V.*30. *ch.*26.21. So *Exod.*9.27. *Num.*22.34. *Matth.* 27. 4. ¶ [38] *Exod.*32.22.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, [39] pardon my ſin, and turn again with me, that I may worſhip the LORD.

[39] Make no more mention of it to me, and pray to God to forgive it.

26 And Samuel ſaid unto Saul, [40] I will not return with thee: for thou haſt [41] rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath [36] rejected thee from being king over Iſrael.

[40] *Pſal.*15.4. (yet upon his intreaty he alter'd his mind and went, *v.*31.) ¶ [41] *ch.*2.30.

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away,

* See 1 King. 11.30.

* he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel ſaid unto him, The LORD hath [42] rent the kingdom of Iſrael from thee this day and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou.

[42] *Ch.*28.17. 1 *King.*11.30. Declared his firm reſolution of laying aſide thy Family.

‖ Or, *Eternity*, or *Victory.*

29 And alſo the ‖ [43] ſtrength of Iſrael will not [44] lie, nor [45] repent: for he *is* not a man that he ſhould repent.

[43] He who is able to bring to paſs all his purpoſes, and make good all his words. ¶ [44] *Numb.*23.19. 2 *Tim.* 2. 13. *Tit.*1.2. ¶ [45] Change his Counſel and Purpoſe (tho he does his Proceedings.)

30 Then he ſaid, I have ſinned; *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Iſrael, and turn again with me, that I may worſhip the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul, and Saul worſhiped the LORD.

32 ¶ Then ſaid Samuel, Bring you hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites: and Agag came unto him [46] delicately. And Agag ſaid, Surely the bitterneſs of death is [47] paſt.

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[46] In the Garb, and with the Majeſty of a King. ¶ [47] (Being brought now, not to a warlike King, but an old Prophet.)

* Exod.17.11. Numb.14.45.

33 And Samuel ſaid, * [48] As thy ſword hath made women childleſs, ſo ſhall thy mother be childleſs among women. And [49] Samuel [50] hewed Agag in pieces [51] before the LORD in Gilgal.

[48] *Gen.*9.6. *Matth.*26.-52. and 7.1,2. ¶ [49] 1 *King.*18.40. 2 *King.*1.10, 12. *Numb.* 25.7. ¶ [50] As a Sacrifice to the Lord, *Iſa.*34.-6. ¶ [51] With reſpect to his Command and Honour.

34 ¶ Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his houſe to * Gibeah of Saul.

* Chap.11.4.

35 And * Samuel [52] came no more to ſee Saul until the day of his death: nevertheleſs, Samuel [53] mourned for Saul: and the LORD [16] repented that he had made Saul king over Iſrael.

* See Chap. 19. 24.

[52] *Viz.* Purpoſely, or by way of Homage; as owning him for a King. ¶ [53] For his impenitency and rejection.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samuel ſent by God under pretence of a ſacrifice, cometh to Beth-lehem. 6 His humane judgment is reproved.

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AND the LORD ſaid unto Samuel, How long wilt thou [1] mourn for Saul, ſeeing I have rejected him from reigning over Iſrael? fill thine [2] horn with oyl, and go, I will ſend thee to Jeſſe the Beth-lehemite: for I have [3] provided me a king among his ſons.

[1] *Ch.*15.35. ¶ [2] See on *ch.*10. 1. ¶ [3] *ch.* 13. 14. *Pſal.* 78.70.

2 And Samuel ſaid, [4] How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD ſaid, Take an heifer † with thee, and ſay, I am come to [5] ſacrifice to the LORD.

† Heb. *in thine hand.*

[4] *Luke* 1.34. *viz.* Safely. ¶ [5] *ch.*9.12. This was a truth, tho not the whole. So *Jer.*38.27.

3 And [6] call Jeſſe to the Sacrifice, and I will ſhew thee what thou ſhalt do: and thou ſhalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

[6] Invite him to the feaſt thou makeſt with thy Peace-offerings.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD ſpake, and came to Beth-lehem: and the elders of the town [7] trembled at his † coming, and ſaid, * Comeſt thou peaceably?

†Heb. *meeting* * 1 King.2.13.

[7] Leſt he came to denounce ſome Judgment againſt 'em; or to ſhun *Saul's* diſpleaſure, and ſo it might be dangerous for 'em to entertain him, as *ch.*21.1.

5 And he ſaid, Peaceably: I am come to ſacrifice unto the LORD: [8] ſanctifie your ſelves, and come with me to the ſacrifice. And he [9] ſanctified Jeſſe and his ſons, and called them to the ſacrifice.

[8] See on *Joſh.* 3. 5. ¶ [9] *Job* 1. 5. Commanded 'em to do it.

6 ¶ And it came to paſs when they were come, that he looked on * Eliab, and ſaid, Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before him.

* Chap.17. 13. called *Elihu.* 1 Chr. 27. 18.

7 But the Lord [10] ſaid unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the [11] height of his ſtature; becauſe I have refuſed him: for *the LORD* [12] *ſeeth* not as man ſeeth; for man looketh on the † outward apperance, but the LORD looketh on the [13] heart.

† Heb. *eyes.*

[10] *Ch.* 9.17. By ſecret Inſpiration. ¶ [11] *ch.*10.23. ¶ [12] *Job* 10.4. ¶ [13] *Deut.* 31. 21. 1 *King.* 8. -39. 1 *Chron.* 28. -9. 2 *Chron.*6.30. *Job* 42. 2. *Pſal.* 7. -9. and 94. 11. and 139. 2. *Prov.*

Chap. 16. *Prov.*15.11. and 16.2. *Jer.* 11. 20. and 17. 10. and 20. 12. *Ezek.*11.-5. *Luke* 16.15. *Acts* 1.24. and 15. 8. *Hebr.* 4. 13. *Rev.*2.23.

* Chap.17.13. 8 Then Jeſſe called * Abinadab, and made him paſs before Samuel: and he ſaid, Neither hath the LORD choſen this.

‖ *Shimeah*, 2 Sam.13.3. *Shimma*, 1 Chron.2.13. 9 Then Jeſſe made ‖ Shammah to paſs by: and he ſaid, Neither hath the LORD choſen this.

10 Again Jeſſe made ſeven of his ſons to paſs before Samuel: and Samuel ſaid unto Jeſſe, The LORD hath not choſen theſe.

11 And Samuel ſaid unto Jeſſe, Are here all *thy* children? And he ſaid, There remaineth yet the youngeſt, and behold, * he keepeth the ſheep. And Samuel ſaid unto Jeſſe, [14] Send and fetch him: for we will not ſit † down till he come hither.

* 2 Sam. 7.8. [14] *Pſal.* 78.70. 1 *Kings* 19.19. *Am.*1.1. † Heb. *round.*

12 And he ſent, and brought him in: Now he *was* [15] ruddy, *and* withall † of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD ſaid, Ariſe, [16] anoint him: for this *is* he.

† Heb. *fair of eyes.*

[15] *Lam.*4.7. *Cant.*5.10. ¶ [16] *Pſal.*89.20. 2 *Sam.* 5.2.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oyl, and * [17] anointed him [18] in the midſt of his brethren: and * the [19] ſpirit of the LORD came upon David, from that day forward: ſo Samuel roſe up and went to Ramah.

* Pſal.89.20. * See Numb. 27.18. Judg. 13.25.& 14.6. Chap.10.6,10.

[17] This was (1) Only a deſignation of him to that Office; not an actual beſtowing it upon him: therefore *David* acknowledges *Saul* for his Lord and Maſter afterwards, (*ch.* 24.6.) And it was done (2) to ſupport him, and ſtrengthen his faith under thoſe troubles he met with afterwards. ¶ [18] Not in their preſence, (for it was done as privately as might be, *v.*2.) but, being ſingled out from among 'em all, (as the phraſe is uſed, *Deut.*18.5.) ¶ [19] See on *Judg.* 3.10. Particularly Muſic, Valor, Prudence, *v.*18.

14 ¶ But the [20] ſpirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and * an [21] evil ſpirit [22] from the LORD ‖ [23] troubled him.

* Chap.18.10. ‖ Or, *terrified.*

[20] *Ch.*28.10. *Matth.*13.12. Thoſe Gifts formerly beſtow'd on him, (*ch.* 11.6.) were taken away. ¶ [21] *ch.* 19. 9. *Acts* 19.15. The Devil; who made uſe of a fit of melancholy that was upon him. ¶ [22] 1 *Kings* 22.23. ¶ [23] Diſquieted his mind, and tormented his body with fits, that he was like a diſtracted man, *ch.*18.10,11. and 19.9,10,24.

15 And Sauls ſervants ſaid unto him, Behold now, an evil ſpirit from God troubleth thee.

16 Let our lord now command thy ſervants *which are* before thee, to ſeek out a man *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it ſhall come to paſs when the evil ſpirit from God is upon thee, that he ſhall play with his hand, and thou ſhalt be [28] well.

17 And Saul ſaid unto his ſervants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me.

18 Then anſwered one of the ſervants, and ſaid, Behold, I have ſeen a ſon of Jeſſe the Bethlemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in ‖ matters, and a comely perſon, and the LORD *is* with him.

‖ Or, *ſpeech.*

19 ¶ Wherefore Saul ſent meſſengers unto Jeſſe, and ſaid, Send me David thy ſon, which *is* with the [24] ſheep.

[24] *Ch.* 16.15. Tho' anointed. So *Saul ch.* 10. 24. with 11. 5.

20 And Jeſſe took an aſs *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and ſent *them* by David his ſon unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and [25] ſtood before him; and he [26] loved him greatly, and he became his armour-bearer.

[25] Waited upon him. ¶ [26] *Pſal.* 62. 9. and 118. 9. and 146.3.

22 And Saul ſent to Jeſſe, ſaying, Let David, I pray thee, [27] ſtand before me: for he hath found favour in my ſight.

Chap. 17. [27] Continue in my ſervice.

23 And it came to paſs, when * the *evil* ſpirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: ſo Saul was refreſhed, and was [28] well, and the evil ſpirit [29] departed from him.

* Verſ.14.

[28] 2 *Kings* 3. 15. Freed from thoſe melancholy dumps and fits of rage, (which were heightned by the Devil) and his mind was reduc'd to a quiet temper again, for the preſent; which came to paſs through the ſpecial Providence of God, thereby to bring *David* to Court, and fit him for the Throne. ¶ [29] *Matth.*12.43-45. His fits left him for a time, (but return'd again, *ch.*18.10. and 19.9.)

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The armies of the Iſraelites and Philiſtines being ready to battel,* 4 *Goliath cometh proudly forth to challenge a combat:* 12 *David ſent by his father to viſit his brethren, accepteth the challenge.*

NOw the Philiſtines gathered together their armies to battel, and were gathered together at * Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in ‖ Ephes-dammim.

* Joſh.15.35. ‖ Or, *the coaſt of Dammim*, called *Paſ-dammim.* 1 Chro.11.13.

2 And Saul and the men of Iſrael were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and † ſet the battel in aray againſt the Philiſtines.

† Heb. *ranged the battel.*

3 And the Philiſtines ſtood on a mountain on the one ſide, and Iſrael ſtood on a mountain on the other ſide: and *there was* a valley between them.

4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philiſtines, named [1] Goliath, of Gath, whoſe height *was* ſix cubits and a ſpan.

[1] 1 *Chron.*20.5.

5 And *he had* an helmet of braſs upon his head, and he *was* † armed with a coat of mail: and the weight of the coat *was* [2] five thouſand ſhekels of braſs.

† Heb. *clothed.*

[2] *i.e.* One hundred fifty ſix pounds and a quarter of *Averdupois* weight.

6 And *he had* greaves of braſs upon his legs, and a ‖ target of braſs between his ſhoulders.

‖ Or, *gorget.*

7 And the ſtaff of his ſpear *was* like a weavers beam, and his ſpears head *weighed* [3] ſix hundred ſhekels of iron: and one bearing a ſhield, went before him.

[3] *i.e.* Eighteen pounds three quarters.

8 And he ſtood and cried unto the armies of Iſrael, and ſaid unto them, Why are you come out to ſet *your* battel in aray? *am* not I a Philiſtine, and you ſervants to Saul? chooſe you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your ſervants: but if I prevail againſt him, and kill him, then ſhall ye be our ſervants, and ſerve us.

10 And the Philiſtine ſaid, I [4] defie the armies of Iſrael this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

[4] *Ch.*23.9. *Numb.*23.7,8. 2 *Sam.* 21. 21. 1 *Chron.* 20. 7. I dare 'em to do their worſt, and deſpiſe 'em as Cowards, and able to do nothing.

11 When Saul and all Iſrael heard thoſe words of the Philiſtine, they were diſmayed, and greatly afraid.

12 ¶ Now David *was* * the ſon of that * Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whoſe name *was* Jeſſe, and he had * eight ſons: and the man went among men *for* an old man in the days of Saul.

* Chap. 16.1. * Gen. 35.19. * See 1 Chr. 2.13,14,15.

13 And the three eldeſt ſons of Jeſſe went,

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and followed Saul to the battel: and the names of his three ſons that went to the battel, *were* Eliab the firſt-born, and next unto him, Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

ſ ch.16.11. 14 And David *was* the [5] youngeſt: and the three eldeſt followed Saul.

15 But David went, and returned [6] from Saul, [7] to feed his fathers ſheep at Beth-lehem.

[6] After he had been entertain'd by him as his Menial Servant, *ch.*15.22. ¶ [7] See on *ch.* 15. 19.

16 And the Philiſtine drew near, morning and evening, and preſented himſelf forty days.

17 And Jeſſe ſaid unto David his ſon, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched *corn*, and theſe ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren.

† Heb. *cheeſes of milk.* † Heb. *captain of a thouſand.* 18 And carry theſe ten † cheeſes unto the † captain of *their* thouſand, and look how thy brethren fare, and [8] take their pledge.

[8] Bring me ſome token of their welfare.

[9] Skirmiſhing, and ready to fight. 19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Iſrael, *were* in the valley of Elah, [9] fighting with the Philiſtines.

20 ¶ And David roſe up early in the morning, and left the ſheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jeſſe had commanded him; and he came to the ‖ [10] trench, as the hoſt was going forth to the ‖ fight, and ſhouted for the battel.

‖ Or, *place of the carriage.* ‖ Or, *battel-ray, or place of fight.*

[10] *Ch.* 26. 5. To the Camp, or Army which was there entrench'd.

21 For Iſrael and the Philiſtines had put the battel in aray, army againſt army.

† Heb. *the veſſels from upon him.* † Heb. *asked his brethren of peace.* 22 And David left † his [11] carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and † ſaluted his brethren.

[11] The proviſions he had brought to his brethren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion (the Philiſtine of Gath, Goliath by name) out of the armies of the Philiſtines, and ſpake according to the [12] ſame words: and David heard *them.*

[12] *v.*8.

† Heb. *from his face.* 24 And all the men of Iſrael, when they ſaw the man, fled † from him, and were ſore afraid.

25 And the men of Iſrael ſaid, Have ye ſeen this man that is come up? ſurely to [4] defie Iſrael is he come up: and it ſhall be *that* the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will [13] give him his daughter, and make his fathers houſe free in Iſrael.

[13] So *Joſh.*15. 16. *Rev.*2.7, 17. & 3.5,12.

26 And David ſpake to the men that ſtood by him, ſaying, What ſhall be done to the man that killeth this Philiſtine, and taketh away the [14] reproach from Iſrael? for who *is* this [15] uncircumciſed Philiſtine, that he ſhould defie the armies of the [16] living God?

[14] 2 *Kings* 19.4. ¶ [15] *Judg.*14.3. See there. ¶ [16] *Deut.* 5.26. 1 *Theſſ.*1.-9.

27 And the people anſwered him after this manner, ſaying, So ſhall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 ¶ And Eliab his eldeſt brother heard when he ſpake unto the men; and Eliabs [17] anger was kindled againſt David, and he ſaid, Why cameſt thou down hither? and [18] with whom haſt thou left thoſe few ſheep in the wilderneſs? I know thy pride, and the [19] naughtineſs of thine heart; for thou art come down, that thou mighteſt [20] ſee the battel.

[17] *Ch.* 1. 14. *Mark* 3. 21. *Matth.* 10. 36. That he ſhould preſume to think of ſuch an undertaking. ¶ [18] *q.d.* It were fitter for thee to have been tending the ſheep, than have come hither. ¶ [19] Self-confidence, vain-glory and curioſity. ¶ [20] To ſerue thy ſelf into ſome imployment here.

29 And David ſaid, What have I now done? *is there* not a [21] cauſe?

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[21] *Viz.* Of my coming hither, (*viz. v.* 17.) and of making this enquiry.

30 ¶ And he turned from him towards another, and ſpake after the ſame † manner: and the people anſwered him again after the former manner. † Heb. *word.*

31 And when the words were heard which David ſpake, they rehearſed *them* before Saul: and he † ſent for him. † Heb. *took him.*

32 ¶ And David ſaid to Saul, Let no mans heart fail becauſe of him; thy ſervant [22] will go and fight with this Philiſtine.

[22] *ch.*14.6. *Eſth.* 4.-16. 2 *Cor.* 5.7.

33 And Saul ſaid to David, Thou art not able to go againſt this Philiſtine, to fight with him: for thou *art but* a [23] youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

[23] Unexperienc'd in military affairs.

34 And David ſaid unto Saul, Thy ſervant kept his fathers ſheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a ‖ lamb out of the flock:

‖ Or, *kid.*

35 And I went out after him, and ſmote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he aroſe againſt me, I caught *him* by his beard, and [24] ſmote him, and [24] ſlew him.

[24] *ch.*14.-6.

36 Thy ſervant ſlew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumciſed Philiſtine ſhall be as one of them, ſeeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David ſaid moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he [25] will deliver me out of the hand of this Philiſtine. And Saul ſaid unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

[25] 2 *Cor.* 1. 10. 2 *Tim.*4.-17. *Pſal.* 63. 7. and 77. 11. and 9. 10.

† Heb. *clothed David with his clothes.* 38 ¶ And Saul † armed David with [26] his armour, and he put an helmet of braſs upon his head, alſo he armed him with a coat of mail.

[26] Some Military Veſtments that he then uſed.

39 And David girded his ſword upon his armour, and he aſſayed to go, for he had not proved *it:* and David ſaid unto Saul, I cannot go with theſe: for I have [27] not proved *them.* And David [28] put them off him.

[27] Not been us'd to ſuch, (and therefore cannot make uſe of 'em.) ¶ [28] *Hoſ.*1.-7. *Zach.*4.6. 2 *Cor.*10.4,5.

‖ Or, *valley.* † Heb. *veſſel.* 40 And he took his [29] ſtaff in his hand, and choſe him [30] five ſmooth ſtones out of the ‖ brook, and put them in a ſhepherds † bag which he had, even in a ſcrip, and his ſling *was* in his hand, and he drew near to the Philiſtine.

[29] *Pſal.* 23. 4. His ſhepherds crook. ¶ [30] *Judg.* 20. 16. 1 *Cor.* 1. 27.

[31] *Gen.* 15.-1, *Pſal.*3.3. 41 And the Philiſtine came on and drew near unto David, and the man that bare the [31] ſhield *went* before him.

42 And when the Philiſtine looked about and ſaw David, he diſdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philiſtine ſaid unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou cometh to me with ſtaves? and the Philiſtine [32] curſed David by his gods.

[32] Wiſh'd that his gods might deſtroy *David.*

44 And the Philiſtine ſaid to David, Come to me, and I will give thy fleſh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beaſts of the field.

45 Then ſaid David to the Philiſtine, Thou cometh to me with a ſword, and with a ſpear, and with a ſhield; but I come to thee [33] in the name of the LORD of hoſts, the God of the armies of Iſrael, whom thou haſt defied.

[33] *Pſal.*20.7. and 118. 10,11. *Prov.* 18. 10. 2 *Chron.* 32. 8. By warrant from him, and relying upon his aſſiſtance.

46 This

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46 This day will the LORD † deliver thee into mine hand, and I will ſmite thee, and take thine head from thee, and I will give the carcaſes of the hoſt of the Philiſtines this day unto the [34] fowls of the air, and to the wild beaſts of the earth; that [35] all the earth may know that there is a God in Iſrael.

† Heb. *ſhut thee up.*

[34] *Rev.*19.17. ¶ [35] *Pſal.* 58. 11. and 115.3. *Dan.* 2. 47. and 6.26. 2 *King.*15.5.

47 And all this aſſembly ſhall know, that the LORD [36] ſaveth not with ſword and ſpear: for the [37] battel *is* the LORDs, and he will give you into our hands.

[36] *Pſal.*44.6. ¶ [37] 2 *Chron.*20.-15. The events of War are wholly in his power.

48 And it came to paſs when the Philiſtine aroſe, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David haſted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philiſtine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a ſtone, and ſlang *it*, and ſmote the Philiſtine in his forehead, that the ſtone [38] ſunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

[38] *Mat.*19. 26. *Jud.*3.31.1 *Cor.* 1. 27.

50 So * David prevailed over the Philiſtine with a ſling and with a ſtone, and ſmote the Philiſtine and ſlew him; but *there was* no ſword in the hand of David.

* Eccluſ.47.4. 1 Mac.4.30.

51 Therefore David ran and ſtood upon the Philiſtine, and took his ſword, and drew it out of the ſheath thereof, and [39] ſlew him, and [40] cut off his head therewith. And when the Philiſtines ſaw their champion was dead, they fled.

[39] Made a full end of him, he not being quite killed by the ſtone. (So Chriſt vanquiſh'd Satan, Sin, the world, and Death with their own Weapons.) ¶ [40] *Eſt.*7.10. So Chriſt, *Heb.*2.14.

52 And the men of Iſrael and of Judah aroſe, and ſhouted, and purſued the Philiſtines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron: and the wounded of the Philiſtines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

53 And the children of Iſrael returned from chaſing after the Philiſtines, and they ſpoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philiſtine, and brought it to [41] Jeruſalem; but he put his armour in his [42] tent.

[41] *Judg.* 1. 8. After he had ſhewed it to *Saul*, *v.* 57. ¶ [42] And afterwards laid it up in the Tabernacle, *ch.*21.9.

55 ¶ And when Saul ſaw David go forth againſt the Philiſtine, he ſaid unto Abner the captain of the hoſt, Abner, [43] whoſe ſon *is* this youth? And Abner ſaid, *As* thy ſoul liveth, O king, [43] I cannot tell.

[43] Perhaps *David* ſtayed but a while at Court; or it might be a pretty while ſince he left it, and ſo was grown out of knowledge.

56 And the king ſaid, Enquire thou whoſe ſon the ſtripling *is*.

57 And as David returned from the ſlaughter of the Philiſtine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philiſtine in his hand.

58 And Saul ſaid to him, Whoſe ſon *art* thou, *thou* young man? And David anſwered, *I am* the ſon of thy ſervant Jeſſe the Beth-lehemite.

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1 *Jonathan loveth David.* 5 *Saul envying his praiſe,* 10 *ſeeketh to kill him in his fury:* 12 *fearing him for his good ſucceſs,* 17 *he offereth him his daughter for a ſnare.*

AND it came to paſs when he had made an end of ſpeaking to Saul, that the ſoul of Jonathan was knit with * the ſoul of David, and Jonathan [1] loved him as his own ſoul.

* Gen.44.30. [1] *ch.*20.-17.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go [2] no more home to his fathers houſe.

[2] Implying, That he had gone home before, after he had been at Court, *ch.* 17. 15. (And therefore the order of ſtory follows right according to the order of the Chapters.)

3 Then Jonathan and David made [3] a covenant, becauſe he loved him as his own ſoul.

[3] *Viz.* Of ſincere and perpetual Friendſhip between 'em.

4 And Jonathan ſtript himſelf of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his ſword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 ¶ And David went out whitherſoever Saul ſent him, *and* ‖ behaved himſelf [4] wiſely: and Saul ſet him over the [5] men of war, and he was accepted in the ſight of all the people, and alſo in the ſight of Sauls ſervants.

‖ Or, *proſpered.*

[4] *Matth.*10.16. *Col.*4.5. ¶ [5] His Guard, *ch.*13.2.

6 And it came to paſs as they came when David was returned from the ſlaughter of the ‖ Philiſtine, that the women came out of all cities of Iſrael, [6] ſinging and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with † inſtruments of muſick.

‖ Or, *Philiſtines.*

[6] *Exod.* 15. 20. *Jud.*11. 34.

† Heb. *three-ſtringed inſtruments.*

7 And the women [7] anſwered *one another* as they played, and ſaid, * [8] Saul hath ſlain his thouſands, and David his ten thouſands.

[7] *Exod.*15. 21. * Eccluſ.47.6. [8] *ch.* 21. 11. & 29.5.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the ſaying † [9] diſpleaſed him; and he ſaid, They have aſcribed unto David ten thouſands, and to me they have aſcribed *but* thouſands: and [10] *what* can he have more but the kingdom?

† Heb. *was evil in his eyes.*

[9] *Prov.*13.10. *Eccl.*4.4. ¶ [10] *q. d.* Sure this is the man deſign'd for the Kingdom, *ch.* 13.14. and 15.28.

9 And Saul [11] eyed David from that day and forward.

[11] *Matth.*20.-15. Pried curiouſly into all his Actions, envied him, and watch'd for an opportunity to make him away.

10 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow, that the [12] evil ſpirit from God came upon Saul, and he [13] propheſied in the midſt of the houſe: and David [14] played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* [15] a javelin in Sauls hand.

[12] *Ch.*16.14. ſee there. ¶ [13] 1 *King.*18.29. *Act.*16.16. Was diſcompos'd in his Geſture and Speeches, ſomething after that manner, as it was ſometimes with true Prophets. ¶ [14] *ch.* 16.23. ¶ [15] *ch.*22.6. and 26.7.

11 And Saul [16] caſt the javelin; for he ſaid, I will ſmite David even to the wall *with it:* and David avoided out of his preſence twice.

[16] *ch.* 20. 33.

12 ¶ And Saul was afraid of David, becauſe the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul [17] removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thouſand; and * he [18] went out and [18] came in before the people.

* Verſ. 16. 2 Sam.5.2.

[17] Imployed him abroad upon warlike and dangerous expeditions, *v.*17,25. ¶ [18] *Pſal.*121. 8. Led 'em out to battel, and brought 'em back again with ſafety and ſucceſs.

14 And

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14 And David ‖ behaved himſelf [4] wiſely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him.

‖ Or, *proſpered.*

15 Wherefore when Saul ſaw that he behaved himſelf very wiſely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Iſrael and Judah loved David, becauſe he went out and came in before them.

17 ¶ And Saul ſaid to David, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou † valiant for me, and fight the [19] LORDs battels. For Saul ſaid, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philiſtines be upon him.

† Heb. *a ſon of valour.*

[19] *Ch.*17.47. and 25,28. Undertaken for his honour, and in behalf of his people.

18 And David ſaid unto Saul, [20] Who *am* I? and [21] what *is* my life, *or* my fathers family in Iſrael, that I ſhould be ſon in law to the king?

[20] 2 *Sam.*7.18. ¶ [21] How little is my Life worth, that by the expoſing that to ſome hazard, I ſhould purchaſe a Kings Daughter?

19 But it came to paſs at the time when Merab Sauls daughter ſhould have been given to David, that ſhe was given unto * Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

* Chap.21.8.

20 And Michal Sauls daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing † pleaſed him.

† Heb. *was right in his eyes.*

21 And Saul ſaid, I will give him her, that ſhe may be [22] a ſnare to him, and that the hand of the [23] Philiſtines may be againſt him. Wherefore Saul ſaid to David, Thou ſhalt* this day be my ſon in law, [24] in *the one of* the twain.

* See Verſ.26.

[22] *Pſal.*7.16. and 9.16. and 38.12. (but God made her a means of his preſervation, *ch.* 19. 11, 12.) ¶ [23] *v.* 25. ¶ [24] In the younger, tho not in the elder.

22 ¶ And Saul commanded his ſervants, *ſaying*, Commune with David ſecretly, and ſay, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his ſervants love thee: now therefore be the kings ſon in law.

23 And Sauls ſervants ſpake thoſe words in the ears of David: and David ſaid, Seemeth it to you *a* light *thing* to be a kings ſon in law, ſeeing that I *am* a [25] poor man, and lightly eſteemed?

[25] Not able to give much Dowry, *v.*25. *Gen.*34. 12. *Exod.* 22.16,17.

24 And the ſervants of Saul told him, ſaying, † On this manner ſpake David.

† Heb. *according to theſe words.*

25 And Saul ſaid, Thus ſhall ye ſay to David, The king deſireth not any dowry; but an hundred foreſkins of the Philiſtines, to be avenged of the kings enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philiſtines.

26 And when his ſervants told David theſe words, it pleaſed David well to be the kings ſon in law: and the days were [26] not † expired.

†Heb. *fulfilled.*

[26] For the bringing in the Foreſkins.

27 Wherefore David aroſe and went, he and his men, and ſlew of the Philiſtines two hundred men; and * David brought their foreſkins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the kings ſon in law: And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

* 2 Sam.3. 14.

28 ¶ And Saul ſaw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Michal Sauls daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the [27] more afraid of David; and Saul became Davids enemy continually.

[27] *v.*12. *Job* 5. 12,13.

30 Then the princes of the Philiſtines went forth: and it came to paſs after they went forth, *that* David behaved himſelf more wiſely than all the ſervants of Saul, ſo that his name was much †ſet by.

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†Heb. *precious.*

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Jonathan diſcloſeth his fathers purpoſe to kill David.* 4 *He perſuadeth his father to reconciliation.* 8 *By reaſon of Davids good ſucceſs in a new war, Sauls malicious rage breaketh out again.*

AND Saul ſpake to Jonathan his ſon, and to all his ſervants, that they ſhould [1] kill David.

[1] *Ch.* 18.8,9. 2 *Tim.* 3. 13. *Prov.* 27. 4.

2 But Jonathan Sauls ſon [2] delighted much in David: and Jonathan [3] told David, ſaying, Saul my father ſeeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thy ſelf until the morning, and abide in a ſecret *place*, and hide thy ſelf.

[2] *ch.*18.1. [3] *Act.*23.16.

3 And I will go out and ſtand beſide my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I ſee, that I will tell thee.

4 ¶ And Jonathan [4] ſpake good of David unto Saul his father, and ſaid unto him, Let not the [5] king ſin againſt his ſervant, againſt David: becauſe he hath not ſinned againſt thee, and becauſe his works *have been* to thee-ward [7] very good.

[4] *Prov.*31.9. ¶ [5] *Rom.*13.3. ¶ [6] *Matth.*5.16. *Prov.*31. -31. ¶ [7] *Prov.*17.13. *Jer.*18.20.

5 For he did [8] put his * life in his hand, and [9] ſlew the Philiſtine, and the [10] LORD wrought a great ſalvation for all Iſrael: thou ſaweſt *it*, and didſt [11] rejoyce: wherefore then wilt thou ſin againſt innocent blood, to ſlay David without a cauſe?

* Judg.9.17. Chap.28. 21. Pſal.119. 109.

[8] *Judg.*12. 3. See there. ¶ [9] *ch.* 17. 50. ¶ [10] *Pſal.* 3. 8. ¶ [11] *ch.*17.58. and 18.2.

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul [12] ſware, *As* the LORD liveth, he ſhall not be ſlain.

[12] *Matth.*27.4.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan ſhewed him all thoſe things: and Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his preſence, as † in times paſt.

† Heb. *yeſterday third day.*

8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philiſtines, and ſlew them with a great ſlaughter; and they fled from † him.

† Heb. *his face.*

9 And the [13] evil ſpirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he ſat in his houſe with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand.

[13] *ch.*16.14. ſee there.

10 And Saul [14] ſought to ſmite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he ſlipt away out of Sauls preſence, and he ſmote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and [15] eſcaped that night.

[14] *Ch.*18.11. *Prov.*26.25. ¶ [15] *Job* 5.15. *Prov.*21.30.

11 * Saul [16] alſo ſent meſſengers unto Davids houſe, to watch him, and to ſlay him in the morning: and Michal Davids wife told him, ſaying, If thou ſave not thy life to night, to morrow thou ſhalt be ſlain.

* Pſal.59. title. [16] *Pſal.*34. 19.

12 ¶ So Michal let David down through a [17] window: and he went and fled, and eſcaped.

[17] *Joſh.*2.15. *Act.*9. 24,25.

13 And Michal took an image, and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats *hair* for his bolſter, and covered *it* with a cloth.

*Iſa.*54. 17.

14 And when Saul ſent meſſengers to take David, ſhe ſaid, [18] He *is* ſick.

[18] An officious lye, (as *Exod.* 1. 19. *Joſh.* 2. 5.)

15 And Saul ſent the meſſengers *again* to ſee David,

Chap. 20. David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats *hair* for his bolster.

17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou [19] deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, [18] He said unto me, Let me go; [20] why should I kill thee.

[19] *Ch.*22.-17.*Acts* 4.19.*Exod.*1.17.*Matth.*2.16. ¶ [20] 2 *Sam.* 2. 22.

18 ¶ So David fled, and escaped, and came to [21] Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him: and he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

[21] (1) For advice. (2) For comfort in this distress. (3) To have his faith strengthned, which was apt to waver, *ch.*27.1. *Psal.*116.11. (4) For security.

[22] *Prov.*29.12. 19 And it was [22] told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah.

* 1 Cor.14. 3,24,25. 20 And * Saul sent [23] messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets [24] prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also * [25] prophesied.

* Num.11.25.

[23] *V.*11.14. ¶ [24] *ch.*10.-5. See there. ¶ [25] *ch.* 10. 6. See there. and 18. 10. *John* 7.45,46.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise; and [26] Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

[26] *Jer.*13.23. *Prov.*27.22.

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the [27] spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah:

[27] *Prov.*27.1.

24 And he stript off his [28] clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and † lay down * [29] naked all that day, and all that night. Wherefore they say, [30] *Is* Saul also among the Prophets?

† Heb. *fell.* Numb. 24.3. * Mich.1.8.

[28] Upper Garment. ¶ [29] Without his upper Garment. (So 2 *Sam.*6.20. *Mich.*1.8. *Isa.*20.-2.) Like one distracted, or in a trance, (as *Numb.* 24.-4.) whereby *David* had the more time to make his escape, *ch.* 20. 1. ¶ [30] *ch.* 10. -11. See there. This Proverb is here reviv'd again, as an evidence of God's wonderful care over *David.*

CHAP. XX.

1 *David consulteth with Jonathan for his safety.* 11 *Their covenant renewed by oath.* 24 *Saul missing David, seeketh to kill Jonathan.*

[1] 2 *Pet.*2.9. AND David [1] fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what *is* mine iniquity? and what *is* my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

[2] Thou needst not fear any such thing. † Heb. *uncover mine ear.*

2 And he said unto him, God forbid; [2] thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing, either great or small, but that he will † shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it *is* not *so*.

3 And David [3] sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly [4] *as* the LORD liveth, and [5] *as* thy soul liveth, *there is* but a step between me and death.

[3] Took a solemn Oath that it was so. ¶ [4] *ch.* 25. 26. 2 *Sam.*15.21. 2 *Kings* 2.2. This is his Oath. ¶ [5] *ch.*1.26. See there A strong asseveration.

4 Then said Jonathan unto David, ‖ Whatsoever thy soul † desireth, I will even do *it* for thee.

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‖ Or, *Say what is thy mind, and I will do,* &c.

† Heb. *speaketh* or *thinketh.*

5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow *is* the [6] new-moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but [7] let me go, that I may hide my self in the field unto the third *day* at even.

[6] *Numb.*10.10. and 28.11. *Psal.*81.3. ¶ [7] Give me leave (as thy Father's Deputy in his absence) to go and keep the Feast with my Kindred at *Bethlehem*, and on the third day I'll come and hide my self in the field, *v.* 6,19,35.

6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me, that he might run to Beth-lehem [8] his city: for *there is* a yearly ‖ [9] sacrifice there for all the family.

[8] *John* 7.42. ‖ Or, *feast.* [9] See on *Judg.* 21.4.

7 * If he say thus, *It is* well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him.

* See Gen.24. 13.

8 Therefore thou shalt deal [10] kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into [11] a covenant [12] of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, [13] if there be in me iniquity, slay me thy self; for why shouldest thou [14] bring me to thy father?

[10] In giving me timely notice; and a true account of *Saul*'s intention towards me. ¶ [11] *ch.* 18. 3. and 23. 18. ¶ [12] Solemnly entred into as in his presence. ¶ [13] *Josh.* 22. 22. If I have deserved death. ¶ [14] Betray me to him, by concealing his evil intentions from me.

9 And Jonathan said, Far be it [15] from thee: for if I knew certainly, that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

[15] That thou shouldst be put to death, either by me, or my Father.

10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what *if* thy father answer thee roughly?

11 ¶ And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jonathan said unto David, [16] O LORD God of Israel, when I have † [17] sounded my father, about to morrow any time, *or* the third *day*, and behold, *if there be* good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and † shew it thee;

[16] *Josh.*22.22. † Heb. *searched.* [17] *Prov.*20.5. † Heb. *uncover thine ear.*

13 [18] The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father *to do* thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

[18] *Ruth* 1. 17. See there.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live, shew me the [19] kindness of the LORD, that I [20] die not;

[19] Which he requires, is agreeable to our Covenant, and acceptable to him. ¶ [20] Be not unjustly or violently put to death by any of thy Officers, (when thou com'st to the Kingdom, as *Abner* was by *Joab*, 2 *Sam.*3.27.)

15 But *also* * thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from [21] my house for ever: no not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David, every one from the face of the earth.

* 2 Sam.9.3.& 21.7. [21] 2 *S.*9.1.

16 So Jonathan † made *a covenant* with [22] the house of David, *saying*, * Let the LORD even [23] require *it* at the hand of Davids enemies.

† Heb. *cut.* * See ch. 31.2. 2 Sam.4.7. and 21.8. [22] (Which before was but personal.) ¶ [23] *Gen.* 9.5. Punish any that shew themselves to be *David's* enemies, and my self among the rest, if I do so.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, ‖ [24] because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

‖ Or, *by his love towards him.* [24] *Ch.*18.-1. (And therefore desir'd this Covenant might be inviolably observ'd between them and their posterity for ever.)

18 Then Jonathan said to David, * To morrow *is* the new-moon: and thou shalt be

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be missed, because thy seat will be † empty.

19 And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down ‖ † quickly, and come to the place where thou didst [25] hide thy self, † when the business was *in hand*, and shalt remain by the stone ‖ Ezel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof*, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And behold, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for *there is* peace to thee, and † no hurt; *as* the LORD liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee: go thy way, for the LORD hath [26] sent thee away.

23 And *as touching* * [27] the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD [28] *be* between thee and me for ever.

24 ¶ So David [29] hid himself in the field: and when the new-moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan [30] arose, and Abner sat by Sauls side, and Davids place was empty.

26 Nevertheless, Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he *is* [31] not clean; surely he *is* not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow, *which was* the second *day* of the month, that Davids place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the [32] son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me, *to go* to Beth-lehem:

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee, for our family hath a [9] sacrifice in the city, and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there*; and now if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren: Therefore he cometh not unto the kings table.

30 Then Sauls anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, ‖ † [33] Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman*, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy [34] mothers nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom: wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he † shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, [35] Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul [36] cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field, at the time [37] appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow † beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathans lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his † artillery unto † his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

41 ¶ *And* assoon as the lad was gone, David [38] arose out of *a place* toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and [39] wept one with another, until David [40] exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David; [41] Go in peace, ‖ forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

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CHAP. XXI.

1 *David at Nob obtaineth of Ahimelech hallowed bread.* 8 *He taketh Goliaths sword.* 10 *And at Gath feigneth himself mad.*

THen came David to Nob, to [1] Ahimelech the [2] priest: and Ahimelech was [3] afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why *art* thou [4] alone, and no man with thee?

2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, [5] The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give *me* five *loaves of* bread in mine hand, or what there is † present.

4 And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common bread under mine hand, but there is * [6] hallowed bread; * if the young men have kept themselves at least from [7] women.

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth, women *have been* kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the [8] vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in [9] a manner common, ‖ yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.

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[25] *ch.* 19.2.

† Heb. *in the day of the business.*

‖ Or, *that sheweth the way.*

† Heb. *not any thing.*

[26] By his Providence given thee this opportunity of escaping, and expects thou should'st make use of it.

* Vers. 14,15. See Vers. 42.

[27] The Covenant betwen us, *v.* 16, 17. ¶ [28] Witness or Judge of our observing or breaking of it.

[29] *Viz.* When the time was come.

[30] To give his place to *Abner*, as General.

[31] *Lev.* 11. 24. and 15. 16.

[32] Something a scornful and reproachful speech, (as *ch.* 22. 7–9. and 25. 10.)

‖ Or, *Thou perverse rebell.*

† Heb. *Son of perverse rebellion.*

[33] *Matth.* 5. 22. *Eph.* 6. 4. *q. d.* This base temper of thine thou hadst not from me, but from thy Mother, of whose perverseness I have had so much experience. ¶ [34] To the reproach of her having children, as if she were a whore, and thou and the rest bastards, and none of 'em worthy to inherit the Kingdom.

† Heb. *is the son of death.*

[35] *ch.* 19. 4–6.

[36] *ch.* 18. 11. and 19. 10.

[37] *v.* 19.

† Heb. *to pass over him.*

† Heb. *instruments.*

† Heb. *that was his.*

[38] Seeing the Coast clear. ¶ [39] Being forc'd to be thus parted asunder. ¶ [40] His condition being more apparently hazardous, and almost desperate.

‖ Or, the LORD be witness of that *which*, &c. See Vers. 23.

[41] I wish thee all happiness wherever thou art.

[1] Called also *Abiathar* (*Mark* 2. 26.) which was the name also of his son, (*ch.* 22. 20.) and so was *Ahimelech's* too, 2 *Sam.* 8. 17. ¶ [2] To seek direction from God, *ch.* 22. 10, 13. ¶ [3] *ch.* 16. 4. Lest he was forc'd to fly from *Saul*, (as it was) and so it might be dangerous to entertain him. ¶ [4] Having left his servants elsewhere.

[5] A very pernicious lie: which he bewails (*ch.* 22. 22.) and prays against, *Psal.* 119. 29.

† Heb. *found.*

* Exod. 25. 30. Lev. 24. 5. Matth. 12. 4.

[6] The Shew-bread, *v.* 6. ¶ [7] Their Wives (by the use of whom they contracted ceremonial uncleanness, *Exod.* 19. 15. *Lev.* 15. 18. 1 *Cor.* 7. 5.)

* Exod. 19. 15. Zech. 7. 3.

[8] Bodies, or persons (as *Act.* 9. 15. 2 *Cor.* 4. 7. 1 *Thess.* 4. 3, 4. 2 *Tim.*

‖ Or, *especially when this day there is* other *sanctified in the vessel.*

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2 Tim.2.21.1 Pet.3.7.) ¶ 9 May be us'd as if it were common in a case of necessity, for the observation of a Moral Law, Matth.12.3,4,7.

* Mark.2. 25. Luke 6. 3.

6 So the priest * gave him hallowed *bread*; for there was no bread there, but the shew-bread that was taken from before the LORD, to put [10] hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

[10] *Lev.*24.8.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul *was* there that day, detained [11] before the LORD, and his name *was* * Doeg an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that *belonged* to Saul.

* Psal.52.title.

[11] *Jer.*7.9,10. *Isa.*1.15. *Tit.*1.16. at the Tabernacle.

8 ¶ And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword, nor my weapons with me, [12] because the kings business required haste.

[12] Another untruth.

9 And the priest said, the sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in * the valley of Elah, behold, it *is here* wrapt in a cloth behind the Ephod: if thou wilt take that, take *it*: for *there is* no other save that, here. And David said, *There is* [13] none like that, give it me.

* Chap.17. 2, 50.

[13] As being a pledg of God's favor to him, and a great encouragement to his Faith.

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10 ¶ And David arose, and [14] fled that day for fear of Saul, and went [15] to ‖ Achish the king of Gath.

‖ Or, *Abimelech*, Psal.34. title.

[14] 1 *King.*19.3. ¶ [15] To his Country; hoping to remain there incognito.

11 And the [16] servants of Achish said unto him, *Is* not this David [17] the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, * [18] Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

* Chap.18.7. &29.5.Eccluf. 47.6.

[16] Having discover'd and took *David*, and brought him to *Achish*. *Psal.*56.Title. ¶ [17] *ch.*29.11.Designed to be King. ¶ [18] *ch.*18.7.

[19] *Luke* 2.19.

12 And David [19] laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And he [20] changed his behaviour before them, and [20] feigned himself mad in their hands, and ‖ scrabled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

‖ Or, *made marks.*

[20] *Psal.*34.Title. *Prov.*29.25. (Whereby he betray'd great distrust in God, and was guilty of such unmanly dissimulation, as is unbecoming a Servant of God.)

14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, you see the man ‖ is mad: wherefore *then* have ye brought him to me?

‖ Or, *playeth the mad-man.*

15 Have I need of mad-men, that ye have brought this *fellow* to play the mad-man in my presence? shall this *fellow* come into my house?

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Companies resort to David at Adullam.* 9 *Doeg accuseth Ahimelech.* 11 *Saul commandeth to kill the priests.*

* Psal.57.title. & 142. title.

DAvid therefore [1] departed thence, and * escaped to the [2] cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his fathers house heard *it*, they went down thither [3] to him.

[1] Being driven away, *Psal.*34. Title. ¶ [2] A strong hold, 2 *Sam.*23.13,14. ¶ [3] To protect 'em from the oppression and persecution of *Saul* and his Followers, *v.* 3.

† Heb. *had a creditour.* † Heb. *bitter of soul.*

2 And every one *that was* [4] in distress, and every one that † *was* in [5] debt, and every one *that was* † discontented, gathered themselves unto him, and he became [6] a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

[4] Oppress'd by *Saul's* tyrannical Government. ¶ [5] Indebted to cruel Creditors, who would not be satisfied with what they had. ¶ [6] Only for his own and their Security, and not to wrong any Body (*ch.*25.15,16.) Wherein he was a type of Christ and his Disciples, *Heb.* 2. 10. *Psal.* 72. 12. *Matth.*11.28. and 18.23. *John* 7.48. 1 *Cor.*1. 26, 27.

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3 ¶ And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, [7] Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* [8] with you, till I know what God will do for me.

[7] *Gen.*47.12. *Exod.*20.12. ¶ [8] In your Country.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him [9] all the while that David was in the hold.

[9] So long as he was forc'd to wander from place to place to secure himself.

5 ¶ And the prophet [10] Gad said unto David, Abide not in the [11] hold, depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

[10] 2 *Sam.*24.11. 1 *Chron.* 21. 9. 2 *Chron.* 29. 25. ¶ [11] In holes and holds.

6 ¶ When Saul heard that David [12] was discovered. and the men that *were* with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a ‖ tree in Ramah, having his [13] spear in his hand, and all his servants *were* standing about him)

‖ Or, *grove in a high place.*

[12] Appear'd openly in the land of *Judah*, *v.* 5. ¶ [13] *ch.* 18.-10. and 19.8.

7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites, will [14] the son of Jesse [15] give every one of you fields, and vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds:

[14] *Ch.*20.27. See there. ¶ [15] *ch.*8. 14. *q. d.* He has not where withal to reward your service; or if he had, you of this Tribe are like to fare never the better for it.

8 That all of you have conspired against me, and *there is* none that † sheweth me that my son hath made a [16] league with the son of Jesse, and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath [17] stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

† Heb. *uncovereth mine ear.*

[16] *ch.*18.3. ¶ [17] A false Surmise and Suggestion.

9 ¶ Then answered [18] Doeg the Edomite, (which was [19] set over the servants of Saul) and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of * Ahitub.

* Chap.14.3.

[18] *Ch.*21.7. *Psal.*52. Title, 1,2. ¶ [19] Chief Herds-man, *ch.*21.-7.

10 And he [20] enquired of the LORD for him: and * gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

[20] *Psal.*52.2–4 *Jer.*9.3. * Chap.21.6,9

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest the son of Ahitub, and all his fathers house, the priests that *were* in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub: And he answered, † Here I *am*, my lord.

† Heb. *Behold me.*

13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should [21] rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

[21] *v.*9. *Psal.* 119.69.

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who *is so* faithful among all thy servants, as David, which is the kings son in law, and [22] goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

[22] *ch.*21. 7.

15 Did I then [23] begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing [24] of all this, † less or more.

† Heb. *little or great.*

[23] *q. d.* I had often done it formerly for him upon all occasions of moment; and therefore had no reason to suspect any thing now. ¶ [24] Of any Conspiracy or Rebellion.

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16 And the king ſaid, Thou ſhalt [25] ſurely die, Ahimelech, thou and [26] all thy fathers houſe.

[25] *Zeph.*3.3. *Matth.*2.16. *Act.*12. 1,2. ¶ [26] (Who were the greateſt part of *Eli*'s Poſterity.)

‖ Or, *guard.* †Heb. *runners.*

17 ¶ And the king ſaid unto the ‖ † footmen that ſtood about him, Turn and ſlay the prieſts of the LORD; becauſe their hand alſo *is* with David, and becauſe they knew when he fled, and did not ſhew it to me. But the ſervants of the king [27] would not put forth their hand to fall upon the prieſts of the LORD.

[27] *Exod.*1.17. *Act.*4.19. *Rom.* 13.5.

18 And the king ſaid to Doeg, Turn thou and fall upon the prieſts. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the prieſts, and ſlew on that day [28] fourſcore and five perſons that did wear a [29] linen ephod.

[28] (And ſo that threatning was in a good meaſure fulfill'd, *ch.*2.31,32.) ¶ [29] *ch.*2.18. 2 *Sam.*6. 14.

19 And Nob, the [30] city of the prieſts, ſmote he with the edge of the ſword, both men and women, children, and ſucklings, and oxen and aſſes, and ſheep, with the edge of the ſword.

[30] Where many Prieſts reſided to officiate in the Tabernacle.

20 ¶ And one of the ſons of Ahimelech the ſon of Ahitub, named Abiathar, eſcaped and

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* fled after David.

21 And Abiathar ſhewed David, that Saul had ſlain the LORDs prieſts.

22 And David ſaid unto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day, when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that he would ſurely tell Saul: I have occaſioned *the death* of all the perſons of thy fathers houſe.

23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that ſeeketh my life, ſeeketh thy life: but with me thou *ſhalt be* in ſafeguard.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *David enquiring of the Lord, Reſcueth Keilah.*
7 *God ſhewing him Sauls coming, and the treachery of the Keilites, he eſcapeth from Keilah.*

THen they told David, ſaying, Behold, the Philiſtines fight againſt Keilah, and they rob the threſhing-floors.

2 Therefore David [1] enquired of the LORD, ſaying, Shall I go and ſmite theſe Philiſtines? And the LORD ſaid unto David, Go, and ſmite the Philiſtines, and ſave Keilah.

[1] 1 *Chron.*14.10. *Jer.*10.23. *Judg.*1.1. *Ezr.*8.21. By Urim and Thummim (*v.*-9.) according to the Law, *Numb.* 27.21.

3 And Davids men ſaid unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah againſt the armies of the Philiſtines?

4 Then David enquired of the LORD, [2] yet again. And the LORD anſwered him and ſaid, Ariſe, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philiſtines into thine hand.

[2] *Judg.* 6. 39. To ſatisfie his Followers.

5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philiſtines, and brought away their cattel, and ſmote them with a great ſlaughter: ſo David ſaved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to paſs when Abiathar the ſon of Ahimelech [3] fled to David to Keilah, *that* he came down *with* an [4] Ephod in his hand.

[3] *ch.* 22. 20. [4] *Exod.*28. 30. *Numb.*27.21.

7 ¶ And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah: And Saul ſaid, God [5] hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is [6] ſhut in, by entring into a town that hath gates and bars.

[5] *Exod.*15.9. [6] *Exod.*14.3.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to beſiege David and his men.

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9 ¶ And David knew that Saul ſecretly practiſed miſchief againſt him; and * he ſaid to Abiathar the prieſt, Bring hither the ephod.

* Num.27.21. Chap.30. 7.

10 Then ſaid David, O LORD God of Iſrael, thy ſervant hath certainly heard that Saul ſeeketh to come to Keilah, to [7] deſtroy the city for my ſake.

[7] *Prov.*28. 15. *Eſth.*3.6. *Pſal.* 44.22.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down as thy ſervant hath heard? O LORD God of Iſrael, I beſeech thee, tell thy ſervant. And the LORD ſaid, [8] He will come down.

[8] *Viz.* If thou ſtayeſt here. † Heb. *ſhut up.*

12 Then ſaid David, Will the men of Keilah * deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD ſaid, [8] They will deliver *thee* up.

13 ¶ Then David and his men, *which were* about [9] ſix hundred, aroſe and departed out of Keilah, and went [10] whitherſoever they could go: and it was told Saul that David was eſcaped from Keilah, and he forbare to go forth.

[9] *Ch.*22.-2. ¶ [10] Where they could find any ſhelter.

14 And David abode in the wilderneſs in ſtrong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderneſs of * Ziph: And Saul ſought him [11] every day, but God [12] delivered him not into his hand.

* Joſh.15.55.

[11] So long as he ſtayed in the Land, *ch.*27.4. ¶ [12] *Rom.*8. -31. *Pſal.*32.7. *Prov.*21.30.

15 And David ſaw, that Saul was come out to ſeek his life: and David *was* in the wilderneſs of Ziph in a wood.

16 And Jonathan Sauls ſon aroſe and went to David into the wood, and [13] ſtrengthned his hand in God.

[13] Encourag'd him, and ſtrengthned his Faith by conſideration of God's Promiſes, Faithfulneſs, Providence, *&c. v.* 17.

17 And he ſaid unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father ſhall [14] not find thee, and thou ſhalt be king over Iſrael, and [15] I ſhall be next unto thee; and that alſo Saul my father [16] knoweth.

[14] His power ſhall not reach thee, to do thee any hurt. ¶ [15] (But God otherwiſe diſpoſed of him. God's Children ſometimes fail of their hopes in outward reſpects. So 2 *Cor.* 1. 10.) ¶ [16] *ch.*20.30,31. and 24.20.

18 And they two [17] made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his houſe.

[17] *Ch.*20.16. See there. Renewed it again.

19 ¶ Then * came up the [18] Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, ſaying, Doth not David hide himſelf with us in ſtrong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* † on the ſouth of ‖ Jeſhimon?

* See Chap. 26.1. †Heb. *on the right hand.* ‖ Or, *the wilderneſs.*

[18] *Pſal.*54. Title, 3. A great Trial follows a great Cordial, *v.*16,17.

20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the deſire of thy ſoul to come down, and our part *ſhall be* to deliver him into the kings hand.

21 And Saul ſaid, [19] Bleſſed *be* ye of the LORD: for ye have [20] compaſſion on me.

[19] *Mic.*3.11. *Iſa.*66.5. [20] *ch.* 22. 8.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and ſee his place where his † haunt is, *and* who hath ſeen him there: for it is told me *that* he dealeth very ſubtilly.

† Heb. *foot ſhall be.*

23 See therefore and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himſelf, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it ſhall come to paſs, if he be in the land, that I will ſearch him out throughout all the thouſands of Judah.

24 And

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24 And they aroſe, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men *were* in the wilderneſs of * Maon, in the plain on the ſouth of Jeſhimon.

* Joſh. 15. 55.

25 Saul alſo and his men went to ſeek *him*; and they told David: wherefore he came down ‖ into a rock, and abode in the wilderneſs of Maon: and when Saul heard *that*, he purſued after David in the wilderneſs of Maon.

‖ Or, *from the rock.*

26 And Saul went on this ſide of the mountain, and David and his men on that ſide of the mountain: and David made haſte to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men [21] compaſſed David and his men round about to take them.

[21] 2 *Cor.* 1.-8.

27 ¶ * But [22] there came a meſſenger unto Saul, ſaying, Haſte thee, and come; for the Philiſtines have † invaded the land.

* See 2 Kings 19.9.

† Heb. *ſpread themſelves upon*, &c.

[22] A ſeaſonable Providence, *Gen.* 22.14. *Deut.* 32.36. *Rev.* 12.16. *Pſal.* 116.3,4.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from purſuing after David, and went againſt the Philiſtines: therefore they called that place ‖ [23] Sela-hammahlekoth.

‖ That is, *The rock of diviſions.*

[23] *i. e.* The rock of diviſions; becauſe *Saul* was forc'd to ſeparate himſelf there, and leave off purſuing *David.*

29 ¶ And David went up from thence, and dwelt in ſtrong holds at En-gedi.

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1 *David in a cave at En-gedi, having cut off Sauls skirt, ſpareth his life.* 8 *He ſheweth thereby his innocency.*

AND it came to paſs when Saul was returned [1] from † following the Philiſtines, that it was [2] told him, ſaying, Behold, David *is* in the wilderneſs of En-gedi.

[1] *ch.* 23.28.

† Heb. *after.*

[2] *ch.* 23.7,19.

2 Then Saul took three thouſand choſen men out of all Iſrael, and went to ſeek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the ſheep-cotes by the way where *was* a cave, and * Saul went in [3] to cover his feet: and * David and his men remained in the ſides of the cave.

* Pſal. 141.6.

[3] To ſleep. See on *Judg.* 3.24.

* Pſal. 57. tit. and 142. tit.

4 And the men of David ſaid unto him, Behold, the [4] day of which the LORD ſaid unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayeſt do to him as it ſhall ſeem good unto thee. Then David aroſe, and cut off the skirt of † Sauls robe privily.

† Heb. *the robe which was Sauls.*

[4] *Ch.* 26.8. The opportunity which God by his Providence offers to thee.

5 And it came to paſs afterward, that * Davids [5] heart ſmote him, becauſe he had cut off Sauls skirt.

* 2 Sam. 26.10.

[5] 2 *Sam.* 24.10. His conſcience check'd him for it, being very tender; (as 2 *Kings* 22.19.)

6 And he ſaid unto his men, [6] The LORD forbid that I ſhould do this thing unto my maſter the LORDs anointed, to ſtretch forth mine hand againſt him, ſeeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.

[6] *ch.* 26.10. *Matth.* 5.44. *Rom.* 12.17,19

7 So David † [7] ſtayed his ſervants with theſe words, and ſuffered them not to riſe againſt Saul: but Saul roſe up out of the cave, and went on *his* way.

† Heb. *cut off.*

[7] *ch.* 26.9. Pacified 'em.

8 David alſo aroſe afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, ſaying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David ſtooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himſelf.

9 ¶ And David ſaid to Saul, Wherefore [8] heareſt thou mens words, ſaying, Behold, David ſeeketh thy hurt?

[8] *Prov.* 16.28. *Pſal.* 101.5.

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have ſeen, how that the [9] LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and *ſome* bade *me* kill thee, but *mine eye* ſpared thee, and I ſaid, I will not put forth mine hand againſt my lord: for he *is* the LORDs anointed.

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[9] Providence gave me an opportunity to have ſlain thee.

11 Moreover, [10] my father, ſee, yea ſee the ſkirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the ſkirt of thy robe, and killed thee not; know thou and ſee, that *there is* [11] neither evil nor tranſgreſſion in mine hand, and I have not ſinned againſt thee; yet thou [12] hunteſt my ſoul to take it.

[10] *Prov.* 15.1. ¶ [11] *ch.* 26.18. *Pſal.* 35.7. *John* 15.-25. ¶ [12] *v.* 2. *ch.* 26.2. *Gen.* 10.9.

12 [13] The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD [14] avenge me of thee: but mine hand ſhall not be upon thee.

[13] *Judg.* 11.27. *Pſal.* 35.1. ¶ [14] *Rom.* 12.19. *Pſal.* 94.1. *Rev.* 6.10. Puniſh thee for the wrong thou haſt done me.

13 As ſaith the proverb of the ancients, [15] Wickedneſs proceedeth from the wicked: but [16] mine hand ſhall not be upon thee.

[15] None but wicked perſons will do ſuch things. ¶ [16] *Job* 5.-8. *Rom.* 12.19.

14 After whom is the king of Iſrael come out? after whom doſt thou purſue? after a [17] dead dog, after a [18] flea.

[17] 2 *Sam.* 3.8. and 9.8.

[18] *ch.* 26.-20.

15 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and [19] ſee and [20] plead my cauſe, and † deliver me out of thine hand.

[19] 2 *Chron.* 24.-22.

[20] *Pſal.* 43.1. *Mich.* 7.9.

† Heb. *judge.*

16 ¶ And it came to paſs when David had made an end of ſpeaking theſe words unto Saul, that Saul ſaid, [21] *Is* this thy voice, my ſon David? And Saul lift up his voice and [22] wept.

[21] *Ch.* 26.17. *Prov.* 15.1. ¶ [22] Being overcome with his kindneſs. *David*'s kindneſs drew tears from hard-hearted *Saul*, as *Moſes* fetch'd water out of the flinty rock, *Deut.* 8.-15. *Pſal.* 114.8.

17 And he ſaid to David, Thou *art* more righteous than I: for thou haſt rewarded me [23] good, whereas I have rewarded thee [23] evil.

[23] *Matth.* 5.44.

18 And thou haſt ſhewed this day how that thou haſt dealt well with me: foraſmuch as when the LORD had † delivered me into thine hand, thou killedſt me not.

† Heb. *ſhut up.*

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou haſt done unto me this day.

20 And now behold, [24] I know well that thou ſhalt ſurely be king, and that the kingdom of Iſrael ſhall be eſtabliſhed in thine hand.

[24] *ch.* 23.-17.

21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my ſeed after me, and that thou wilt not deſtroy my name out of my fathers houſe.

22 And David [25] ſware unto Saul: and Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto * the [26] hold.

* Chap. 23.29.

[25] Which Oath he brake not, 2 *Sam.* 21.6,9. becauſe that there was done by God's ſpecial command. ¶ [26] *Viz.* Of *Engedi*, (*v.* 1.) having no confidence in *Saul*'s ſincerity.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Samuel dieth.* 10 *David provoked by Nabals churliſhneſs, mindeth to deſtroy him.* 14 *Abigail by her wiſdom pacifieth David.* 36 *Nabal hearing thereof, dieth.*

AND * Samuel [1] died, and all the Iſraelites were gathered together and [2] lamented him, and buried him in his houſe at Ramah.

* Eccluſ. 46.13,20.

[1] *ch.* 28.3.

[2] *Gen.* 50.11. *Jer.* 22.18.

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‖ Or, *business.* * Josh. 15.55.

2 And *there was* a man in Maon, whose ‖ [3] possessions *were* in * Carmel, and the man *was* [4] very great, and he had three thousand [5] sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

[3] *Psal.*17.14. and 73.3,4. ¶ [4] 2 *Sam.*19.-32. *Mat.*5.-45. ¶ [5] 2 *Sam.*13.23. *&c. Gen.* 38.13.

3 Now the name of the man *was* Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail: and she *was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance; but the man *was* churlish and evil in his doings, and he *was* of the house of Caleb.

4 ¶ And David heard in the wilderness, that Nabal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and † greet him in my name.

† Heb. *ask him in my name of peace.*

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, [6] Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to [7] thine house, and peace *be* unto all that thou hast.

[6] *Gen.*43.23. See there. [7] *Luke* 10.-5.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, [8] we † hurt them not, neither was there [9] ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

[8] *Luke* 3. 14. † Heb. *shamed.* [9] *v.*15,21.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee: wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: (for we come in a [10] good day) give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand, unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

[10] A time of feasting and rejoycing, *Esth.* 9. -19.

9 And when Davids young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and † [11] ceased.

† Heb. *rested.*

[11] Gave him no just offence by their further importunity.

10 ¶ And Nabal answered Davids servants, and said, [12] Who *is* David? and who *is* [13] the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that [14] break away every man from his master.

[12] *Exod.*5.2. *Psal.*73.8. ¶ [13] See on *ch.* 20.27. ¶ [14] Implying that *David* himself was a Run-away, and his Souldiers of the same stamp, *ch.*22.2.

* Judg.8.6. † Heb. *slaughter.* [15] *Deut.*8.17.

11 * Shall I then take [15] my bread and [15] my water, and my † flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* unto men, whom I know not whence they *be*?

12 So Davids young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

[16] *ch.* 24.6. *Rom.*12.19.

13 And David said unto his men, [16] Gird you on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword, and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men, and two hundred abode by the stuff.

14 ¶ But one of the young men told Abigail Nabals wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master, and he † railed on them.

† Heb. *flew upon them.*

15 But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were [17] not † hurt, neither [17] missed we any thing as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields.

[17] *v.*7. *Phil.*2 15. † Heb *shamed.*

[18] *Job* 1.10.

16 They were a [18] wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do: for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is* *such* a son of [19] Belial, that *a man* [20] cannot speak to him.

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[19] See on *Deut.*13.13. ¶ [20] *Job* 31. 13. (And therefore I acquaint thee rather than him with this matter.)

18 ¶ Then Abigail [22] made haste, and took [22] two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred ‖ clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses.

[21] *Matth.*5.25. [22] *Prov.*18.16. ‖ Or, *lumps.*

19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me, behold, I come after you: but she [23] told not her husband Nabal.

[23] *Prov.*14.16. and 18.2,6.

20 And it was *so*, *as* she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and behold, David and his men came down against her, and she met them.

21 (Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that [24] this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto him: and he hath requited me [25] evil for good.

[24] *Job* 30.8. [25] *Prov.*17.13.

22 [26] So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light, any [27] that pisseth against the wall.)

[26] *Ruth* 1. 17. See there. *q. d.* I pray God to deal with my enemies neither better nor worse than I deal with him and his. A rash Resolution and Imprecation, *v.* 32.-34. ¶ [27] *v.*34. 1 *Kings* 14.10. and 16.11. and 21.21. 2 *Kings* 9. 8. *Eccl.*5.2. Any of the males.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and * [28] lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed her self to the ground,

* Judg. 1.14. [28] *Josh.*15.18.

24 And [29] fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, [30] *upon* me *let this* iniquity *be*, and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine † audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

† Heb. *ears.*

[29] 2 *Kings* 4.37. *Esth.* 8. 3. *Matth.* 18. 29. ¶ [30] 2 *Sam.* 14. 9. Let me suffer, rather than the whole Family.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, † regard this man of Belial, *even* Nabal: for as his name *is*, so *is* he; Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

† Heb. *lay it to his heart.*

26 Now therefore, my lord, [31] *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath [32] withholden thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from † [33] avenging thy self with thine own hand: now [34] let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, [34] be as Nabal.

† Heb. *saving thy self.*

[31] *Ch.* 20.3. See there. ¶ [32] By my meeting of thee before it be done, and mediating with thee to prevent it. ¶ [33] *Rom.*12.19. ¶ [34] *Psal.*83.13. Let the vengeance thou didst intend to *Nabal* and his Family, fall upon their head.

27 And now [35] this ‖ blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that † follow my lord.

[35] 2 *Kin.*5.-15. *Gen.*32.11,13. ‖ Or, *present.* † Heb. *walk at the feet of*, &c.

28 I pray thee, forgive the [36] trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a [37] sure house: because my lord fighteth the battels [38] of the LORD, and evil hath [39] not been found in thee *all* thy days.

[36] In taking all the blame upon my self, (*v.*24.) and seeking to appease thy wrath. ¶ [37] 2 *Sam.* 7. 16. (And therefore take heed of wronging thy Conscience, *v.* 30, 31.) ¶ [38] *ch.*18.17. See there. ¶ [39] *ch.*24.6,7,17.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek [40] thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be [41] bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he [42] sling out, † *as out* of the middle of a sling.

† Heb. *in the midst of the bought of a sling.*

[40] Thy

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[42] Thy Life. ¶ [43] Highly valued (*Pſal.*116. 15.) and carefully preſerved by God, *ch.*2.9. *Matth.*10. 30. ¶ [43] *Jer.* 10.18. Take away their Lives ſuddenly and ſwiftly.

30 And it ſhall come to paſs when the LORD ſhall have done to my lord, according to all the good that he hath ſpoken concerning thee, and ſhall have appointed thee ruler over Iſrael;

† Heb. *no ſtaggering*, or *ſtumbling*.

31 That this ſhall be † [43] no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou haſt ſhed blood cauſleſs, or that my lord hath avenged himſelf: but when the LORD ſhall have dealt well with my lord, then [44] remember thine handmaid.

[43] 2 *Cor.*1.12. But a great ſatisfaction to thee to have dealt thus mercifully. ¶ [44] *Gen.*40.14.

[45] 2*Sam.*12.13 *Pſal.*141.5. 2*King.*5.13,14

32 ¶ And David [45] ſaid to Abigail, Bleſſed *be* the LORD God of Iſrael, which ſent thee this day to meet me:

33 And bleſſed *be* thy advice, and bleſſed *be* thou, which haſt kept me this day from coming to *ſhed* blood, and from avenging my ſelf with mine own hand.

34 For in very deed, *as* the LORD God of Iſrael liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadſt haſted and come to meet me, ſurely there had * not been left unto Nabal, by the morning light, any that piſſeth againſt the wall.

* Verſ. 22.

35 So David received of her hand *that* which ſhe had brought him, and ſaid unto her, Go up in peace to thine houſe; ſee, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy perſon.

36 ¶ And Abigail came to Nabal; and behold, * he held a feaſt in his houſe, like the feaſt of a king; and Nabals heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken; wherefore ſhe told him [46] nothing leſs or more, until the morning light.

* 2Sam.13.23.

[46] *v.*-19. *Matth.*7.6.

37 But it came to paſs in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him theſe things, that his heart [47] died within him, and he became *as* a ſtone.

[47] *Deut.*28.28. *Job* 15. 21.

38 And it came to paſs about ten days *after*, that the LORD ſmote Nabal that he died.

39 ¶ And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he ſaid, [48] Bleſſed *be* the LORD that hath pleaded the cauſe of my reproch from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his ſervant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the [49] wickedneſs of Nabal upon his own head. And David ſent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to [50] wife.

[48] *Pſal.*58.10,11. ¶ [49] 1 *King.*2.44. *Pſal.*52.7. *Jam.* 2. 13. *Eſt.*7.10. ¶ [50] *Prov.*31.10.

40 And when the ſervants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they ſpake unto her, ſaying, David ſent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

[51] *Ruth.*2.10. *Prov.*15.-33.

41 And ſhe aroſe, and [51] bowed her ſelf on *her* face to the earth, and ſaid, Behold, *let* thine handmaid *be* a ſervant to waſh the feet of the ſervants of my lord.

42 And Abigail haſted and aroſe, and rode upon an aſs, with five damſels of hers that went † after her; and ſhe went after the meſſengers of David, and became his wife.

† Heb. *at her feet.*

* Joſh.15. 56.

43 David alſo took Ahinoam * of Jezreel, and they were alſo both of them his wives.

44 ¶ But Saul had given * Michal his daughter Davids wife, to ‖ Phalti the ſon of Laiſh which *was* of Gallim.

*2 Sam.3.14. ‖ Or, *Phaltiel.* 2 Sam.3.15.

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1 *Saul cometh to Hachilah againſt David.* 4 *David in the trench ſtayeth Abiſhai from killing Saul, but taketh his ſpear and cruſe.*

AND * the Ziphites [1] came unto Saul to Gibeah, ſaying, Doth not David hide himſelf in the hill of Hachilah *which is* before Jeſhimon?

* Pſal.54.title. [1] *ch.*23. 19.

2 Then Saul aroſe, and went down to the wilderneſs of Ziph, having three thouſand choſen men of Iſrael with him, to ſeek David in the wilderneſs of Ziph.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* before Jeſhimon by the way: but David abode in the wilderneſs, and he ſaw that Saul came after him into the wilderneſs.

4 David therefore ſent out ſpies, and underſtood that Saul was come in very deed.

5 ¶ And David aroſe, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and * Abner the ſon of Ner, the captain of his hoſt: and Saul lay in the ‖ [2] trench, and the people pitched round about him.

* Chap.14. 50. & 17.55. ‖ Or, *midſt of his carriages.* [2] *ch.*17.20. ſee there.

6 Then anſwered David and ſaid to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abiſhai the ſon o [3] Zerviah brother to Joab, ſaying, Who will go down with me to Saul [4] to the camp? And Abiſhai ſaid, I will go down with thee.

[3] Who was *David*'s Siſter (1 *Chron.*2.16.) and therefore they are ſtill mentioned by her name, as being of greater quality than their Father. ¶ [4] *Judg.* 7.9.

7 So David and Abiſhai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay [5] ſleeping within the trench, and his ſpear ſtuck in the ground at his bolſter: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

[5] *v.*-12.

8 Then ſaid Abiſhai to David, [6] God hath † delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me ſmite him, I pray thee, with the ſpear even to the earth at once, and I will not *ſmite* him the ſecond time.

[6] *ch.*24.4. † Heb. *ſhut up.*

9 And David ſaid to Abiſhai, Deſtroy him not; for [7] who can ſtretch forth his hand againſt the LORDs anointed, and be guiltleſs?

[7] *ch.* 24.6.

10 David ſaid furthermore, *As* the LORD liveth, [8] the LORD ſhall ſmite him, or [9] his day ſhall come to die, or he ſhall deſcend into [10] battel, and periſh.

[8] *Ch.*25.38. *Pſal.*94.1. *Luke* 18.7. ¶ [9] *Job* 7. 1. and 14. 5. *Pſal.*37.10. ¶ [10] *ch.*31.6. *Deut.*32.35.

11 * The LORD forbid that I ſhould ſtretch forth mine hand againſt the LORDs anointed: but I pray thee, take thou now the ſpear that *is* at his bolſter, and the cruſe of water, and let us go.

* Chap.24. 6.

12 So David took the ſpear and the cruſe of water from Sauls bolſter, and they gat them away, and no man ſaw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for they *were* all aſleep, becauſe a [11] deep ſleep [12] from the LORD was fallen upon them.

[11] *Gen.*2.21. ¶ [12] By his ſpecial Providence.

13 ¶ Then David went over to the other ſide, and ſtood on the top of an hill afar off, (a great ſpace *being* between them)

14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the ſon of Ner, ſaying, Anſwereſt thou not, Abner? Then Abner anſwered and ſaid, Who *art* thou *that* crieſt to the king?

15 And David ſaid to Abner, *Art* not thou a valiant man? and who *is* like to thee in Iſrael? wherefore then haſt thou not kept thy lord the

* king?

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king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy LORD.

16 This thing *is* not good that thou hast done: *as* the LORD liveth, ye *are* † worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master the LORDs anointed: and now see where the kings spear *is*, and the cruse of water, that *was* at his bolster.

† Heb. *the sons of death.*

[13] *ch.* 24.16.

17 And Saul knew Davids voice, and said, [13] *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And David said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O king.

[14] *ch.*24.11.

18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for [14] what have I done? or what evil *is* in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant: if the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him † accept an offering: but if *they be* the children of men, [15] Cursed *be* they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from † [16] abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, [17] saying, Go serve other Gods.

† Heb. *smell.*

† Heb. *cleaving*

[15] *Gal.*5.19. *Prov.* 6. 19. ¶ [16] *Psal.* 42.1,2. and 84. 2. ¶ [17] *Rom.*14.5. They have done that which has a tendency to bring me to Idolatry.

20 Now therefore, [18] Let not my blood fall to the earth [19] before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a [20] flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

[18] I pray God prevent thee from shedding my blood. ¶ [19] Who sees it and will avenge it of thee. ¶ [20] *ch.* 24.14.

[21] *ch.*24.17.
[22] *ch.*27.4.

21 ¶ Then Saul said, [21] I have sinned: return, my son David, for I will [22] no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said, Behold the kings spear, and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23 The LORD [23] render to every man his righteousness, and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into *my* hand to day, but I would not [24] stretch forth mine hand against the LORDs anointed.

[23] *Neh.*13.14. *Isa.*3.10,11. *Psal.* 7.8. ¶ [24] *v.*11.

24 And behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes; so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. So David [25] went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

[25] Pursued the course he had design'd for his own safety notwithstanding *Saul's* fair promises.

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1 *Saul, hearing David to be in Gath, seeketh no more for him.* 5 *David beggeth Ziklag of Achish.*

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AND David [1] said in his heart, I shall now † perish one day by the hand of Saul: *there is* nothing better for me then that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

[1] *Psal.*116.11. *Prov.*13. 12.

† Heb. *be consumed.*

[2] *ch.*21. 10.

2 And David arose, and he [2] passed over, with the six hundred men that *were* with him, [2] unto Achish the son of Maoch king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, *even* David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess Nabals wife.

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4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath; and he sought [3] no more again for him.

[3] *ch.*26.21.

5 ¶ And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day; wherefore * Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

* See Josh.15. 31. & 19.5.

7 And † the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was † a full year and four months.

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† Heb. *the number of days*

† Heb. a year *of days.* See Chap.29. 3.

8 ¶ And David and his men went up and invaded the Geshurites, and the ‖ Gezrites, and the Amalekites; for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

‖ Or, *Gerzites.*

9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.

10 And Achish said, ‖ Whither have ye made a rode to day? And David said, [4] against the south of Judah, and against the south of * the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of * the Kenites.

‖ Or, *Did you not make a rode,* &c.

* See 1Chron. 2.9,25.

* Judg.1.16.

[4] This was either a direct lie, or a fraudulent Equivocation, unworthy such a holy man as he was.

11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so *will be* his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines.

12 And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel † utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

† Heb. *to stink.*

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3 *Saul having destroyed the witches,* 7 *afterwards seeketh to one,* 9 *who being encouraged by him, raiseth up Samuel.* 15 *Saul's ruine foreshewed.*

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AND it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines [1] gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly that [2] thou shalt go out with me to battel, thou and thy men.

[1] *Deut.*28. 25.

[2] *ch.*27. 12.

2 And David said to Achish, Surely [3] thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee [4] keeper of mine head for ever.

[3] See on *ch.*27.10. ¶ [4] He in whom I put most confidence for the protection of my life.

3 ¶ Now Samuel [5] was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had [6] put away * those that had [6] familiar spirits, and the [6] wizards, out of the land.

[5] *ch.*25.1. ¶ [6] See on *Deut.* 18.11. So that there was none at hand for him to make use of in his distress.

* Lev.19.31. & 20.27.

4 ¶ And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was [7] afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

[7] Through

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[7] Through the terrors of a guilty Conſcience, that now ſeiz'd upon him.

6 And when Saul [8] enquired of the LORD, * the LORD anſwered him [9] not, neither by [10] dreams, nor by [11] Urim, nor by prophets.

* Chap. 14.37. Lam. 2.9.

[8] *Ch.*23.2. (Which not being done in faith, God eſteem'd it as not done, 1 *Chron.*10.14.) ¶ [9] *Prov.*1.28. See there. ¶ [10] *Numb.*12.6. ¶ [11] *Exod.*28.29. *Numb.*27.21.

7 ¶ Then ſaid Saul unto his ſervants, [12] Seek me a woman that hath [13] a familiar ſpirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his ſervants ſaid to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar ſpirit at En-dor.

[12] *Deut.*18.11. 2 *Kings* 1.2,3. *Acts* 16.16. ¶ [13] That converſes with the Devil and dead mens Ghoſts.

* 1 Chr.10.13. 8 And Saul * [14] diſguiſed himſelf, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he ſaid, I pray thee divine unto me by the familiar ſpirit, and [15] bring me *him* up whom I ſhall name unto thee.

[14] 1 *Kings* 14.2. ¶ [15] *Iſa.*8.-19,20. Out of the Ground or Grave.

9 And the woman ſaid unto him, Behold, thou knoweſt what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off thoſe that have familiar ſpirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layeſt thou a ſnare for my life, to cauſe me to die?

10 And Saul ſware to her by the LORD, ſaying, *As* the LORD liveth, there ſhall no puniſhment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then ſaid the woman, Whom ſhall I bring up unto thee? And he ſaid, Bring me up Samuel.

12 And when the woman ſaw [16] Samuel, [17] ſhe cried with a loud voice; and the woman ſpake to Saul, ſaying, Why haſt thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul.

[16] An evil Spirit in his ſhape, and perſonating him, 2 *Cor.* 11.14. for (1) *v.*6. (2) The Souls of the righteous are in Paradiſe, *Luke* 23.-43. *Rev.*14.13. And (3) their bodies reſt in peace, *Iſa.* 57.2. (4) He receives that worſhip which good Spirits would not admit of, *Rev.* 19.10. and 22.8,9. And (5) he does not blame him for this ſin of conſulting with one that had a familiar Spirit; and yet this was the great ſin for which he died, 1 *Chron.* 10.13. (6) The true *Samuel* had no mantle to bring with him from the Grave. ¶ [17] The Devil having diſcover'd to her that it was *Saul.*

13 And the king ſaid unto her, Be not afraid: for [18] what ſaweſt thou? And the woman ſaid unto Saul, I ſaw [19] gods aſcending out of the earth.

[18] Whereby it ſhould ſeem that he was not preſent at firſt, when ſhe uſed her Art to call up the Spirit. ¶ [19] An excellent perſon, clothed with divine majeſty and brightneſs, 2 *Cor.*11.14.

† Heb. *What is his form?*

14 And he ſaid unto her, † What form *is* he of? And ſhe ſaid, An old man cometh up, and he *is* covered with a [20] mantle. And Saul [21] perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he ſtooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himſelf.

[20] *Ch.*15.27. 2 *Kings* 2.8,13. ¶ [21] *Ezek.* 14.-4. 2 *Theſſ.* 2.10,11. She now brought him to the Apparition, and then left 'em together, *v.*21.

15 ¶ And Samuel ſaid to Saul, Why haſt thou [22] diſquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul anſwered, I am [23] ſore diſtreſſed; for the Philiſtines make war againſt me, and God is departed from me, and anſwereth me no more, neither † by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayeſt make known unto me what I ſhall do.

† Heb. *by the hand of prophets.*

[22] Therefore it could not be true *Samuel*; for *Rev.*14.13. *Iſa.*57.2. ¶ [23] *Iſa.*3.11. *Prov.*5.11,12. and 14.14.

* Eccl.46.20. 16 * Then ſaid Samuel, Wherefore then doſt thou aſk of me, [24] ſeeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

[24] 2 *Cor.*11.14.

17 And the LORD hath done ‖ [25] to him, as he ſpake † [26] by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David:

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‖ Or, *for himſelf.*

† Heb. *mine hand.*

[25] *Prov.*16.4. To *David.* ¶ [26] *ch.*15.28. but *John* 8.44.

18 [27] Becauſe thou obeyedſt not the voice of the LORD, nor executedſt his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

[27] *Chap.*15.-23, 26. 1 *Kings* 20.42. *Jer.* 48.10.

19 Moreover, the LORD will alſo deliver Iſrael with thee, into the hand of the Philiſtines: and [28] to morrow *ſhalt* thou and thy ſons *be* [29] with me: the LORD alſo ſhall deliver the hoſt of Iſrael into the hand of the Philiſtines.

[28] This is an ambiguous ſpeech, and may be underſtood either of the next day preciſely, or of ſome time to come; as *Matth.*6.34. ¶ [29] In the ſtate of the dead. The Spirit ſpeaks to him according to his own imagination, who thought it was true *Samuel*: and this the Spirit might know either by probable conjecture, or by revelation from God.

† Heb. *made haſte and fell with the fulneſs of his ſtature.*

20 Then Saul † fell ſtraightway all along on the earth, and was ſore afraid, becauſe of the words of Samuel, and there was no ſtrength in him: for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

21 ¶ And the woman came unto Saul, and ſaw that he was ſore troubled, and ſaid unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have * [30] put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou ſpakeſt unto me.

* Job 13.14. [30] *v.*9. *Judg.* 12.3.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou alſo unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me ſet a morſel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayeſt have ſtrength, when thou goeſt on thy way.

23 But he refuſed, and ſaid, I will not eat: but his ſervants, together with the woman, compelled him, and he hearkened unto their voice: ſo he aroſe from the earth, and ſat upon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calf in the houſe, and ſhe haſted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded *it*, and did bake unleavened bread thereof.

25 And ſhe brought *it* before Saul, and before his ſervants, and they did eat: then they roſe up, and went away that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *David marching with the Philiſtines,* 3 *is diſallowed by their princes.* 6 *Achiſh diſmiſſeth him.*

NOw the Philiſtines [1] gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Iſraelites pitched by a fountain which *is* in Jezreel.*

[1] *ch.*28.1.

2 And the lords of the Philiſtines paſſed on by hundreds, and by thouſands: but David and his men [2] paſſed on in the rere-ward with [3] Achiſh.

[2] Muſter'd their Souldiers. ¶ [3] *ch.* 28.-2. Who was choſen General of the whole Army.

3 Then ſaid the princes of the Philiſtines, What *do* [4] theſe Hebrews *here*? And Achiſh ſaid unto the princes of the Philiſtines, *Is* not this David the ſervant of Saul the king of Iſrael, which hath been with me theſe days or theſe years, and I have found [5] no fault in him ſince he fell *unto me*, unto this day?

[4] *Ch.*27.7. ¶ [5] *v.*-6. *Col.*4.5. *Phil.*2.15. 1 *Pet.*2.15. *Dan.* 6.4,5.

4 And the princes of the Philiſtines were wroth with him, and the princes of the Philiſtines

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ſtines ſaid unto him, [6] Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou haſt appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battel, leſt in the battel he be an [7] adverſary to us: for wherewith ſhould he reconcile himſelf unto his maſter? *ſhould it* not *be* [8] with the heads of theſe men?

[6] 1 *Chron.*12.19. ¶ [7] *ch.* 14.21. ¶ [8] By betraying us into *Saul*'s hands, 1 *Chron.*12.19.

[9] *ch.*18.7. and 21.11. 5 *Is* not this David, of whom they ſang one to another in dances, ſaying, [9] Saul ſlew his thouſands, and David his ten thouſands?

6 ¶ Then Achiſh called David, and ſaid unto him, Surely, *as* the LORD liveth, thou haſt been upright, and thy [10] going out and thy coming in with me in the hoſt, *is* good in my ſight: for I have not found evil in thee, ſince the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheleſs, † the lords favour thee not.

[10] *Num.*27.17.

† Heb. *thou art not good in the eyes of the lords.*

7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou † diſpleaſe not the lords of the Philiſtines.

†Heb. *do not evil in the eyes of the lords.*

8 ¶ And David ſaid unto Achiſh; But what have I done? and what haſt thou found in thy ſervant, ſo long as I have been † with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight againſt the enemies of my lord the king?

† Heb. *before thee.*

9 And Achiſh anſwered and ſaid to David, I know that thou *art* good in my ſight, as an angel of God: notwithſtanding, the princes of the Philiſtines have ſaid, He ſhall not go up with us to the battel.

10 Wherefore now riſe up early in the morning, with thy maſters ſervants that are come with thee: and aſſoon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

11 So David and his men roſe up early [11] to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philiſtines; and the Philiſtines went up to Jezreel.

[11] *Gen.*22.14. 1 *Cor.*10.13. This was ſo order'd by God's ſpecial Providence, thereby to preſerve him either from fighting againſt his own people, or betraying his truſt: as alſo that he might come ſeaſonably to the reſcue, of his friends of *Ziklag*, and his own concerns.

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1 *The Amalekites ſpoil Ziklag.* 7 *David encouraged by God, purſueth them,* 11 *and overtaking them, recovereth the ſpoil.*

AND it came to paſs when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the ſouth and Ziklag, and [1] ſmitten Ziklag, and burnt it with fire:

[1] Pillag'd, and plunder'd.

2 And had taken the women captives, that *were* therein; they [2] ſlew not any, either great or ſmall, but carried *them* away, and went on their way.

[2] *Iſa.*27.8. *Hab.* 3.-2.

3 ¶ So David and his men came to the city, and behold, *it was* [3] burnt with fire, and their wives, and their ſons, and their daughters were [4] taken captives.

[3] *Pſal.*34.19. and 42.7.

4 Then David and the people that *were* with him, lift up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And Davids two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreeliteſs, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly diſtreſſed; for the people ſpake of [4] ſtoning him, * becauſe the ſoul of all the people was † grieved, every man for his ſons, and for his daughters: but David [5] encouraged himſelf in the LORD his God.

† Heb. *bitter.*

[4] *Exod.*17.-4. *John* 8.59. As the Author of all their miſeries. ¶ [5] *Hab.*3.17,18. *Pſal.*56.3. *Rom.*4.20.

[6] *ch.*23.6. 7 And David ſaid to Abiathar the prieſt Ahimelechs ſon, I pray thee, bring me hither the [6] ephod: and Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

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8 And David [7] enquired at the LORD, ſaying, Shall I purſue after this troop? ſhall I overtake them? And he anſwered him, Purſue; for thou ſhalt ſurely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*.

[7] *ch.*23.2,10. *Pſal.*50.15.

9 So David went, he and the ſix hundred men that *were* with him, and came to the brook Beſor, where thoſe that were left behind, ſtayed.

10 But David purſued, he and four hundred men: (for two hundred abode behind, which were ſo faint that they could not go over the brook Beſor.)

11 ¶ And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat, and they made him drink water.

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two cluſters *of raiſins*: and when he had eaten, his ſpirit [8] came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights.

[8] *ch.*14.-27. *Judg.*15.19. *Iſa.*40.29.

13 And David ſaid unto him, To whom *belongeſt* thou? and whence *art* thou? And he ſaid, I *am* a young man of Egypt, ſervant to an Amalekite, and my maſter left me, becauſe three days agone I fell ſick.

14 We made an invaſion *upon* the ſouth of * the [9] Cherethites, and upon *the coaſt* which *belongeth* to Judah, and upon the ſouth of * [10] Caleb, and we burnt Ziklag with fire.

* Zeph.2.5. * Joſh.14.13. and 15.13.

[9] The Philiſtines, *v.*16. *Ezek.* 25.15,16. ¶ [10] His Inheritance.

15 And David ſaid to him, Canſt thou bring me down to this company? And he ſaid, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my maſter, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 ¶ And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* ſpread abroad upon all the earth, [11] eating and drinking, and dancing, becauſe of all the great ſpoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philiſtines, and out of the land of Judah.

[11] *Luke* 12.19, 20. and 21.34, 35. 1 *Theſſ.*5.3.

17 And David [12] ſmote them from the twilight, even unto the evening of † the next day: and there eſcaped not a man of them, ſave four hundred young men which rode upon camels, and fled.

[12] *Job* 20. 5. *Acts* 12.23.

† Heb. *their morrow.*

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David reſcued his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither ſmall nor great, neither ſons nor daughters, neither ſpoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

20 And David took all the [13] flocks, and the herds: *which* they drave before thoſe *other* [14] cattel, and ſaid, This *is* [15] Davids ſpoil.

[13] Taken by the Amalekites from the Philiſtines and men of *Judah*. ¶ [14] Belonging to *David* and the men of *Ziklag*. ¶ [15] *Iſa.*53.12.

21 ¶ And David came to the [16] two hundred men, which were ſo faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made alſo to abide at the brook Beſor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that *were* with him; and when David came near to the people, he ‖ ſaluted them.

[16] *v.*-10.

‖ Or, *asked them how they did.*

22 Then anſwered all the wicked men, and *men* of [17] Belial, of † thoſe that went with David, and ſaid, Becauſe they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the ſpoil that we have recovered, ſave to every man his wife and his chil-

† Heb. *men.*

[17] See on *Deut.*13. 13.

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children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart.

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23 Then ſaid David, Ye ſhall not do ſo,[18] my brethren, with that which the [19] LORD hath given us, who hath preſerved us, and delivered the company that came againſt us, into our hand.

[18] *Gen.*19.7. *Judg.*19. 23.
[19] *Pſal.*44.3,5. & 115. 1.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part *is* that goeth down to the battel, [20] ſo *ſhall* his part *be* that tarrieth by the ſtuff: they ſhall part alike.

[20] *Num.*31.27. *Joſh.*22.-8.

25 And it was *ſo* from that day † forward, that he made it a ſtatute and an ordinance for Iſrael unto this day.

† Heb. *bleſſing.*

26 ¶ And when David came to Ziklag, he ſent of the ſpoil unto the elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, (ſaying, Behold a † preſent for you of the ſpoil of the enemies of the LORD;)

27 To *them* which *were* in Beth-el, and to *them* which *were* in * ſouth-Ramoth, and to *them* which *were* in * Jattir,

* Joſh.19.8.
* Joſh.15.48.

28 And to *them* which *were* in *Aroer, and to *them* which *were* in Siphmoth, and to *them* which *were* in * Eſhtemoa,

* Joſh.13. 16.
* Joſh.15. 50.

29 And to *them* which *were* in Rachal, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of * the Jerahmeelites, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Kenites,

* Chap.27.10.

30 And to *them* which *were* in Hormah, and to *them* which *were* in Chor-aſhan, and to *them* which *were* in Athach,

31 And to *them* which *were* in Hebron, and to all the places where David himſelf and his men were [21] wont to haunt.

[21] Found ſhelter in his diſtreſs; thereby both to teſtifie his thankfulneſs to 'em, and alſo further to engage their affections to him, now when he apprehended *Saul*'s death was near.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Saul having loſt his army, and his ſons ſlain, he and his armour-bearer kill themſelves.* 8 *The Philiſtines triumph over the dead carcaſes.*

NOw the Philiſtines [1] fought againſt Iſrael: and the men of Iſrael [2] fled from before the Philiſtines, and [3] fell down ‖ ſlain in mount Gilboa.

‖ Or, *wounded.*

[1] *ch.*29.1. 1 *Chron.*10.1. ¶ [2] *Deut.* 28. 25. *Lev.* 26. 36. ¶ [3] *ch.*12.25.

2 And the Philiſtines followed hard upon Saul, and upon his ſons; and the Philiſtines ſlew * 4 Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchiſhua, Sauls ſons.

* Chap.14.49. 1 Chron.8.33.

[4] 2 *King.*23.29. *Eccl.*9.1,2. *Deut.* 32. 49, 52. God's Providence remov'd him out of the way to make *David*'s acceſs to the Crown the more eaſie.

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3 And * the battel went ſore againſt Saul, and the † archers † [5] hit him, and he was ſore wounded of the archers.

* See 2 Sam. 1. 7.&c.
† Heb. *ſhooters, men with bows.*
† Heb. *found.*
[5] *Am.*2. 14.

4 Then ſaid Saul unto his armour-bearer, [6] Draw thy ſword and thruſt me through therewith; leſt theſe uncircumciſed come and thruſt me through, and ‖ abuſe me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was ſore afraid: therefore Saul took a ſword, and [7] fell upon it.

[6] *Jud.*9.54.
[7] 1 *Chr.*10.-14.
‖ Or, *mock.*

5 And when his armour-bearer ſaw that Saul was dead, he fell likewiſe upon his ſword, and died with him.

6 [8] So Saul died, and his three ſons, and his armour-bearer, and [9] all his men that ſame day together.

[8] 1 *Chron.*10.6. ¶ [9] His Houſhold Servants and Guard.

7 ¶ And when the men of Iſrael that *were* on the other ſide of the valley, and *they* that *were* on the other ſide Jordan, ſaw that the men of Iſrael fled, and that Saul and his ſons were dead, they forſook the cities, and fled; and the Philiſtines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to paſs on the morrow, when the Philiſtines came to ſtrip the ſlain, that they found Saul and his three ſons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they [10] cut off his head, and ſtripped off his armour, and ſent into the land of the Philiſtines round about, to publiſh *it* in the houſe of their idols, and among the people.

[10] *ch.*17.51. 1 *Chron.*10.9.

10 And they put his armour in the houſe of Aſhtaroth: and they faſtened his body to the [11] wall of * Beth-ſhan.

[11] 2*Sam.*21.12. * Joſh.17. 11. Judg.1.27.

11 ¶ And when the inhabitants of [12] Jabeſh-gilead heard ‖ of that which the Philiſtines had done to Saul.

‖ Or, *concerning him.*

[12] In token of thankfulneſs for the kindneſs he had done 'em, *ch.*11.11.

12 * All the valiant men aroſe, and went all night, and [12] took the body of Saul, and the bodies of his ſons from the wall of Beth-ſhan, and came to Jabeſh, and * [13] burnt them there.

* 2 Sam. 2. 4-7.
* Jer.34.5. Am.6. 10.

[13] 2 *Chron.*16.14. *Jer.*34.5. Becauſe their Fleſh was putrified, and ſo could not be embalmed, and to prevent the Philiſtines getting 'em again into their power.

13 And they took their bones, and * buried *them* [14] under a tree at Jabeſh, and faſted [15] ſeven days.

* 2 Sam.2.4,5. & 21.12, 13.

[14] *Gen.*35.8. 2 *Sam.*21. 12. *&c.* ¶ [15] Till the evening of each day; and then they did eat but little, (and that but mean food) and drank only water for that time.

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The ARGUMENT.

After the Death of Saul *and* Jonathan, (*which* David *laments*, ch. 1.) David *is first anointed King over* Judah, *and* Ishbosheth *set up to be King over the rest of the Tribes*, (ch. 2.) *who being slain*, (ch. 4.) David *is then anointed King over all* Israel, (ch. 5.) *which Office he administred with rare and singular Piety, Justice, and Valour; wherein he was a Type of Christ, and of his Kingdom and Government. Yet withal he had his grievous Failings* (*recorded by the Spirit of God for our Caution*) *for which he is severely chastised by his Heavenly Father yet not utterly cast off, as* Saul *was; but the Kingdom was continued to him and his Posterity for many Ages and Generations, as a Type of the Perpetuity of Christ's Kingdom.*

It contains the History of about Forty years, viz. *From the beginning of* David's *Reign to his Decrepit Old Age.*

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1 *The Amalekite bringeth tidings of the overthrow, and accusing himself of Sauls death, is slain.* 17 *David lamenteth Saul and Jonathan with a song.*

NOW it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the [1] slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in [2] Ziklag:

[1] 1 *Sam.*30.17.
[2] 1 *Sam.*27.6.

2 It came even to pass on the third day, that behold, * a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his [3] clothes rent, and [4] earth upon his head: and *so* it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeysance.

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[3] See on *Gen.* 37. 29. ¶ [4] See on 1 *Sam.* 4. 12.

3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.

4 And David said unto him, † [5] How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battel, and many of the people also are fallen and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

† Heb. *What was*, &c.

[5] We should enquire after the Affairs of the Church and People of God, *Neh.*1,2. *&c.*

5 And David said unto the young man that told him, [6] How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?

[6] *Prov.*25. 2.

6 And the young man that told him, said, [7] As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, * Saul leaned upon his spear: and lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

* See 1 Sam. 31.3,4.

[7] Several of these passages were feigned by him, meerly to ingratiate himself with *David.*

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me: And I answered, † Here *am* I.

† Heb. *behold me.*

8 And he said unto me, Who *art* thou? And I answered him, I *am* an Amalekite.

9 He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for ‖ anguish is come upon me, because my life *is* yet whole in me.

‖ Or, *my coat of mail*, or *my embroidered coat, hindreth me that any*, &c.

10 So I stood upon him, and [8] slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that *was* upon his head, and the bracelet that *was* on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

[8] But he slew himself, 1 *Sam.*31.4, 5.

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and * rent them, and likewise all the men that *were* with him.

* Chap.3.31. & 13.31.

12 And they [9] mourned and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

[9] *Matth.*5. 4. 1 *Pet.*3.8. *Am.*6. -6.

13 ¶ And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence *art* thou? And he answered, I *am* the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.

14 And David said unto him, * How wast thou [10] not afraid to stretch forth thine hand, to [11] destroy the LORDs [12] anointed?

* Psal.105.15.
[10] *Num.*12. -8.
[11] *Jud.*20.21.

15 And * David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, *and* [13] fall upon him. And he [14] smote him that he died.

* Chap.4.10.
[12] 1 *Sam.*10.1.
[13] 1 *Sam.*22.18
[14] *Psal.*9.-16.

16 And David said unto him, Thy [15] blood *be* upon thy head: for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORDs anointed.

[15] *Lev.*20. 9. See there.

17 ¶ And David [16] lamented with this lamentation over Saul, and over Jonathan his son,

[16] *Gen.*50. 11.

18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah [17] *the use of* the bow: behold [18] *it is* written in the book of ‖ [19] Jasher)

‖ Or, *the upright.*

[17] How to handle their Arms, that they might be expert therein upon all occasions. ¶ [18] This Counsel that *David* gave 'em, and the course he prescribed to make 'em expert. ¶ [19] See on *Josh.*10.13.

19 [20] The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy [21] high places: [22] how are the mighty fallen!

[20] *Saul, Jonathan*, and all the flower of Chivalry, and valiant men of *Israel.* ¶ [21] 1 *Sam.*31.-8. ¶ [22] *v.* 25,27. *Lam.*5.16. How sad and wonderful a Providence is it that these Worthies, who so often vanquish'd their Enemies before, should now fall before 'em!

20 * [23] Tell *it* not in Gath, publish *it* not in the streets of Askelon: lest the [24] daughters of the Philistines rejoyce, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

* See Judg.16. 23.

[23] *Mic.*1,10. *q. d.* O that it might not be; and how sad is it that they have this occasion to do it. ¶ [24] 1 *Sam.*18. 6.

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21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, [25] *let there be* no dew, neither *let there be* rain upon you, nor [26] fields of offerings: for there [27] the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, *as though he* [28] *had* not *been* anointed with oyl.

[25] Let 'em by their barrenness remain perpetual Monuments of this Calamity. ¶ [26] Fruitful fields bringing forth fruits fit for Offerings to God. ¶ [27] They are routed, and forc'd to cast away their Weapons in a dishonourable manner. ¶ [28] Had been but a common Souldier.

22 [29] From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan [29] turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

[29] *i. e. Saul* and *Jonathan* were wont to be victorious over their stoutest Enemies.

‖ Or, *sweet.*

23 Saul and Jonathan *were* [30] lovely and ‖ pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were [31] swifter then eagles, they were [31] stronger then lions.

[30] 1 *Sam.*9.2. Obliging in their carriage and conversation, (except when *Saul* was in one of his mad fits.) ¶ [31] Active and valiant; as befits brave Commanders.

24 Ye [32] daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who [33] clothed you in scarlet, with *other* delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

[32] Who are usually most delighted with gorgeous apparel, 1 *Pet.*3.3. 1 *Tim.*2.-9. ¶ [33] By the prosperity of his Government, and Spoils of the Enemy, *Psal.*68.12.

[34] Which were in thy Country.

25 [22] How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battel! O Jonathan, *thou wast* slain in [34] thine high places.

26 I am distressed [35] for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was [36] wonderful, [37] passing the love of [38] women.

[35] For the loss of thee. ¶ [36] 1 *Sam.*18.1. ¶ [37] *Deut* 13.6. ¶ [38] Who are commonly most affectionate.

[39] They that weilded 'em.

27 How are the mighty fallen, and [39] the weapons of war perished!

CHAP. II.

1 *David by Gods direction going up to Hebron, is made king of Judah.* 8 *Abner maketh Ish-bosheth king of Israel.*

*1Sam.23.2,4, 9.and 30. 7,8.

AND it came to pass after this, that David * [1] enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

[1] *Judg.*1.1. 1 *Sam.*26.2,6. *Ezek.*36.37. *Ezra* 8. 21.

2 So David went up thither, and his [2] two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabals wife the Carmelite.

[2] So the Church, having suffered with Christ, shall reign with him, 2 *Tim.* 2. 12. *Luke* 22.28,29.

3 And [3] his men that *were* with him, did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the [4] cities of Hebron.

[3] 1 *Chron.* 12. 1. Servants and Souldiers. ¶ [4] *Josh.* 21. 11, 12.

* 1 Mac.2.57.

4 * And the [5] men of Judah came, and there they [6] anointed David king over the house of Judah: and they told David, saying, *That* the men of Jabesh-gilead *were they* that [7] buried Saul.

[5] The generality of that Tribe, (and doubtless some few of the other Tribes.) ¶ [6] Thereby actually installing him in the Government over their Tribe, *v.*-7. See *ch.* 5. *n.* 8. ¶ [7] 1 *Sam.*31.11–13.

* Ruth 2.20. and 3.10. ‖ *Gen.*24.31.

5 ¶ And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, * [8] Blessed *be* ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, *even* unto Saul, and have buried him.

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6 And now the LORD shew [9] kindness and [9] truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

[9] *Matth.*5.7. Real kindness.

7 Therefore now [10] let your hands be strengthened, and † be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

† Heb. *be ye the sons of valour.*

[10] *q. d.* Fear not any evil from me; for I am so far from bearing you any ill will for your kindness to *Saul*, that I'l requite it.

8 ¶ But [11] Abner the son of Ner, captain of † Sauls host, took ‖ Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim.

[11] *ch.*3.18. 1 *Sam.* 14.50. † Heb. *the host which was Sauls.* ‖ Or, *Esh-baal*, 2 Chron.8.33. and 9.39.

9 And he made him king over [12] Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over [13] all Israel.

[12] The land of *Israel* beyond *Jordan.* ¶ [13] The rest of the Tribes except *Judah.*

10 Ish-bosheth Sauls son *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned [14] two years: but the house of Judah followed David.

[14] *Viz.* Before this war mention'd afterwards.

* Chap.5.5. 1 Kings 2. 11. † Heb. *number of days.*

11 (And * the † time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah, was seven years and six months.)

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12 ¶ And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim, [15] to Gibeon.

[15] To make war against *David.*

13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David went out, and met † together by * the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

† Heb. *them together.* * Jer. 41.12.

14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the [16] young men now arise, and [17] play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

[16] A certain number of our choicest Souldiers. ¶ [17] Try their skill in handling their Weapons, and encountring one another, which may be a kind of diversion to us.

15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which *pertained* to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellows side; so they [18] fell down together: wherefore that place was called ‖ [19] Helkath-hazzurim, which *is* in Gibeon.

‖ That is, *the field of strong men.*

[18] By this Tragical issue of that bloody challenge God would shew how abominable that practise was to him. ¶ [19] The field of Rocks; *i. e.* of men who stood immoveable; each one dying upon the spot where he fought.

17 And there was a very sore battel that day: and Abner was [20] beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

[20] *Acts* 5.39.

* 1 Chr. 2.16. * 2 Chr. 12.8. † Heb. *of his feet.* † Heb. *as one of the roes that is in the field.* † Heb. *from after Abner.*

18 ¶ And there were * three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel *was* * *as* light † of foot † as a wild roe.

19 And Asahel pursued after Abner, and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left, † from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, *Art* thou Asahel? And he answered, I *am.*

21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his ‖ armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.

‖ Or, *spoil.*

22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? [21] how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

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21 With what confidence can I expect reconciliation with him?

23 Howbeit he refuſed to turn aſide: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the ſpear ſmote him under the [22] fifth *rib*, that the ſpear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the ſame place: and it came to paſs, *that* as many as came to the place where Aſahel fell down and died, ſtood ſtill.

[22] *ch.* 3.27. and 4.6. and 20.10.

24 Joab alſo and Abiſhai purſued after Abner: and the ſun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by the way of the wilderneſs of Gibeon.

25 ¶ And the children of Benjamin gathered themſelves together after Abner, and became one troop, and ſtood on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab, and ſaid, Shall the ſword devour for ever? knoweſt thou not that it will be [23] bitterneſs in the latter end? how long ſhall it be then ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

[23] *Viz.* If by thy further proſecution thou makeſt 'em deſperate.

27 And Joab ſaid, *As* God liveth, unleſs thou hadſt [24] ſpoken, ſurely then † in the morning the people had ‖ [25] gone up every one from following his brother.

† Heb. *from the morning.* ‖ Or, *gone away.*

[24] *Prov.* 17.14. Made that challenge, (*v.* 14.) and thereby provok'd us to fight. ¶ [25] March'd away home again in peace, without bloodſhed.

28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people ſtood ſtill, and purſued after Iſrael no more, neither fought they [26] any more.

[26] *Viz.* In any pitch'd battel.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and paſſed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of Davids ſervants nineteen men, and Aſahel.

31 But the ſervants of David had ſmitten of Benjamin and of Abners men, *ſo that* three hundred and threeſcore men died.

32 ¶ And they took up Aſahel, and buried him in the ſepulchre of his father, which *was* in Beth-lehem: and Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

CHAP. III.

1 *During the war David ſtill waxeth ſtronger.* 6 *Abner diſpleaſed with Iſh-boſheth,* 12 *revolteth to David.* 27 *Joab killeth Abner.* 28 *David curſeth Joab,* 31 *and mourneth for Abner.*

NOw there was [1] long war between the houſe of Saul, and the houſe of David: but David waxed [2] ſtronger and ſtronger, and the houſe of Saul waxed [2] weaker and weaker.

[1] About five or ſix years. An Emblem of our ſpiritual warfare, *Gen.* 3.15. *Eph.* 6.12. *Gal.* 5.17. ¶ [2] So the Kingdom of Chriſt, both in the world, and in the hearts of true believers.

2 ¶ And * unto David were ſons born in Hebron: and his firſt-born was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitеſs.

* 1 Chron. 3.1.

3 And his ſecond, ‖ Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite: and the third, Abſalom the ſon of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geſhur.

‖ Or, *Daniel.* 1 Chron. 3.1.

4 And the fourth, Adonijah the ſon of Haggith: and the fifth, Shephatiah the ſon of Abital:

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5 And the ſixth, Ithream, by Eglah [3] Davids wife: theſe were born to David in Hebron.

[3] To diſtinguiſh her from ſome other of that name.

6 ¶ And it came to paſs while there was war between the houſe of Saul and the houſe of David, that Abner [4] made himſelf ſtrong for the houſe of Saul.

[4] Furniſh'd himſelf with all neceſſary proviſion for the eſtabliſhing the kingdom to *Iſhboſheth.*

7 And Saul had a concubine, whoſe name *was* * Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and *Iſh-boſheth* ſaid to Abner, Wherefore haſt thou [5] gone in unto my fathers concubine?

* Chap. 21.8.

[5] *Ch.* 16.21. A ſign of his affecting the kingdom, 1 *Kings* 1.22.

8 Then was Abner [6] very wroth for the words of Iſh-boſheth, and ſaid, *Am* I * [7] a dogs head, which againſt Judah do ſhew kindneſs this day unto the houſe of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends; and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargeſt me to day with a fault concerning this woman? 2956.

* Deut. 23.18.

[6] 2 *Tim.* 4.3. ¶ [7] *ch.* 9.8. 1 *Sam.* 24.-14. So contemptible a perſon that thou ſhouldſt think it a diſgrace to thy Family for me to lye with thy Father's Concubine.

9 * [8] So do God to Abner, and more alſo, except as the LORD hath ſworn to David, even ſo I do to him:

* 1 King. 19.2.

[8] *Ruth* 1.17. See there.

10 To tranſlate the kingdom from the houſe of Saul, and to ſet up the throne of David over Iſrael, and over Judah, [9] from Dan even to Beer-ſheba.

[9] *Judg.* 20.1. 1 *Kings* 4.24.

11 And he could not anſwer Abner a word again, becauſe he feared him.

12 ¶ And Abner ſent meſſengers to David on his behalf, ſaying, [10] Whoſe *is* the land? ſaying *alſo*, [11] Make thy league with me, and behold, my hand *ſhall be* with thee, to bring about all Iſrael unto thee.

[10] *q.d.* I acknowledge that thou haſt a juſt title to the kingdom, and therefore I'l endeavour that thou may'ſt be poſſeſs'd of it. ¶ [11] Give me honourable terms.

13 ¶ And he ſaid, Well, I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, † that is, Thou ſhalt [12] not ſee my face, except thou firſt bring Michal Sauls daughter, when thou comeſt to ſee my face.

† Heb. *ſaying.* [12] *Gen.* 43.3.

14 And David ſent meſſengers to Iſh-boſheth Sauls ſon, ſaying, Deliver *me* my wife Michal, which I eſpouſed to me for an [13] hundred foreſkins of the Philiſtines.

[13] 1 *Sam.* 18.25,27.

15 And Iſh-boſheth ſent, and took her from *her* husband, *even* from [14] Phaltiel the ſon of Laiſh.

[14] 1 *Sam.* 25.44. (Whom her father forc'd her to marry.)

16 And her husband went with her † along weeping behind her to Bahurim: then ſaid Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

† Heb. *going and weeping.*

17 ¶ And Abner had communication with the elders of Iſrael, ſaying, Ye ſought for David † in times paſt *to be* king over you.

† Heb. *both yeſterday and the third day.*

18 Now then do *it*; for the LORD hath ſpoken of David, ſaying, By the hand of my ſervant David I will ſave my people Iſrael out of the hand of the Philiſtines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner alſo ſpake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went alſo to ſpeak [15] in the ears of David in Hebron, all that ſeemed good to Iſrael, and that ſeemed good to the whole houſe of Benjamin.

[15] To

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[15] To give him account of the good ſucceſs of his Negotiation.

20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him: and David made Abner, and the men that *were* with him, a feaſt.

21 And Abner ſaid unto David, I will ariſe, and go, and will gather all Iſrael unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayeſt reign over all that thine heart deſireth. And David ſent Abner away, and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And behold, the ſervants of David and Joab came from *purſuing* a troop, and brought in a great ſpoil with them: (but Abner *was* not with David in Hebron, for he had ſent him away, and he was gone in peace.)

23 When Joab and all the hoſt that *was* with him, were come, they told Joab, ſaying, Abner the ſon of Ner came to the king, and he hath ſent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Joab came to the king, and ſaid, What haſt thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee, why *is* it *that* thou haſt ſent him away, and he is quite gone?

25 Thou [16] knoweſt Abner the ſon of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy [17] going out, and thy [17] coming in, and to know all that thou doeſt.

[16] Mighteſt have known, if thou hadſt conſidered it. ¶ [17] *Numb.*27.17.

26 And when Joab was come out from David, he ſent meſſengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah; but David knew *it* not.

27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab * took him aſide in the gate to ſpeak with him ‖ quietly: and ſmote him there * under the [18] fifth *rib*, that he [19] died, for the blood of Aſahel his brother.

* 1 King.2. 5. ‖ Or, *peaceably.* * Chap.4.6.

[18] *Ch.*2.23. See there. ¶ [19] 1 *King.*2. 5. And ſo God puniſh'd him for oppoſing *David* againſt his own Knowledge and Conſcience, and would not ſuffer the Kingdom to be ſetled upon *David* by *Abner*'s revenge and treachery, but by his own Providence.

28 ¶ And afterward when David heard *it*, he ſaid, I and my kingdom *are* guiltleſs before the LORD for ever, from the † blood of Abner the ſon of Ner.

† Heb. *bloud.*

29 [20] Let it reſt on the head of Joab, and on all his fathers houſe, and let there not † fail from the houſe of Joab one that hath an [21] iſſue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a ſtaff, or that falleth on the ſword, or that lacketh bread.

[20] *Judg.*9.24. *Rev.*16. 6. † Heb. *be cut off.* [21] *Lev.*15.2.

30 So Joab and Abiſhai his brother [22] ſlew Abner, becauſe he had [23] ſlain their brother Aſahel at Gibeon in the battel.

[22] Plotted this murder between 'em. ¶ [23] *ch.*2.23.

31 ¶ And David ſaid [24] to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, * [25] Rent your clothes, and *gird you with ſackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himſelf* followed the † bier.

* Joſh.7. 6. * Gen.37.34. † Heb. *bed.*

[24] Thereby to make him ſenſible of his ſin, and to weaken his intereſt in the hearts of the people. ¶ [25] Make a ſolemn Funeral-mourning for him.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lift up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented over Abner, and ſaid, [26] Died Abner as a fool dieth?

[26] *i. e.* He did not die by his own Cowardiſe, but by anothers Treachery.

34 [27] Thy hands *were* not bound, nor [27] thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before † [28] wicked men, *ſo* felleſt thou. And all the people wept again over him.

† Heb. *children of iniquity.*

[27] *q. d.* Thou didſt not dye like a baſe weak Captive, taken in war, nor as a Malefactor. ¶ [28] Falſe-hearted, treacherous perſons.

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35 And when all the people came to cauſe David to eat meat while it was yet day, David ſware, ſaying, [8] So do God to me, and more alſo, if I taſte bread, or ought elſe, [29] till the ſun be down.

[29] *ch.*1, 12.

36 And all the people took notice *of it*, and it † pleaſed them: as whatſoever the king did, [30] pleaſed all the people.

† Heb. *was good in their eyes.*

[30] By his Carriage herein he gain'd ſo great an intereſt in the people's affections, that they put the beſt conſtruction upon all his words and Actions.

37 For all the people, and all Iſrael underſtood that day, that it was not of the king to ſlay Abner the ſon of Ner.

38 And the king ſaid unto his ſervants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man [31] fallen this day in Iſrael?

[31] (And therefore they that murder'd him ought in juſtice to be puniſh'd for it.)

39 And I *am* this day † [32] weak, though anointed king: and theſe men the ſons of Zeruiah *be* [33] too hard for me: * the LORD ſhall [34] reward the doer of evil according to his wickedneſs.

† Heb. *tender.* * See Chap. 19.13.

[32] In an unſetled condition as yet. ¶ [33] *ch.*19.7. ¶ [34] 1 *King.* 2.5,6, 33,34.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The Iſraelites being troubled at the death of Abner,* 2 *Baanah and Rechab ſlay Iſhboſheth:* 9 *David cauſeth them to be ſlain, and Iſh-boſheths head to be buried.*

AND when Sauls ſon heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, [1] his hands were feeble, and all the Iſraelites were [2] troubled.

[1] *Ch.*17.2. *Ezr.*4.4. *Neh.*6.9. *Zeph.*3.16. *Iſa.*13.7. He grew ſo diſpirited, that he could do nothing to ſecure himſelf. ¶ [2] Leſt they ſhould be embroiled in new Wars.

2 And Sauls ſon had two men *that were* captains of [3] bands: the name of the one *was* Baanah, and the name of the † other Rechab, the ſons of Rimmon a Beerothite, [4] of the children of Benjamin: (for * Beeroth alſo was reckoned to Benjamin;

† Heb. *ſecond.* * Joſh.18.25.

[3] *Ch.*3.22. Troops that us'd to forage, and ſpoil their enemies Country. ¶ [4] *i. e.* Which *Beeroth* belonged to the Tribe of *Benjamin.*

3 And the Beerothites fled to * Gittaim, and were ſojourners there until this day.)

* Neh.11. 33.

4 And * Jonathan, Sauls ſon, had a ſon *that was* lame of *his* feet, *and* was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of [5] Jezreel, and his nurſe took him up, and fled: and it came to paſs as ſhe made haſte to flee, that he fell, and became lame; and his name, *was* ‖ Mephibosheth.

* Chap.9.3. [5] 1 *Sam.* 29. 1, 11. ‖ Or, *Meribbaal.* 1 Chr.8. 34. and 9. 40.

5 And the ſons of Rimmon the Beerothite Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the houſe of Iſh-boſheth, who lay [6] on a bed at noon.

[6] This is ſet as a brand of Diſgrace upon him for his Sloth.

6 And they came thither into the midſt of the houſe, *as though* they would have fetched wheat; and they ſmote him under the [7] fifth *rib*; and Rechab and Baanah his brother eſcaped.

[7] *ch.*2. 23.

7 For when they came into the houſe, he lay on his bed in his bed-chamber, and they ſmote him and ſlew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night.

8 And they brought the head of Iſh-boſheth unto David to Hebron, and ſaid to the king, Behold,

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hold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the
2956. LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

9 ¶ And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, *As* the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

10 [8] When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, † (thinking to have brought good tidings) I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, ‖ who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his tidings.

11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a [9] righteous person, in his own house, upon his bed? shall I not therefore now [10] require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

[8] *ch.*1.4. *&c.*
† Heb. *he was in his own eyes as a bringer,* &c.
‖ Or, *which was the reward I gave him for his tidings.*

[9] Who had done 'em no wrong. ¶ [10] *Gen.*9.5. *Psal.*9.12. *Ezek.*3.-18,20.

12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron: but they took the head of Ish-bosheth,
* Chap.3.32. and buried *it* in the * sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

CHAP. V.

1 *The tribes come to Hebron to anoint David over Israel:* 6 *He taketh Zion from the Jebusites.*

THen came [1] all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold,
* Gen.29.14. * we *are* [2] thy bone and thy flesh.

[1] *V.*3. 1 *Chron.*11.1. and 12.23. A Type of the submission of all Nations to Christ, *Psal.*110.3. *Rev.*11.15. ¶ [2] *Deut.*17.15. So Christ, *Eph.*5.30.

2 Also in time past when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that [3] leddest out and [3] broughtest in Israel: and the LORD [4] said to thee, Thou shalt [5] feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

[3] 1 *Sam.*18.16. ¶ [4] 1 *Sam.*16.12. ¶ [5] *ch.*7.7. *Psal.*78.71,72. Provide for their welfare, by the due administration of Justice.

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron, and king David made a [6] league with them in Hebron [7] before the LORD: and they [8] anointed David king over Israel.

[6] A mutual Covenant and agreement, whereby *David* obliged himself to rule according to God's Laws, and the People promis'd fidelity and obedience to him. So 2 *King.*11.17. 1 *Chron.*11.3. 2*Chron.*23.17. ¶ [7] *Judg.*11.11. 1 *Sam.*23.18. ¶ [8] A third time: The first was only a designation to the Office, and was done privately (1 *Sam.*16.13.) The second, only over the Tribe of *Judah* (*ch.*2.4.) This third over all Israel.

2949. 4 ¶ David *was* [9] thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years.
‖ So Christ, *Luke* 3.22,23.

5 * In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven
* Chap.2.11. 1 Chron.3.4. years, and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 ¶ And the king and his men [10] went to [11] Jerusalem, unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the [12] blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: ‖ thinking, David cannot come in hither.

‖ Or *saying, David shall not,* &c.

[10] 1 *Chron.*11.4. &c. Took the advantage of this great Concourse of People (1 *Chron.*12.24. &c.) to assault the strong fort of *Zion.* ¶ [11] Part of which, belonging to the Tribe of *Judah*, was taken before (*Judg.*1.8.) But the strongest part, belonging to the Tribe of *Benjamin*, was not taken till now, *Judg.*1.21. and 19.10,11. *Josh.*16.63. ¶ [12] *q.d.* We'll set only blind and lame persons to defend it, and see if thou canst take it for all that.

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7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold
* 1 King.2.10. of Zion: the same *is* * the [13] city of David.

[13] Who gave it this name, *v.*9.

8 *And David said on that day, Whosoever [14] getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame, and the blind, *that are* [15] hated of Davids soul, *he shall be chief and captain:* ‖ [16] wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

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* 1 Chr.11.6.
‖ Or, *because they had said, even the blind and the lame, He shall not come into the house.*

[14] Scales the Fort, and gets up to the top of it, where the gutter was. ¶ [15] Because they were Jebusites, a people hated and accurst by God, and who had thus scorn'd and defied *David.* ¶ [16] Or, *Because they had said, The blind and the lame* (shall hinder him, so that) *he shall not be able to take the Fort.*

9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it, The city of David; and David built round about, from [17] Millo and inward.

[17] Some Tower or Fortress belonging to the City (such a one as was near *Sechem, Jud.*9.6,20,49.) repaired by *Solomon,* (1 *King.*9.15.24. and 11.-27.) and afterwards by *Hezekiah,* (2 *Chron.*32.-5.) It seems to be a general name for any strong Fort or Bulwark.

10 And David † went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* [18] with him.

† Heb. *went going and growing.*
[18] *Gen.*21.22.

11 ¶ And * Hiram king of Tyre, sent mes-
* 1 King.5.2. 1 Chron.14.1. sengers to David, and cedar-trees, and carpenters, and † masons, and they built David an house.

† Heb. *hewers of the stone of the wall.*

12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israels sake.

13 ¶ And David took *him* [19] mo concubines, and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

[19] 1 *Chron.*14.3. *Deut.*17.17.

14 And * these *be* the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; ‖ Shammuah,
* 1 Chron.3.5 ‖ Or, *Shimea.* and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

15 Ibhar also, and ‖ Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,
‖ Or, *Elishama.*

16 And Elishama, and ‖ Eliada, and Eliphalet.
‖ Or, *Beeliada.*

17 ¶ [20] But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines [21] came up to seek David; and David heard *of it,* and [22] went down to the hold.

[20] 1 *Chron.*14.8. ¶ [21] *Psal.*2.1,2. ¶ [22] 1 *Chron.*11.16.

18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in * the valley of Rephaim.
* Josh.15.

19 And David [23] enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.
[23] *ch.*2.1.

20 And David came to [24] Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, [25] as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place, ‖ Baal-perazim.
‖ That is, *the plain of breaches.*

[24] *Isa.*28.21. ¶ [25] 1 *Chron.*14.11. Destroying them irresistibly; as violent waters carry down all before 'em.

21 And there they left their images, and David and his men ‖ [26] burnt them.
‖ Or, *took them away.*

22 ¶ And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.
[26] 1 *Chron.*14.12. *Deut.*7.5, 25.

23 And when * David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up: *but* fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees.
* Vers. 19.

24 And let it be when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt bestir thy self: for then shall

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shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

[a] Judg 4.14.

25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba, until thou come to Gazer.

CHAP. VI.

1 *David fetcheth the ark from Kirjath-jearim on a new cart.* 6 *Uzzah smitten.* 14 *David danceth before the ark.* 20 *Michals barrenness.*

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1 AGain, David gathered together all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, thirty thousand.

[b] ch. 5. 1. 1 Chron. 13.5.

2 And [2] David arose, and went with all the people that *were* with him, from || Baale of Judah, [3] to bring up from thence the ark of God, || [4] whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts, that [5] dwelleth *between* the cherubims.

|| Or, *Baalah*, that is, *Kirjath-jearim*, Josh. 15. 9,60.

|| Or, *at which the name*, even *the name of the LORD of hosts, was called upon.*

[2] 1 *Chron.* 13.5,6. ¶ [3] This shews the unsetled condition of the Chuch in this World. ¶ [4] *i. e.* The Ark is called by this name, The Ark of the Lord of Hosts: or, at which the Name, even the name of the Lord of Hosts, is called upon; (as it is 1 *Chron.* 13. 6) ¶ [5] See on 1 *Sam.* 4. 4.

† Heb. *made to ride.*

3 And they † set the ark of God upon a new [6] cart, and brought it out of the * house of Abinadab that *was* in || Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.

* 1 Sam. 7.1.

|| Or, *the hill.*

[6] To save themselves the labour to carry it upon their shoulders: which was a great sin in them, (*Numb.* 4.15. and 7.9. and therefore severely punish'd, *v.*9.) tho' perhaps not in the Philistines, (1 *Sam.* 6. 11.) who did not enjoy such means of knowledge. The same action may be a sin in one, and not in another, according to their different degrees of light.

[a] 1 *Sam.* 7.1.

4 And they brought it out of the [7] house of Abinadab which *was* at Gibeah, † accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.

† Heb. *with.*

5 And David, and all the house of Israel [8] played before the [9] LORD on all manner of *instruments made of* fir-wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

[8] To stir up their hearts to more cheerfulness; as 2 *Kings* 3.15. ¶ [9] *i. e.* The Ark, *v.*2.

6 ¶ And when they came to * Nachons threshing-floor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it, for the oxen || [10] shook *it*.

* 1 Chr. 13.9. he is called *Chidon.*

|| Or, *stumbled.*

[10] By reason of their stumbling, 1 *Chron.* 13. 9.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and * God [11] smote him there for *his* || [12] errour, and there he died by the ark of God.

* 1 Sam. 6.19.

|| Or, *rashness.*

[11] *Lev.* 10.1. 1 *Cor.* 11.30. ¶ [12] In touching the Ark, contrary to the Law, (*Numb.* 4.15.) but chiefly to manifest his displeasure against 'em all for carrying it in a Cart, 1 *Chron.* 15.13. It's dangerous to vary, tho' but a little, from God's appointment in holy things, and to follow our own Inventions, tho' there be a good intent therein: For a good intention does not warrant an irregular action.

[13] Both griev'd and discontented.

† Heb. *broken.*

|| That is, *The breach of Uzzah.*

8 And David was [13] displeased, because the LORD had † made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place, || Perez-uzzah to this day.

* See Luke 5. 8,9.

9 And David * was [14] afraid of the LORD that day, and said, [15] How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

[14] *Psal.* 119.120. Lest some further judgment might befal himself, and therefore he proceeded no further in that action. ¶ [15] *q. d.* I dare not venture to bring the Ark to my own City, as I intended, *v.*10.

10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite, three months: and the LORD [16] blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

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[16] *Matth.* 6.33. *Mal.* 3.10. *Prov.* 3.9,10. We shall be no losers, but gainers by Religion, 1 *Tim.* 4.8.

12 ¶ And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. [17] So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom, into the city of David, with gladness.

[17] 1 *Chr.* 15.25.

13 And it was *so*, that when [18] they that bare the ark of the LORD, had gone six paces, he [19] sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

[18] 1 *Chr.* 15.15.

[19] 1 *Chr.* 15.26.

14 And David [20] danced before the LORD with all *his* might, and David *was* girded with [21] a linen ephod.

[20] *Exod.* 15.20. *Judg.* 11.34. In token of his inward, spiritual joy. ¶ [21] 1 *Chron.* 15.27. 1 *Sam.* 2. 18. and 22. 18. In token of his devotion, and that he willingly owned himself to be God's servant.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with [22] shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

[22] 1 *Chron.* 15 24,28.

16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, [23] Michal Sauls daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she [24] despised him in her heart.

[23] *Ch.* 3.14. ¶ [24] 1 *Chron.* 15.29. *Acts* 2.13. 1 *Cor.* 2. 14. Thinking this to be a very light and unbecoming carriage for one of his place and dignity.

17 ¶ And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his [25] place, in the midst of the [26] tabernacle that David had † pitched for it: and David offered burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings before the LORD.

† Heb. *stretched.*

[25] 1 *Chron.* 15.1. and 16.1. ¶ [26] The Tabernacle that *Moses* made for it was now at *Gibeon*, (1 *Chron.* 21. 29.) where it remained till *Solomon*'s time, (2 *Chron.* 1.3,4. 1 *Kings* 8. 4.) and therefore this was some shelter set up for it for present use.

18 And assoon as David had made an end of offering burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings, he [27] blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

[27] 1 *Chron.* 16.2. Pray'd for their peace and prosperity.

19 And he [28] dealt among all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece *of flesh*, and a flagon *of wine*: so all the people departed every one to his house.

[28] 1 *Chr.* 16.3

20 ¶ Then David returned to [29] bless his household: and Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, [30] How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who [31] uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows || shamelesly uncovereth himself!

|| Or, *openly.*

[29] To rejoyce and worship God with 'em in private, and pray for 'em, as he had done for the people. ¶ [30] *q.d.* Thy carriage was altogether unbecoming the Majesty and State of a King. ¶ [31] Put off his Princely Robes to put on the Priestly Habit.

21 And David said unto Michal, *It was* [32] before the LORD, which chose me [33] before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

[32] *V.* 14. Out of respect to him, and for his Glory. ¶ [33] 1 *Sam.* 13.14.

22 And I will yet be more vile then thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of || the maid-servants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

|| Or, *of the hand-maids of* my servants.

23 There-

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23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child [34] until the day of her death.

¶ [34] *i. e.* Never; as 1 *Sam.* 15. 35. *Matth.* 1. 25.

CHAP. VII.

1 *God forbiddeth David to build him an houſe:*
18 *His prayer and thanksgiving.*

AND it came to paſs, when the king [1] ſat in his houſe, and the LORD had [2] given him reſt round about from all his enemies;

[1] 1 *Chron.* 17. 1. &c. ¶ [2] *Joſh.* 21. 44. and 23. 1. 1 *Kings* 5. 4. 2 *Chron.* 14. 6.

2 That the king ſaid unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an [3] houſe of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within [4] curtains.

[3] *Hag.* 1. 4.
[4] *Exod.* 26. 1.

3 And Nathan ſaid to the King, Go, [5] do all that *is* in thine heart: for the LORD *is* with thee.

[5] 1 *Cor.* 13. 9. 2 *Kings* 4. 27. 1 *Sam.* 16. 6. This he ſpake of his own head; looking upon it as a pious deſign.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, ſaying,

5 Go and tell † my ſervant David, Thus ſaith the LORD, [6] Shalt thou build me an houſe for me to dwell in?

† Heb. *to my ſervant David.*

[6] 1 *Kings* 5. 3. 1 *Chron.* 17. 4. and 22. 7, 8. and 28. 3. The beſt men, whether Magiſtrates or Miniſters, with the moſt upright intentions, may make no alteration in God's Worſhip without his warrant.

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* houſe, * ſince the time that I brought up the children of Iſrael out of Egypt, even to this day, but have [7] walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

* 1 King. 8. 16.

[7] Manifeſted my Preſence among them.

7 In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the children of Iſrael, [8] ſpake I a word with ‖ any of the tribes of Iſrael, whom I commanded to [9] feed my people Iſrael, ſaying, † Why build ye not me an houſe of cedar?

‖ 1 Chron. 17. 6. *any of the judges.*

[8] 1 *Chron.* 17. 6. ¶ [9] See on *ch.* 5. 2. ¶ † (And therefore thou ſhouldſt not have attempted it without ſpecial warrant from me.)

8 Now therefore, ſo ſhalt thou ſay unto my ſervant David, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, [10] I took thee from the ſheep-cote, † from following the ſheep, to be ruler over my people, over Iſrael.

† Heb. *from after.*

[10] *Pſal.* 78. 70, 71. 1 *Sam.* 16. 11. *q. d.* As I have multiplied bleſſings upon thee hitherto, ſo I'l continue to do ſtill, tho' I approve not of thy purpoſe in this particular.

9 And I was [11] with thee whitherſoever thou wenteſt, and have cut off all thine enemies † out of thy ſight, and have made thee [12] a great name, like unto the name of the [13] great *men* that *are* in the earth.

† Heb. *from thy face.*

[11] *Ch.* 8. 6, 14. ¶ [12] *ch.* 5. 10. and 8. 13. ¶ [13] *Pſal.* 113. 8.

10 [14] (Moreover, I will [15] appoint a place for my people Iſrael, and will [15] plant them, that they may [16] dwell in a place of their own, and [17] move no more: neither ſhall the children of wickedneſs afflict them any more, as beforetime,

[14] *q. d.* And ſince the happineſs of a King depends much upon the proſperity of his people, therefore I'le ſettle them. ¶ [15] Give 'em more elbow-room than hitherto, and fix 'em in the place that I have appointed 'em; (which promiſes have their full accompliſhment in the ſpiritual kingdom of Chriſt.) ¶ [16] Enjoy it quietly, as their own lawful inheritance. ¶ [17] Not be diſpoſſeſt and toſs'd up and down, as formerly they have been, (1 *Sam.* 31. 7.) *viz.* if they continue obedient.

11 [18] And as ſince the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Iſrael, and have cauſed thee to reſt from all thine enemies.) Alſo the LORD telleth thee, that he will [19] make thee an houſe.

[18] *i. e.* They ſhall not be afflicted, as they were under the Judges till now, that thou haſt ſubdued their enemies, and art at reſt from 'em. ¶ [19] 1 *Kings* 2. 24. *Exod.* 1. -21. See there. Eſtabliſh the Kingdom in thy Family, from one generation to another.

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12 ¶ And when [20] thy days be fulfilled, and thou * ſhalt ſleep with thy fathers, I will ſet up [21] thy ſeed after thee, which ſhall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will eſtabliſh his kingdom.

* Deut. 31. 16. Acts 13. 36.

[20] *Acts* 13. 36. 1 *Kings* 8. 20. ¶ [21] *Solomon* as the Type, and the Meſſia prefigur'd by him; (concerning both which the following promiſes are to be underſtood; tho' ſome belong more eſpecially to one, ſome to the other.)

13 He ſhall [22] build an houſe for [23] my name, and I will [24] ſtabliſh the throne of his kingdom for ever.

[22] 1 *Kings* 5. 5. and 6. 12. 1 *Chron.* 22. 10. As *Solomon* built the Temple, ſo Chriſt builds his Church, *Matth.* 16. 18. *Luke* 1. 32, 33. *Hebr.* 3. 3. 1 *Pet.* 2. 5. ¶ [23] The advancement of my Glory, in my publick worſhip. ¶ [24] *Pſal.* 45. 6. This belongs to Chriſt's Kingdom only, *Iſa.* 9. 7. *Dan.* 2. 44. *Luke* 1. 32, 33.

14 I will be his [25] father, and he ſhall be my ſon: if he [26] commit iniquity, I will chaſten him with the [27] rod of men, and with the [27] ſtripes of the children of men:

[25] Both *Solomon*'s, (1 *Chron.* 28. 6.) and Chriſts, *Hebr.* 1. 5. ¶ [26] *Pſal.* 89. 26, 30-32. This can be underſtood of none but *Solomon*; for 1 *Pet.* 2. 22. and 1. 19. *Iſa.* 53. 9. ¶ [27] With moderation and gentleneſs, ſuited to human frailty; and as men are wont to correct their children, *Hebr.* 12. 6. *Jer.* 30. 11. 1 *Cor.* 10. 13.

15 But [28] my mercy ſhall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

[28] *Acts* 13. -34. My merciful dealing in continuing the Kingdom to him.

16 And * thine houſe, and thy kingdom ſhall be [29] eſtabliſhed for ever [30] before thee: thy throne ſhall be eſtabliſhed for ever.

* Pſ. 89. 36, 37. John 12. 34.

[29] *Dan.* 2. 44. Be begun in thy perſon, and ſetled upon *Solomon* in thy life time, and be continued in thy poſterity for a long time, and at laſt be fully poſſeſt by Chriſt, who ſhall deſcend of thee. ¶ [30] 1 *Kings* 1. -48.

17 According to all theſe words, and according to all this viſion, ſo did Nathan ſpeak unto David.

18 ¶ Then went king David in, and [31] ſat before the LORD, and he ſaid, [32] Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my houſe, that thou haſt [33] brought me hitherto?

[31] Went into the Tent where the Ark was, and continued there, in holy Meditations, Ejaculations and Prayers. ¶ [32] *Gen.* 32. 10. *Pſal.* 8. 4. ¶ [33] Advanc'd me ſo highly as I am already.

19 And this was yet a ſmall thing in thy ſight, O Lord GOD; but thou haſt ſpoken alſo of thy ſervants houſe for a great while to come; and [34] *is* this the † manner of man, O Lord GOD?

† Heb. *law.*

[34] *Viz.* To ſhew ſuch favour to ſuch mean, ill-deſerving perſons.

20 And what can David [35] ſay more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, [36] knoweſt thy ſervant.

[35] 1 *Chron.* 17. 18. Deſire more than thou haſt already promis'd, and freely done. ¶ [36] 1 *Sam.* 16. 7. *Pſal.* 139. 1. What is good for me, (as *Matth.* 6. 8.) and therefore I refer my ſelf to thee.

21 [37] For thy words ſake, and according to thine own heart haſt thou done all theſe great things, to make thy ſervant know *them.*

[37] For thy Truth and Promiſe ſake; and for thy Chriſt's ſake; (for in 1 *Chron.* 17. 19. it is, *For thy ſervants ſake*) and of thy meer grace and bounty, thou haſt made theſe gracious Promiſes to me and mine, to make known to me, what thou intendeſt to do for us in time to come.

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22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for *[*] *there is* [38] none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

[*] Deut.3.24. & 4.35. & 32.39. 1 Sam.2. 2. Psal.86. 8. & 89.6,8. Isa.45. 5,18,22.

23 And what one nation in the earth [39] *is* like thy people, *even* like Israel, whom God [40] went to redeem for a people to himself, and [41] to make him a name, and to do for you great things, and [42] terrible, for thy land, before thy people which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods?

[38] *Exod.*15.11. see there.

[39] In respect of their great priviledges, *Deut.*4.7. and 33. 29. *Psal.*147.20. *Rom.*3.1,2. and 9.3. ¶ [40] *Exod.*3.7,8. Came as it were from Heaven to deliver 'em. ¶ [41] To advance his glory all the world over, *Num.*14.21. *Isa.*63.14. ¶ [42] In the destruction of the *Egyptians*, and subduing the *Canaanites* before you, 1 *Chron.*17.21.

24 For thou hast confirmed to thy self thy people [43] Israel *to be* a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become [44] their God.

[43] The natural seed of *Abraham* for a long time, and the spiritual seed for ever. ¶ [44] *Gen.*17.7.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish *it* for ever, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name be [45] magnified for ever, [46] saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the god over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

[45] *Matth.*6.9. ¶ [46] So that it may be said.

27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast † revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant [47] found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

† Heb. *opened the ear.* Ruth 4.4. 1 Sam. 9. 15.

[47] *Psal.*10. 17.

28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou *art* that [48] God, and thy words be [48] true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant.

[48] *Joh.*17. 17.

29 Therefore now † let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken *it*, and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

† Heb. *be thou pleased and bless.*

CHAP. VIII.

1 David subdueth the Philistines, and the Moabites. 3 He smiteth Hadadezer and the Syrians. 16 His officers.

AND after [1] this it came to pass, that David [2] smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took ‖ Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

‖ Or, *The Bridle of Ammah.*

[1] His resolution to build God's House, *ch.*7. ¶ [2] 1 *Chron.* 18.1. *&c.* God prospers those Magistrates and Governours who seriously set themselves to promote the concerns of Religion, *n.* 1.

2 And he smote Moab, and [3] measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground: even with two lines measured he, to put to death; and with one full line, to keep alive: and *so* the Moabites * became Davids servants, *and* brought gifts.

* Vers. 6. & 14.

[3] Divided their Land by measure into three parts, and two parts of the Inhabitants offending, he destroyed, and kept the other alive, as Tributaries. And thus that Prophecy was accomplish'd, *Num.*24.17.

3 ¶ David [4] smote also ‖ Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover * his border at the river Euphrates.

‖ Or, *Hadarezer*, 1 Chron. 18.3.

* See Gen. 15. 18.

[4] *Viz.* by *Joab* (*Psal.*60. Title.) and *Abishai*, 1 *Chron.* 18.12.

4 And David took ‖ from him a thousand *chariots*, and seven hundred [5] horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David [6] hough-

‖ Or, *of his.*

ed all the chariot-*horses*, but reserved of them *for* an hundred chariots.

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[5] *i.e.* Ranks of Horsemen, having ten in a Rank; which make up the seven thousand mentioned, 1 *Chron.* 18. 4. ¶ [6] *Josh.*11.6.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David [7] slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

[7] *Job* 9. 13. *Isa.*31. 3.

6 Then David put garisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians * became [8] servants to David, *and* brought gifts. And the LORD [9] preserved David whithersoever he went.

* Vers. 2. [8] *Psal.*18. 44. [9] *v.*14.

7 And David took * the shields of gold that were [10] on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

* See 1 King. 10.16.

[10] Or, *With the Servants, i.e.* committed to their custody.

8 And from ‖ Betah, and from ‖ Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

‖ Or, *Tibhath.* ‖ Or, *Chun.* 1 Chron.18.8.

9 ¶ When ‖ Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,

‖ Or, *Tou.* 1 Chron.18.9.

10 Then Toi sent * Joram his son unto king David to † [11] salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: (for Hadadezer † had wars with Toi) and † *Joram* brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass;

* 1 Chr.18.10. *Hadoram.* † Heb. *ask him of peace.* [11] *Gen.*43.27. † Heb. *was a man of wars with.*

11 Which also king David did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had [12] dedicate of all nations which he subdued:

† Heb. *in his hand were.*

[12] 1 *Chron.*18.11. and 29.2. Thus Christ made Apostles and Teachers of such as had been in subjection to Satan.

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 And David gat *him* [13] a name when he returned from † [14] smiting of the [15] Syrians in the [16] valley of salt, ‖ *being* [17] eighteen thousand *men.*

† Heb. *his smiting.* ‖ Or, *slaying.*

[13] *Ch.*7.9. ¶ [14] Wherein *Abishai* was the chief Commander under *Joab*, 1 *Chron.*18.12. with *Psal.*60. Title. ¶ [15] Joyn'd with the *Edomites*, 1 *Chron.* 18. 12. ¶ [16] 2 *King.* 14. 7. ¶ [17] *Abishai* at the beginning of the Battel slew six thousand; and then *Joab* coming to his assistance, they slew twelve thousand more, (*Psal.*60. Title.) all which are ascribed to *Abishai*, (1 *Chron.*18.12.) because he began the Victory; and likewise to *David* here, because the others were but Instruments employed by him.

14 ¶ And he [18] put garisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garisons, and * all they of Edom became Davids servants: and the LORD [19] preserved David whithersoever he went.

* Num.24.18. See Gen. 27. 40.

[18] According to that Prophecy, *Gen.* 25,23. ¶ [19] *v.*6.

15 And David reigned over all Israel, and David executed [20] judgment and justice unto all his people.

[20] *Jer.*22.15. *Prov.*14. 34.

16 * And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* *[21] over the host; and * Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* ‖ [22] recorder.

* 1 Chron.18. 15. * Chap.5.8. * 1 *King.*4.3. [21] Lord General for that Service, 1 *Chron.*11.6. ¶ [22] Master of Requests. ‖ Or, *remembrancer, or writer of Chronicles.*

17 And * Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar *were* the [23] priests; and Seraiah *was* the ‖ scribe;

‖ Or, *secretary.*

[23] The two Chief Priests of the two several Stocks, who had command over the rest of the Priests, (1 *Chron.*24.3,4,) *Abiathar* being the High-Priest, 1 *Sam.*22.20.

18 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was over* both the [24] Cherethites and the [24] Pelethites; and Davids sons were ‖ chief rulers.

‖ Or, *princes.*

[24] Old experienc'd Soldiers, which were his Life-guard, *ch.*15.18. and 20.7. 1 *King.*1.38,44.

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CHAP. IX.

1 *David sendeth for Mephibosheth,* 7 *and for Jonathans sake restoreth him.*

2960. AND David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him
[1] *ch.* 1. 26. kindness for [1] Jonathans sake?
[1] *Sam.*20. 14, 15. *Prov.*27.10 2 And *there was* of the house of Saul a ser-
* Chap.16.1. & 19. 17,29. vant whose name *was* * Ziba: and when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, *Art* thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant *is he.*

3 And the king said, *Is* there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness
[2] 1 *Sam.*20.14. See there. of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son *which is* [3] lame on
[3] *ch.* 4. 4. *his* feet.

4 And the king said unto him, Where *is* he? and Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he *is* in the
* Chap.17.27. house of * Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

5 ¶ Then king David sent and fet him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

6 Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant.

7 ¶ And David said unto him, [4] Fear not; for
[4] *Gen.*50. 21. I will surely shew thee kindness, for [1] Jonathan thy fathers sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father, and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said, What *is* thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a
[5] *ch.*3.8. & 16. 9. 1 *Sam.*24. 14. & 26. 20. [5] dead dog as I *am*?

9 ¶ Then the king called to Ziba, Sauls ser-
* See Chap.19. 29. vant, and said unto him, * I have given unto thy masters son all that pertaineth to Saul, and to all his house.

10 Thou therefore and thy sons and thy servants shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy masters son may have [6] food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy masters son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

[6] Provision for himself and all his Family.

11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table, as one of the kings sons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name *was* Micha: and all that dwelt in the house of Ziba, *were* servants unto Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the kings table, and
* Vers. 3. * was lame on both his feet.

CHAP. X.

1 *Davids messengers sent to comfort Hanun, are villanously treated.* 6 *The Ammonites are overcome.*

[1] 1 *Chron.*19. 1 AND it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.

2 Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants, for his father. And Davids servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

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2967. 3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, † Thinkest thou
† Heb. *in thine eyes doth David.* that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David *rather* sent his servants unto thee to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow *it*?

4 Wherefore Hanun took Davids servants, and [2] shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, * *even* to
* Isa. 20. 4. & 47.2. their [3] buttocks, and sent them away.

[2] In contempt of their Religion and Law, *Lev.* 19. 27.
[3] *Isa.*20.4. and 47.2,3.

5 When they told *it* unto David, he [4] sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at [5] Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

[4] With Clothes and other Necessaries. ¶ [5] Some Cottage or Village built there where the City stood.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they [6] stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ish-tob twelve thousand men.

[6] 1 *Chron.*19.6,7. *Gen.*34.30. *Exod.*5.21.1 *Sam.*13.4 and 27.12.

7 And when David heard of *it*, he sent Joab and all the host of the [7] mighty men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and [7] *ch.*23. 8. put the battel in aray at the entring in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba and of Rehob, and Ish-tob, and Maacah *were* by themselves in the field.

9 When Joab saw that the front of the battel was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice *men* of Israel, and put *them* in aray against the Syrians.

10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put *them* in aray against the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 [8] Be of good courage, and let us [9] play the men for our people, and for the cities [10] of our God: and the LORD [11] do that which seemeth him good.

[8] 2 *Chron.*32.7. ¶ [9] 1 *Cor.*16.13. ¶ [10] *Neh.* 4. 14. Devoted to his Service. ¶ [11] See on *Judg.*10. 15.

13 And Joab drew nigh, and the people that *were* with him, unto the battel against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entred into the city: so Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

15 ¶ And when the Syrians saw that they were 2968. smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and ‖ Shobach the captain of ‖ Or, *Shophach.* the host of Hadarezer *went* before them. 1 Chr. 19.16.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam: and the Syrians set themselves in aray against David, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel, and David slew [12] *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and [13] forty thousand horsemen, and

smote

Chap. 11. ſmote Shobach the captain of their hoſt, who died there.

[12] *Viz.* Seven thouſand (1 *Chron.* 19.18.) there being ten in a Chariot. ¶ [13] Beſides as many Footmen, mentioned 1 *Chron.* 19.18.

19 And when all the kings *that were* ſervants to Hadarezer ſaw that they were ſmitten before Iſrael, they made peace with Iſrael, and ſerved them. So the Syrians [14] feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

[14] *Pſal.* 48.5,6. *Rev.* 18. 10.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Joab beſiegeth Rabbah.* 2 *David committeth adultery with Bath-ſheba.* 6 *Uriah is ſlain.* 26 *David taketh Bath-ſheba to wife.*

2969. AND it came to paſs, *that* † after the year was expired, [1] at the time when kings go forth *to battel*, that * David ſent Joab and his ſervants with him, and all Iſrael; and they deſtroyed the children of Ammon, and beſieged Rabbah: but David [2] tarried ſtill at Jeruſalem.

† Heb. *at the return of the year*, 1 King. 20. 22,26.
2 Chr. 36.10.
* 1 Chr. 20. 1.

[1] 1 *King.* 20. 22. In the Spring. ¶ [2] Began to indulge himſelf in eaſe and pleaſure.

2 ¶ And it came to paſs in an evening-tide, that David aroſe [3] from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the kings houſe: and from the roof he [4] ſaw a woman waſhing her ſelf, and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.

[3] *ch.* 4.5,7. ¶ [4] *Job* 31.1. *Pſal.* 119. 37. *Gen.* 6. 2. *Matth.* 5. 28.

3 And David [5] ſent and enquired after the woman: and *one* ſaid, *Is* not this ‖ Bath-ſheba the daughter of ‖ Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

[5] *Jam.* 1.14.
‖ Or, *Bath-ſhua.* 1 Chron. 3.5.
‖ Or, *Ammiel.*

4 And David [6] ſent meſſengers, and took her; and ſhe came in unto him, and * he lay with her, (‖ for ſhe was [7] purified from her [8] uncleanneſs) and ſhe returned unto her houſe.

* Pſal. 51. title.
‖ Or, *and when ſhe had purified her ſelf, &c. ſhe returned.*

[6] Pretending ſome other buſineſs, it's like; but when ſhe was with him, allured her to this wickedneſs ¶ [7] *Lev.* 18. 19. and ſo conceived the more readily. ¶ [8] But now ran into the mire of moral filthineſs.

5 And the woman conceived, and ſent and [9] told David, and ſaid, I *am* with child.

[9] That they might contrive ſome way to hide their ſhame, and ſhe to avoid puniſhment.

6 ¶ And David ſent to Joab, *ſaying*, [10] Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab ſent Uriah to David.

[10] *Pſal.* 51. 10.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded *of him* † how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war proſpered.

† Heb. *of the peace of*, &c.

8 And David ſaid to Uriah, Go down to thy houſe, and waſh thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the kings houſe, and there † followed him a meſs *of meat* from the king.

† Heb. *went out after him.*

9 But Uriah ſlept at the door of the kings houſe, with all the ſervants of his lord, and went not down to his houſe.

10 And when they had told David, ſaying, Uriah went not down unto his houſe, David ſaid unto Uriah, Cameſt thou not from *thy* journey? why *then* didſt thou not go down unto thine houſe?

11 And Uriah ſaid unto David, [11] The ark, and Iſrael, and Judah abide in tents, and * [12] my lord Joab, and the ſervants of my lord are encamped in the open field; ſhall I then go into mine houſe, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *as* thou liveſt, and [13] *as* thy ſoul liveth, I will not do this thing.

* *Ch.* 20. 6.

[11] 1 *Sam.* 4.4. and 14.18. ¶ [12] *Matth.* 10.24,25. ¶ [13] 1 *Sam.* 1.26. See there.

12 And David ſaid to Uriah, Tarry here to day alſo, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jeruſalem, that day and the morrow.

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13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him, and he [14] made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the ſervants of his lord, but went not down to his houſe.

[14] One ſin makes way for another.

14 ¶ And it came to paſs in the morning, that David [15] wrote a letter to Joab, and ſent *it* by the hand of Uriah.

[15] *Pſal.* 19. 13 1 *King.* 21.8.

15 And he wrote in the letter, ſaying, [16] Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the † hotteſt battel, and retire ye † from him, that he may be ſmitten, and die.

[16] *Pſal.* 51. 4.
† Heb. *ſtrong.*
† Heb. *from after him.*

16 And it came to paſs when Joab obſerved the city, that he aſſigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men *were.*

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell *ſome* of the people of the ſervants of David, and Uriah the Hittite died alſo.

18 ¶ Then Joab ſent and told David all the things concerning the war:

19 And charged the meſſenger, ſaying, When thou haſt made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if ſo be that the kings wrath ariſe, and he ſay unto thee, Wherefore approached ye ſo nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would ſhoot from the wall?

21 Who ſmote [17] Abimelech the ſon of Jerubbeſheth? did not a woman caſt a piece of a milſtone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez, why went ye nigh the wall? then ſay thou, Thy ſervant Uriah the Hittite is dead alſo.

[17] *Judg.* 9.53.

22 ¶ So the meſſenger went, and came and ſhewed David all that Joab had ſent him for.

23 And the meſſenger ſaid unto David, Surely the men prevailed againſt us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entring of the gate.

24 And the ſhooters ſhot from off the wall upon thy ſervants, and *ſome* of the kings ſervants be dead, and thy ſervant Uriah the Hittite is dead alſo.

25 Then David ſaid unto the meſſenger, Thus ſhalt thou ſay unto Joab, Let not this thing † diſpleaſe thee: for the ſword devoureth † one as well as another: make thy battel more ſtrong againſt the city, and overthrow it; and encourage thou him.

† Heb. *be evil in thine eyes.*
† Heb. *ſo and ſuch.*

26 ¶ And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, ſhe mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was paſt, David ſent, and fet her to his houſe, and ſhe became his wife, and bare him a ſon: but the thing that David had done, † diſpleaſed the LORD.

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† Heb. *was evil in the eyes of.*

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1 *Nathans parable.* 7 *David confeſſeth his ſin, and is pardoned.* 24 *Solomon is born.* 26 *Rabbah is taken.*

AND the LORD [1] ſent Nathan unto David: and he came unto him, and * ſaid unto him, [2] There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

* See Chap. 14.5. &c. 1 Kin. 20.35.-41.

[1] *Pſal.* 51. Title. After nine or ten months time (for the Child was born, *v.* 14.) that he had lain in his ſins unrepented of. ¶ [2] By this Parable *Nathan* brings *David* to paſs ſentence againſt himſelf, *v.* 5. As Chriſt alſo compelled the Jews to do, *Matth.* 21.41. *Luke* 7. 41,43.

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2 The [3] rich *man* had exceeding [4] many flocks and herds.

3 But the [5] poor *man* had nothing ſave one little [6] ew-lamb, which he had bought and nouriſhed up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own † meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his boſom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came [7] a traveller unto the rich man, and he ſpared to take of his own flock, and of his own herd, to dreſs for the way-faring man that was come unto him, but [8] took the poor mans lamb, and dreſſed it for the man that was come to him.

3 *David.*
4 *ch.*5.13.
5 *Uriah.*
6 His wife.
† Heb. *morſel.*

[7] Fleſhly Luſt and Concupiſcence: or the Devil, *Job* 1.7. 1 *Pet.*5.8. ¶ [8] Satisfy'd his Luſt with *Uriah*'s wife, rather than any of his own.

5 And Davids anger was greatly kindled againſt the man, and he ſaid to Nathan, *As* the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* ‖ ſhall ſurely die.

‖ Or, *is worthy to die.*

6 And he ſhall reſtore the lamb [9] four-fold, becauſe he did this thing, and becauſe he had no pity.

9 *Exod.*22. 1.

7 ¶ And Nathan ſaid to David, [10] Thou *art* the man. Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, I * anointed thee king over Iſrael, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul:

[10] See on 1 *Sam.* 13.13.
* 1 Sam.16.13

8 And I [11] gave thee thy maſters houſe, and thy maſters wives, into thy boſom, and gave thee the houſe of Iſrael and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee [12] ſuch and ſuch things.

[11] By my providence put all into thy power. ¶ [12] *Iſa.* 5.4. *Pſal.*37.4.

9 Wherefore haſt thou deſpiſed the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his ſight? thou haſt killed Uriah the Hittite with the ſword, and haſt [13] taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and haſt ſlain him with the ſword of the children of [14] Ammon.

[13] By ſuch wicked means, and for ſuch wicked ends. ¶ [14] Who were much encouraged thereby, and took occaſion to inſult over God's people, *v.* 14.

10 Now therefore the [15] ſword ſhall [16] never depart from thine houſe; becauſe thou haſt [17] deſpiſed me, and haſt taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

[15] *Gen.*9.6. *Matth.*26.52. *Rev.*13.10. Some or other of thy Family ſhall ever and anon be ſlain in a violent manner, (as it came to paſs in *Amnon*, *Abſalom*, *Adonijah*, and thoſe unnatural wars raiſed by *Abſalom.*) ¶ [16] Not all thy days. ¶ [17] Not been afraid of my all-ſeeing Eye, and revenging Juſtice.

11 Thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I will [18] raiſe up evil againſt thee out of thine own houſe, and I will * take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy [19] neighbour, and he ſhall lie with thy wives in the [20] ſight of this ſun

* Deut.28.30. Chap.16. 22.

[18] *Am.*3.7. and 7.17. *Iſa.* 45.7. By *Abſalom*'s Rebellion, *ch.*15.10. ¶ [19] One moſt near unto thee. ¶ [20] *ch.*16.22.

12 For thou didſt *it* ſecretly: but [21] I will do this thing [22] before all Iſrael, and before the ſun.

[21] I'le give him over to his own Ambition and baſe Luſt, and ſo order all circumſtances, as to bring about what I now foretel. ¶ [22] To bring upon thee that ſhame, which thou waſt more careful to avoid, than my diſpleaſure.

13 And David ſaid unto Nathan, * [23] I have ſinned [24] againſt the LORD. And Nathan ſaid unto David, * The LORD alſo hath [25] put away thy ſin; thou ſhalt [26] not die.

* Pſal.32.5. & 51.4.
* Eccluſ.47.11.

[23] *Ch.*24.10. 1 *Chron.*21. 8. 1 *Cor.* 11. 32. *Act.*2.37. 1 *Sam.* 15.24. ¶ [24] *Pſal.*51.4. *Luke* 15.21. ¶ [25] *Pſal.*32.1. *Mic.*7. 18. *Zech.*3.-4. *Prov.*28.13. By mitigating the puniſhment. ¶ [26] Neither eternally, nor by any ſudden ſtroke or judgment, according to thy own ſentence, *v.* 5.

14 Howbeit, becauſe by this deed thou haſt given great occaſion to the enemies of the LORD * to [27] blaſpheme, the child alſo *that is* born unto thee, ſhall ſurely die.

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* Iſa.52.5. Ezr.36.20,23.

[27] *Rom.*2.24. *Matth.*18.7. To reproche Religion, as if it countenanc'd ſuch practices.

15 ¶ And Nathan departed unto his houſe: and the LORD ſtrook the child that Uriahs wife bare unto David, and it was very ſick.

16 David therefore [28] beſought God for the child, and David † faſted, and went in, and * lay all night upon the earth.

† Heb. *faſted a faſt.*
* Chap.13.31.

[28] *Jer.*18.8. *Iſa.*26. 16. Not knowing but that the threatning might be conditional, *v.* 22. as *Iſa.*38.-1.

17 And the elders of his houſe aroſe, *and went* to him, to raiſe him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to paſs on the ſeventh day, that the child died: and the ſervants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they ſaid, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we ſpake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then † vex himſelf, if we tell him that the child is dead?

† Heb. *do hurt.*

19 But when David ſaw that his ſervants whiſpered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David ſaid unto his ſervants, Is the child dead? And they ſaid, He is dead.

20 Then David aroſe from the earth, and waſhed, and [29] anointed *himſelf*, and changed his apparel, and came into the [30] houſe of the LORD, and [31] worſhiped: then he came to his own houſe, and when he required, they ſet bread before him, and he did eat.

[29] *Ruth* 3. 3. ¶ [30] *ch.* 6. 17. ¶ [31] *Job* 1.-20.

21 Then ſaid his ſervants unto him, What thing *is* this that thou haſt done? thou didſt faſt and weep for the child *while it was* alive, but when the child was dead, thou didſt riſe and eat bread.

22 And he ſaid, While the child was yet alive, I faſted and wept: for I ſaid, [32] Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

[32] *Jon.* 3. 9. & 1.-6. *Joel* 2.14. *Iſa.*38. 1.

23 But now he is dead, wherefore ſhould I faſt? can I bring him back again? I ſhall go [33] to him, but * he ſhall not return to me.

[33] Into the ſtate of the dead.

24 ¶ And David [34] comforted Bath-ſheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and * ſhe bare a ſon, and he called his name [35] Solomon; and the LORD [36] loved him.

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*Job 7.8,9,10.
* Matth.1.6.

[34] Suggeſted ſuch conſiderations as were ſuitable to her condition, and the preſent occaſion. ¶ [35] *i. e.* Peaceable; becauſe he was to enjoy a peaceable Reign, 1 *Chron.* 22. 9. A Type of Chriſt the Prince of Peace, *Iſa.*9.6. ¶ [36] Declar'd to David that he loved him.

25 And he ſent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name ‖ [37] Jedidiah, becauſe of the LORD.

‖ That is, *Beloved of the Lord.*

[37] *i. e.* Beloved of the Lord; as was Chriſt, *Matth.*3.17.

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26 ¶ And * Joab [38] fought againſt * Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and [39] took [40] the royal city.

* 1 Chr.20. 1.
* Deut.3. 11

[38] *Ch.*11.25. ¶ [39] Made ſuch a Breach that now it might eaſily be taken. ¶ [40] That part of the City wherein the royal Palace ſtood, which was compaſs'd with waters, *v.*-27.

27 And Joab ſent meſſengers to David, and ſaid, I have fought againſt Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now therefore, gather the reſt of the people together, and encamp againſt the city, and take it: leſt I take the city, and † it be called after my name.

† Heb. *my name be called upon it.*

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought againſt it, and took it.

30 * And

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30 * And he took their kings crown from off his head, (the [41] weight whereof *was* a talent of gold, with the precious ſtones) and it was *ſet* on Davids head: and he brought forth the ſpoil of the city † in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the [42] people that *were* therein, and [43] put *them* under ſaws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them [44] paſs through the brick-kiln: and thus did he [45] unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jeruſalem.

* 1 Chr. 20.2.
[41] Or value.
† Heb. *very great.*
[42] The Ringleaders, and ſome of the principal in that abuſe, *ch.*10.4. ¶ [43] Saw'd 'em to death. ¶ [44] To be burnt in Brick-kilns. ¶ [45] To the chief in every City.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Amnon loving Tamar, by Jonadabs counſel feigning himſelf ſick, raviſheth her.* 15 *He hateth her, and turneth her away.*

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[2] *Gen.*34.3.

2 And Amnon was ſo [2] vexed, that he fell ſick for his ſiſter Tamar; for ſhe *was* a virgin: and † Amnon thought it [3] hard for him to do any thing to her.

† Heb. *it was marvellous*, or *hidden in the eyes of Amnon.*
[2] 1 *King.*21.4. Diſquieted by the unrulineſs of his paſſion. ¶ [3] A very difficult thing to get an opportunity of ſatisfying his Luſt.

3 But Amnon had a [4] friend, whoſe name *was* Jonadab the ſon of * Shimeah, Davids brother: and Jonadab *was* a very [5] ſubtil man.

* See 1 Sam. 16. 9.
[4] A near Relation, and intimate with him. ¶ [5] *Jer.* 4. 22.

4 And he ſaid unto him, Why *art* thou, *being* the [6] kings ſon, † lean † from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon ſaid unto him, I love Tamar my brother Abſaloms ſiſter.

† Heb. *thin.*
† Heb. *morning by morning.*
([6] And therefore mayeſt have what thou wilt.)

5 And Jonadab ſaid unto him, [7] Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thy ſelf ſick: and when thy father cometh to ſee thee, ſay unto him, I pray thee, let my ſiſter Tamar come and give me meat, and dreſs the meat in my ſight, that I may ſee *it*, and eat *it* at her hand.

[7] *Pſal.*50.18. *Prov.*19.27.

6 ¶ So Amnon lay down, and made himſelf ſick: and when the king was come to ſee him, Amnon ſaid unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my ſiſter come, and [8] make me a couple [9] of cakes in [10] my ſight, that I may eat at her hand.

[8] *Prov.*31.13. ¶ [9] *Gen.*18.6. ¶ [10] *q. d.* She is ſo dear unto me, that I can eat any thing the better for her dreſſing.

7 Then David ſent home to Tamar, ſaying, Go now to thy brother Amnons houſe, and dreſs him meat.

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnons houſe, (and he was laid down) and ſhe took ‖ flour, and kneaded *it*, and made cakes in his ſight, and did bake the cakes.

‖ Or, *paſte.*

9 And ſhe took a pan, and poured *them* out before him, but he refuſed to eat. And Amnon ſaid, [11] Have out all men from me: and they went out every man from him.

[11] *Joh.*3.20.

10 And Amnon ſaid unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which ſhe had made, and brought *them* into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when ſhe had brought *them* unto him to eat, he [12] took hold of her, and ſaid unto her, Come lie with me, my ſiſter.

[12] *Gen.*39.12. *Prov.*7.13.

12 And ſhe anſwered him, Nay, my [13] brother, do not † force me: for † no ſuch thing ought to be done in [14] Iſrael; do not thou this [14] folly.

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[13] *Lev.*18.9.
† Heb. *humble me.*
† Heb. *it ought not ſo to be done.*
[14] *Gen.* 34. 7. See there.

13 And I, whither ſhall I cauſe my ſhame to go? and as for thee, thou ſhalt be as one of the [15] fools in Iſrael: now therefore, I pray thee, ſpeak unto the king; for he [16] will not with-hold me from thee.

[15] *Prov.*7.7. Odious and contemptible to all. ¶ [16] This ſhe ſaith only to put him off at preſent.

14 Howbeit, he [17] would not hearken unto her voice: but being ſtronger then ſhe, [18] forced her, and lay with her.

[17] *Prov.*18.2. *Eccl.*2.14.
[18] *Gen.*34.2.

15 ¶ Then Amnon [19] hated her † exceedingly, ſo that the hatred wherewith he hated her, *was* greater then the love wherewith he had loved her: And Amnon ſaid unto her, Ariſe, be gone.

† Heb. *with great hatred greatly.*
[19] *Rom.*6.21. *Jer.*6.15. Being now fill'd with horror of Conſcience, and ſenſible of the ſhame that would follow.

16 And ſhe ſaid unto him, *There is* no cauſe; this [20] evil in ſending me away, *is* [21] greater then the other that thou didſt unto me: but he would not hearken unto her.

[20] Wrong and Injury. ¶ [21] In reſpect of the publication of my ſhame, and argues more barbarous inhumanity.

17 Then he called his ſervant that miniſtred unto him, and ſaid, Put now this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her.

18 And *ſhe had* a garment of [22] divers colours upon her: for with ſuch robes were the kings daughters *that were* virgins, apparelled. Then his ſervant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

[22] *Gen.*37.3. *Judg.* 5. 30.

19 ¶ And Tamar put [23] aſhes on her head, and [24] rent her garment of divers colours that *was* on her, and [25] laid her hand on her head, and [26] went on crying.

[23] *Joſh.*7.6. See there. ¶ [24] *Gen.*37.29. See there. ¶ [25] *Jer.* 2.37. ¶ [26] To her Brother *Abſalom*, to make her moan to him.

20 And Abſalom her brother ſaid unto her, Hath † [27] Amnon thy brother been with thee? but [28] hold now thy peace, my ſiſter: he *is* [29] thy brother, † [30] regard not this thing. So Tamar remained † [31] deſolate in her brother Abſaloms houſe.

† Heb. *Aminon.*
† Heb. *ſet not thine heart.*
† Heb. *and deſolate.*
[27] Hebr. *Aminon.* (So he calls him by way of contempt.) ¶ [28] *Rom.*12.19. ¶ [29] (And therefore it's better to conceal it as much as may be, and not proclaim that which will tend ſo much to the diſhonour of our Family.) ¶ [30] Been't ſo much concern'd at it, ſince it was done againſt thy will, and cannot now be helpt. ¶ [31] In a forlorn and mournful condition.

21 ¶ But when king David heard of all theſe things, he was very [32] wroth.

[32] (Yet puniſh'd him not according to his deſert.)

22 And Abſalom ſpake unto his brother Amnon [33] neither good nor bad: for Abſalom [34] hated Amnon, becauſe he had forced his ſiſter Tamar.

[33] *Gen.*31.24. *Matth.* 18. 15. *viz.* About this matter, leſt he ſhould ſuſpect he bore him any grudge, and ſo prevent his malicious deſign. ¶ [34] *Lev.*19.17.

23 ¶ And it came to paſs after [35] two full years, that Abſalom * had ſheep-ſhearers in Baal-hazor, which *is* beſide Ephraim: and Abſalom [36] invited all the kings ſons.

[35] *Pſal.*120.4.
* See Gen. 38. 13.
[36] 1 *Sam.*25.36

24 And Abſalom came to the king, and ſaid, Behold now thy ſervant hath [37] ſheep-ſhearers, [38] let the king, I beſeech thee, and his ſervants go with thy ſervant.

[37] *Gen.*37.12. 1 *Sam.*25.2,4. ¶ [38] *Pſal.*12.2. and 35. 20.

25 And the king ſaid to Abſalom, Nay, my ſon, let us not all now go, leſt we be chargeable unto

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unto thee. And he preſſed him: howbeit he would not go, but [39] bleſſed him.

[39] Thank him for his invitation (*ch.*14. 22.) and wiſh'd 'em much joy in their Feaſt.

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26 Then ſaid Abſalom, If not, I pray thee, let [40] my brother Amnon go with us. And the king ſaid, Why ſhould he go with thee?

[40] *Pſal.*55.21. *Jer.*41.1,6,7.

27 But Abſalom preſſed him, that he let Amnon and all the kings ſons go with him.

28 ¶ Now Abſalom had [41] commanded his ſervants, ſaying, Mark ye now when Amnons heart is [42] merry with wine; and when I ſay unto you, Smite Amnon, then kill him, fear not: ‖ have not I commanded you? be couragious, and be † valiant.

‖ Or, *will ye not, ſince I have commanded you.* † Heb. *ſons of valour.*

[41] *Exod.*1.17. 1 *Sam.*22.17. ¶ [42] Leaſt ſuſpicious and fit to make reſiſtance.

29 And the ſervants of Abſalom did unto Amnon, as Abſalom had commanded: then all the kings ſons aroſe, and every man † gat him up upon his [43] mule, and fled.

† Heb. *rode.* [43] 1 *King.*1.33. *Gen.*36.24.

30 ¶ And it came to paſs while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, ſaying, Abſalom hath ſlain all the kings ſons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king aroſe, and * [44] tare his garments, and [44] lay on the earth; and all his ſervants ſtood by with their clothes rent.

* Chap.1.11. [44] *ch.*12.-16. *Joſh.*7.6. See there.

32 And Jonadab the ſon of Shimeah Davids brother, anſwered and ſaid, Let not my lord ſuppoſe that they have ſlain all the young men the kings ſons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the † appointment of Abſalom this hath been ‖ [45] determined from the day that he forced his ſiſter Tamar.

† Heb. *mouth.* ‖ Or, *ſetled.* [45] *Pſal.* 7.14. *Gen.*27.41.

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the kings ſons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

34 But Abſalom [46] fled. And the young man that kept the watch, lift up his eyes and looked, and behold, there came much people by the way of the hill-ſide behind him.

[46] *v.*38.

35 And Jonadab ſaid unto the king, Behold, the kings ſons come: † as thy ſervant ſaid, ſo it is.

† Heb. *according to the word of thy ſervant.*

36 And it came to paſs aſſoon as he had made an end of ſpeaking, that behold, the kings ſons came, and lift up their voice and wept: and the king alſo and all his ſervants wept † very ſore.

† Heb. *with a great weeping greatly.*

37 ¶ But Abſalom fled, and went to [47] Talmai the ſon of ‖ Ammihud king of Geſhur: and David mourned for his ſon every day.

[47] His Mothers Father, *ch.*3.3. ‖ Or, *Ammihur.*

38 So Abſalom fled, and went to Geſhur, and was there three years.

39 And *the ſoul of* king David ‖ longed [48] to go forth unto Abſalom: for he was [49] comforted concerning Amnon, [50] ſeeing he was dead.

‖ Or, *was conſumed.*

[48] To viſit him, or ſend for him, if he could tell how to do it without impeachment of his honor and juſtice. ¶ [49] *Gen.*37.35. and 38.12. ¶ [50] *ch.*12.23.

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1 *Joab ſuborning a widow of Tekoah to incline the kings heart to fetch home Abſalom,* 23 *bringeth him to Jeruſalem.*

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NOw Joab the ſon of Zeruiah perceived that the kings heart *was* [1] toward Abſalom.

[1] *Ch.* 18. 33. But wanted a fair pretence, *ch.* 13. 39. See there.

2 And Joab ſent to Tekoah, and fetcht thence a [2] wiſe woman, and ſaid unto her, I pray thee, feign thy ſelf to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and [3] anoint not thy ſelf with oyl, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead.

[2] *ch.*13.-3. *Gen.*3.1. [3] *Ruth* 3.3. See there.

3 And come to the king, and ſpeak on this manner unto him: ſo Joab [4] put the words in her mouth.

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[4] *Exod.*4.15.

4 ¶ And when the woman of Tekoah ſpake to the king, ſhe [5] fell on her face to the ground, and did [6] obeyſance, and ſaid, † Help, O king.

† Heb. *ſave.*

[5] 1 *Sam.*28.-14. ¶ [6] *Gen.*18.-2. ¶ [7] *Iſa.* 1.17. *Deut.* 27.19.

5 And the king [8] ſaid unto her, What aileth thee? And ſhe anſwered, * I *am* indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead.

[8] *Job*29.12-14 * See Ch.12.1.

6 And thy handmaid had two ſons, and they two ſtrove together in the field, and *there was* † none to part them, but the one ſmote the other, and ſlew him,

† Heb. *no deliverer between them.*

7 And behold, the whole family is riſen againſt thine handmaid, and they ſaid, Deliver him that ſmote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he ſlew, and we will [9] deſtroy the heir alſo: and ſo they ſhall [10] quench my coal which is left, and ſhall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder † upon the earth.

† Heb. *upon the face of the earth.*

[9] (And then the Inheritance will be theirs.) ¶ [10] Deſtroy all that are left alive of my Family.

8 And the king ſaid unto the woman, Go to thine houſe, and I will give charge [11] concerning thee.

[11] That thy Son may be ſecured, *v.* 11. *ch.* 16. 4. *Prov.* 18. 13.

9 And the woman of Tekoah ſaid unto the king, My lord, O king, [12] the iniquity *be* on me, and on my fathers houſe: and the [13] king and his throne *be* guiltleſs.

[12] *Matth.*27.25. *Gen.*27.13. If there be any fault either in my Son, for what he did, or thy ſelf for delivering him, I'le bear the guilt of it. ¶ [13] 1 *King.*2.45.

10 And the king ſaid, Whoſoever ſaith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he ſhall not touch thee any more.

11 Then ſaid ſhe, I pray thee, let the king remember the [14] LORD thy God, † that thou wouldſt not ſuffer the revengers of blood to deſtroy any more, leſt they deſtroy my ſon. And he ſaid, *As* the LORD liveth, [15] there ſhall not one hair of thy ſon fall to the earth.

† Heb. *that the revenger of blood do not multiply to deſtroy.*

[14] Thy promiſe made in God's preſence. ¶ [15] 1 *Sam.*14.45. 1 *King.*1.52. *Act.*27.34.

12 Then the woman ſaid, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, ſpeak *one* word unto my lord the king. And he ſaid, Say on.

13 And the woman ſaid, Wherefore then haſt thou thought [16] ſuch a thing againſt the [17] people of God? for the king doth ſpeak this thing, as one which is [18] faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his baniſhed.

[16] To deprive the people of that ſatisfaction they take in *Abſalom*; (ſince thou wouldſt not have me depriv'd of my Son.) ¶ [17] (Who have an intereſt in the Kings Children; eſpecially the Heir.) ¶ [18] In reſpect to his own ſon *Abſalom*, in dealing rigorouſly with him, when as he has paſs'd a favourable Sentence in my caſe.

14 For [19] we muſt needs die, and *are* as water ſpilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again: ‖ neither doth God [20] reſpect *any* perſon, yet doth he deviſe means, that his baniſhed be not expelled from him.

‖ Or, *becauſe God hath not taken away his life he hath alſo deviſed means, &c.*

[19] All of us, even *Abſalom* himſelf as well as others; (and therefore be not implacable towards him.) ¶ [20] See on *Rom.*2. 11. *q. d.* Tho God, to ſhew his deteſtation of bloodſhed, has impoſed a kind of baniſhment upon thoſe that kill a man unwillingly, yet has he appointed Cities of Refuge for them in the land of *Iſrael*, and has not expelled them out of the land to live among Idolaters; yea, he has deviſed a means that their baniſhment ſhould not be perpetual there, but be taken off at the death of the High-Prieſt.

15 Now therefore that I am come to ſpeak of

Chap. 14. of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me [22] afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will [23] now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.

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[22] *Viz.* Lest he should be still kept in banishment, or brought back against thy will. ¶ [23] To prevent this mischief.

16 For the king will hear, [24] to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God:

[24] To grant my request concerning my Son; (and consequently the people's desire concerning *Absalom.*)

17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of
† Heb. *for rest.* my lord the king shall [25] now be † comfortable: for [26] as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the
† Heb. *to hear.* king † to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

[25] Will much more give a gracious answer concerning his own Son. ¶ [26] *ch.*19.27. and 27.9. for wisdom, (*v.*20.) Judgment, and righteous dealing.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

19 And the king said, *Is not* the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, *As* thy soul liveth, my lord the
[27] Can deny it in any respect. king, none [27] can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid:

20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord
* Vers. 17. Chap. 19. 27. *is* wise, * according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all *things* that *are* in the earth.

21 ¶ And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face,
† Heb. *blessed.* and bowed himself, and † thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request
‖ Or, *thy.* of ‖ his servant.

23 So Joab arose, and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, Let him turn to his
[28] *Gen.*43. 3. own house, and let him not [28] see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the kings face.

† Heb. *And as Absalom there was not a beautiful man in all Israel to praise greatly.* [29] *Isa.*1. 6. 25 ¶ † But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom, for his beauty: [29] from the sole of his foot, even to the crown of his head, there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every years end that he polled *it:* because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it) he weighed the hair of his head at [30] two hundred shekels [31] after the kings weight.

[30] Six pounds and a quarter Averdupois. ¶ [31] *i. e.* According to an exact weight; the Standard whereof for all civil uses was kept in some place or Office about the Court, (as that for sacred things was kept about the Sanctuary.)

* See Chap. 18. 18. 27 And * unto Absalom there were born three sons and one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 ¶ So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the kings face.

2979. 29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king, but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joabs field is † near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire: and Absaloms servants set the field on fire.

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31 Then Joab arose and came to Absalom unto *his* house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?

32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? *it had been* good for me *to have been* there still: now therefore let me see the kings face; and if there be *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king [32] kissed Absalom.

[32] *Gen.*27.26. and 31. 55. *Luke* 15. 26.

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1 *Absalom stealeth the hearts of Israel.* 10 *He maketh a conspiracy.* 13 *David fleeth from Jerusalem.*

AND it came to pass after this, that Absalom 2980.
* prepared him chariots, and horses, and * 1 King. 1. 5. fifty men to run before him.

2 And Absalom [1] rose up early, and stood [1] *Prov.*4. 16. *Matth.*27. 1. beside the way of the gate: and it was *so*, that when any man that had a controversie † came to † Heb. *to come.* the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy servant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel?

3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters *are* good and right, but ‖ *there is* [2] no man ‖ Or, *none will hear thee from the king* *deputed* of the king to hear thee.

4 Absalom said moreover, [3] Oh that I were downward.
made judge in the land, that every man which [2] A great slander, for *ch.*8.15 hath any suit or cause, might come unto me, and [4] I would do him justice.

[3] *Judg.* 9. 29. but *Exod.*4.10,13. *Prov.*26.25. ¶ [4] *Prov.* 27. 2.

5 And it was *so*, that when any man came nigh *to him* to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him and kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after [5] forty years, 2981.
that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee let me go and [6] pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD in Hebron.

[5] *Viz.* From *David's* anointing, 1 *Sam.*16.13. ¶ [6] *Matth.* 2.8. He makes Religion a cloke for his Rebellion.

8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will [7] serve the LORD.

[7] *Gen.*28.20. *Jer.* 9. 5. Offer Peace-Offerings of Thanksgiving.

9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose and went to Hebron.

10 ¶ But Absalom sent [8] spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, Assoon as ye [9] hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom [10] reigneth in Hebron.

[8] To discover how the people stood affected to him, and to persuade 'em to stick to him. ¶ [9] Be informed of. ¶ [10] Is anointed (*ch.*19.10.) and crown'd there.

11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, *that were* * [11] called, and they * 1 Sam. 9. 13. went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.

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[11] 1 *Sam.*16.3. Invited to the Feast of his Peace-offerings.

12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gi-
2981. lonite, Davids [12] counsellor, from his city, *even* from Giloh, while [13] he offered sacrifices: and the conspiracy was strong; for the people [14] increased continually with Absalom.

[12] *Psal.*55.12,14. *Mic.*7.5. ¶ [13] *Absalom.* ¶ [14] *Psal.*3.1.

13 ¶ And there came a messenger to David,
[15] *v*-6.*Judg.*9. 3. *Psal.*62.9. saying, [15] The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14 And David said unto all his servants that *were* with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us [16] flee; for we shall not *else* escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us
† Heb. *thrust.* suddenly, and † bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

[16] *Psal.*3. Title. That so the City might not be expos'd to any danger.

15 And the kings servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants *are ready to do* whatsoever
† Heb. *choose.* my lord the king shall † appoint.

* Psal.3. title. 16 And * the king went forth, and all his
† Heb. *at his feet.* household † after him: and the king left [17] ten
[17] *ch.*12.11. & 16.22. women, *which were* concubines to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside him;
[18] See on *ch.*8. 18. and all the [18] Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 ¶ Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou *art* a stranger, and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should
† Heb. *make thee wander in going.* I this day † make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: [19] mercy and truth *be*
[19] 2 *Tim.*1.16. with thee.

21 And Ittai answered the king and said, [20] *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* my lord the king liveth, surely [21] in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be.

[20] 1 *Sam.*20.3. See there. ¶ [21] *Ruth* 1.16,17. *Prov.* 17. 17. and 18.24.

22 And David said to Ittai, Go, and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that *were* with him.

23 And all the countrey wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king
[22] *Joh.*18.1. ‖ Called *John* 18.1. *Cedron.* also himself [22] passed over the brook ‖ Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 ¶ And lo, [23] Zadok also, and all the Levites *were* with him, [24] bearing the ark of the covenant of God, and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar [25] went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

[23] The Second Priest, who was next to the High-Priest. ¶ [24] *Josh.*3.3,6. ¶ [25] *Viz.* Into the City, to persuade the people to assist the King against his rebellious Son.

25 And the king said unto Zadok, [26] Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me *both* it, and [27] his habitation.

[26] That the Priests being in the City might give him Intelligence (*v.*35,36.) and be free from danger. ¶ [27] The Tent made for it.

26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee: behold, *here am* I, [28] let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

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27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, 2981.
Art not thou [29] a seer? return into the city in [28] *Judg.*10.15. see there.
peace, and * your two sons with you, Ahimaaz * See Chap.17. 17.
thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

[29] 1 *Sam.*9.9. *q. d.* Since thou art the person chiefly imployed in the publick Worship of God for the service of the whole Church, therefore I'le rather dispense with thy absence, than draw thee from thy public employment.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certifie me.

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the Ark of God again to Jerusalem; and they tarried there.

30 ¶ And David went up by the ascent of
† Heb. *going up & weeping.* *mount* Olivet, † and wept as he went up, and had his [30] head covered, and he went [31] bare-foot: and all the people that *was* with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

[30] In token of Mourning, *ch.*19.4. *Esth.*6.12. *Jer.* 14.3,4. ¶ [31] *Isa.*20.3,4. *Jer.*2.25.

31 ¶ And *one* told David, saying, Ahitho-
* Chap.17.14, 23. phel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, * [32] turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

[32] Either befor him that he may give foolish Counsel, or let his Counsel be rejected as foolish.

32 ¶ And it came to pass, that *when* David was come to the top *of the mount*, where he wor-
* Chap.1.2. shiped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him, * with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me.

34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king, *as* I *have been* thy fathers servant hitherto, [33] so *will* I now also *be* thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.

[33] Here he betrays his humane Frailty in this dissimulation.

35 And *hast thou* not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be *that* what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the kings house, thou shalt tell *it* to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 Behold, *they have* there * with them their * Vers. 17. two sons, Ahimaaz Zadoks *son*, and Jonathan Abiathars *son*: and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear.

37 So Hushai Davids [34] friend came into the [34] *ch.*16.17. city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Ziba by false suggestions obtaineth his masters inheritance. 5 Shimei curseth David. 9 David abstaineth, and restraineth others from revenge. 20 Ahithophels counsel.

AND when David was a little past [1] the top [1] *ch.*15.30. *of the hill*, behold, [2] Ziba the servant of [2] *ch.*9.2. Mephibosheth, met him with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer-fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *be* for the kings [3] household to ride on, and the bread and summer-fruit for the young men to eat, and the

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the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

3 *q. d.* Tho the things I have brought be too mean for thy self, yet they may be of some use for thy Family.

3 And the king said, And where *is* thy masters son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for [4] he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.

[4] *ch.*19.27. *Prov.* 21. 28. & 16. 28.

4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, [5] thine *are* all that *pertained* unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, † I humbly beseech thee [6] *that* I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

† Heb. *I do obeysance.*

[5] *Exod.*23.8. *Prov.*18.13. *Deut.*19.15. ¶ [6] That thy favor may be still continued to me.

5 ¶ And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, * thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name *was* Shimei the son of Gera: ‖ he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

* 1 King.2.8.

‖ Or, *he still came forth and cursed.*

6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people, and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand, and on his left.

7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out thou † [7] bloody man, and thou man [8] of Belial:

† Heb. *man of blood.*

[7] Who hast been the death of many of *Saul*'s Family and Party, slain in the wars between 'em. God might also make use of this to put him in mind of his murder of *Uriah*. ¶ [8] See on *Deut.*13.13.

8 The LORD hath [9] returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned, and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and † behold, thou *art* [10] *taken* in thy mischief, because thou *art* a bloody man.

† Heb. *behold thee in thy evil.*

[9] *Gen.*9.24. Calls thee to account for it. ¶ [10] Punish'd in thy own kind.

9 ¶ Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this [11] dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

[11] *ch.*3.8. & 9.8. 1 *Sam.*24.15.

10 And the king said, * [12] What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because * the [13] LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. [14] Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

* Chap.19.22.

* See 2 King. 18.25. Lam.3.38.

[12] *q. d.* Don't you concern your selves with my affairs, but let me alone to do what I think fit. ¶ [13] *Gen.* 50. 20. God by his Providence has given him this opportunity to vent his malice. ¶ [14] *Psal.* 39.9. *q. d.* I may not repine at God's providence herein.

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now *may* this Benjamite *do it?* let him alone, and let him curse: for the [13] LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine ‖ † affliction, and that the LORD will [15] requite me good for his cursing this day.

‖ Or, *tears.*

† Heb. *eye.*

[15] *Deut.*23.5. *Rom.*8.28. Turn his cursing into blessings.

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hills side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and † cast dust.

† Heb. *dusted him with dust.*

14 And the king and all the people that *were* with him came weary, and refreshed themselves [16] there.

[16] At *Bahurim*, *v.* 5.

15 ¶ And Absalom and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And it came to pass when Hushai the Archite, Davids friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, [17] God save the king, † God save the king.

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17 And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this thy kindness to thy [18] friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?

[17] He uses equivocation all along.

18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay, but whom the LORD and this people, and all the men of Israel choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

† Heb. *Let the king live.*

[18] *ch.*15.37.

19 And again, whom should I serve? *should* I not *serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy fathers presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 ¶ Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, [19] Give counsel among you what we shall do.

[19] *Exod.*1.10.

21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, [20] Go in unto thy fathers concubines, which he hath [21] left to keep the house, and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father, then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong.

[20] *Gen.*6.4. [21] *ch.*15.16.

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the [22] top of the house, and Absalom went in unto his fathers concubines, in [23] the sight of all Israel.

[22] *Ch.*11.2. ¶ [23] *ch.*12.11,12. *Isa.* 3.9. *Numb.* 25.6.

23 And the counsel of Ahithophel which he counselled in those days, *was* as if a man had enquired at the † oracle of God: so *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel, both with David and with Absalom.

† Heb. *word.*

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Ahithophel's counsel is overthrown by Hushai's, according to God's appointment.* 15 *Secret intelligence is sent to David.* 23 *Ahithophel hangeth himself.*

MOreover, Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise, and pursue after David [1] this night.

[1] *Prov.*4.16. *Rom.*3.15.

2 And I will come upon him while he *is* [2] weary and [3] weak-handed, and will make him afraid, and all the people that *are* with him shall flee, and I will smite the king only.

[2] *Ch.*16.14. *Deut.*25.18. ¶ [3] *ch.* 4.1. Destitute of men and military provisions, and disheartened by his own small numbers, and the general defection of his Subjects.

3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest, [4] *is* as if all returned: *so* all the people shall be in peace.

[4] He being once taken out of the way, the rest will presently submit to thee.

4 And the saying † pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

† Heb. *was right in the eyes of*, &c.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise † what he saith.

† Heb. *what is in his mouth.*

6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his † saying? if not, speak thou.

† Heb. *word.*

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath † given, *is* [5] not good at this time.

† Heb. *counselled.*

[5] *Prov.*31.8.

8 For (said Hushai) thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *be* [6] mighty men, and they *be* † [7] chafed in their minds, as * a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father *is* a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

† Heb. *bitter of soul.*

* Hos. 13. 8.

[6] (And therefore not so soon vanquish'd as *Ahithophel* supposes.) ¶ [7] Enraged and desperate (and therefore resolv'd to sell their lives at a dear rate.)

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9 Behold, he is [8] hid now in ſome pit, or in ſome *other* place: and it will come to paſs, when ſome of [9] them be † overthrown at the firſt, that whoſoever heareth it, will ſay, There is a ſlaughter among the people that follow Abſalom.

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† Heb. *fallen.*

[8] Lies in Ambuſh ſomewhere to ſurprize us. ¶ [9] Thy men ſent againſt thy Father.

10 And he alſo *that is* valiant, whoſe heart *is* as the heart of a lion, ſhall utterly [10] melt: for all Iſrael knoweth that thy father *is* a mighty man, and *they* which *be* with him *are* valiant men.

[10] *Joſh.*2.11.

11 Therefore I counſel, that all Iſrael be generally gathered unto thee, * from Dan even to Beer-ſheba, [11] as the ſand that *is* by the ſea for multitude, and † that [12] thou go to battel in thine own perſon.

* Judg.20.1.
[11] *Gen.*22.14. ſee there.
[12] *Pſal.*9.-16.
† Heb. *thy face*, or *preſence go*, &c.

12 So ſhall we come upon him in ſome place where he ſhall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him, and of all the men that *are* with him, there ſhall not be left ſo much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then ſhall all Iſrael bring ropes to that city, and we will [13] draw it into the river, until there be not one ſmall ſtone found there.

[13] 1 *King.*20.10

14 And Abſalom and all the men of Iſrael ſaid, The counſel of Huſhai the Archite *is* better then the counſel of Ahithophel: for * the LORD had † appointed to defeat the [14] good counſel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Abſalom.

* Chap.15.31.
† Heb. *commanded.*
[14] 1 *Cor.*1.-20. and 3.19. Fit for his purpoſe.

15 ¶ Then ſaid Huſhai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the prieſts, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counſel Abſalom and the elders of Iſrael; and thus and thus have I counſelled.

16 Now therefore ſend quickly, and tell David, ſaying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderneſs, but ſpeedily paſs over; leſt the king be ſwallowed up, and all the people that *are* with him.

17 Now * Jonathan and Ahimaaz ſtayed by * En-rogel, (for they might not be ſeen to come into the city) and a wench went and told them: and they went and told king David.

* Chap.15.27.
* Joſh.15.7. & 18.16.

18 Nevertheleſs, a lad ſaw them, and told Abſalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a mans houſe in Bahurim, which had a well in his court, whither they went down.

19 And the woman took and ſpread a covering over the wells mouth, and [15] ſpread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.

[15] So *Joſh.*2.6.

20 And when Abſaloms ſervants came to the woman to the houſe, they ſaid, Where *is* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman ſaid unto them, They be [16] gone over the brook of water. And when they had ſought and could not find *them*, they returned to Jeruſalem.

[16] So *Exod.*1. 21. *Joſh.*2.4.

21 And it came to paſs after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and ſaid unto David, Ariſe, and paſs quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counſelled againſt you.

22 Then David aroſe, and all the people that *were* with him, and they paſſed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

23 ¶ And when Ahithophel ſaw that his counſel was not † followed, he ſaddled *his* aſs, and aroſe, and gat him home to his houſe, to his city, and † [17] put his houſhold in order, and

† Heb. *done.*
† Heb. *gave charge concerning his houſe.*

[18] hanged himſelf, and died, and was buried in the ſepulchre of his father.

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[17] 2 *King.*20.-1. ¶ [18] A Type of *Judas*, *Matth.*27.5.

24 Then David came to Mahanaim: and Abſalom [19] paſſed over Jordan, he and all the men of Iſrael with him.

[19] *Viz.* After he had gathered a great Army, according to *Huſhai's* counſel, *v.* 11.

25 ¶ And Abſalom made Amaſa captain of the hoſt in ſtead of Joab: which Amaſa *was* a mans ſon, whoſe name *was* ‖ Ithra an [20] Iſraelite, that went in to † Abigail the daughter of Nahaſh, ſiſter to Zeruiah, Joabs mother.

‖ Or, *Jether an Iſhmaelite.*
† Heb. *Abigal.*

[20] *Viz.* By Religion and Profeſſion; but an Iſhmaelite by Birth, 1 *Chron.*2.17.

26 So Iſrael and Abſalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ And it came to paſs when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the ſon of Nahaſh of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and * Machir the ſon of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and * Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

* Chap. 9. 5.
* Chap.19.31.

28 Brought beds, and ‖ baſons, and earthen veſſels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched *corn*, and beans, and lentiles, and parched *pulſe*,

1 King.2.7.
‖ Or, *cups.*

29 And honey, and butter, and ſheep, and cheeſe of kine for David, and for the people that *were* with him, to eat: for they ſaid, The people *is* hungry, and weary, and thirſty in the wilderneſs.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *David viewing the armies, giveth them charge of Abſalom.* 9 *Abſalom is ſlain by Joab.* 33 *David lamenteth him.*

AND David numbred the people that *were* with him, and ſet captains of thouſands, and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David ſent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abiſhai the ſon of Zeruiah Joabs brother, and a third part under the hand of [1] Ittai the Gittite: and the king ſaid unto the people, I will ſurely go forth with you my ſelf alſo.

[1] *ch.*15.19.

3 But the people anſwered, [2] Thou ſhalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will [3] not † care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now *thou art* † worth ten thouſand of us: therefore now *it is* better that thou † ſuccour us out of the city.

[2] *ch.*21.17.
[3] *ch.*17.-2. 1 *King.*22.-31
† Heb. *ſet* their *heart on us.*
† Heb. *as ten thouſand of us.*
† Heb. *be to ſuccour.*

4 And the king ſaid unto them, What ſeemeth you beſt, I will do. And the king ſtood by the gate-ſide, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thouſands.

5 And the king commanded Joab, and Abiſhai, and Ittai, ſaying, [4] *Deal* gently for my ſake with the young man, *even* with Abſalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Abſalom.

[4] *Deut.* 21.20, 21.

6 ¶ So the people went out into the field againſt Iſrael: and the battel was in the [5] wood of Ephraim;

[5] *Judg.*12.5,6.

7 Where the people of Iſrael were ſlain before the ſervants of David, and there was there a [6] great ſlaughter that day of twenty thouſand *men*.

[6] *Prov.*11.21. & 24.21, 22.

8 For the battel was there ſcattered over the face of all the countrey: and the wood † [7] devoured more people that day, then the ſword devoured.

† Heb. *multiplied to devour*

[7] By

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[7] By hunger, wild Beasts, falling into pits, &c.

9 ¶ And Absalom met the servants of David, and Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his [8] head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth, and the mule that *was* under him went away.

[8] *Job* 18.9,10. *Prov.* 30. 17. Probably being tangled by his hair, *c.*14 26.

10 And a certain man saw *it*, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom [9] hanged in an oak.

[9] *ch.*17. 23. *Deut.*21.23.

11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, and behold, thou sawest *him*, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground, and I would have given thee ten *shekels* of silver, and a girdle?

12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should † receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, *yet* would I not put forth mine hand against the kings son: for in our hearing the king charged thee, and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, † Beware that none *touch* the young man Absalom.

† Heb. *weigh upon mine hand.*

† Heb. *Beware whosoever* ye be *of*, &c.

13 Otherwise, I should have [10] wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thy self wouldst have set thy self against *me*.

[10] Exposed my life to his revenge.

14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus † with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he *was* yet alive in the † midst of the oak.

† Heb. *before thee.*

† Heb. *heart.*

15 And ten young men that bare Joabs armour, compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.

17 And they took Absalom, and [11] cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great [12] heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

[11] *Jer.*22.18,19. ¶ [12] An ignominious Burial, as *Josh.*7. 26. and 8.29. and 10.27.

18 ¶ Now Absalom in his life-time had taken and reared up for himself a [13] pillar, which *is* in the [14] kings dale: for he said, * I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name, and it is called unto this day, Absaloms place.

[13] *Psal.*49.11.
[14] *Gen.*14.-17.
* See Chap. 14. 27.

19 ¶ Then said [15] Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath † avenged him of his enemies.

[15] *ch.* 15. 36.

† Heb. *judged him from the hand*, &c.

20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not † bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings [16] another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the kings son is dead.

† Heb. *be a man of tidings.*

[16] When there's better news to carry, and more acceptable to the King.

21 Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran.

22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But † howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast [17] no tidings ‖ ready?

† Heb. *be what* may.

[17] *Viz.* that will be pleasing.

‖ Or, *convenient.*

23 But howsoever (*said he*) let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and over-ran Cushi.

24 And David [18] sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lift up his eyes, and looked, and behold, a man running alone.

[18] 1 *Sam.*4.13.

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25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* alone, *there is* tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman saw another man runing, and the watchman called untothe porter, and said, Behold, *another* man running alone. And the king said, he also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, † Methinketh the running of the foremost, is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a [19] good man, and cometh with good tidings.

† Heb. *I see the running.*

[19] 1 *King.*1.-42. A good Soldier, and would not run away like a Coward, and one that loves me well, and therefore would not afflict me with evil tidings.

28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, ‖ † all is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD thy God, which hath † [20] delivered up the men that lift up their hand against my lord the king.

‖ Or, *Peace* be to thee.
† Heb. *Peace.*
† Heb. *shut up.*
[20] 1 *Sam.* 24. 18. & 26.8.

29 And the king said, † Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the kings servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*.

† Heb. Is there *peace.*

30 And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside, *and* stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And behold, Cushi came, and Cushi said, † Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.

† Heb. *Tidings is brought.*

32 And the king said unto Cushi, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cushi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do *thee* hurt, be [21] as that young man *is*.

[21] Overthrown and dead.

33 ¶ And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, * O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom, would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son.

* Chap. 19.4.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Joab causeth the king to cease his mourning.* 9 *The Israelites bring the king back.* 11 *David sendeth to the priests to incite them of Judah.* 18 *Shimei is pardoned.*

AND it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom.

2 And the † victory that day was *turned* into [1] mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day, how the king was grieved for his son.

† Heb. *salvation* or *deliverance.*
[1] *Neh.*8-9.

3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battel.

4 But the king [2] covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, * O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son.

[2] *ch.*15.30. see there.
* Chap. 18.33.

5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast [3] shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons, and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines:

[3] Discountenanc'd them by undervaluing their service, and disappointed them of their hopes of a reward.

6 † In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest

† Heb. *by loving*, &c.

hatest thy friends; for thou hast declared this day, † that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

† Heb. *that princes or servants* are *not to thee.*

7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak † comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will [4] not tarry one with thee this night; and that will be worse unto thee then all the evil that befel thee from thy youth until now.

† Heb. *to the heart of thy servants.*

[3] *Prov.* 14.28. Forsake thee, and choose another King.

8 Then the king rose, and sat in the gate: and they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate: and all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

Who shou'd restore him first.

9 ¶ And all the people were at [5] strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines, and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom.

10 And Absalom whom we anointed over us is dead in battel: now therefore [6] why † speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

† Heb. are *ye silent.*

[6] The people speak thus to their Rulers.

11 ¶ And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the [7] last to bring the king back to his house? (seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king) *even* to his house?

[7] *Matth.* 5. 16.

12 Ye *are* my brethren, ye *are* [8] my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?

[8] *Ch.* 5.-1. *Gen.* 2.23. *Judg.* 9.2. *Eph.* 5. 29,30.

13 And say ye to Amasa, * *Art* thou not of [9] my bone, and of [9] my flesh? [10] God do so to me and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of [11] Joab,

* Chap. 17.25.

[9] My Nephew. ¶ [10] *Ruth.* 1.17. See there. ¶ [11] Who had often affronted him, *v.* 5,6. *ch.* 3.29. and 18.14.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as *the heart of* [12] one man, so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou and all thy servants.

[12] *Judg.* 20.1.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan: and Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan

16 ¶ And * Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which *was* of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah, to meet king David.

* Chap. 16.5. 1 King. 2. 8.

17 And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and * Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him, and they went over Jordan before the king.

* Chap. 16. 1,2.

18 And there went over a ferry-boat to carry over the kings houshold, and to do † what he thought good: and Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king as he was come over Jordan;

† Heb. *the good in his eyes*

19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord [13] impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did [14] perverslly the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

[13] Punish me for it. ¶ [14] *ch.* 16.-58.

20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore behold, I am come the [15] first this day of all the [16] house of Joseph, to go down to meet my lord the king.

[15] *Matth.* 5. 25. ¶ [16] The rest of the Tribes except *Judah.*

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be [17] put to death for this, because he cursed the LORDs anointed?

[17] *Exod.* 21.17. and 22. 28. 1 *King.* 21.10, 13.

22 And David said, [18] What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be [19] adversaries unto me? [20] shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know, that I *am* this day [21] king over Israel?

[18] See on *ch.* 16. 10. ¶ [19] Contradict my Will in what I think fit to be done, and put me upon any thing contrary to my present interest. ¶ [20] 1 *Sam.* 11. 13. ¶ [21] Restor'd to my Kingdom again, and therefore ought to use Clemency.

23 Therefore the king said unto Shimei, [22] Thou shalt not die: and the king sware unto him.

[22] 1 *King.* 2.8,9. *Viz.* at this time, and meerly upon account of what is past.

24 ¶ And * Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither [23] dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed, until the day he came *again* in peace.

* Chap. 9.6.

[23] Par'd his Nails, (*Deut.* 21.12.) and wash'd his Feet.

25 And it came to pass when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?

26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me; for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king, because thy servant *is* lame.

27 And he hath [24] slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king *is* [25] as an angel of God: do therefore *what is* good in thine eyes.

[24] *Ch.* 16.3. ¶ [25] *ch.* 14. 17, 20. To distinguish between Truth and Falsehood.

28 For all *of* my fathers house, were † but dead men before my lord the king: yet * didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table: [26] what right therefore have I yet [27] to cry any more unto the king?

† Heb. *men of death.* * Chap. 9.7, 10, 13.

[26] *q.d.* I pretend right to nothing, all I have being of thy meer bounty. ¶ [27] To complain of my Servants ill-dealing with me.

29 And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? [28] I have said, thou and Ziba divide the land.

[28] I have now pass'd Sentence, and it shall stand.

30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

31 ¶ And * Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

* 1 King. 2. 7.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *even* fourscore years old, and * he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he *was* a very great man.

* Chap. 17.27.

33 And the king said unto Barzillai, [29] Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.

[29] So Christ, *Mat.* 25.34,35.

34 And Barzillai said unto the king, † How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

† Heb. *How many days* are *the years of my life?*

35 I *am* this day fourscore years old: *and* can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant [30] taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing-men and singing-women? wherefore then should thy servant

[30] *Eccl.* 12.3,4.

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servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?
36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan
2981. with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?
37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, *and be buried* by the grave of my father, and of my mother: but behold thy servant Chimham, let him go over with my lord the king, and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.
38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou
† Heb. *choose.* shalt † require of me, *that* will I do for thee.
39 And all the people went over Jordan: and when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and [31] blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.
[31] Thank'd him, and wish'd him all happiness.
40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and
† Heb. *Chimham.* † Chimham went on with him: and all the people of [32] Judah conducted the king, and also
[32] *v.* 1415. half the people of Israel.
41 ¶ And behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren, the men of Judah, stolen thee away, and have brought the king and his household, and all Davids men with him over Jordan?
42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king *is* near of kin to us; wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the kings *cost?* or hath he given us any gift?
43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye: why then did ye † despise us, that our
† Heb. *set us at light.* advice should not be first had in bringing back
* See Judg. 8. 1. and 12. 1. our king? And * the words of the men of Judah were fiercer then the words of the men of Israel.

CHAP. XX.

1 Sheba maketh a party in Israel. 4 Amasa is slain. 14 Joab pursueth Sheba unto Abel. 16 A wise woman saveth the city by Sheba's head.

AND there happened to be there a man of [1] Belial, whose name *was* Sheba the son of Bichri, a Benjamite, and he [2] blew a trum-
* 2 Chr. 10. 16. pet, and said, * [3] We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: [4] every man to his tents, O Israel.

[1] See on *Deut.* 13. 13. ¶ [2] *ch.* 12. 10. *Psal.* 34. 19. Thus God was pleased to correct *David* for his sins, and to exercise his Faith and Patience with a new affliction in the neck of the former. ¶ [3] 1 *King.* 12. 16. *Act.* 8. 21. *q. d.* The Tribe of *Judah* have monopoliz'd the King to themselves, and will not allow us any share in him; let 'em therefore enjoy him alone, and let us seek out a new King. ¶ [4] Let us all desist from this unthankful Office of bringing him back, and return each to our own home, that we may consider, and then meet together to choose a new King.

2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.
2911. 3 ¶ And David came to his house at Jerusa-
[5] *ch.* 15. 16. & 16. 21, 22. lem, and the king took the [5] ten women *his* concubines, whom he had left to keep the house,
† Heb. *a house of ward.* and put them in † ward, and fed them, but
† Heb. *bound.* went not in unto them: so they were † shut up un-
† Heb. *in widowhood of life.* to the day of their death, † living in widow-
* Chap. 19. 17. hood.
† Heb. *call.* 4 ¶ Then said the king to Amasa, * † Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present.

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5 So Amasa went to assemble *the men of* Judah; but he tarried longer then the set time which he had appointed him.
6 And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm then *did* Absalom: take thou thy [6] lords servants, and pur-
[6] Chap. 11. 11. sue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and
† Heb. *deliver himself from our eyes.* † escape us.
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[23] See on 1 *Sam.* 17. 10. Dared and challeng'd 'em with ſcorn and deſpite.

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CHAP. XXII.

A Pſalm of thanksgiving for Gods powerful deliverance, and manifold bleſſings.

[1] See *Pſal.* 18. throughout.

AND David [1] ſpake unto the LORD the words of this ſong, in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

* Deut. 32.4. Pſal. 18.2, &c.

2 And he ſaid, * The LORD *is* my rock and my fortreſs, and my deliverer,

* Heb. 2.13.

3 The God of my rock: * in him will I truſt: *he is* my ſhield, and the horn of my ſalvation, my high towre, and my refuge, my ſaviour; thou ſaveſt me from violence.

4 I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praiſed: ſo ſhall I be ſaved from mine enemies.

‖ Or, *pangs.* † Heb. *Belial.*

5 When the ‖ waves of death compaſſed me: the flouds of † ungodly men made me afraid.

‖ Or, *Cords.*

6 The ‖ ſorrows of Hell compaſſed me about: the ſnares of death prevented me.

7 In my diſtreſs I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God, and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears.

* Job 26. 11.

8 Then the earth ſhook and trembled: * the foundations of heaven moved and ſhook becauſe he was wroth.

† Heb. *by.*

9 There went up a ſmoke † out of his noſtrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens alſo and came down: and darkneſs *was* under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did flie: and he was ſeen upon the wings of the wind.

† Heb. *binding of waters.*

12 And he made darkneſs pavilions round about him, † dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightneſs before him were coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundred from heaven, and the moſt High uttered his voice.

15 And he ſent out arrows, and ſcattered them, lightning, and diſcomfited them.

16 And the chanels of the ſea appeared, the foundations of the world were diſcovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blaſt of the breath of his noſtrils.

17 He ſent from above, he took me: he drew

‖ Or, *great.*

me out of ‖ many waters.

18 He delivered me from my ſtrong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too ſtrong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my ſtay.

20 He brought me forth alſo into a large place: he delivered me, becauſe he delighted in me.

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21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteouſneſs: according to the cleanneſs of my hands hath he recompenſed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his judgments *were* before me: and *as for* his ſtatutes, I did not depart from them.

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26 With the merciful thou wilt ſhew thy ſelf merciful, *and* with the upright man thou wilt ſhew thy ſelf upright.

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28 And the afflicted people thou wilt ſave: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayeſt bring *them* down.

29 For thou *art* my ‖ lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkneſs.

‖ Or, *candle.*

30 For by thee I have ‖ run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

‖ Or, *broken a troop.*

31 *As for* God, * his way *is* perfect; * the word of the LORD *is* ‖ tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that truſt in him.

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32 For * who *is* God, ſave the LORD? and who *is* a rock, ſave our God?

‖ Or, *refined.*

33 God *is* my ſtrength *and* power: and he † maketh my way perfect.

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34 He † maketh my feet like hinds *feet*: and ſetteth me upon my high places.

† Heb. *riddeth,* or *looſeth.*

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37 Thou haſt enlarged my ſteps under me: ſo that my † feet did not ſlip.

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the Philiſtines, where Elhanan the ſon of ‖ Jaare-oregim a Beth-lehemite, ſlew * *the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the ſtaff of whoſe ſpear *was* like a weavers beam.

‖ Or, *Jair.*
* See 1 Chro. 20.5.

20 And there was yet a battel in Gath, where was a man of *great* ſtature, that had on every hand ſix fingers, and on every foot ſix toes, four and twenty in number; and he alſo was born to ‖ the giant.

‖ Or, *Rapha.*

21 And when he ‖ [29] defied Iſrael, Jonathan the ſon of * Shimea the brother of David ſlew him.

‖ Or, *reproached.*
* 1 Sam. 16.9. *Shammah.*

[29] See on 1 *Sam.* 17. 10. Dared and challeng'd 'em with ſcorn and deſpite.

22 Theſe four were born to the Giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his ſervants.

CHAP. XXII.

A Pſalm of thankſgiving for Gods powerful deliverance, and manifold bleſſings.

[1] See *Pſal.* 18. throughout.

AND David [1] ſpake unto the LORD the words of this ſong, in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 And he ſaid, * The LORD *is* my rock and my fortreſs, and my deliverer,

* Deut. 32.4. Pſal. 18.2, &c.

3 The God of my rock: * in him will I truſt: *he is* my ſhield, and the horn of my ſalvation, my high towre, and my refuge, my ſaviour; thou ſaveſt me from violence.

* Heb. 2.13.

4 I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praiſed: ſo ſhall I be ſaved from mine enemies.

5 When the ‖ waves of death compaſſed me: the flouds of † ungodly men made me afraid.

‖ Or, *pangs.*
† Heb. *Belial.*

6 The ‖ ſorrows of Hell compaſſed me about: the ſnares of death prevented me.

‖ Or, *Cords.*

7 In my diſtreſs I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God, and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears.

8 Then the earth ſhook and trembled: * the foundations of heaven moved and ſhook becauſe he was wroth.

* Job 26. 11.

9 There went up a ſmoke † out of his noſtrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

† Heb. *by.*

10 He bowed the heavens alſo and came down: and darkneſs *was* under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did flie: and he was ſeen upon the wings of the wind.

12 And he made darkneſs pavilions round about him, † dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies.

† Heb. *binding of waters.*

13 Through the brightneſs before him were coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundred from heaven, and the moſt High uttered his voice.

15 And he ſent out arrows, and ſcattered them, lightning, and diſcomfited them.

16 And the chanels of the ſea appeared, the foundations of the world were diſcovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blaſt of the breath of his noſtrils.

17 He ſent from above, he took me: he drew me out of ‖ many waters.

‖ Or, *great.*

18 He delivered me from my ſtrong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too ſtrong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my ſtay.

20 He brought me forth alſo into a large place: he delivered me, becauſe he delighted in me.

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21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteouſneſs: according to the cleanneſs of my hands hath he recompenſed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his judgments *were* before me: and *as for* his ſtatutes, I did not depart from them.

24 I was alſo upright † before him, and have kept my ſelf from mine iniquity.

† Heb. *to him.*

25 Therefore the LORD hath recompenſed me according to my righteouſneſs: according to my cleanneſs † in his eye-ſight.

† Heb. *before his eyes.*

26 With the merciful thou wilt ſhew thy ſelf merciful, *and* with the upright man thou wilt ſhew thy ſelf upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt ſhew thy ſelf pure: and * with the froward thou wilt ‖ ſhew thy ſelf unſavoury.

* Lev. 26.24, 27,28.
‖ Or, *wreſtle.* Pſal. 18.27.

28 And the afflicted people thou wilt ſave: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayeſt bring *them* down.

29 For thou *art* my ‖ lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkneſs.

‖ Or, *candle.*

30 For by thee I have ‖ run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

‖ Or, *broken a troop.*

31 *As for* God, * his way *is* perfect; * the word of the LORD *is* ‖ tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that truſt in him.

* Deut. 32.4. Dan. 4.37. Rev. 15.3.
* Pſal. 12.6. & 119.140. Prov. 30.5.
‖ Or, *refined.*

32 For * who *is* God, ſave the LORD? and who *is* a rock, ſave our God?

* 1 Sam. 2.2. Iſa. 45.5,6.

33 God *is* my ſtrength *and* power: and he † maketh my way perfect.

† Heb. *riddeth,* or *looſeth.*

34 He † maketh my feet like hinds *feet*: and ſetteth me upon my high places.

† Heb. *equalleth.*

35 He teacheth my hands † to war: ſo that a bow of ſteel is broken by mine arms.

† Heb. *for the war.*

36 Thou haſt alſo given me the ſhield of thy ſalvation: and thy gentleneſs hath † made me great.

† Heb. *multiplied me.*

37 Thou haſt enlarged my ſteps under me: ſo that my † feet did not ſlip.

† Heb. *ankles.*

38 I have purſued mine enemies, and deſtroyed them: and turned not again until I had conſumed them.

39 And I have conſumed them, and wounded them, that they could not ariſe: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou haſt girded me with ſtrength to battel: them that roſe up againſt me, haſt thou † ſubdued under me.

† Heb. *cauſed to bow.*

41 Thou haſt alſo given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might deſtroy them that hate me.

42 They looked, but *there was* none to ſave: *even* unto the LORD, but he anſwered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as ſmall as the duſt of the earth, I did ſtamp them as the mire of the ſtreet, *and* did ſpread them abroad.

44 Thou alſo haſt delivered me from the ſtrivings of my people, thou haſt kept me *to be* head of the heathen: a people *which* I knew not, ſhall ſerve me.

45 † Strangers ſhall ‖ † ſubmit themſelves unto me: aſſoon as they hear, they ſhall be obedient unto me.

† Heb. *Sons of the ſtranger.*
‖ Or, *yield feigned obedience.*

46 Strangers ſhall fade away, and they ſhall be afraid out of their cloſe places.

† Heb. *lie.*

47 The LORD liveth, and bleſſed *be* my rock: and exalted be the God of the rock of my ſalvation.

See Deut. 33. 29.

48 It *is* God that † avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me.

† Heb. *giveth avengement for me.*

49 And

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49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou alſo haſt lifted me up on high above them that roſe up againſt me: thou haſt delivered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among * the heathen, and I will ſing praiſes unto thy name.

* Rom. 15.9.

51 *He is* the towre of ſalvation for his king: and ſheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and * to his ſeed for evermore.

* Chap. 7.12.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *David profeſſeth his faith in Gods promiſes:* 8 *A Catalogue of his mighty men.*

NOw theſe *be* the [1] laſt words of David: David the ſon of Jeſſe ſaid, and the man *who was* raiſed up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the ſweet [2] Pſalmiſt of Iſrael, ſaid,

[1] *Viz.* Which he ſpake by Inſpiration, (*v.*2.) for the uſe of the Church. ¶ [2] *Amos* 6.5. 1 *Chron.* 16.4,5. he who was famous for the compoſing of holy Songs to the praiſe of God, and uſe of the Church in after Ages.

2 The [3] ſpirit of the LORD ſpake by me, and his word *was* in my tongue.

[3] 2 *Pet.* 1.21. *Acts* 4.25.

3 The God of Iſrael ſaid, the [4] Rock of Iſrael ſpake to me, || He that ruleth over men *muſt be* juſt, ruling in the fear of God:

|| Or, *Be thou ruler*, &c.

[4] *Ch.* 22.2,3. See there. *Deut.* 32.4. the ſtrength, defence and Protector of his people.

4 And * [5] *he ſhall be* as the [6] light of the morning, *when* the ſun riſeth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the [7] tender graſs *ſpringing* out of the earth by clear ſhining after rain.

* Pſal. 89.36. Hoſ. 6.5.

[5] He that doth thus. ¶ [6] *Judg.* 5.31. *Pro.* 4.18. comfortable and beneficial to his people. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 72.6. the glory of his Kingdom ſhall daily increaſe, like graſs which has the benefit of the Sun and ſeaſonable ſhowers.

5 Although [8] my houſe *be* not [9] ſo [10] with God; yet he hath made with me an [11] everlaſting covenant, [12] ordered in all *things* and [13] ſure: for [14] *this is* all my ſalvation, and [15] all *my* deſire, [16] although he make *it* not to grow.

[8] *Ch.* 7.18. My ſelf and ſucceſſors. ¶ [9] Not ſo juſt and fearing God, *v.*3. (and therefore have not attain'd to that heigth of glory promis'd to ſuch, *v.* 4.) ¶ [10] In his ſight, and in their carriage towards him. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 7.15,16. *Jer.* 31.31. unchangeable. ¶ [12] Diſpos'd by his wiſe and powerful Providence ſo, that tho he puniſh my houſe for their ſins, yet he'll not utterly root 'em out. ¶ [13] *Rom.* 3.3. 2 *Tim.* 2.13. which will certainly be made good. ¶ [14] This that God has promis'd concerning the everlaſting Kingdom of the Meſſiah, and his ſpringing out of my houſe, is all the ground I have to hope for Salvation, either temporal or eternal, for my ſelf or poſterity. ¶ [15] All that I can wiſh or deſire. ¶ [16] Tho for our ſins my houſe does not flouriſh, ſo as is expreſs'd in the former Verſe, but has bin ſorely afflicted, yet he'll preſerve my Line and Family till the coming of the Meſſiah out of my Loins.

6 ¶ But *the ſons* of [17] Belial *ſhall be* all of them as thorns [18] thruſt away, becauſe they cannot be [19] taken with hands.

[17] See on *Deut.* 13.13. Such as will not ſubmit to my Government, and therein to the Government of Chriſt, *Luk.* 19.14. ¶ [18] Cut down, or grubb'd up by the roots, by God's juſt judgment. ¶ [19] Be deal't with in a gentle way.

7 But the man *that* ſhall touch them, muſt be † fenced with iron, and the ſtaff of a ſpear, and they ſhall be utterly burnt with fire in the [20] *ſame* place.

† Heb. *filled.*

[20] In the very place where they grew.

8 ¶ Theſe *be* the names of the mighty men whom David had; || The Tachmonite that [21] ſat in the ſeat, chief among the captains, (the ſame *was* Adino the Eznite) || *he lift up his ſpear* againſt eight hundred, † [22] whom he ſlew at one time.

|| Or, *Joſhebbaſſebet the Tachmonite head of the three.* † Heb. *ſlain.*

[21] Was the Chair-man or Preſident of the Council of War. ¶ [22] He ſlew three hundred of 'em with his own hands, (1 *Chron.* 11.11.) and ſo routed the reſt, that they were ſlain by others of the Army.

9 And after him *was* * Eleazar the ſon of Dodo the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men with David, when they [23] defied the Philiſtines *that* were there gathered together to battel, and the men of Iſrael were gone away.

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* 1 Chro. 11. 12. & 27.4.

[23] Smote and ſubdued 'em, when the men of Iſrael were fled away.

10 He aroſe, and ſmote the Philiſtines until his hand was weary, and his hand [24] clave unto the ſword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the [25] people returned after him only to ſpoil.

[24] Being benumm'd with holding it ſo long and faſt. ¶ [25] They that were fled (*v.*9.) return'd, after he had done ſlaying the Philiſtines, not to fight, but only to take the ſpoil.

11 And after him *was* * Shammah the ſon of Agee the Hararite: and the [26] Philiſtines were gathered together || into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of [27] lentiles: and the people fled from the Philiſtines:

* 1 Chr. 11.27.

|| Or, *for foraging.*

[26] 1 *Chron.* 11.13. ¶ [27] And part Barly, 1 *Chron.* 11.13.

12 But [28] he ſtood in the midſt of the ground and defended it, and ſlew the Philiſtines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

[28] Together with *Eleazar*, 1 *Chron.* 11. 12, 14.

13 And || [29] three of the thirty chief went down and came to David in the harveſt-time, unto * the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philiſtines pitched * in the valley of Rephaim.

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|| Or, *the three captains over the thirty.*

* 1 Sam. 22.1.

* Chap. 5.18.

[29] 1 *Chron.* 11.15–19. *i. e.* thoſe three ſet over the thirty, *viz. Adino, Eleazar*, and *Shammah.*

14 And David *was* then in an [30] hold, and the gariſon of the Philiſtines *was* then in Beth-lehem.

[30] The Cave of *Adullam*, *v.* 13.

15 And David longed, and ſaid, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which *is* by the gate!

16 And the three mighty men brake through the hoſt of the Philiſtines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David: nevertheleſs he would not drink thereof, but [31] poured it out unto the LORD.

[31] As an Offering, by way of thankſgiving to God for their preſervation and valour.

17 And he ſaid, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I ſhould do this: *is not this* [32] the bloud of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. Theſe things did theſe three mighty men.

[32] That which was gotten with the hazard of their lives. Princes ſhould not hazard the lives of their Subjects upon ſlight occaſions.

18 And Abiſhai the brother of Joab, the ſon of Zeruiah, was chief among [33] three; and he lift up his ſpear againſt three hundred, † *and* ſlew *them*, and had the name among three.

† Heb. *ſlain.*

[33] 1 *Chron.* 11. 20. *viz.* the ſecond three, or ternary of Colonels, *v.*21.

19 Was he not moſt honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit, he attained [34] not unto the *firſt* three.

[34] *Viz.* For ſtrength and valour.

20 And Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, the ſon of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, † who had done many acts, he ſlew two † [35] lion-like men of Moab: he went down alſo and ſlew a lion in the midſt of a pit in time of ſnow.

† Heb. *great of acts.* † Heb. *lions of God.*

[35] For ſtrength and courage, 1 *Chron.* 11. 22.

21 And he [36] ſlew an Egyptian, † [37] a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a [38] ſpear in his hand; but he went down to him with a ſtaff, and plucked the ſpear out of the Egyptians hand, and ſlew him with his [39] own ſpear.

† Heb. *a man of countenance* or *ſight.*

[36] 1 *Chron.* 11.23. ¶ [37] Of great ſtature; five cubits high, 1 *Chron.* 11.23. ¶ [38] Like a weavers beam, 1 *Chron.* 11. 23. ¶ [39] 1 *Sam.* 17.51.

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22 Theſe *things* did Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.

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‖ Or, *honourable among the thirty.*

23 He was ‖ more honourable then the thirty, but he attained not to the *firſt* three: and David ſet him over his ‖† guard.

‖ Or, *counſel.*

† Heb. *at his command.*

24 * Aſahel the brother of Joab *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan the ſon of Dodo of Bethlehem,

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25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,

* 1 Chr. 11. 27.

26 Helez the * Paltite, Ira the ſon of Ikkeſh the Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Huſhathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the ſon of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the ſon of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,

‖ Or, *valleys.*

30 Benaia the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the ‖ brooks of Gaaſh,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite; of the ſons of Jaſhen, Jonathan,

33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiham the ſon of Sharar the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the ſon of Ahasbai, the ſon of the Maachathite, Eliam the ſon of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the ſon of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armour-bearer to Joab the ſon of Zeruiah,

38 Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty and ſeven in all.

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1 *David numbreth the people.* 10 *He having three plagues propounded by Gad, repenteth, and chooſeth the three days peſtilence.* 18 *The plague ſtayeth.*

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‖ Or, *Satan.* * See 1 Chron. 27. 23, 24.

AND [1] again the anger of the LORD was kindled againſt Iſrael, and ‖ he [2] moved David [3] againſt them, to ſay, * Go number Iſrael and Judah.

[1] Beſides the judgment of the three years Famine, *ch.* 21. ¶ [2] *Jam.* 1. 13. Permitted Satan to tempt him (1 *Chron.* 21. 1.) and alſo diſpoſed it for his own ends. ¶ [3] To do that which ſhould iſſue in the deſtruction of many of 'em.

‖ Or, *compaſs.* Judg. 20. 1.

2 For the king ſaid to Joab the captain of the hoſt, which *was* with him, ‖ Go now through all the tribes of Iſrael,* from Dan even to Beer-ſheba, and number ye the people, [4] that I may know the number of the people.

[4] His ends were ſinful, *viz.* Vain curioſity, Pride, and carnal Confidence in the multitude, and ſtrength of his People.

3 And Joab ſaid unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people (how many ſoever they be) an hundred-fold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may ſee *it*: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithſtanding, the kings word prevailed againſt Joab, and againſt the captains of the hoſt. And Joab and the captains of the hoſt went out from the preſence of the king, [5] to number the people of Iſrael.

[5] (Which they might lawfully do, ſeeing the thing was not evil in it ſelf; whatſoever *David*'s ends therein were.)

5 ¶ And they paſſed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right ſide of the city that *lieth* in the midſt of the ‖ river of Gad, and toward Jazer.

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‖ Or, *valley.*

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the ‖ land of Tahtim-hodſhi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon,

‖ Or, *nether-land newly inhabited.*

7 And came to the ſtrong hold of Tyre, and to all the [6] cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the ſouth of Judah, *even* to Beer-ſheba.

[6] Formerly poſſeſs'd by them, and where ſome remainders of them ſtill liv'd among the Iſraelites.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jeruſalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave up the ſum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Iſrael [7] eight hundred thouſand valiant men that drew the ſword; and the men of Judah *were* [8] five hundred thouſand men.

[7] In 1 *Chron.* 21. 5. there are eleven hundred thouſand. See there. ¶ [8] Reckoning in thirty thouſand of the Tribe of *Judah* that were part of the ſtanding Army; beſides thoſe four hundred and ſeventy thouſand mentioned 1 *Chron.* 21. 5.

10 ¶ And Davids heart [9] ſmote him, after that he had numbred the people: and David ſaid unto the LORD, [10] I have ſinned greatly in that I have done; and now, I beſeech thee, O LORD, [11] take away the iniquity of thy ſervant; for I have done very fooliſhly.

[9] 1 *Sam.* 24. 5. See there. He was convinc'd in Conſcience of his ſin (by *Gad*'s meſſage, *v.* 11.) and was heartily ſorry for it. ¶ [10] *ch.* 12. 13. 1 *Chron.* 21. 9. *Prov.* 28. 13. 1 *Joh.* 1. 9 ¶ [11] *Mic.* 7. 18, 19.

11 [12] For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, [13] Davids * ſeer, ſaying,

* 1 Sam. 9. 9. 2 Chr. 29. 12.

[12] *q. d.* He came to be convinc'd of his ſin by this meſſage of *Gad*. ¶ [13] 1 *Sam.* 22. 5. Imployed by God to reveal his will to *David*.

12 Go and ſay unto David, Thus ſaith the LORD, I offer thee three *things*; chooſe thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee.

13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and ſaid unto him, Shall * ſeven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they purſue thee? or that there be three days [14] peſtilence in thy land? now adviſe, and ſee what anſwer I ſhall return to him that ſent me.

[14] By an Angel, 1 *Chron.* 21. 12.

14 And David ſaid unto Gad, I am in a [15] great ſtrait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD, (for his [16] mercies *are* ‖ great) and let me not fall into the hand of [17] man.

‖ Or, *many.*

[15] Not which to chooſe, but that he muſt chooſe one. ¶ [16] *Pſal.* 103. 13, 14. ¶ [17] *Prov.* 12. 10. *Iſa.* 47. 6. *Zech.* 1. 15.

15 So * the LORD ſent a peſtilence upon Iſrael, from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-ſheba, ſeventy thouſand men.

* 1 Chr. 27. 14.

16 And when the [18] angel ſtretched out his hand upon Jeruſalem to deſtroy it, the LORD [19] repented him of the evil, and ſaid to the angel that deſtroyed the people, It is enough: ſtay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threſhing-place of * Araunah the [20] Jebuſite.

* 1 Chron. 21. *Ornan.* See Verſ. 18.

[18] Who appear'd in humane ſhape with a ſword in his hand, (1 *Chron.* 21. 16.) to convince 'em more fully that this was no natural or common plague, but inflicted immediately by the hand of God. ¶ [19] *Pſal.* 78. 38. *Hab.* 3. 2. See on *Gen.* 6. 6. 1 *Sam.* 15. 11. ¶ [20] But become a Convert, and Profeſſor of the true Religion.

17 And David ſpake unto the LORD when he [21] ſaw the angel that ſmote the people, and ſaid, Lo, I have ſinned, and I have done wickedly:

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but theſe ſheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be [22] againſt me, and againſt my fathers houſe.

[22] 1 *Chron.*21.16. ¶ [22] He offered himſelf to lay down his Life for his people; herein a type of Chriſt, *Joh.*10.11.

18 ¶ And Gad came that day to David, and ſaid unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threſhing-floor of † Araunah the [23] Jebuſite.

† Heb. *Aranioh.*

[23] To ſignifie the call of the Gentiles; among whom, after the coming of the Meſſiah, God would have his Church.

19 And David, according to the ſaying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.

20 And Araunah looked, and ſaw the king and his ſervants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out and bowed himſelf before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And Araunah ſaid, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his ſervant? *And David ſaid, To buy the threſhing-floor of thee to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be [24] ſtayed from the people.

* See Gen. 23. 8–16.

[24] *Numb.* 16. –48.

22 And Araunah ſaid unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *ſeemeth* good unto him: behold, * *here be* oxen for burnt-ſacrifice, and threſhing-inſtruments, and *other* inſtruments of the oxen for wood.

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* 1 King. 19.21

23 All theſe *things* did Araunah, *as* a king, [25] give unto the king. And Araunah ſaid unto the king, The LORD thy God [26] accept thee.

[25] Offered to beſtow, out of his royal bounty and munificence. ¶ [26] *Pſal.*20.3.

24 And the king ſaid unto Araunah, Nay; but I will ſurely buy *it* of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD my God, of that which doth [27] coſt me nothing. So * David bought the [28] threſhing-floor and the oxen, for [28] fifty ſhekels of ſilver.

* See 1 Chron. 21. 25.

[27] *Prov.*3.9. ¶ [28] Which is five pounds fourteen ſhillings; but the whole plot of ground, being all the mount of *Moriah*, upon which the Temple was built, coſt ſix hundred ſhekels of Gold, 1 *Chron.*21.25.

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings: ſo the LORD was [29] intreated for the land, and the plague was ſtayed from Iſrael.

[29] *Ch.*21.–14. See there; as appeared by his ſending fire from Heaven upon the Altar, 1 *Chron.*21.26.

I. KINGS.

The ARGUMENT.

THeſe two Books of the Kings contain the Hiſtory of the Church and Commonwealth of the Jews from the end of David's *Reign unto the Babyloniſh Captivity, which was the ſpace of four hundred thirty eight years; whereof* Solomon *reigned forty over all the twelve Tribes: But after his Death, as a Judgment for his Idolatry,* (1 King. 11. 11, 12.) *they were divided into two Kingdoms; the Kingdom of* Judah *and* Iſrael. Judah *continued under the Government of* David's *Poſterity three hundred ſeventy two years; in which time nineteen Kings of the ſame Stock ſucceeded each other; of which ſome were very good, others Idolaters. And here ſoundneſs of Doctrin and purity of Worſhip was much better maintained than among the ten Tribes; Religion being ſeveral times reformed by the Godly Kings, who were aſſiſted and encouraged therein by ſeveral Prophets.*

The Kingdom of Iſrael continued but two hundred thirty ſeven years; in which time there were twenty Kings of ten ſeveral Stocks; of all which there was not one good one; that Kingdom being idolatrous from firſt to laſt: yet they were not utterly diſown'd and rejected by God from being his People (2 King. 9. 6.) *but he call'd 'em to Repentance by ſeveral Prophets whom he rais'd up among 'em,* (2 King. 17. 13.) *and had many faithful Servants among 'em,* (1 King. 19. 18.) *and ſhew'd mercy to 'em,* 2 King. 13. 23.

Concerning both theſe Kingdoms it is obſervable, that when they kept cloſe to God, he bleſs'd and proſper'd them: when they turn'd aſide, they ſmarted for it: By which Inſtances we are taught this Leſſon, That Righteouſneſs exalts a nation; but ſin is a reproach to, *(and the ruin of)* any people, *Prov.* 14. 34.

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1 *Abiſhag cheriſheth David.* 5 *Adonijah uſurpeth the kingdom.* 32 *Solomon is anointed.* 50 *Adonijah fleeth.* 53 *He is diſmiſſed by Solomon.*

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NOw king David was [1] old, *and* † ſtricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

[1] Seventy years old, 2 *Sam.*5.4.
† Heb. *entred into days.*

2 Wherefore his ſervants ſaid unto him, † Let there be ſought for my lord the king, † a young virgin, and let her [2] ſtand before the king, and let her † cheriſh him, and let her [3] lie in thy boſom, that my lord the king may get [4] heat.

† Heb. *Let them ſeek.*
† Heb. *a damſel, a virgin.*
† Heb. *be a cheriſher unto him.*

[2] Wait upon him. ¶ [3] *Gen.*16.5. *Deut.*13.6. 2 *Sam.*12.3. *Mic.* 7.–5. Being firſt married to him, *v.*–4. ¶ [4] *Eccl.* 4. 11.

3 So they ſought for a fair damſel throughout all the coaſts of Iſrael, and found Abiſhag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the damſel *was* very fair, and cheriſhed the king, and miniſtred to him: but the king [5] knew her not.

[5] *Gen.* 4. 1. *Matth.*1.25.

5 ¶ Then * Adonijah the ſon of Haggith [6] exalted himſelf, ſaying, [7] I will † be king: and he [8] prepared him chariots and horſemen, and fifty men to run before him.

* 2 Sam.3.4.
[6] *Luke* 14.11.
[7] 2 *Sam.*12.11.
† Heb. *reign.*
[8] 2 *Sam.*15. 1.

6 And his father had [9] not diſpleaſed him † at any time, in ſaying, [10] Why haſt thou done ſo?

† Heb. *from his days.*

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so? and he [11] also *was a* very goodly *man*; and * *his mother* bare him [12] after Absalom.

* 2 Sam.3.3,4. 1 Chron.3.2.

[9] This is noted as *David's* great fault, and the occasion of *Adonijah's* presumption. ¶ [10] 1 *Sam.*3.13. A Transgression of that plain law, *Lev.* 19.17. ¶ [11] As well as *Absalom*, 2 *Sam.*14.25. ¶ [12] And therefore he was next Heir now *Absalom* was dead.

[13] *Psal.*2.2. † Heb. *his words were with Joab.* * Ch.2.22,28. † Heb. *helped after Adonijah.* * Chap.4.18. 2989.

7 And † he [13] conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and * they † following Adonijah, helped *him.*

8 But Zadok the [14] priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and [15] Nathan the prophet, and * Shimei, and Rei, and the [16] mighty men which *belonged* to David, were not with Adonijah.

[14] 2 *Tim.*4.10. ¶ [15] 2 *Sam.*7.2. and 12.1. ¶ [16] 2 *Sam* 23.8.

¶ Or, *the well Rogel*, 2 Sam. 15.17.

9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattel, by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is* by ‖ En-rogel, and called all his brethren the kings sons, and all the men of Judah the kings servants.

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother he called not.

[17] 2 *Sam.*7.12. &c. with 1 *Chr.* 22.9. &c. * 2 Sam.3.4.

11 ¶ Wherefore [17] Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of * Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not?

12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.

13 Go, and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, sware unto thine handmaid, saying, * Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?

* 1 Chr. 22.9.

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I will also come in after thee, and † confirm thy words.

† Heb. *fill up.*

15 ¶ And Bath-sheba went in unto the king, into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministred unto the king.

16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeysance unto the king: and the king said, † What wouldst thou?

† Heb. *What to thee?*

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest [18] by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne:

[18] *Deut.*6.13.

[19] Carries himself as King, *v.* 25.

18 And now behold, Adonijah [19] reigneth; and now my lord the king thou knowest *it* not.

19 And he hath slain oxen, and fat cattel, and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon thee, that thou shouldst tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall [20] sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted † offenders.

[20] *ch.*2.10. *Gen.*15.15. & 47.30. † Heb. *sinners.*

22 ¶ And lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

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25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen, and fat cattel, and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the kings sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, * † God save king Adonijah.

* 1 Sam.10.24. † Heb. *Let king Adonijah live.*

26 But me, *even* me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast [21] not shewed *it* unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

[21] 2 *Sam.*7.2.

28 ¶ Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba: and she came † into the kings presence, and stood before the king.

† Heb. *before the king.*

29 And the king sware, and said, [22] *As* the LORD liveth, that hath redemed my soul out of all [23] distress,

[22] 2 *Sam.*12.5. *Judg.*8.19. ¶ [23] Temporal dangers.

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne, in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, [24] Let my lord king David live for ever.

[24] *Neh.*2.3. *Dan.*2.4. and 6.21. *q.d.* If it were possible, I could wish that thou might live for ever, and never die.

32 ¶ And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to [25] ride upon † mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.

[25] *Gen.*41.43. *Esth.*6.8. † Heb. *which belongeth to me.* See Esth.6.8.

34 And let Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, [26] anoint him there king over Israel: and [27] blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

[26] 1 *Sam.*10.1. and 16.1. 2 *King.*9.1. and 23.30. Used in doubtful cases, to shew that they were appointed by God thereto, and that he'd qualifie them for it. ¶ [27] 2 *Sam.*15.10. 2 *King.*9.13. and 11.12,14.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king [28] in my stead: and I have [29] appointed him to be ruler over Israel, and over [30] Judah.

[28] My Deputy and Vice-king while I live, and my Successor when I die. ¶ [29] *Psal.*2.7. ¶ [30] 2 *Sam.*19.41.

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, [31] Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king [32] say so *too.*

[31] See on *Mat.* 6.13. [32] *Psal.*33.9.

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne [33] greater then the throne of my lord king David.

[33] *V.*47. *Psal.*72.8. *Dan.*7.14. 2 *Kings* 2.-9.

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the [34] Cherethites, and the [34] Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king Davids mule, and brought him to Gihon.

[34] See on 2 *Sam.* 8.18.

39 And Zadok the priest took an [35] horn of * oyl out of the [36] tabernacle, and anointed Solomon: and they blew the trumpet, * and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

* Exod.30.23, 25,32. * 1 Sam.10.24.

[35] See on 1 *Sam.* 10.1. ¶ [36] *Psal.* 89.20. See on 2 *Sam.* 6.17.

[37] 1 *Chron.*12.-10. So for Christ, *Zech.*9.9.

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with ‖ pipes, and [37] rejoyced

‖ Or, *flutes.*

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joyced with great joy, ſo that the earth rent with the ſound of them.

2989. 41 ¶ And Adonijah and all the gueſts that *were* with him, heard *it*, as they had made an [38] end of eating: and when Joab heard the ſound of the trumpet, he ſaid, Wherefore *is* this noiſe of the city, being in an uproar?

[38] *Prov.*14.13.

42 And while he yet ſpake, behold, Jonathan the ſon of Abiathar the prieſt came, and Adonijah ſaid unto him, Come in, for thou *art* a [39] valiant man, and bringeſt [40] good tidings.

[39] A man of worth, whoſe preſence bodes us good. ¶ [40] 2 *Sam.*18.27.

43 And Jonathan anſwered and ſaid to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath ſent with him Zadok the prieſt, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, , and they have cauſed him to ride upon the kings mule.

45 And Zadok the prieſt, and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoycing, ſo that the city rang again: this *is* the noiſe that ye have heard.

46 And alſo Solomon ſitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover, the kings ſervants came to [41] bleſs our lord king David, ſaying, God make the name of Solomon better then thy name, and make his throne greater then thy throne: and the king [42] bowed himſelf upon the bed.

[41] Thank him for his care, congratulate him for this mercy, and pray for his proſperity, *v.* 37. ¶ [42] Adored God for this great mercy, (as *Gen.*47.31.)

48 And alſo thus ſaid the king, Bleſſed *be* the LORD God of Iſrael, which hath given *one* to ſit on my throne this day, mine eyes even ſeeing *it*.

49 And all the gueſts that *were* with Adonijah, were afraid, and roſe up, and went every man his way.

50 ¶ And Adonijah feared becauſe of Solomon, and aroſe, and went, and * caught hold on the [43] horns of the altar.

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[43] *Exod.*38.2. *Pſal.* 118.27. Tho there were no expreſs Law, that they that fled to the Altar ſhould be ſecure, yet they generally preſum'd, that out of reſpect to that holy place, none would offer violence to thoſe that were there.

51 And it was told Solomon, ſaying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, ſaying, Let king Solomon ſwear unto me to day, that he will not ſlay his ſervant with the ſword.

52 And Solomon ſaid, If he will ſhew himſelf a [44] worthy man, * there ſhall not an [45] hair of him fall to the earth: but if [46] wickedneſs ſhall be found in him, he ſhall die.

* 2Sam.14.11. Acts 27.34.

[44] Deſerving my favor and future kindneſs. ¶ [45] 1 *Sam.* 14.45. ¶ [46] Any evil deſign.

53 So king Solomon ſent, and they brought him down from the altar; and he came and bowed himſelf to king Solomon: and Solomon ſaid unto him, [47] Go to thine houſe.

[47] *Job.*5.14. Meddle no more with public affairs, but mind your own private concerns.

CHAP. II.

1 *David having given a charge to Solomon,* 10 *dieth.* 12 *Solomon ſucceedeth.* 25 *Adonijah is put to death.* 28 *Joab ſlain.* 36 *Shimei's death.*

2990. NOw the days of David drew nigh, that he ſhould die; and he charged Solomon his ſon, ſaying,

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2 [1] I go the way of all the earth: be thou [2] ſtrong therefore, and ſhew thy ſelf a [3] man.

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[1] *Job.*23.14. *Heb.*9.27. ¶ [2] *Joſh.* 1. 7. *Prov.* 16. 32. Not turning aſide from the way of Juſtice and Righteouſneſs by any allurements or affrightments. ¶ [3] Diſcreet and grave, 1 *Tim.*4.12.

3 And [4] keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his [5] ſtatutes and his [6] commandments and his [7] judgments and his [8] teſtimonies, as it is written in the [9] law of Moſes, that thou mayeſt ‖ [10] proſper in all that thou doeſt, and whitherſoever thou turneſt thy ſelf.

‖ Or, *do wiſely.*

[4] *Joſh.*1.7. ¶ [5] Such Rites and Ceremonies as he has enjoyn'd. ¶ [6] The Moral Law. ¶ [7] Laws for governing the State. ¶ [8] Signs of the Covenant between God and them. ¶ [9] *Deut.*17.18,19. ¶ [10] *Deut.* 29. 9. *Joſh.* 1. 7. Religion is the trueſt reaſon of State, Piety the beſt policy.

4 That the LORD may [11] confirm his word, which he ſpake concerning me, ſaying, [12] If thy children [13] take heed to their way, to walk [14] before me in truth, [15] with all their heart and with all their ſoul, * there ſhall not † fail thee (ſaid he) a man on the throne of Iſrael.

* 2 Sam.7. 12. † Heb. *be cut off from thee from the throne*

[11] 2 *Sam.*7.25. continually perform. ¶ [12] *Pſal.* 132. 12. ¶ [13] 2 *Tim.*4.5. ¶ [14] *Luke* 1.6. ¶ [15] *Deut.*6.5. 2 *King.*23.3,25.

5 Moreover, thou knoweſt alſo what Joab the ſon of Zeruiah [16] did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the hoſts of Iſrael, unto [17] Abner the ſon of Ner, and unto [18] Amaſa the ſon of Jether, whom he ſlew, and † ſhed the [19] blood of war in peace, and put the [20] blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loyns, and in his [21] ſhoes that *were* on his feet.

† Heb. *put.*

[16] How inſolently and injuriouſly he behaved himſelf to me. ¶ [17] 2 *Sam.*3.27. ¶ [18] 2 *Sam.*20.9. &c. ¶ [19] Without any judicial proceedings, and as if they had been at open wars, and fighting one with another, and this under a pretence of peace. ¶ [20] A bloody Sword uſed in war. ¶ [21] Some of the blood running into his ſhoes.

6 Do therefore according to thy [22] wiſdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave [23] in peace.

[22] *V.* 9. *Prov.* 20. 6. Wiſely obſerving him, to take ſome advantage againſt him. ¶ [23] According to the courſe of Nature, (but put him to a violent death.)

7 But [24] ſhew kindneſs unto the ſons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of thoſe that [25] eat at thy table: for [26] ſo they [27] came to me when I fled becauſe of Abſalom thy brother.

[24] 2 *Sam.* 19. 37, 38. ¶ [25] 2 *Sam.* 9. 7-10. *Luke* 22. 30. ¶ [26] With ſuch kindneſs. ¶ [27] Laden with all manner of proviſion, 2 *Sam.* 17.28,29. and 19.32.

8 And behold, *thou haſt* with thee * Shimei, the ſon of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which [28] curſed me with a † grievous curſe, in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he [29] came down to meet me at Jordan, and * I ſware to him by the LORD, ſaying, I will not put thee to death with the ſword.

* 2 Sam.16.5. [28] 2 *Sam.*16.7, 8. † Heb. *ſtrong.* [29] 2 *Sam.* 19. 18. &c. * 2Sam.19.23.

9 Now therefore [30] hold him not guiltleſs: for thou *art* [31] a wiſe man, and knoweſt what thou oughteſt to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with [32] blood.

[30] *Exod.*20.7. *Job* 9.28. Take ſome other occaſion to puniſh him, and then put him in mind of his former wickedneſs. *David* might deſire this not out of malice, but to uphold the credit of Government. ¶ [31] *v.* 6. It ſeems *David* obſerved more wiſdom in him than ordinary, even before God gave him that extraordinary wiſdom. *ch.* 3. 12. ¶ [32] The Sword of Juſtice.

10 So David [33] ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in the [34] city of David.

[33] *Ch.*1.21. *Act.*13.36. ¶ [34] 2 *Sam.*5.7. And his Sepulchre remained above two thouſand years, *Act.* 2.29.

* 1 Chron. 29. 26, 27.

11 And the days that David * [35] reigned over Iſrael, *were* forty years: ſeven years reigned he in

[35] 1 *Chron.* 29. 26, 27. 2 *Sam.*5.4.

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in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jeruſalem.

12 ¶ Then [36] ſat Solomon upon the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was [37] eſtabliſhed greatly.

[36] 1 *Chron.* 29. 23. ¶ [37] *V.* 46. 2 *Chron.* 1. 1. None durſt attempt anything againſt him.

13 ¶ And Adonijah the ſon of Haggith came to Bath-ſheba the mother of Solomon, and ſhe ſaid, Comeſt thou [38] peaceably? And he ſaid, Peaceably.

[38] 1 *Sam.* 16. 4. 2 *King.* 9. 17, 18.

14 He ſaid moreover, I have ſomewhat to ſay unto thee. And ſhe ſaid, Say on.

15 And he ſaid, Thou knoweſt that the kingdom was [39] mine, and *that* all Iſrael [40] ſet their faces on me, that I ſhould reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brothers: for it was his [41] from the LORD.

[39] By Birth-right, (*ch.* 1. 5.) and the people's conſent, *ch.* 1. 25. ¶ [40] *Jer.* 42. 15. *Luke* 9. 53. Look'd on me as next Succeſſor, expecting that *David* ſhould ſettle me in the Throne. ¶ [41] By God's own appointment, 1 *Chron.* 22. 10. and 28. 5.

† Heb. *turn not away my face.*

16 And now I ask one petition of thee, † deny me not. And ſhe ſaid unto him, Say on.

17 And he ſaid, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king (for he will not ſay thee nay) that he give me Abiſhag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-ſheba ſaid, Well, I will ſpeak for thee unto the king.

19 ¶ Bath-ſheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to ſpeak unto him for Adonijah: and the king roſe up to meet her, and [42] bowed himſelf unto her, and ſat down on his throne, and cauſed a ſeat to be ſet for the kings mother; and ſhe ſat on his [43] right hand.

[42] *Exod.* 20. 12.

[43] *Pſal.* 45. 9. & 110. 1.

20 Then ſhe ſaid, I deſire one ſmall petition of thee, *I pray thee* ſay me not nay. And the king ſaid unto her, Ask on my mother, for I will [44] not ſay thee nay.

[44] (Suppoſing it fit to be granted.)

21 And ſhe ſaid, Let Abiſhag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon anſwered and ſaid unto his mother, and why doſt thou ask Abiſhag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the [45] kingdom alſo; (for he *is* mine elder brother) even for him, and for Abiathar the prieſt, and for Joab the ſon of Zeruiah.

[45] *q. d.* Which hereby, and by ſome other pretences he is deſigning to gain. (For the Wives and Concubines of the late King did uſually belong to the Succeſſor.)

23 Then king Solomon ſware by the LORD, ſaying, [46] God do ſo to me, and more alſo, if Adonijah have not ſpoken this word againſt his own life.

[46] See on *Ruth* 1. 17.

24 Now therefore, [47] *as* the LORD liveth, which hath [37] eſtabliſhed me, and [48] ſet me on the throne of David my father, and who hath [49] made me an houſe, as he [50] promiſed, Adonijah ſhall be put to death this day.

[47] *Ch.* 1. 29. ¶ [48] 2 *King.* 10. 3. 2 *Chron.* 23. 20. ¶ [49] 1 *Sam.* 25. 28. 2 *Sam.* 7. 27. *Exod.* 1. 21. eſtabliſh'd me in the Throne of *David.* ¶ [50] 2 *Sam.* 7. 12, 13.

25 And king Solomon ſent by the hand of Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and he [51] fell upon him that he died.

[51] *V.* 32, 34, 46. 2 *Sam.* 1. 15. & 4. 12.

26 ¶ And unto Abiathar the prieſt ſaid the king, [52] Get thee to * Anathoth, unto thine own fields, for thou *art* † [53] worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, becauſe thou [54] bareſt the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and becauſe thou haſt been [55] afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

* Joſh. 21. 18.

† Heb. *a man of death.*

[52] See on *ch.* 1. 53. ¶ [53] 2 *Sam.* 12. 5. ¶ [54] 2 *Sam.* 15. 24. 19. 1 *Chron.* 15. 11, 12. ¶ [55] 1 *Sam.* 22. 22, 23. and 23. 6, 9.

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27 So Solomon thruſt out Abiathar from being prieſt unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the [56] word of the LORD, which he ſpake concerning the houſe of Eli in Shiloh.

[56] 1 *Sam.* 2. 31, 35.

28 ¶ Then tidings came to Joab, (for Joab had [57] turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Abſalom) and Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the [58] horns of the altar.

[57] *Ch.* 1. 7.

[58] See on *ch.* 1. 50.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and behold, *he is* by the altar: Then Solomon ſent Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, ſaying, Go fall upon him.

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the king, Come forth. And he ſaid, Nay, but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, ſaying, Thus ſaid Joab, and thus he anſwered me.

31 And the king ſaid unto him, * Do as he hath ſaid, and fall upon him, and [59] bury him; that thou mayeſt take away [60] the innocent blood which Joab ſhed, from me, and from the houſe of my father.

* Exod. 21. 14.

[59] 2 *King.* 9. 34. for the honour of his Place, and former ſervices. [60] *Numb.* 35. 33. the guilt and reproach of it.

32 And the LORD * ſhall [61] return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and [62] better then he, and ſlew them with the ſword, my father David not knowing *thereof, to wit,* * Abner the ſon of Ner, captain of the hoſt of Iſrael, and * Amaſa the ſon of Jether, captain of the hoſt of Judah.

* Pſal. 7. 16.

* 2 Sam. 3. 27.

* 2 Sam. 20. 10

[61] *V.* 33, 37. *Judg.* 9. 24. puniſh him for the blood he has ſhed. ¶ [62] Of a more ingenuous and generous temper.

33 Their blood ſhall therefore return upon the [63] head of Joab, and upon the head of his ſeed [64] for ever: but upon David, and upon his ſeed, and upon his [65] houſe, and upon his throne ſhall there be [66] peace for ever from the LORD.

[63] 2 *Sam.* 3. 29. ¶ [64] For a long time. ¶ [65] All that belong to him. ¶ [66] All manner of bleſſings.

34 So Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and ſlew him; and he was buried in his own houſe in the [67] wilderneſs.

[67] The woodland part of the country, where there were but few inhabitants (comparatively.) See on *Matth.* 3. 1.

35 ¶ And the king put Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada in his room over the hoſt; and * Zadok the prieſt did the king put in the [68] room of Abiathar.

* 1 Sam. 2. 35. See 1 Chron. 6. 50. & 24. 3.

[68] *V.* 27.

36 ¶ And the king ſent and called for * Shimei, and ſaid unto him, Build thee an houſe in [69] Jeruſalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

* 2 Sam. 16. 5.

[69] Under my eye, *Prov.* 20. 8.

37 For it ſhall be, *that* on the day thou goeſt out, and paſſeſt over * the brook [70] Kidron, thou ſhalt know for certain, that thou ſhalt ſurely die: [71] thy blood ſhall be upon thine own head.

* 2 Sam. 15. 23

[70] About a mile from *Jeruſalem.* (So that he had liberty enough.) ¶ [71] *Joſh.* 2. 19. *Ezek.* 18. 13. *Matth.* 27. 25. guilty of thy own death, and the cauſe of it.

38 And Shimei ſaid unto the king, The ſaying *is* [72] good: as my lord the king hath ſaid, ſo will thy ſervant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jeruſalem many days.

[72] 2 *King.* 20. 19. Much more merciful than I expected or deſerved.

39 And it came to paſs at the end of three years, that two of the ſervants of Shimei ran away unto Achiſh, ſon of Maachah king of Gath:

Chap. 3. Gath: and they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants *be* in Gath.

2993. 40 And Shimei arose and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again.

42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, *that* on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word *that* I have heard, *is* good.

43 Why then hast thou not kept [73] the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

[73] *Exod.* 22. 11. *Eccl.* 8. 11. *Ezek.* 17. 19. made by him (*v.*42.) and in his Presence.

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thy heart is privy to, that thou [74] didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall [61] return thy wickedness upon thine own head;

¶ 2 *Sam.*16.5. &c.

45 And king Solomon *shall be* [75] blessed, and the [76] throne of David shall be established before the LORD [77] for ever.

[75] *Numb.*25.11,12. ¶ [76] That royal power and dignity conferr'd upon *David* and his heirs for ever. ¶ [77] From generation to generation.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, which went out and fell upon him, that he died: and the [78] kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

[78] *V.*12. 2 *Chron.*1.1. None being now left to give him any trouble.

CHAP. III.

1 *Solomon marrieth Pharaohs daughter:* 4 *His choice.* 16 *His judgment between the two harlots.*

2991. AND * Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took [1] Pharaohs daughter, and brought her into [2] the city of David, until he had made an end of building his [3] own house, and [4] the house of the LORD, and the [5] wall of Jerusalem round about.

* Chap.7.8.

[1] *Ch.* 7. 8. A Type of Christ's espousing the Gentiles. ¶ [2] 2 *Sam.*5.7. 1 *Chron.*11.7. ¶ [3] *ch.* 7. 1. ¶ [4] *ch.*6.37,38 ¶ [5] *ch.*9.15.

2 [6] Only the people sacrificed in [7] high places, because there was [8] no house built [9] unto the name of the LORD, until those days.

[6] *Ch.*22.43. 2 *Chron.* 33. 17. ¶ [7] See on *Levit.* 26. 30. ¶ [8] *Deut.* 12.5. ¶ [9] *ch.*5.3. *Psal.*76.1. For the honour and worship of God.

3 And Solomon [10] loved the LORD, walking in the statutes [11] of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

[10] Which is the Sum of all Religion (*Matth.*22.36,37. *Rom.* 13. 10.) and engages to every duty, 2 *Cor.* 5. 14. ¶ [11] Which he walk'd in, (*ch.*11.34.) and commanded his Son to walk in, *ch.*2.3. 1 *Chron.*28.8,9.

* Chap.1.3. 4 And * the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there: for that *was* the [12] great high place: [13] a thousand burnt-offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

[12] Most noted and frequented, (1 *Chron.*16.39. & 21.29.) because there was the Tabernacle and Altar of *Moses*. ¶ [13] *ch.*8.63.

* Chap.9.2. 5 ¶ * In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a [14] dream [15] by night: and God said, [16] Ask what I shall give thee.

[14] See on *Gen.*28.12. ¶ [15] In that night after he had offered up his Sacrifices, *v.*4. ¶ [16] *Matth.*7.7. *Joh.* 16. 23. *Jam.*1. 5.

Chap. 3. 6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy [17] servant David my father great || mercy, [18] according as he walked before thee [19] in truth and [20] in righteousness, and in [21] uprightness of heart [22] with thee, and thou hast [23] kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

2991. || Or, *bounty.*

[17] *Numb.*12.7. *Psal.*78.70,72. ¶ [18] *Rom.*2.6. ¶ [19] 2 *King.* 20. 3. In performance of all duties to God. [20] Doing that which was just. ¶ [21] 1 *Chron.* 29.17. *Psal.*15.2. Performing all sincerely. ¶ [22] As in thy sight, and with respect to thy command. ¶ [23] Shew'd him the kindness promis'd to him, 2 *Sam.*7.15,19.

7 And now, O LORD my God, [24] thou hast made thy servant king in stead of David my father: and I *am but* a [25] little child: I know not *how* to [26] go out or come in.

[24] *Dan.*2.21. ¶ [25] 1 *Chron.*29.1. *Jer.* 1. 6. Young and unexperienc'd in State-affairs. ¶ [26] See on *Numb.*27.17.

8 And thy servant *is* [27] in the midst of thy people which thou hast [28] chosen, a great people, that [29] cannot be numbred nor counted for multitude.

[27] Set over 'em, to rule and guide 'em. ¶ [28] *Exod.* 19.5. *Deut.*7.6,7. ¶ [29] *Gen.*15.5. and 16.10.

9 [30] Give therefore thy servant an † [31] understanding heart, to judge thy people, that I may [2] discern between good and bad: for who is able [3] to judge this thy so great a people?

† Heb. *hearing.*

[30] 2 *Chron.* 1. 10. *Jam.* 1. 5,17. *Psal.*72.1. ¶ [31] Ability both to know and practice my duty towards 'em, ¶ [32] *Heb.* 5. 14.

10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked [33] for thy self † long life, neither hast asked riches for thy self, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thy self understanding to † [34] discern judgment.

† Heb. *many days.*

† Heb. *to hear.*

[33] *Jam.*4.3. *Psal.*4.6. ¶ [34] What is just and right, so as to be able to pass a right Judgment.

12 Behold, [35] I have done according to thy words: * lo, I have given thee [36] a wise and an [36] understanding heart, so that there was [37] none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

* Eccl.1.16,

[35] 1 *John* 5.16. ¶ [36] *Prov.*1.2. *Job* 12.12. ¶ [37] *ch.* 4. 29. &c. A Type of Christ, *Col.* 2.3.

13 And I have [38] also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honour: so that there || shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, [39] all thy days.

|| Or, *hath not been.*

[38] 2 *Chron.* 1.12, *Matth.* 6.33. *Eph.*3.20. ¶ [39] These gifts shall not be taken from thee (as from *Saul*) but abide with thee as long as thou livest.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David [40] did walk, then I will [41] lengthen thy days.

[40] *Ch.*15.5. *Phil.*3.17. *Heb.*13.7. ¶ [41] *Psal.*91.16. *Prov.* 3.16.

15 And Solomon [42] awoke, and behold, [43] *it was* a dream: and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up [44] burnt-offerings, and offered [45] peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his [46] servants.

[42] *Gen.*41.7. ¶ [43] He perceiv'd it was sent by God. ¶ [44] See on *Lev.*1.3. To make atonement for his own and the peoples sins. ¶ [45] See on *Lev.* 3.1. To praise God for all his mercies. ¶ [46] *ch.*8.65.

16 ¶ Then came there two women *that were* [47] harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

[47] *Josh.*2.1.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and

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and this woman dwell in one houſe, and I was delivered of a child, with her in the houſe.

2991. 18 And it came to paſs the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered alſo: and we *were* together; *there was* no ſtranger with us in the houſe, ſave we two in the houſe.

19 And this womans child died in the night; becauſe ſhe overlaid it.

20 And ſhe aroſe at midnight, and took my ſon from beſide me, while thine handmaid ſlept, and laid it in her boſom, and laid her dead child in my boſom.

21 And when I roſe in the morning, to give my child [48] ſuck, behold, it was dead: but when I had conſidered it in the morning, behold, it was not my ſon which I did bear.

[48] *Gen.*21.7. 1 *Sam.*1.23. *Lam.*4.3.

22 And the other woman ſaid, Nay; but the living *is* my ſon, and the dead *is* thy ſon: and this ſaid, No; but the dead *is* thy ſon, and the living *is* my ſon. Thus they ſpake before the king.

23 Then ſaid the king, The one ſaith, This *is* my ſon that liveth, and thy ſon *is* the dead: and the other ſaith, Nay; but thy ſon *is* the dead, and my ſon *is* the living.

24 And the king ſaid, Bring me a ſword. And they brought a ſword before the king.

25 And the king ſaid, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

26 Then ſpake the woman whoſe the living child *was*, unto the king (for her bowels † [49] yerned upon her ſon) and ſhe ſaid, O my lord, give her the living child, and [50] in no wiſe ſlay it: but the other ſaid, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but* divide *it*.

† Heb. *were hot.*

[49] *Gen.*43.30. *Jer.*31.20, *Hoſ.*11.28. ¶ [50] *Iſa.*49.15.

27 Then the king anſwered and ſaid, Give her the living child, and in no wiſe ſlay it: ſhe *is* the [51] mother thereof.

[51] *Phil.*2.20.

28 And all Iſrael heard of the judgment which the king had judged, and they [52] feared the king: for they ſaw that the wiſdom of God *was* † in him, [53] to do judgment.

† Heb. *In the midſt of him.*

[52] *Viz.* To be guilty of any unjuſt action, tho never ſo ſecret, leſt the King by his wiſdom ſhould find it out. ¶ [53] *Deut.*1.16. 2 *Sam.*8.15. *Jer.*21.12.

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2 *Solomons princes:* 7 *His twelve officers:* 24 *The peace and largeneſs of his kingdom.* 29 *His wiſdom.*

SO king Solomon was king over all Iſrael.

2 And theſe *were* the [1] princes which he had, Azariah the ſon of Zadok, ‖ the prieſt.

[1] *Exod.*18.21. ‖ Or, *the chief officer.*

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the ſons of Shiſha, ‖ [2] ſcribes: * Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Ahilud, the ‖ [3] recorder.

‖ Or, *Secretaries.* * 2 Sam.8.16. & 20.24.

[2] Secretaries of State. ¶ [3] Maſter of Requeſts.

4 And Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada *was* [4] over the hoſt: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the prieſts.

‖ Or, *remembrancer.* [4] *ch.*2.35.

5 And Azariah the ſon of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the ſon of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the kings [5] friend.

[5] 2 *Sam.*15.37.

6 And Ahiſhar *was* over the houſhold: and Adoniram the ſon of Abda *was* over the ‖ [6] tribute.

‖ Or, *levy.* [6] *ch.*5.14. & 12.18. the levy of men.

7 ¶ And Solomon had twelve officers over all Iſrael, which provided victuals for the king and his houſhold: each man his month in a year made proviſion.

8 And theſe *are* their names. ‖ The ſon of Hur, in mount Ephraim.

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9 ‖ The ſon of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-ſhemeſh, and Elon-beth-hanan.

‖ Or, *Ben-hur.* ‖ Or, *Ben-dekar*

10 ‖ The ſon of Heſed in Aruboth: to him *pertained* Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher.

‖ Or, *Ben-heſed.*

11 ‖ The ſon of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor, which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife.

‖ Or, *Ben-abiyadab.*

12 Baana the ſon of Ahilud, *to him pertained* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-ſhean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-ſhean to Abel-meholah, *even* unto *the place that is* beyond Jokneam.

13 ‖ The ſon of Geber in Ramoth-gilead: to him *pertained* * the towns of Jair the ſon of Manaſſeh, which *are* in Gilead: to him *alſo pertained* * the region of Argob, which *is* in Baſhan, threeſcore great cities with walls, and brazen bars.

‖ Or, *Bengeber.* * Num.32.41. Deut.3.4.

14 Ahinadab the ſon of Iddo *had* ‖ Mahanaim.

‖ Or, *to Mahanaim.*

15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he alſo took Baſmath the daughter of Solomon to wife

16 Baanah the ſon of Huſhai *was* in Aſher and in Aloth.

17 Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Paruah, in Iſſachar.

18 Shimei the ſon of Elah, in Benjamin.

19 Geber the ſon of Uri *was* in the country of Gilead, *in* the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Baſhan; and *he was* the only officer which *was* in the land.

20 ¶ Judah and Iſrael *were* many, [7] as the ſand which *is* by the ſea in multitude, [8] eating and drinking, and [9] making merry.

[7] See on *Gen.*22.17. ¶ [8] 1 *Chron.*12.39. *Job* 1.18. *Iſa.*22.13. 1 *Sam.*30.16. ¶ [9] A Type of Chriſts Kingdom, *Rom.* 14.17.

21 And * Solomon reigned over [10] all kingdoms, from the [11] river unto the land of the Philiſtines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought [12] preſents, and [13] ſerved Solomon all the days of his life.

* Eccluſ. 47.13. See Pſal. 72.8.

[10] 2 *Chron.*9.26. *viz.* That bordered upon him. ¶ [11] *Euphrates* (as was promis'd, *Gen.*15.18. *Exod.*23.31. *Deut.* 11.24. *Joſh.*1.4.) ¶ [12] 2 *King.* 17.3. 2 *Chron.* 17.5. and 32.23. *Pſal.*72.10. ¶ [13] As Tributaries.

22 ¶ And Solomons † proviſion for one day, was [14] thirty † meaſures of fine flour, and threeſcore meaſures of meal,

† Heb. *bread.* † Heb. *cors.*

[14] About thirty two quarters, and ſixty four quarters of meal. In all, ninety ſix quarters of Wheat. A vaſt quantity.

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the paſtures, and an hundred ſheep, beſide harts, and roe-bucks, and fallow-dear, and fatted fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all *the region* on this ſide the river, from Tiphſah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this ſide the river; and he had peace on all ſides round about him.

25 And Judah and Iſrael [15] dwelt † ſafely, every man [16] under his vine, and under his fig-tree, * from Dan even to Beer-ſheba, all the days of Solomon.

† Heb. *confidently.* * Judg.20.1.

[15] *Jer.*23.6. *Iſa.*60.18. ¶ [16] *Mich.*4.4. *Zech.*3.1. 2 *King.* 18.31.

26 ¶ And * Solomon had forty thouſand [17] ſtalls of * horſes for his chariots, and twelve thouſand horſemen.

* Chap.10.25, 26. 2 Chron.1.14. * See Deut.17.16.

[17] Diviſions: Ten whereof were in a Stable: and ſo they are reckoned but four thouſand, 2 *Chron.* 9.25.

27 And thoſe officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomons

Chap. 5. Solomons table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and ‖ [18] dromedaries brought they unto the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

‖ Or, *mules*, or *swift beasts.*
[18] *Est.*8.10,14. *Mic.*1.13.

29 ¶ And * God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding, exceeding much, and [19] largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the sea-shore.

*Eccluf. 47. 14, 15, 16.

[19] A most comprehensive knowledge of all things, both divine and humane.

30 And Solomons wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the [20] east-countrey, and all the wisdom of [21] Egypt.

[20] *Matth.*2.1. ¶ [21] *Isa.* 19. 11, 12. *Act.* 7.22.

31 For he was wiser then [22] all men; then * [23] Ethan the Ezrahite, and [23] Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

*1 Chr.2. 6. Psal. 88.& 89. title.

[22] That ever were; except the first and second *Adam.* ¶ [23] 1 *Chron.*15.17,19.

32 And * he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

*Eccl.12. 9.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar-tree that *is* in Lebanon, even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all people [24] to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

[24] *Matth.*12.42. A Type of Christ's drawing all Nations to the Gospel.

CHAP. V.

1 *Hiram sendeth to congratulate Solomon,* 7 *proffereth timber to build the temple.* 13 *Solomons workmen and labourers.*

2992. AND * Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; (for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father) for * Hiram was ever a [1] lover of David.

*Verf. 10. & 18. *Huram.*
*1Chr. 14.1. Amos 1.9.
[1] 2 *Sam.*5. 11.

2 And Solomon [2] sent to Hiram, saying,

[2] 2 *Chron.* 2.3.

3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house [3] unto the name of the LORD his God, for the [4] wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put [5] them [6] under the soles of his feet.

[3] See on *ch.*3.2. ¶ [4] 1 *Chron.*22.8. and 28.3. ¶ [5] His Enemies. ¶ [6] *Josh.*10.24. *Psal.*8.6. and 110.1. *Mal.*4.3.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me [7] rest on every side, *so that there is* neither adversary, nor [8] evil occurrent.

[7] 1 *Chron.*22.9. Herein a Type of Christ. ¶ [8] General Calamity upon the Nation.

† Heb. *say.*

5 And behold, I † [9] purpose to [10] build an house unto the [3] name of the LORD my God, as the LORD [11] spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

[9] 2 *Chron.*2.1. ¶ [10] A Type of Christ, by whom the Church is built. ¶ [11] 2 *Sam.*7.12,13. 1 *Chron.* 17. 12. and 22.10.

6 Now therefore command thou, that [12] they hew me cedar-trees out of Lebanon, and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants, according to all that thou shalt † appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among us any that can skill to hew timber, like unto [13] the Sidonians.

† Heb. *say.*

[12] A Type of the calling of the Gentiles, and that they should be instrumental in the building and constituting Christs spiritual Temple, the Church. ¶ [13] *Ezr.* 3. 7.

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7 ¶ And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoyced greatly, and said, [14] Blessed *be* the LORD this day, [15] which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

[14] *ch.* 10. 9. 2 *Chr.*2.10. [15] *ch.*

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have † considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and* I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of [15] fir.

† Heb. *heard.*
[15] *Ch.*6.-15, 34. 2 *Sam.* 6. 5. 2 *Chron.* 3. 5.

9 My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in flotes, unto * the place that thou shalt † appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive *them:* and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving [16] food for my household.

*2 Chr.2. 16.
† Heb. *send.*
[16] *Act.*12.-20. *Ezr.*3.7. *Ezek.* 27. 17.

10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar-trees, and fir-trees, *according to* all his desire.

11 And * Solomon gave Hiram [17] twenty thousand † measures of wheat *for* [18] food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oyl: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

*See 2 Chr. 2. 10.
† Heb. *cors.*
[17] A Measure (*Cor*) is a quarter, and half a bushel: so that it was twenty one thousand two hundred and fifty quarters. ¶ [18] (Besides those quantities for the workmen, 2 *Chron.*2.10.)

12 And the LORD gave Solomon [19] wisdom, as he [20] promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and they two [21] made a league together.

[19] *ch.*4.29. A daily encrease of it. ¶ [20] *ch.*3.12. ¶ [21] Renewed.

13 ¶ And king Solomon raised a † levy out of all Israel; and the levy was [22] thirty thousand men.

† Heb. *tribute* of men.
[22] *ch.*9.15.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, *and* two months at home: and * Adoniram *was* over the levy.

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15 And Solomon had [23] threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains,

[23] (Who were Strangers, 2 *Chron.* 2. 17, 18.)

16 Besides the chief of Solomons officers which *were* over the work, [24] three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

[24] (Besides three hundred more for a reserve in case of sickness, or the like, 2 *Chron.*2.2.)

17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, [25] costly stones, *and* [26] hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

[25] *Ch.*7.9. To typifie Christ, 1 *Cor.*3.10,11.1 *Pet.*2.7. *Isa.* 28.16. ¶ [26] *ch.*6.7.

18 And [27] Solomons builders, and [27] Hirams builders did hew *them*, and the ‖ stone-squarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

‖ Or, *Giblites.* as Ezek.27.9.

[27] Thus shall Jews and Gentiles build up the Church of God.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The building of Solomons temple:* 11 *Gods promise unto it:* 37 *The time of building.*

2992. AND * it came to pass in the four hundred and fourscore year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomons reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which *is* the second month, that * he † began to build [1] the house of the LORD.

* 2 Chron.3.1
* Acts 7. 47.
† Heb. *built.*
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[1] A Type (1) of Christs humane nature, (*John* 2. 21.) in whom the fulnes of the Godhead dwells bodily, *Col.* 2. 9. (2) Of every true Believer, in whom God dwells by his Spirit, 1 *Cor.*6.19. (3) Of the Church (1 *Pet.* 2. 5.) chiefly Triumphant.

* See Ezek.41. 1. &c.

2 And * the houſe which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof *was* [2] three-ſcore cubits, and the breadth thereof [3] twenty *cubits*, and the height thereof [4] thirty cubits.

[2] One hundred and nine feet and an half. ¶ [3] Thirty ſix feet and an half. ¶ [4] Fifty four feet nine inches.

3 And the porch before the temple of the houſe, [3] twenty cubits *was* the length thereof, according to the breadth of the houſe; *and* ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof, before the houſe.

* See Ezek.40. 16. & 41.16.
‖ Or, *windows broad* within and *narrow* without: or, *skewed* and *cloſed.*

4 And for the houſe he made * ‖ windows of [5] narrow lights.

[5] *Viz.* Without, but broad within.

‖ Or, *upon*, or *joyning to.*
* See Ezek.41. 6.
† Heb. *floors.*
† Heb. *ribs.*

5 ¶ And ‖ againſt the wall of the houſe he built * † chambers round about, *againſt* the walls of the houſe round about, *both* of the temple, and of the [6] oracle: and he made † chambers round about.

[6] Or, *Speaking-place*; becauſe God ſpake with 'em, and gave anſwers there, (*Numb.*7.89. *Lev.*16.2. *Exod.*30.6.) It was the innermoſt room, where the Ark was ſet, *v.* 19.

†Heb. *narrowings*, or *rebatements.*

6 The nethermoſt chamber *was* five cubits broad, and the middle *was* ſix cubits broad, and the third *was* ſeven cubits broad: for without *in the wall* of the houſe he made † narrowed reſts round about, that *the beams* ſhould not be faſtened in the walls of the houſe.

* See Deut.27. 5, 6.

7 And * the houſe when it was in building, was built of ſtone, [7] made ready before it was brought thither: ſo that there was [8] neither hammer, nor ax, *nor* any tool of iron heard in the houſe while it was in building.

[7] *Prov.*24.27. 1 *Pet.*2.5. to note, That none ſhall be admitted into Heaven, unleſs he be fitted for it in this Life, 2 *Cor.*5.5. *Col.* 1.12. ¶ [8] To note (1) That all things in the Church ſhould be carried on in a peaceable way. (2) The eternal peace of the Church in Heaven.

†Heb *ſhoulder.*

8 The door for the middle chamber *was* in the right † ſide of the houſe: and they went up with winding ſtairs into the middle *chamber*, and out of the middle into the third.

[9] The bulk & body of it.
‖ Or, *the vault-beams and the cielings with cedar.*

9 So he built the [9] houſe and finiſhed it; and covered the houſe ‖ with beams and boards of cedar.

10 And *then* he built chambers againſt all the houſe, five cubits high: and they reſted on the houſe with timber of cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, ſaying,

12 *Concerning* this houſe which thou art in building, [10] If thou wilt walk in my ſtatutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them: then will I perform my word with thee, which I [11] ſpake unto David thy father.

[10] *Ch.* 2. 4. and 8. 25. and 9. 6–9. ¶ [11] 2 *Sam.* 7. 13. 1 *Chron.*22.10.

[12] *Exod.* 25. 8.

13 And I will [12] dwell among the children of Iſrael, and will not forſake my people Iſrael.

14 So Solomon built the houſe, and finiſhed it.

[13] Wainſcoted.
‖ Or, *from the floor of the houſe unto the walls*, &c. & ſo ver.16.

15 And he [13] built the walls of the houſe within with boards of cedar, ‖ both the floor of the houſe, and the walls of the cieling: *and* he covered *them* on the inſide with wood, and covered the floor of the houſe with planks of fir.

16 And he [13] built [3] twenty cubits on the ſides of the houſe, both the floor, and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it within, *even* for the oracle, *even* for the moſt holy *place.*

17 And the houſe, that *is*, the temple before it, was † forty cubits *long.*

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18 And the cedar of the houſe within *was* carved with ‖ knops, and † open flowers: all *was* cedar, there was no ſtone ſeen.

† Seventy three feet.
‖ Or, *gourds.*
†Heb. *openings of flowers.*

19 And the oracle he prepared in the houſe within, to ſet there the ark [14] of the covenant of the LORD.

[14] See on *Numb.*10.33.

20 And the oracle [15] in the forepart *was* [3] twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with † [16] pure gold, and *ſo* covered the [17] altar *which was of* cedar.

† Heb. *ſhut up.*

[15] Which was in the fore part, or further part Weſtward. ¶ [16] Beaten into plates. ¶ [17] Of incenſe, *v.* 22. called the golden Altar, *ch.*7.48.

21 So Solomon overlaid the houſe within with [16] pure gold: and he made a partition, by the [18] chains of gold before the oracle, and he overlaid it with gold.

[18] Whereon the Vails hung, to divide between the holy and moſt holy place.

22 And the whole houſe he overlaid with [19] gold, until he had finiſhed all the houſe: alſo the whole [17] altar that *was* by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

[19] To note the precious and glorious gifts of Grace wherewith Chriſt and all his members are adorn'd.

‖ Or, *oyly.*
† Heb. *trees of oyl.*

23 ¶ And within the oracle he made two [20] cherubims *of* ‖ † olive-tree, *each b* ten cubits high.

[20] To repreſent the continual attendance and miniſtry of the Angels on God and his Service. ¶ *b* Eighteen feet 3 inches.

24 And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermoſt part of the one wing unto the uttermoſt part of the other, *were* ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub *was* ten cubits: both the cherubims *were* of one meaſure, and one ciſe.

26 The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and ſo *was it* of the other cherub.

* Exod.25.20.
‖ Or, *the cherubims ſtretched forth their wings.*

27 And he ſet the cherubims within the inner houſe; and * † they ſtretched forth the wings of the cherubims, ſo that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall: and their wings touched one another in the midſt of the houſe.

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

†Heb. *openings of flowers.*

29 And he carved all the walls of the houſe round about with carved figures of [21] cherubims, and [22] palm-trees, and † [23] open flowers, within and without.

[21] See *n.*20. Noting alſo the guard of the Angels over them that worſhip'd there. ¶ [22] Emblems of that peace and Victory over their Enemies, which they that duly ſerved God in that place might expect. ¶ [23] Noting that plenty that God would beſtow upon 'em.

30 And the floor of the houſe he overlaid with gold, [24] within and [24] without.

[24] In the moſt holy and holy place.

‖ Or, *five-ſquare.*
[25] Four cubits wide.
‖ Or, *leaves of the doors.*
†Heb. *openings of flowers.*

31 ¶ And for the entring of the [6] oracle he made doors *of* olive-tree: the lintel *and* ſide-poſts *were* ‖ [25] a fifth part *of the wall.*

32 The ‖ two doors alſo *were of* olive-tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims, and palm-trees, and † open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold, and ſpread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm-trees.

33 So alſo made he for the door of the temple, poſts *of* olive-tree ‖ [26] a fourth part *of the wall.*

‖ Or, *four ſquare.*

[26] Five Cubits wide, *i. e.* nine feet and two inches.

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34 And the two doors *were of* fir-tree: the * two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding.

* Ezek.41.23.

35 And he carved *thereon* cherubims, and palm-trees, and open flowers: and covered *them* with gold, fitted upon the carved work.

36 ¶ And he built the [27] inner court with three rows of hewed ſtone, and a row of cedar-beams.

[27] The Court of the Prieſts, 2 *Chron.*4.9.

*Verſ. 1. 2992. 3000.

37 ¶ * In the fourth year was the foundation of the houſe of the LORD laid, in the month Zif.

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, (which *is* the eighth month) was the houſe finiſhed, ‖ throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the faſhion of it: So was he * ſeven years in building it.

‖ Or, *with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof.*

* Comp. v. 1.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The building of Solomons houſe:* 2 *Of the houſe of Lebanon:* 8 *Of the houſe for Pharaohs daughter.*

3012. BUt Solomon was building his [1] own houſe [2] thirteen years, and he finiſhed all his houſe.

[1] *Ch.*9.10. *Eccl.*2.4,5. ¶ [2] He did not uſe ſuch diligence in this as the Temple, *Matth.*6.33. *Col.*3.1. *ch.* 10. 17. and 14. 28.

2 ¶ He built alſo the houſe of the [3] foreſt of Lebanon; the length thereof *was* a hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar-pillars, with cedar-beams upon the pillars.

[3] So called from ſome reſemblance it might have to that place, by reaſon of the pleaſant Shades and Groves that were about it.

3 And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the † beams, that *lay* on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

† Heb. *ribs.*

4 And *there were* windows in three rows, and † light *was* againſt light *in* three ranks.

† Heb. *ſight againſt ſight.*

5 And all the ‖ doors and poſts *were* ſquare, with the windows: and light *was* againſt light in three ranks.

‖ Or, *ſpaces & pillars* were *ſquare in proſpect.*

6 ¶ And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch *was* ‖ before them: and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *were* ‖ before them.

‖ Or, *according to them.*

7 ¶ Then he made a porch for the [4] throne where he might judge, *even* the porch of [5] judgment: and *it was* covered with cedar † from one ſide of the floor to the other.

‖ Or, *according to them.*

† Heb. *from floor to floor.*

[4] *Ch.*10.18. *Pſal.*122.5. ¶ [5] *ch.*3.16,28. *Prov.*20. 8.

8 ¶ And his houſe where he dwelt *had* [6] another court within the porch, *which* was of the like work. Solomon made alſo a houſe for [7] Pharaohs daughter, (whom he had taken *to wife*) like unto this porch.

[6] 2 *King.*20.4.

[7] *ch.*3.1. 2 *Chron.* 8. 11.

9 All theſe *were of* [8] coſtly ſtones, according to the meaſures of hewed ſtones, ſawed with ſaws, [9] within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and *ſo* on the out-ſide toward the great court.

[8] *Ch.*5.17. ¶ [9] Both on the inſide of the buildings, (which were covered with Cedar,) and on the outſide alſo.

10 And the foundation *was of* coſtly ſtones, *even* great ſtones; ſtones of ten cubits, and ſtones of eight cubits.

11 And above *were* coſtly ſtones (after the meaſures of hewed ſtones) and cedars.

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12 And the great court round about, *was* with [10] three rows of hewed ſtones, and a row of cedar-beams, both for the inner court of the houſe of the LORD, and for the porch of the houſe.

[10] *ch.*6. 36.

13 ¶ And king Solomon ſent and fet * Hiram out of Tyre.

* 2 Chron. 4. 11. *Huram.* See Verſ. 40.

14 * He *was* † a widows ſon of the tribe of [11] Naphtali, and [12] his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in [13] braſs: and * he was filled with [14] wiſdom and underſtanding, and cunning to work all works in braſs, and he came to king Solomon and wrought all his work.

* 2 Chr.2. 14. † Heb. *the ſon of a widow woman.* * Exod.31. 3.

[11] By reaſon of her Husband, who was of that Tribe. ¶ [12] His Foſter-father, who taught him his skill. ¶ [13] 2 *Chr.* 2.14. ¶ [14] *Exod.*31.3. and 35.35. and 36.1. *Iſa.*28.16. *Dan.* 1.17. *Luke* 2.40. *Job* 35. 11.

15 For he † caſt * two [15] pillars of braſs, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compaſs either of them about.

† Heb. *faſhioned.* * 2King.25.17 [15] 2*Chron.*4.12. *Jer.* 52.21.

16 And he made two chapiters *of* molten braſs, to ſet upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapiter *was* five cubits, and the height of the other chapiter *was* five cubits.

17 *And* nets of checker-work, and wreaths of chain-work, for the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; ſeven for the one chapiter, and ſeven for the other chapiter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one net-work, to cover the chapiters that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and ſo did he for the other chapiter.

19 And the chapiters that *were* upon the top of the pillars, *were* of lilie-work in the porch, four cubits.

20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars *had pomegranates* alſo above over againſt the belly which *was* by the net-work: and the pomegranates *were* * two hundred, in rows round about upon the other chapiter.

* See 2 Chr. 3.16. & 4. 13. Jer. 52. 23.

21 And he ſet up the [16] pillars in the porch of the temple: and he ſet up the right pillar, and called the name thereof ‖ [17] Jachin: and he ſet up the left pillar, and called the name thereof ‖ [17] Boaz.

‖ That is, *He ſhall eſtabliſh.* ‖ That is, *In it* is *ſtrength.*

[16] 2 *Chron.*3.17. *Rev.*3.12. *Cant.* 3. 10. ¶ [17] Signifying, *He ſhall eſtabliſh*: and *In it is ſtrength.* Theſe were types and documents of that ſtrength that was in God, and would be put forth for the defending and eſtabliſhing his Temple and People, if they were careful to keep the conditions required on their parts.

22 And upon the top of the pillars *was* lilie-work: ſo was the work of the pillars finiſhed.

23 ¶ And he made a [18] molten ſea, ten cubits † from the one brim to the other: *it was* round all about, and his height *was* five cubits: and a line of [19] thirty cubits did compaſs it round about.

† Heb. *from his brim to his brim.*

[18] 2 *Chron.*4.2. *Exod.*30.19,20. *Jer.*52.17. ¶ [19] Fifty four feet nine inches; the Diameter whereof was above ſixteen feet.

24 And under the brim of it round about *there were* knops compaſſing it, ten in a cubit, * compaſſing the ſea round about: the knops *were* caſt in two rows, when it was caſt.

* 2 Chr.4. 3.

25 It ſtood upon * twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the weſt, and three looking toward the ſouth, and three looking toward the eaſt: and the ſea *was ſet* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

* Jer.52.20.

26 And it *was* an hand-breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; it [20] contained [21] two thouſand baths.

[20] *Viz.*

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[20] *Viz.* As they uſually filled it; for it would hold three thouſand Baths in all, 2 *Chron.* 4. 5. ¶ [21] Near three hundred Hogſheads.

27 ¶ And he made ten baſes of braſs; four cubits *was* the length of one baſe, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the baſes *was* on this *manner:* They had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges:

29 And on the borders that *were* between the ledges *were* lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges, *there was* a baſe above: and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of thin work.

30 And every baſe had four brazen wheels, and plates of braſs: and the four corners thereof had underſetters: under the laver *were* underſetters molten, at the ſide of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapiter and above *was* a cubit, but the mouth thereof *was* round *after* the work of the baſe, a cubit and an half: and alſo upon the mouth of it *were* gravings with their borders, four-ſquare, not round.

32 And under the borders *were* four wheels: and the axle-trees of the wheels *were* † joyned to the baſe, and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit.

† Heb. *in the baſe.*

33 And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a chariot-wheel: their axle-trees and their naves, and their felloes, and their ſpokes *were* all molten.

34 And *there were* four underſetters to the four corners of one baſe: *and* the underſetters *were* of the very baſe it ſelf.

35 And in the top of the baſe *was there* a round compaſs of half a cubit high: and on the top of the baſe, the ledges thereof, and the borders thereof *were* of the ſame.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm-trees, according to the † proportion of every one, and additions round about.

† Heb. *nakedneſs.*

37 After this *manner* he made the ten baſes: all of them had one caſting, one meaſure, *and* one ciſe.

* 2 Chron. 4. 6.

38 ¶ Then * made he ten [22] lavers of braſs: one laver contained [23] forty baths: *and* every laver was four cubits: *and* upon every one of the ten baſes, one laver.

[22] Wherein they waſh'd the parts of the Sacrifices. ¶ [23] Almoſt ſix Hogſheads.

† Heb. *ſhoulder*

39 And he put five baſes on the right † ſide of the houſe, and five on the left ſide of the houſe: and he ſet the ſea on the right ſide of the houſe eaſt-ward, over againſt the ſouth.

† Heb. *Hirom.* See Verſ. 13.

40 ¶ And † Hiram made the lavers, and the ſhovels, and the baſons: ſo Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the houſe of the LORD.

41 The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars: and the two * net-works, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars:

* Verſ. 17, 18.

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two net-works, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one net-work, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters, that *were* † upon the pillars:

† Heb. *upon the face of the pillars.*

43 And the ten baſes, and ten lavers on the baſes:

44 And one ſea, and twelve oxen under the ſea:

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45 And the pots, and the ſhovels, and the baſons: and all theſe veſſels which Hiram made to king Solomon, for the houſe of the LORD, *were of* † bright braſs.

† Heb. *made bright*, or *ſcoured.*

46 In the plain of Jordan did the king caſt them † in the clay-ground, between Succoth and Zarthan.

† Heb. *in the thickneſs of the ground.*

47 And Solomon left all the veſſels *unweighed*, † becauſe they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the braſs † found out.

† Heb. *for the exceeding multitude.*

48 And Solomon made all the [24] veſſels that *pertained* unto the houſe of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon * the ſhew-bread *was*,

† Heb. *ſearched*

* Exod. 25. 30.

[24] According to the pattern given him by *David* from God, 1 *Chron.* 28. 19.

49 And the candleſticks of pure gold, [25] five on the right *ſide*, and [25] five on the left, before the oracle with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *of* gold,

[25] *Moſes* made but one (*Exod.* 25. 31.) *Solomon* ten, to note the progreſs and encreaſe of knowledge.

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[9] 1 *Chron.* 15. 7, 14. *Deut.* 31. 9.

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5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Iſrael that were aſſembled unto him, were with him before the ark, [12] ſacrificing ſheep, and oxen, that could not be told, nor numbred for multitude.

[12] 2 *Sam.* 6. 13.

6 And the prieſts brought in the [2] ark of the [3] covenant of the LORD unto [13] his place, into

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34 And the two doors *were of* fir-tree: the * two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding.

* Ezek.41.23.

35 And he carved *thereon* cherubims, and palm-trees, and open flowers: and covered *them* with gold, fitted upon the carved work.

36 ¶ And he built the [27] inner court with three rows of hewed ſtone, and a row of cedar-beams.

[27] The Court of the Prieſts, 2 *Chron.*4.9.

* Verſ. 1. 2992. 3000.

37 ¶ * In the fourth year was the foundation of the houſe of the LORD laid, in the month Zif.

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, (which *is* the eighth month) was the houſe finiſhed, ‖ throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the faſhion of it: So was he * ſeven years in building it.

‖ Or, *with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof.*

* Comp. v. 1.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The building of Solomons houſe:* 2 *Of the houſe of Lebanon:* 8 *Of the houſe for Pharaohs daughter.*

3012. BUt Solomon was building his [1] own houſe [2] thirteen years, and he finiſhed all his houſe.

[1] *Ch.*9.10, *Eccl.*2.4,5. ¶ [2] He did not uſe ſuch diligence in this as the Temple, *Matth.*6.33. *Col.*3.1. *ch.* 10. 17. and 14. 28.

2 ¶ He built alſo the houſe of the [3] foreſt of Lebanon; the length thereof *was* a hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar-pillars, with cedar-beams upon the pillars.

[3] So called from ſome reſemblance it might have to that place, by reaſon of the pleaſant Shades and Groves that were about it.

3 And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the † beams, that *lay* on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

† Heb. *ribs.*

4 And *there were* windows in three rows, and † light *was* againſt light *in* three ranks.

† Heb. *ſight againſt ſight.*

5 And all the ‖ doors and poſts *were* ſquare, with the windows: and light *was* againſt light in three ranks.

‖ Or, *ſpaces & pillars* were *ſquare in proſpect.*

6 ¶ And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch *was* ‖ before them: and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *were* ‖ before them.

‖ Or, *according to them.*

7 ¶ Then he made a porch for the [4] throne where he might judge, *even* the porch of [5] judgment: and *it was* covered with cedar † from one ſide of the floor to the other.

‖ Or, *according to them.*

† Heb. *from floor to floor.*

[4] *Ch.*10.18. *Pſal.*122.5. ¶ [5] *ch.*3.16,28. *Prov.*20. 8.

8 ¶ And his houſe where he dwelt *had* [6] another court within the porch, *which* was of the like work. Solomon made alſo a houſe for [7] Pharaohs daughter, (whom he had taken *to wife*) like unto this porch.

[6] 2 *King.*20.4.

[7] *ch.*3.1. 2 *Chron.* 8. 11.

9 All theſe *were of* [8] coſtly ſtones, according to the meaſures of hewed ſtones, ſawed with ſaws, [9] within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and ſo on the out-ſide toward the great court.

[8] *Ch.*5.17. ¶ [9] Both on the inſide of the buildings, (which were covered with Cedar) and on the outſide alſo.

10 And the foundation *was of* coſtly ſtones, *even* great ſtones; ſtones of ten cubits, and ſtones of eight cubits.

11 And above *were* coſtly ſtones (after the meaſures of hewed ſtones) and cedars.

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12 And the great court round about, *was* with [10] three rows of hewed ſtones, and a row of cedar-beams, both for the inner court of the houſe of the LORD, and for the porch of the houſe.

[10] *ch.*6. 36.

13 ¶ And king Solomon ſent and fet * Hiram out of Tyre.

* 2 Chron. 4. 11. *Huram.* See Verſ. 40.

14 * He *was* † a widows ſon of the tribe of [11] Naphtali, and [12] his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in [13] braſs: and * he was filled with [14] wiſdom and underſtanding, and cunning to work all works in braſs, and he came to king Solomon and wrought all his work.

* 2 Chr.2. 14.

† Heb. *the ſon of a widow woman.*

* Exod.31. 3.

[11] By reaſon of her Husband, who was of that Tribe. ¶ [12] His Foſter-father, who taught him his skill. ¶ [13] 2 *Chr.* 2.14. ¶ [14] *Exod.*31.3. and 35.35. and 36.1. *Iſa.*28.16. *Dan.* 1.17. *Luke* 2.40. *Job* 35. 11.

15 For he † caſt * two [15] pillars of braſs, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compaſs either of them about.

† Heb. *faſhioned.*

* 2 King.25.17

[15] 2 *Chron.*4.12. *Jer.* 52.21.

16 And he made two chapiters *of* molten braſs, to ſet upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapiter *was* five cubits, and the height of the other chapiter *was* five cubits.

17 *And* nets of checker-work, and wreaths of chain-work, for the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; ſeven for the one chapiter, and ſeven for the other chapiter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one net-work, to cover the chapiters that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and ſo did he for the other chapiter.

19 And the chapiters that *were* upon the top of the pillars, *were* of lilie-work in the porch, four cubits.

20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars *had pomegranates* alſo above over againſt the belly which *was* by the net-work: and the pomegranates *were* * two hundred, in rows round about upon the other chapiter.

* See 2 Chr. 3.16. & 4. 13. Jer. 52. 23.

21 And he ſet up the [16] pillars in the porch of the temple: and he ſet up the right pillar, and called the name thereof ‖ [17] Jachin: and he ſet up the left pillar, and called the name thereof ‖ [17] Boaz.

‖ That is, *He ſhall eſtabliſh.*

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[16] 2 *Chron.*3.17. *Rev.*3.12. *Cant.* 3. 10. ¶ [17] Signifying, *He ſhall eſtabliſh*: and *In it is ſtrength.* Theſe were types and documents of that ſtrength that was in God, and would be put forth for the defending and eſtabliſhing his Temple and People, if they were careful to keep the conditions required on their parts.

22 And upon the top of the pillars *was* lilie-work: ſo was the work of the pillars finiſhed.

23 ¶ And he made a [18] molten ſea, ten cubits † from the one brim to the other: *it was* round all about, and his height *was* five cubits: and a line of [19] thirty cubits did compaſs it round about.

† Heb. *from his brim to his brim.*

[18] 2 *Chron.*4.2. *Exod.*30.19,20. *Jer.*52.17. ¶ [19] Fifty four feet nine inches; the Diameter whereof was above ſixteen feet.

24 And under the brim of it round about *there were* knops compaſſing it, ten in a cubit, * compaſſing the ſea round about: the knops *were* caſt in two rows, when it was caſt.

* 2 Chr.4. 3.

25 It ſtood upon * twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the weſt, and three looking toward the ſouth, and three looking toward the eaſt: and the ſea *was ſet* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

* Jer.52.20.

26 And it *was* an hand-breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; it [20] contained [21] two thouſand baths.

[20] *Viz.*

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[20] *Viz.* As they uſually filled it; for it would hold three thouſand Baths in all, 2 *Chron.* 4. 5. ¶ [21] Near three hundred Hogſheads.

27 ¶ And he made ten baſes of braſs; four cubits *was* the length of one baſe, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the baſes *was* on this *manner:* They had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges:

29 And on the borders that *were* between the ledges *were* lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges, *there was* a baſe above: and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of thin work.

30 And every baſe had four brazen wheels, and plates of braſs: and the four corners thereof had underſetters: under the laver *were* underſetters molten, at the ſide of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapiter and above *was* a cubit, but the mouth thereof *was* round *after* the work of the baſe, a cubit and an half: and alſo upon the mouth of it *were* gravings with their borders, four-ſquare, not round.

32 And under the borders *were* four wheels: and the axle-trees of the wheels *were* † joyned to the baſe, and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit.

† Heb. *in the baſe.*

33 And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a chariot-wheel: their axle-trees and their naves, and their felloes, and their ſpokes *were* all molten.

34 And *there were* four underſetters to the four corners of one baſe: *and* the underſetters *were* of the very baſe it ſelf.

35 And in the top of the baſe *was there* a round compaſs of half a cubit high: and on the top of the baſe, the ledges thereof, and the borders thereof *were* of the ſame.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm-trees, according to the † proportion of every one, and additions round about.

† Heb. *nakedneſs.*

37 After this *manner* he made the ten baſes: all of them had one caſting, one meaſure, *and* one ciſe.

* 2 Chron. 4. 6.

38 ¶ Then * made he ten [22] lavers of braſs: one laver contained [23] forty baths: *and* every laver was four cubits: *and* upon every one of the ten baſes, one laver.

[22] Wherein they waſh'd the parts of the Sacrifices. ¶ [23] Almoſt ſix Hogſheads.

† Heb. *ſhoulder*

39 And he put five baſes on the right † ſide of the houſe, and five on the left ſide of the houſe: and he ſet the ſea on the right ſide of the houſe eaſt-ward, over againſt the ſouth.

† Heb. *Hirom.* See Verſ. 13.

40 ¶ And † Hiram made the lavers, and the ſhovels, and the baſons: ſo Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the houſe of the LORD.

41 The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars: and the two * net-works, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars:

* Verſ. 17, 18.

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two net-works, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one net-work, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters, that *were* † upon the pillars:

† Heb. *upon the face of the pillars.*

43 And the ten baſes, and ten lavers on the baſes:

44 And one ſea, and twelve oxen under the ſea:

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45 And the pots, and the ſhovels, and the baſons: and all theſe veſſels which Hiram made to king Solomon, for the houſe of the LORD, *were of* † bright braſs.

† Heb. *made bright*, or *ſcoured.*

46 In the plain of Jordan did the king caſt them † in the clay-ground, between Succoth and Zarthan.

† Heb. *in the thickneſs of the ground.*

47 And Solomon left all the veſſels *unweighed*, † becauſe they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the braſs † found out.

† Heb. *for the exceeding multitude.*

48 And Solomon made all the [24] veſſels that *pertained* unto the houſe of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon * the ſhew-bread *was*,

† Heb. *ſearched*

* Exod. 25. 30.

[24] According to the pattern given him by *David* from God, 1 *Chron.* 28. 19.

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the [14] oracle of the house to the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims.

[13] *Ch.*6.19. *Exod.*26.33,34. ¶ [14] See on *ch.*6.5.

7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark, and the [15] staves thereof above.

[15] *Exod.*37.4,5. and 25.15.

8 And they [16] drew out the staves, that the † ends of the staves were seen [17] out in the ‖ [18] holy *place* [19] before the oracle, and they were not seen [20] without: and there they are [21] unto this day.

† Heb. *heads.* ‖ Or, *ark.* as 2 Chron.5.9.

[16] 2 *Chron.*5.9. Not quite out, (for *Exod.*25.15.) but only a little way. ¶ [17] Without the Ark, and the Cherubims; (which covered all the other parts of the Ark.) ¶ [18] Most holy. ¶ [19] At the entrance between the holy and most holy place, so as that they that stood at the entrance before the Oracle might see those staves. ¶ [20] In the holy place, strictly so called. ¶ [21] So long as the Temple stood.

9 * *There was* nothing in the ark save the [22] two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb ‖ when the LORD * made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

* Deut.10.2. Heb.9.4. ‖ Or, *where.* * Exod.34.27, 28. verse.21.

[22] 2 *Chron.*5.10. *Exod.*25.21. *Deut.*10.5. (For the pot of Manna, and *Aaron's* Rod were only before it) *Exod.* 16.33. *Num.*17.10.

10 And it came to pass when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the [23] cloud filled the house of the LORD,

[23] 2 *Chron.*5.11. &c. *Exod.*16.10. and 24.15,16. *Lev.* 16.-2. *Num.*9.15. *Col.*1.19. The usual Token of God's glorious Presence.

11 So that the priests [24] could not stand to minister, because of the cloud: for [25] the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

[24] So *Exod.*40.35. *Rev.*15.8. Either out of Reverence, or Amazement. ¶ [25] *Lev.*9.23. *Ezek.*10.4.

12 ¶ Then spake Solomon, The LORD [26] said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

[26] 2 *Chron.*6.1. *Exod.* 13:21, 22. and 24.16. and 40.35. *Lev.*16.-2. *Numb.*9.15. *Deut.*4.11. and 5.22. *Psal.*18.11,12. and 97.2. Has often manifested himself in Clouds and thick darkness, and so may be said to dwell in it; (tho properly he dwells in light.)

13 I have [27] surely built thee an house [28] to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in [29] for ever.

[27] 2 *Chron.*6.2. 2 *Sam.*7.13. Perfectly finish'd. ¶ [28] To manifest thy presence therein. ¶ [29] For a long time; even till the coming of the Messia.

14 And the king turned his face about, and [30] blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood)

[30] *Josh.*22.6. 1 *Chron.*16.-2. Pray'd for their welfare (as *Numb.*6.23. *Psa.*118.26.) and blessed God for his mercy to 'em, as v.55,56.

15 And he said, [31] Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which [32] spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath [33] with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying,

[31] *Psal.*115.17,18. ¶ [32] *Luke* 1.70. 2 *Cor.* 13.3. *viz.* By *Nathan*, 2 *Sam.*7.6. ¶ [33] By his Providence, and by my means.

16 * [34] Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, [35] I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house that * my [36] name might be therein; but * I chose [37] David to be over my people Israel.

* 2 Sam.7.6. * Verse. 29. * 2 Sam.7.8.

[34] 2 *Chron.* 6.5,6. ¶ [35] Did not declare my choice. ¶ [36] *Deut.*12.11. *Psal.*113.13,14. Presence, Grace, Worship, and Glory. ¶ [37] Both his Person (1 *Sam.*13.14. and 16.1, 12.) and his Posterity, 2 *Sam.*7.25,27.

17 And it was in the [38] heart of David my father, to build an house for the [38] name of the LORD God of Israel.

[38] 2 *Sam.*7.3. 1 *Chron.*17.1. & 22.7.

18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, [39] thou didst well that it was in thine heart:

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19 Nevertheless, [40] thou shalt not build the house, but [41] thy son that shall come forth out of thy loyns, he shall build the house unto my name.

[39] 2 *Sam.*7.11. 2 *Cor.* 8.12. [40] *ch.* 5.3. [41] 2 *Sam.*7.12. 1 *Chron.* 22.9.

20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD [42] promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

[42] 2 *Sam.*7.12. 1 *Chron.*28.5.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein *is* * the [3] covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

* Verse. 9.

22 ¶ And Solomon [43] stood before the altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and [44] spread forth his hands toward heaven.

[43] 2 *King.*11.14. and 23.3. 2 *Chron.*6.13. ¶ [44] *Isa.*1.15. *Job* 11.13. *Psal.*63.-4. 2 *Tim.*2.8. in token of his expectation of a blessing, and readiness to receive it.

23 And he said, * LORD God of Israel, *there is* [45] no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who [46] keepest covenant and [47] mercy with thy servants, that [48] walk before thee with all their heart:

* 2 Mac.2.8.

[45] *Exod.*15.11. See there. ¶ [46] *Psal.*89.33,34. *Dan.*9.4. ¶ [47] *Psal.* 89.24. ¶ [48] *ch.* 2.4. and 6.12. *Gen.* 17.1. 2 *King.*20.3.

24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, [49] keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, † [50] There shall not fail thee [51] a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; † so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me [52] as thou hast walked before me:

† Heb. *There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight.* † Heb. *only if.*

[49] Continue to keep, *ch.*2.4. ¶ [50] *ch.*2.-4. 2 *Sam.* 7.12. 2 *Chron.*21.7. This was especially fulfilled in Christ, *Luke* 1.32,33. ¶ [51] One of thy Seed by lineal descent. ¶ [52] Pious practices of Parents are a pattern to their Children.

26 And now, O God of Israel, [53] let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

[53] 2 *Sam.*7.28,29. 2 *Chron.* 1.9. *Ezek.* 36.36,37.

27 [54] But * will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven, and [55] heaven of heavens cannot contain thee, [56] how much less this house that I have builded?

* 2 Chron.2.6 Isa. 66.1.

[54] *Psal.*113.4. *Jer.*23.-24. *Act.*7.49. ¶ [55] 2 *Chron.* 2.6. *Deut.*10.14. ¶ [56] *Act.*17.-24.

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry, and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day.

29 [57] That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, [58] My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make ‖ [59] towards this place.

‖ Or, *in.*

[57] 2 *Chron.*6.40. *Psal.*33.18. and 34.15. That thou wouldst take special notice of all that is done there; by hearing all manner of Prayers in it, or towards it. ¶ [58] *Deut.* 12.11. ¶ [59] *Dan.*6.10. They were to turn their faces in prayer towards the Temple, thereby (1) To profess themselves Worshipers of the true God, and that they sought help from him. (2) To strengthen their Faith in Gods Promises and Covenant, the Tables whereof were laid up there, (3) To note, that our Prayers are accepted only in and thro' Christ, *Joh.*14.13,14.

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray ‖ towards this place: and hear thou in

‖ Or, *in.*

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in heaven thy [60] dwelling-place, and when thou heareſt, [61] forgive.

[60] *Pſal.* 113. 5. and 123. 1. *Matth.* 6. 9. Where thou doſt more eſpecially manifeſt thy glorious preſence. ¶ [61] *Pſal.* 85. 1, 2.

† Heb. *and he require an oath of him.*

31 ¶ If any man [62] treſpaſs againſt his neighbour, † and an [63] oath be laid upon him to cauſe him to ſwear, and the oath come [64] before thine altar in this houſe:

[62] 2 *Chron.* 6. 22. Be ſuſpected, or accuſed to have wronged another. ¶ [63] As *Numb.* 5. 19, 21. *Exod.* 22. 8, 11. Where ſufficient proof was wanting. ¶ [64] *Numb.* 5. 16.

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy ſervants, [65] condemning the wicked, [66] to bring his way upon his head, and [67] juſtifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteouſneſs.

[65] *Deut.* 25. 1. ¶ [66] Puniſhing him according to his deſert, 2 *Chron.* 6. 23. ¶ [67] Dealing with him as a righteous perſon.

‖ Or, *towards.*

33 ¶ When thy people Iſrael be [68] ſmitten down before the enemy, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee, and ſhall [69] turn again to thee, and confeſs thy [70] name, and pray, and make ſupplication unto thee ‖ in this houſe:

[68] *Lev.* 20. 14, 15, 17. *Deut.* 28. 25. ¶ [69] *Lev.* 26. 39, 40. *Jer.* 3. 10. 1 *Sam.* 7. 3. ¶ [70] Thy Juſtice in giving 'em over to the enemy, *Joſh.* 7. 19.

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and [71] forgive the ſin of thy people Iſrael, and bring them again unto the land, which thou [72] gaveſt unto their fathers.

[71] 2 *Chron.* 7. 14. ¶ [72] *Gen.* 13. 5. *Exod.* 6. 8. *Joſh.* 21. 43.

35 ¶ When heaven is [73] ſhut up, and there is no rain, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee; if they pray towards this place, and confeſs thy name, and turn from their ſin, when thou afflicteſt them:

[73] 2 *Chron.* 6. 26. *Lev.* 26. 19. *Deut.* 11. 17. and 28. 11, 12, 23. *Mal.* 3. 10.

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the ſin of thy ſervants, and of thy people Iſrael, [74] that thou teach them the good way wherein they ſhould walk, and give rain upon thy land which thou haſt given to thy people for an inheritance.

[74] That their ſin being pardoned, and thou reconciled to 'em, mayeſt vouchſafe to teach them the right way, 1 *Sam.* 12. 23. *Iſa.* 35. 8. *Pſal.* 27. 11.

‖ Or, *Juriſdiction.*

37 ¶ If there be in the land [75] famine, if there be [76] peſtilence, [77] blaſting, mildew, [78] locuſt, *or* if there be [79] caterpillar; if their enemy beſiege them [80] in the land of their ‖ cities, whatſoever [81] plague, whatſoever ſickneſs *there be*;

[75] 2 *Chron.* 6. 28. *Lev.* 26. 16. *Deut.* 28. 21, 22, 27, 38, 42. 2 *Sam.* 24. 13. *Ezek.* 5. 16. ¶ [76] Any infectious Diſeaſe, 2 *Sam.* 24. 15. ¶ [77] *Gen.* 41. 6. ¶ [78] *Exod.* 10. 4, 5. ¶ [79] *Pſal.* 105. 34, 35. ¶ [80] *i. e.* In the Cities of their land. ¶ [81] Extraordinary judgment ſent from God.

38 What prayer and ſupplication ſoever be *made* by [82] any man, *or* by all thy people Iſrael, [83] which ſhall know every man the plague of his own heart, and ſpread forth his hands towards this houſe:

[82] *Jam.* 5. 16, 18. *Ezek.* 22. 30. ¶ [83] *q. d.* Who being deeply ſenſible of the guilt of his ſin, ſhall thereupon be moved to pray unto thee.

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whoſe heart thou knoweſt; (for thou, *even* [84] thou only knoweſt the hearts of all the children of men)

[84] 2 *Chr.* 6. 30. See on *Act.* 1. 24.

40 That they may [85] fear thee [86] all the days that they live in the land which thou gaveſt unto our fathers.

[85] *Pſal.* 130. 4. [86] *Jer.* 32. 39.

41 Moreover, concerning a ſtranger that *is* not of thy people Iſrael, but [87] cometh out of a far country, [88] for thy names ſake;

[87] 2 *Chron.* 7. 32. *Ruth.* 2. 11. *Iſa.* 56. 6. *Matth.* 2. 1. and 12. 42. ¶ [88] To teſtifie his eſteem of thee, by worſhiping thee in this place, *Exod.* 18. 12. *Act.* 8. 27.

42 (For they [89] ſhall hear of thy great name, and of thy [90] ſtrong hand, and of thy ſtretched out arm) when he ſhall come and pray towards this houſe:

[89] *Joſh.* 2. 10. *Deut.* 4. 6. ¶ [90] *Pſal.* 136. 12. *Deut.* 3. 24. 2 *King.* 17. 36. *Jer.* 32. 17.

† Heb. *thy name is called upon this houſe*

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the ſtranger calleth to thee for: [91] that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Iſrael, and that they may know that this † houſe which I have builded, is [92] called by thy name.

[91] *Pſal.* 67. 2. The ancient godly Jews deſir'd the converſion of the Gentiles. ¶ [92] Owned by thy ſelf as the only place where thou wilt be publickly worſhip'd.

† Heb. *the way of the city.*

44 ¶ If thy people [93] go out to battel againſt their enemy, whitherſoever thou ſhalt [94] ſend them, and ſhall pray unto the LORD † toward the city which thou haſt [95] choſen, and *toward* the houſe that I have built for thy name:

[93] 2 *Chron.* 7. 34. ¶ [94] God's aſſiſtance muſt be ſought for, ev'n in that which is undertaken by his warrant. ¶ [95] *Pſ.* 78. 67, 69.

[96] *v.* 49. See there. *Pſal.* 9. 4. and 140. 12.

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their ſupplication, and [96] maintain their ‖ cauſe.

‖ Or, *right.*

* Lev. 26. 34, 44. Deut. 28. 26, 64.

46 [97] If they ſin againſt thee, [98] (for *there is* no man that ſinneth not) and thou be [99] angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, ſo that they carry them away captives * unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

[97] 2 *Chron.* 7. 36. ¶ [98] *Prov.* 20. 9. *Eccl.* 7. 20. *Jam.* 3. 2. 1 *Joh.* 1. 10. See there, *n.* 41. ¶ [99] *Numb.* 11. 1, 10.

† Heb. *bring back to their heart.*

47 *Yet* if they ſhall † [1] bethink themſelves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and [2] make ſupplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, ſaying, [3] We have ſinned, and have done perverſly, we have committed wickedneſs;

[1] *Lev.* 26. 40. ¶ [2] *Dan.* 6. 10. 1 *Tim.* 2. 8. ¶ [3] *Prov.* 28. 13. 1 *Joh.* 1. 9. 2 *Sam.* 12. 13. *Pſal.* 32. 5. *Ezr.* 9. 6. *Neh.* 9. 26. *Dan.* 9. 5. &c.

* Dan. 6. 10.

48 And *ſo* return unto thee [4] with all their heart and with all their ſoul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and * pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gaveſt unto their fathers, the city which thou haſt choſen, and the houſe which I have built for thy name:

[4] *Ch.* 2. 4. *Jer.* 29. 12—14. Sincerely, univerſally and ſtedfaſtly.

‖ Or, *right.*

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their ſupplication in heaven thy dwelling-place, and [5] maintain their ‖ cauſe,

[5] Take part with them that repent, and pray againſt the unjuſt oppreſſion of their enemies.

50 And forgive thy people that have ſinned againſt thee, and all their tranſgreſſions wherein they have tranſgreſſed againſt thee, and give them [6] compaſſion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compaſſion on them:

[6] *Pſal.* 106. 46. *Dan.* 1. 9, 19. *Ezr.* 7. 6. *Neh.* 2. 2. *Eſth.* 2. 9, 17. & 6. 10.

51 [7] For they *be* thy people and thine [8] inheritance, which thou broughteſt forth out of Egypt, from the mids of the furnace [9] of iron:

[7] *Exod.* 32. 11, 12. *Neh.* 1. 10. *Iſa.* 64. 9. [8, 9] See on *Deut.* 4. 20. *Jer.* 11. 4.

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the ſupplication of thy ſervant, and unto the ſupplication of thy people Iſrael, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

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53 For thou didſt [10] ſeparate them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* thine inheritance, * as thou ſpakeſt by the [11] hand of Moſes thy ſervant, when thou broughteſt our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.

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* Deut.9.26, 29. & 14.2.

[10] *Exod.*19.5. *Deut.*7.6. and 14.2. *Tit.*2.14. ¶ [11] The Miniſtry, *Exod.*19.5.

54 And it was *ſo*, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and ſupplication unto the LORD, he aroſe from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees, with his hands ſpread up to heaven.

55 And he ſtood and [30] bleſſed all the congregation of Iſrael, with a loud voice, ſaying,

56 Bleſſed *be* the LORD, that hath given [12] reſt unto his people Iſrael, according to all
† Heb. *fallen.* that he promiſed: there hath [13] not † failed one word of all his good promiſe, which he [14] promiſed by the [11] hand of Moſes his ſervant.

[12] *Joſh.*21.44. *Acts* 9.31. 2 *Chron.* 14.6. Peace and Safety. ¶ [13] *Joſh.*21.45. and 23.14,15. *Luk.*1.68–70. 2 *King.* 10.10. ¶ [14] *Deut.*12.10–12.

57 The LORD our God be [15] with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forſake us:

[15] *Deut.* 13.6,8. *Joſh.* 1.5. 1 *Chron.* 28.20. *Rom.*8.31. *Heb.* 13.5,6.

58 That he may [16] incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his ſtatutes, and his judgments, [17] which he commanded our fathers.

[16] *Pſal.*119.36. (See there.) *Jer.*10.23. 2 *Cor.*3.5. ¶ [17] *Gen.* 17.1. *Deut.*4.1. and 6.1. *Joſh.*24.14. 1 *Sam.*7.3. and 12.24.

59 And let theſe my words wherewith I have made ſupplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cauſe of his ſervant, and the cauſe
† Heb. *the thing of a day in his day.* of his people Iſrael † at all times, as the matter ſhall require:

60 That all the people of the earth may [18] know that the LORD *is* God, *and that there is* none elſe.

[18] *V.*43. (See there.) *Deut.* 4.35,39. *Pſal.* 67. 2. Both by our holy lives (*v.*58.) and his appearing on our behalf, *v.*59.

61 Let your heart therefore be [19] perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his ſtatutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

[19] 1 *Chron.*28.9. and 29.19. 2 *King.*20.3. *Gen.*17.1. *Phil.*3. 12. Sincere and ſerious in your purpoſes of obedience.

62 ¶ And the king, and all Iſrael with him,
2 *Chron.*7.4 [20] offered ſacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a ſacrifice of [21] peace-offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, [22] two and twenty thouſand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thouſand ſheep: ſo the king and all the children of Iſrael [23] dedicated the houſe of the LORD.

[21] See on *Lev.*3.1. ¶ [22] 1 *Chron.* 29.21. 2 *Chron.*15. 11. and 29. 32. and 30.24. and 35.7–9. ¶ [23] By their joynt Prayers, Praiſes, and Sacrifices ſet it apart to holy uſes.

64 The ſame day did the [24] king hallow the middle of the court that *was* before the houſe of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the
* 2 Chr.4. 1. peace-offerings: becauſe * the braſen altar that *was* before the LORD, *was* too little to receive the burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings.

[24] The King by the Miniſtry of the Prieſts (2 *Chro.*7.7.) did ſet apart to that holy Service (*Exod.*13. 2, 12.) by ſuch Rites as were required, the Prieſts Court, either erecting other Altars, or uſing the pavement as an Altar.

65 And at that time Solomon held a [25] feaſt, and all Iſrael with him, a great congregation from the entring in of Hamath, unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, [26] ſeven days, and [26] ſeven days, *even* fourteen days.

[25] *Ch.*3.–15. 1 *Chron.*16.3. Beſides the feaſt of Tabernacles, *v.*2. ¶ [26] The former for the Dedication (2 *Chron.*7. 9.) the latter for the feaſt of Tabernacles.

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66 [27] On the eighth day he ſent the people away: and they ‖ [28] bleſſed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart, [29] for all the goodneſs that the LORD had done for David his ſervant, and for Iſrael his people.
‖ Or, *thanked.*

[27] 2 *Chron.*7.10. ¶ [28] Pray'd for his happy reign with joyful acclamations. ¶ [29] *ch.*3,6.

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1 *God's covenant in a viſion with Solomon.* 10 *The mutual preſents of Solomon and Hiram:* 25 *His yearly ſacrifice.*

AND it came to paſs when Solomon had [1] finiſhed the building of the houſe of the
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[1] 2 *Chron.*7.11 LORD, and the kings houſe, and * all Solomons deſire which he was pleaſed to do,
* 2 Chron.8.6

2 That the LORD [2] appeared to Solomon the [3] ſecond time, as he had appeared unto him at [4] Gibeon.

[2] *Viz.* In a dream by night, 2 *Chron.*7.12. ¶ [3] *ch.*11.9. ¶ [4] *ch.*3 5. *&c.*

3 And the LORD ſaid unto him, I have [5] heard thy prayer and thy ſupplication that thou haſt made before me: I have [6] hallowed this houſe which thou haſt built, [7] to put my name there [8] for ever, and * [9] mine eyes and mine
* Deut.11.12. heart ſhall be there perpetually.

[5] *Pſal.* 10.17. and 65.2. *Dan.*9.23. ¶ [6] Sanctify'd it by my glorious preſence to my proper uſe and Service. ¶ [7] See on *ch.*8.16,29. ¶ [8] See on *ch.*8.13. ¶ [9] *ch.* 8. 29. *Prov.*15.3.

4 And [10] if thou wilt walk before me, † as David thy father walked in [11] integrity of heart, and in [12] uprightneſs, [13] to do according to [14] all that I have [15] commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my ſtatutes and my judgments;

[10] *Ch.*2.4. and 3.14. † See on *ch.*8. *n.* 52. ¶ [11] *Job* 2. 3. and 27.–5. *Pſal.* 15. 2. and 26. 1,11. *Prov.*20. 7. Soundneſs of heart; when the whole heart is carried one way. ¶ [12] See on *ch.*3.6. ¶ [13] The inward diſpoſition muſt be manifeſted by the outward converſation. ¶ [14] 1 *Sam.*15. 8, 9. ¶ [15] *Luke* 1.6. *Deut.*28.1. 2 *King.*23.25. God's word is the only rule of our obedience.

5 Then I will eſtabliſh the throne of thy kingdom upon Iſrael for ever, * [16] as I promiſed to David thy father, ſaying, [17] There ſhall
* Chap 2.4. & 6.12. Pſal.132. 12. not fail thee a man upon the throne of Iſrael.

[16] *Ch.*2.4. 2 *Sam.*7.12. 1 *Chron.* 22. 10. ¶ [17] See on *ch.* 8. 25.

6 * [18] *But* if you ſhall at all [19] turn from following me, you or your children, and will not
* 2 Sam.7. 14. Pſal.89.30.&c keep my commandments *and* my ſtatutes, which I have ſet before you, but go and ſerve other gods, and worſhip them:

[18] 1 *Sam.*2.30. ¶ [19] 2 *Chron.*15.–2. 1 *Sam.*12. 21.

7 Then will I [20] cut off Iſrael out of the land which I have given them; and [21] this houſe which I have hallowed for my name, will I caſt out of my ſight, and Iſrael ſhall be a [22] proverb, and a [22] by-word among all people:

[20] 2 *King.*17.20. ¶ [21] 2 *King.*25.9. *Jer.*7.14. ¶ [22] *Deut.* 28.37. (See there.) *Jer.*24.9. As we ſay proverbially, A very Jew: Worſe than a Jew.

8 And * at this houſe *which* is [23] high, every
* 2 Chr.7.21. one that paſſeth by it ſhall be [24] aſtoniſhed, and ſhall [25] hiſs; and they ſhall ſay, [26] Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this houſe?

[23] Glorious, renowned, and exalted in its priviledges. ¶ [24] See on 2 *Chron.*29.–8. *Dan.*9.12. At it's unexpected and wonderful ruin. ¶ [25] *Lam.*2.15. *Jer.*19.8. and 49.17. and 50.13. ¶ [26] *Deut.*29.24. *Jer.*22.8.

9 And they ſhall anſwer, Becauſe they forſook

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took the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshiped them and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

[27] 2 *Chron.*8.1 * Chap.6.37, 38. & 7.1.

10 ¶ And it came to pass [27] at the end of twenty years, * when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the kings house,

11 (*Now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar-trees and fir-trees, and with gold, according to all his desire) that then king Solomon gave Hiram [28] twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

[28] Inhabited by Canaanites, (as may seem by 2 *Chron.* 8.-2.)

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they † [29] pleased him not.

† Heb. *were not right in his eyes.*

[29] (And therefore he returned them back again, 2 *Chron.* 8. 2.)

13 And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast given me, [30] my brother? And he called them the land of ‖ Cabul unto this day.

[30] *ch.*20.-32. ‖ That is, *Displeasing*, or *dirty.*

14 And Hiram sent to the king † sixscore talents of gold.

† *i. e.* Six hundred fifty seven thousand two and fifty pounds Sterling.

15 ¶ And this *is* the reason of the [31] levy which king Solomon raised, for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and * [32] Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and * Hazor, and * Megiddo, and * Gezer.

[31] Chiefly of men, *v.* 21. *ch.* 5. 13. ¶ [32] See on 2 *Sam.* 5. 9.

* Vers. 24. * Josh.19. 36. * Josh.17.11. * Josh.16.10. Judg.1.29.

16 *For* Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it *for* a present unto his daughter, Solomons wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and * Bethhoron the nether,

* Josh.21.22.

18 And * Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

* Josh.19.24. 2 Chr.8.6. &c.

19 And all the cities of [33] store that Solomon had, and cities for * his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and † that which Solomon [34] desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

[33] *Exod.*1.11. * Chap.4.26. † Heb. *the desire of Solomon which he desired.* [34] *Eccl.*2.10.

20 *And* all the people *that were* [35] left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, which *were* not of the children of Israel,

[35] *Judg.*1.27. and 2.23.

21 Their children * that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were [36] not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon [37] levy a tribute of [38] bond-service unto this day.

* Judg.1.21, 27,29.

[36] *Josh.*15.63. Partly through their own negligence, (*Judg.* 1.21.) and partly through God's Providence, *Judg.* 2. 22. ¶ [37] *ch.*3.-13. ¶ [38] Called *Solomon's* Servants, *Ezr.* 2. 55. *Neh.*7.57.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make [39] no bond-men: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

[39] *Lev.*25. 39.

23 These *were* the chief of the officers that *were* over Solomons work, * five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

* 2 Chr.8. 10.

24 ¶ But * Pharaohs daughter came up out of the city of David, unto her [40] house which *Solomon* had built for her: then did he build * Millo.

* 2 Chr.8. 11. [40] *ch.*7.8.

25 ¶ And [41] three times in a year did Solomon [42] offer burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense † upon the altar that *was* before the LORD: so he finished the house.

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[41] 2 *Chron.*8.-13. *Deut.* 16.16. ¶ [42] *Viz.* By the ministry of the Priests, (for 2 *Chron.*26.16.) † Heb. *upon it.*

26 ¶ And * king Solomon made a navy of ships in * Ezion-geber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the † shore of the red sea, in the land of Edom.

* 2 Chr.8. 17. * Num.33.35. Deut.2.8. † Heb. *lip.*

27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they came to [43] Ophir, and fet from thence gold, [44] four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* to king Solomon.

[43] *Job* 22. 24. and 28.16. *Psal.* 45. 9. *Isa.* 13. 12. Some part of the East-Indies, (to which they might Sail from the Red-Sea all along the coast) where only those commodities were to be had, mentioned *ch.* 10. 22. ¶ [44] About eighteen Tun, or Cart-loads. In value, two millions three hundred thousand and five hundred pounds sterling.

CHAP. X.

1 The Queen of Sheba admireth the wisdom of Solomon: 14 His riches.

A Nd when the [1] queen of Sheba heard of the [2] fame of Solomon, concerning the [3] name of the LORD, she came * to prove him with hard questions. 3012.

* See Judg.14. 12.

[1] 2 *Chron.*9.1. *Matth.*12.42. ¶ [2] *v.*24. *ch.*4.-31. ¶ [3] The great things God had done for him, and he had done for the honour, worship, and service of God.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare [4] spices, and very much [5] gold, and [4] precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of [6] all that was in her heart.

[4] *Ezek.*27.-22. ¶ [5] *Psal.* 72. 15. ¶ [6] Whatsoever she desired satisfaction in.

3 And Solomon told her all her † questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

† Heb. *words.*

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomons wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the † attendance of his ministers and their apparel, and his ‖ cup-bearers, and his [7] ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD: [8] there was no more spirit in her.

† Heb. *standing* ‖ Or, *butlers.*

[7] 2 *King.*16.18. 1 *Chron.*9.18. *Ezek.*44.3. and 46.2. ¶ [8] She was so astonish'd and amaz'd at it, that she had nothing to say.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true † report that I heard in mine own land, of thy ‖ acts, and of thy wisdom.

† Heb. *word.* ‖ Or, *sayings.*

7 Howbeit, I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had [9] seen *it*: and behold, the half was not told me: † thy wisdom and prosperity [10] exceedeth the fame which I heard.

[9] *Job.*20.29. † Heb. *thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the fame.* [10] 1 *Cor.*2.9.

8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that [11] hear thy wisdom.

[11] *Prov.*1. 5. and 13. 20. and 8. 34. *Luke* 11. 28.

9 [12] Blessed be the LORD thy God which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the LORD [13] loved Israel [14] for ever, therefore [15] made he thee king, [16] to do judgment and justice.

[12] *Ch.*5.7. and 8.15. ¶ [13] 2 *Chron.*2.11. ¶ [14] 1 *Chron.*17.22, ¶ [15] *Prov.*8. 15, 16. ¶ [16] 2 *Sam.*8.15. This the end for which God advanc'd him, not for his own sake, or to live to himself, but to be a public good, *Rom.*13.4.

10 And she gave the king an [17] hundred and twenty

[17] See on *ch.*9. 14.

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twenty talents of gold, and of [4] ſpices very great ſtore, and [4] precious ſtones: there came no more ſuch abundance of ſpices, as theſe, which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

11 And the navy alſo of Hiram that brought gold from [28] Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of ‖ almug-trees, and precious ſtones.

12 And the king made of the almug-trees, ‖ † [29] pillars for the houſe of the LORD, and for the kings houſe, harps alſo and pſalteries for ſingers: there came no ſuch almug-trees, nor were ſeen unto this day.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba, all her deſire, whatſoever ſhe asked, beſides *that* which Solomon gave her † of his royal bounty: ſo ſhe turned and went to her own countrey, ſhe and her ſervants.

14 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year, was [20] ſix hundred threeſcore and ſix talents of gold,

15 Beſides *that he had* of the merchant-men, and of the traffick of the ſpice-merchants, and of all the kings of [21] Arabia, and of the ‖ governours of the countrey.

16 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred [22] targets *of* beaten gold: [23] ſix hundred *ſhekels* of gold went to one target.

17 And *he made* * three hundred [23] ſhields *of* beaten gold; [24] three pound of gold went to one ſhield: and the king put them in the houſe of the [25] foreſt of Lebanon.

18 ¶ * Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and [26] overlaid it with the beſt gold.

19 The throne had ſix ſteps, and the top of the throne *was* round † behind: and *there were* † ſtays on either ſide on the place of the ſeat, and two lions ſtood beſide the ſtays.

20 And twelve lions ſtood there on the one ſide and on the other upon the ſix ſteps: there was not † the like made in any kingdom.

21 ¶ And all king Solomons drinking-veſſels *were of* gold, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon *were of* pure gold, ‖ none *were of* ſilver, it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

22 For the king had at ſea a navy of [27] Tharſhiſh, with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharſhiſh, bringing gold and ſilver, ‖ ivory, and [28] apes, and [28] peacocks.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth, for [29] riches, and for [29] wiſdom.

24 ¶ And [30] all the earth † ſought to Solomon, to hear his wiſdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his preſent, veſſels of ſilver, and veſſels of gold, and garments, and armour, and ſpices, horſes, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 ¶ And Solomon * [31] gathered together chariots and horſemen: and he had a thouſand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thouſand horſemen, whom he beſtowed in the [32] cities for chariots, and with the king at Jeruſalem.

27 And the king † made ſilver *to be* in Jeruſalem [33] as ſtones, and cedars made he *to be* as the ſycomore-trees, that *are* in the vale, for abundance.

28 ¶ † And Solomon had [34] horſes brought out of [35] Egypt, and [36] linen yarn: the kings merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a [37] chariot came up and went out of Egypt for ſix hundred *ſhekels* of ſilver, and an horſe for an hundred and fifty: and ſo for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out † by their means.

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1 *Solomons wives and concubines,* 4 *in his old age draw him to idolatry.* 9 *God threatneth him.* 41 *His acts, reign, and death:* 43 *Rehoboam ſucceedeth him.*

But king Solomon [1] loved [2] many ſtrange women, ‖ (together with the daughter of Pharaoh) women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians *and* Hittites:

2 Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD [3] ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, * Ye ſhall not [4] go in to them, neither ſhall they [5] come in unto you, *for* ſurely they will [6] turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto theſe in love.

3 And he had ſeven hundred wives, princeſſes, and three hundred concubines: and his wives [7] turned away his heart.

4 For it came to paſs when Solomon was old, *that* his wives [7] turned away his heart [8] after other gods: and his heart was [9] not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of [10] David his father.

5 For Solomon went after [11] Aſhtoreth the goddeſs of the Zidonians, and after ‖ Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon [12] did evil in the ſight of the LORD, and † went [13] not fully after the LORD, as *did* [10] David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an [14] high place for * Chemoſh, the abomination of [15] Moab, in the [16] hill that *is* before Jeruſalem; and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

[14] See

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[28] See on *ch.* 9. 28.
‖ 2 Chron. 2. 8. & 9. 10, 11. *algum-trees.*
‖ Or, *rails.*
† Heb. *a prop.*
[29] Rails and Baniſters for the Aſcent, *v.* 5. 2 *Chro.* 9. 11.
† Heb. *according to the hand of king Solomon.*
[20] Above twenty ſeven Tun or Cart-loads: In value three Millions, ſix hundred forty ſeven thouſand eight hundred and fifty pounds ſterling.
[21] 2 Chr. 17. 11
‖ Or, *captains.*
[22] (Which ſoon became a prey to the enemy, (2 *Chron.* 12. 9.) and ſo likely there was an exceſs of pomp herein, which was not pleaſing to God.) ¶ [23] In Weight Eighteen pounds twelve ounces Averdupois. In Value a thouſand ninety five pounds ſterling.
[23] Chap. 14. 26.
[24] See on *Ezek.* 45. 12. three hundred Shekels, 2 *Chron.* 9. 16. ¶ [25] See on *ch.* 7. 2.
* 2 Chro. 9. 17.
[26] *Viz.* Here and there, to make it more beautiful.
† Heb. *on the hinder part thereof.*
† Heb. *hands.*
† Heb. *ſo.*
‖ Or, there was *no ſilver* in them.
‖ Or, *elephants teeth.*
[27] That went thither, 2 *King.* 20. 36. *Jer.* 10. 9. ¶ [28] Monkies and Parrats.
[29] *ch.* 3. 12, 13. and 4. 30.
[30] 2 *Chro.* 9. 23
† Heb. *ſought the face of.*
* Deut. 17. 16.
[31] 2 *Chro.* 1. 14. and 9. 25.
[32] *ch.* 9. 19.
† Heb. *gave.*
[33] 2 *Chro.* 1. 15. and 9. 27.
† Heb. *And the going forth of the horſes which* was *Solomons.*
[34] 2 *Chron.* 1. 16. and 9. 28. ¶ [35] *Deut.* 17. 16. *Iſa.* 31. 1. *Ezek.* 17. 15. ¶ [36] *Gen.* 41. 42. *Prov.* 7. 16. *Ezek.* 27. 7.
† Heb. *by their hand.*
[37] *i.e.* The charge of the Merchants (partly for the King's Cuſtom, and partly for the expence of the Journy) when they ſent a Chariot or a Horſe, was ſixty eight pounds eight ſhillings nine pence.
‖ Or, *beſides.*
[1] *Ch.* 3. 3. *Neh.* 13. 26. *Rev.* 2. 4. ¶ [2] *V.* 3. Contrary to *Deut.* 17. 17.
* Exod. 34. 16. Deut. 7. 3.
[3] *Exod.* 34. 16. *Deut.* 7. 3. *Joſh.* 23. 12. ¶ [4] *Gen.* 6. 4. and 38. 2, 18. Take their daughters to wives. ¶ [5] Take your daughters to wives. ¶ [6] *Numb.* 25. 1, 2.
[7] *Neh.* 13. 26. ¶ [8] Probably his Judgment was not corrupted concerning the Nature of the True God and Idols, but his Zeal for God's honour was ſo far abated, that he gave a Toleration to Idolatry, and might do ſomething, at their inſtigation, towards the promoting of it; and poſſibly might ſometimes comply ſo far as to joyn with 'em in the outward act of idol-worſhip, and partake of their Feaſts. ¶ [9] *V.* 6. *ch.* 8. 61. and 15. 3. Not cleaving only to the Worſhip of the true God. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 3. 14. and 9. 4. Turning aſide from following the examples of pious Parents, is a great aggravation of ſin.
‖ Called *Molech* V. 7. 33.
[11] *Judg.* 2. 13. and 10. 6. 1 *Sam.* 7. 4. and 12. 10. 2 *King.* 23. 13.
† Heb. *fulfilled not after.*
[12] *Ch.* 14. 22. and 21. 20. ¶ [13] *V.* 2. *Numb.* 14. 24. *Joſh.* 14. 8. Tho he obſerv'd God's commands in many things, yet not in all, but mingled the Worſhip of the true God and Idols together.
* Judg. 1. 24.

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[14] See on *Lev.*26.30. ¶ [15] *Numb.*21.29. *Jer.*48.13. ¶ [16] The Mount of Olives, (hence called the Mount of Corruption, 2 *King.*29.13.)

8 And likewiſe did he for all his ſtrange wives, which burnt incenſe, and ſacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the LORD was [17] angry with Solomon, becauſe his heart was [18] turned from the LORD God of Iſrael which had appeared unto him [19] twice,

[17] *Exod.*4.14. 2 *Sam.*6.7. 1 *Chron.*21.7. ¶ [18] 2 *Tim.*4.10. *Prov.*4.23. [19] *Ch.* 3.5. and 9.2.

[20] *ch.*6.12.and 9. 6.

10 And had [20] commanded him concerning this thing, that he ſhould not go after other gods: but he [21] kept not that which the LORD commanded.

[21] So 2 *Sam.* 12.9.

11 Wherefore the LORD ſaid unto Solomon, Foraſmuch as this † is done of thee, and thou haſt not kept my [22] covenant and my ſtatutes which I have commanded thee, I will ſurely rend the [23] kingdom from thee, and will [24] give it to thy ſervant.

† Heb. *is with thee.*

[22] My Law; which is enjoyn'd to be kept upon Promiſes of Reward to the Obſervers, and Threatnings of Puniſhment to the Tranſgreſſors, *Deut.*29.9,25. ¶ [23] The greateſt part of it, *V.*13. ¶ [24] *Ch.*12.24.

12 Notwithſtanding in [25] thy days I will not do it, [26] for David thy fathers ſake: *but* I will rend it out of the hand of [27] thy ſon.

[25] *Ch.*21.29. 2 *King.*20.19. ¶ [26] *Exod.*32.13. 2 *King.*13. 23. For my promiſe and covenant ſake made with David, concerning the ſtability and eternity of his Kingdom. ¶ [27] A judgment on a child occaſioned by the Father's ſin, is a judgment on the Father.

13 Howbeit, I will not rend away all the kingdom: *but* will give [28] one tribe to thy ſon, [26] for David my ſervants ſake, and for [29] Jeruſalems ſake which I have choſen.

[28] *Viz. Judah*; including *Benjamin*, which were mingled with 'em. ¶ [29] *V.*36.

14 ¶ And the [30] LORD ſtirred up an [31] adverſary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he *was* of the kings ſeed in Edom.

[30] *Ch.* 12. 15. 1 *Sam.* 26. 19. 2 *Sam.* 24. 1. 1 *Chron.*5.26. *Iſa.*10.5,6. ¶ [31] That would not pay Tribute, as others did, 2 *King.*8.20.

* 1 Chron.18. 12,13.

15 * For it came to paſs when David was in [32] Edom, and Joab the captain of the hoſt was gone up to bury the ſlain, * after he had ſmitten [33] every male in Edom:

[32] 2 *Sam.*8.14. * Num.24.19. [33] *Deut.* 20.13.

16 (For ſix months did Joab remain there with all Iſrael, until he had cut off every male in Edom)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his fathers ſervants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child.

18 And they aroſe out of Midian, and came to Paran, and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, which gave him an houſe, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Hadad found great favour in the ſight of Pharaoh, ſo that he gave him to wife the ſiſter of his own wife, the ſiſter of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the ſiſter of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his ſon, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaohs houſe: and Genubath was in Pharaohs houſhold among the ſons of Pharaoh.

2990. 21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David ſlept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the hoſt was dead, Hadad ſaid to Pharaoh, * Let me depart, that I may go to mine own countrey.

† Heb. *ſend me away.*

22 Then Pharaoh ſaid unto him, But what haſt thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou ſeekeſt to go to thine own countrey? And he anſwered, † Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wiſe.

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23 ¶ And God ſtirred him up *another* adverſary, Rezon, the ſon of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah. 2960.

† Heb. *Not.*

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when [34] David ſlew them *of Zobah:* and they went to Damaſcus and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damaſcus.

[34] 2 *Sam.*8.3. and 10.18.

25 And he was an adverſary to Iſrael [35] all the days of Solomon, beſide the miſchief that Hadad *did:* and he abhorred Iſrael, and reigned over Syria.

[35] *Viz.* After his Apoſtacy, for *ch.* 5.4. 2 *Chron.* 15. 2.

26 ¶ And [36] Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomons [37] ſervant, (whoſe mothers name *was* Zeruah, a widow woman) even he [38] lift up *his* hand againſt the king.

[36] 2 *Chron.* 13. 6. ¶ [37] *V.*-11. A great Officer of State, *v.*28. *ch.*9.22. ¶ [38] Was deſigning ſome Rebellion, *v.*37.

27 And this *was* the cauſe that he lift up *his* hand againſt the king: Solomon built [39] Millo, *and* † repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

[39] *ch.*9.15. † Heb. *cloſed.*

28 And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valour: and Solomon ſeeing the young man that he † was induſtrious, he made him [40] ruler over all the † [40] charge of the houſe of Joſeph.

† Heb. *did work.* † Heb. *burden.*

[40] Treaſurer for all his Revenues in thoſe two Tribes of *Ephraim* and *Manaſſeh.*

29 And it came to paſs at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jeruſalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way: and he had clad himſelf with a new garment; and they two *were* alone in the field.

30 And Ahijah caught the [41] new garment that *was* on him, and [42] rent it *in* twelve pieces.

[41] To ſhew, that tho the Kingdom was as a new garment, freſh and ſtrong, yet it ſhould be rent. ¶ [42] 1 *Sam.*15.27. and 24.5.

31 And he ſaid to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus ſaith the LORD, the God of Iſrael, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

32 (But he ſhall have one tribe for my ſervant Davids ſake, and for Jeruſalems ſake, the city which I have choſen out of all the tribes of Iſrael)

33 Becauſe that [43] they have [44] forſaken me, and have worſhipped Aſhtoreth the goddeſs of the Zidonians, Chemoſh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have [45] not walked in my ways, to do *that which is* [46] right in mine eyes, and *to* [47] *keep* my ſtatutes and my judgments, as *did* David his father.

[43] Not only *Solomon* himſelf, but many alſo of the people. ¶ [44] *V.*9. ¶ [45] *ch.*3.14. 2 *King.*21.22. ¶ [46] *ch.*15.5. and 22.43. ¶ [47] *ch.*2.3.

34 Howbeit, I will not take the [48] whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my ſervants ſake, whom I choſe, becauſe he [49] kept my commandments and my ſtatutes:

[48] No part of it in his days. ¶ [49] God does not judg of men by particular acts, but by the general courſe and tenour of their lives.

35 But * I will take the kingdom out of his ſons hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.

* Chap.12.15.

36 And unto his ſon I will give one tribe, that * David my ſervant may have [50] a † light [51] alway [52] before me in Jeruſalem, the city which I have choſen me to [53] put my name there.

* 1 King.15.4. † Heb. *lamp,* or *candle.*

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[50] 2 *Sam.*21.-17. 2 *King.*8.19. 2 *Chron.*21.7. *Pſal.*132.-17. A Son and Succeſſor (*ch.*15.4.) to preſerve his name and memory, and give light to the people in his ſtead. ¶ [51] Chiefly accompliſh'd in Chriſt. ¶ [52] 1 *Chron.*17.-24. ¶ [53] *ch.* 8. 16,44.

37 And I will take thee, and thou ſhalt reign according to all that thy ſoul deſireth, and ſhalt be king over Iſrael.

38 And it ſhall be, [54] if thou wilt [55] hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that is* right in my ſight, to keep my ſtatutes and my commandments, as David my ſervant did; that I will be [56] with thee, and build thee a [57] ſure houſe, [58] as I built for David, and will give Iſrael unto thee.

[54] *Exod.*19.5. *Deut.*4.1. ¶ [55] *Deut.*15.5. ¶ [56] *Deut.*31.8. *Joſh.*1.5. ¶ [57] *ch.*9.5. 1 *Sam.*2.35. 2 *Sam.*7.16. ¶ [58] 2 *Sam.* 7.27-29.

39 And I will [59] for this afflict the ſeed of David, but [60] not for ever.

[59] By this diviſion, and for *Solomon*'s Idolatry. ¶ [60] (For the Meſſia muſt reign glorioufly, and that for ever, *Luk.*1.33.)

3026. 40 Solomon ſought therefore to [61] kill Jeroboam: and Jeroboam aroſe, and [62] fled into Egypt, unto Shiſhak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

[61] 1 *Sam.*20.31. ¶ [62] *ch.*19.3. *Exod.*2.15. 1 *Sam.* 19.12. *Matth.*2.14.

‖ Or, *words*, or *things*. 41 ¶ And the reſt of the ‖ acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wiſdom, *are* they not written in the [63] book of the acts of Solomon?

[63] 2 *Chro.*9.29.

† Heb. *days*. 42 And the † time that Solomon reigned in Jeruſalem, over all Iſrael, *was* [64] fourty years.

[64] 2 *Chro.*9.30.

43 And Solomon [65] ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and * Rehoboam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

[65] *ch.*2.10.

3029. * Matth.1.7. called *Roboam*.

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1 *Rehoboam refuſing the old mens counſel,* 16 *ten tribes revolt.* 26 *Jeroboams idolatry.*

AND [1] Rehoboam went to [2] Shechem: for [3] all Iſrael were come to Shechem to make him [4] king.

[1] 2 *Chron.*10.1. ¶ [2] *Joſh.*24.1. ¶ [3] The Heads and Officers, *Joſh.* 24.1. ¶ [4] *Viz.* Upon certain conditions and terms; if he'd redreſs their grievances, *v.*4.

2 And it came to paſs when Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who was yet in [5] Egypt, heard *of it*, (for he was fled from the preſence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt)

[5] *ch.*11.40.

3 That they ſent and called him: and Jeroboam, and all the congregation of Iſrael came, and ſpake unto Rehoboam, ſaying,

4 Thy father made our yoke [6] grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous ſervice of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will ſerve thee.

[6] By hard ſervices and great taxes, (*ch.*4.7,22,23. and 5. 18.) and levies, *ch.*9.15.

5 And he ſaid unto them, Depart yet *for* three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam conſulted with the [7] old men that ſtood before Solomon his father, while he yet lived, and ſaid, [8] How do you adviſe, that I may anſwer this people?

[7] *Job* 12.12. and 32.7. Experienc'd States-men. ¶ [8] *Jer.* 42.2,5. with *ch.*43.2.

7 And they ſpake unto him, ſaying, If thou wilt [9] be a ſervant unto this people this day, and wilt ſerve them, and anſwer them, and ſpeak good words to them, then they will be thy ſervants for ever.

[9] 2 *Chron.* 10. 7. Comply with their deſires this once.

8 But he forſook the counſel of the old men, which they had given him, and conſulted with the young men that were grown up with him, *and* which ſtood before him:

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9 And he ſaid unto them, What counſel give ye, that we may anſwer this people, who have ſpoken to me, ſaying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us, lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him, ſpake unto him, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou ſpeak unto this people that ſpake unto thee, ſaying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us; thus ſhalt thou ſay unto them, My little *finger* ſhall be thicker then my fathers loyns.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chaſtiſed you with whips, but I will chaſtiſe you with ſcorpions.

12 ¶ So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, ſaying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king anſwered the people † roughly, and [10] forſook the old mens counſel that they gave him;

† Heb. *hardly*. [10] So *Jer.* 43. 2-4.

14 And ſpake to them [11] after the counſel of the young men, ſaying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke; my father *alſo* chaſtiſed you with whips, but I will chaſtiſe you with ſcorpions.

[11] 2 *Chron.* 22. 4,5.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the [12] people; for the cauſe was [13] from the LORD, that he might [14] perform his ſaying, which the LORD ſpake by [15] Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat.

[12] To grant their deſires, *v.*14. ¶ [13] *Judg.*14.4. 2 *Chron.* 10.15. and 22.7. and 25.20. 2 *Sam.*24.1. *Amos* 3.6. (1) By with-holding a ſpirit of Prudence from *Rehoboam*, *Deut.*29.4. (2) By giving him up to follow evil Counſellors, *ch.* 22.23. (3) By alienating the hearts of the people from him, *Judg.* 9.23. ¶ [14] 1 *Sam.* 15.29. ¶ [15] *ch.* 11. 29. &c. 2 *King.* 9. 36. and 10.10.

16 ¶ So when all Iſrael ſaw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people anſwered the king, ſaying, [16] What portion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in the [17] ſon of Jeſſe: [18] to your tents, O Iſrael: now [19] ſee to thine own houſe, David. So Iſrael departed unto their tents.

[16] 2 *Sam.*20.1. *q.d.* We'l have nothing to do with any of *David*'s poſterity, but renounce all dependance upon him. ¶ [17] 1 *Sam.*20.27. See there. ¶ [18] Let every one look to himſelf, and no longer depend on *David*'s poſterity ¶ [19] Let *David* and his own Tribe and Family ſhift for themſelves as well as they can, for he ſhall no longer rule over us.

17 But * *as for* the children of Iſrael which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

* Chap.11.32.

18 Then king Rehoboam [20] ſent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Iſrael [21] ſtoned him with ſtones, that he died: therefore king Rehoboam † made ſpeed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jeruſalem.

† Heb. *ſtrengthned himſelf*. [20] To execute his office, and exact their Tribute with rigour. ¶ [21] As *Acts* 7.57,58.

19 So *Iſrael ‖ [22] rebelled againſt the houſe of David unto this day.

* 2 *King.*17.21 ‖ Or, *fell away*.

20 And it came to paſs when all Iſrael heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they ſent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Iſrael: there was [23] none that followed the houſe of David, but the tribe of Judah * only.

[22] Revolted or fell away. [23] No entire Tribe. * Ch.11.13,32

21 ¶ And [24] when Rehoboam was come to Jeruſalem, he aſſembled all the houſe of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourſcore thouſand choſen men, which were warriours, to fight againſt the houſe of Iſrael, to

[24] 2 *Chro.*11.1.

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to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon.

3029. 22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah
[25] *ch.*13.1. the [25] man of God, ſaying,
1 *Sam.*9.6. 23 Speak unto Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon
2 *Chron.*12.5, 15. king of Judah, and unto all the houſe of Judah and Benjamin, and to [26] the remnant of the people, ſaying,

[26] Such as came into his Juriſdiction out of the other Tribes, 2 *Chron.*11.13,16.

24 Thus ſaith the LORD, Ye ſhall not go up, nor fight againſt your [27] brethren the children of Iſrael: return every man to his houſe,
*Verſ. 15. * for this thing is [28] from me. They [28] hearkned therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

[27] *Deut.*2. 4,8. ¶ [28] So 2 *Chron.*25.10. and 28. 13.

[29] Fortified. * See Judg 9. 45. * Judg.8.17. 25 ¶ Then Jeroboam [29] built * Shechem, in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein, and went out from thence, and built * Penuel.

26 And Jeroboam [30] ſaid in his heart, Now ſhall the kingdom return to the houſe of David:

[30] *Pſal.*14. 1. Reaſon'd with himſelf, and conſulted his own imaginations and carnal policies, and not God's pleaſure.

27 If this people go up to do [31] ſacrifice in the houſe of the LORD at Jeruſalem, then ſhall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they ſhall [32] kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

[31] *Deut.*12.6. ¶ [32] Uſurpers live in continual fear, and ſuſpect the worſt.

28 Whereupon the king [33] took counſel, and
* 2King.17.16 * made two [34] calves *of* gold, and ſaid unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jeruſalem: behold [35] thy Gods, O Iſrael, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

[33] *Exod.*1.10. *Iſa.*30.1. ¶ [34] *Exod.*32.4. ¶ [35] A repreſentation of the God of Iſrael.

*Hoſ.4.15. 29 And he ſet the one in * Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing [36] became a ſin: for the people [37] went *to worſhip* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

[36] *Gen.*13.13. 2 *Kings* 10.31. A heinous ſin, (2 *King.*17.21.) and an occaſion of great ſin among the people. ¶ [37] *Hoſ.* 5. 11.

31 And he made an [38] houſe of high places,
*2King.17.32. 2 Chr. 11.15. Ezek.44.7,8. and * made prieſts of the [39] loweſt of the people, which were [40] not of the ſons of Levi.

[38] *Or*13. 32. or, *Houſes*: *i. e.* Leſſer Temples or Chappels upon divers high-places, for their greater convenience. ¶ [39] *ch.*13.33. ¶ [40] Contrary to *Numb.*3.6,10.

3030. 32 And Jeroboam ordained [41] a feaſt in the
[41] *Viz.* of Tabernacles. * Lev.23.33. Numb.29.12. eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto * the feaſt that *is* in Judah, and he ‖ offered upon the altar (ſo did he in Beth-el) ‖ ſacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the prieſts of the high places which he had made.

‖ Or, *went up to the altar*, &c. ‖ Or, *to ſacrifice*. 33 So he ‖ offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el, the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had [42] deviſed of his own heart: and ordained a feaſt unto the children of Iſrael, and he [43] offered upon the altar, † and burnt incenſe.

‖ Or, *went up to the altar*, &c. † Heb. *to burn incenſe.*

[41] *Numb.*15.-39. *Matth.*15.8. ¶ [42] In his own perſon, 1 *King.*12.26. 2 *Chron.*26.16.

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1 Jeroboams hand withereth, 6 and at the prayer of the prophet is reſtored. 23 The diſobedient prophet is ſlain by a lion. 33 Jeroboams obſtinacy.

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AND behold, there came a [1] man of God out of Judah, [2] by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam ſtood by the altar ‖ to burn incenſe: ‖ Or, *to offer*,

[1] *Ch.*12.22. See there. ¶ [2] *ch.*14.7,8. 2 *Chron.*9. 29. By divine Inſpiration and command.

2 And he [3] cried againſt the altar in the word of the LORD, and ſaid, [4] O altar, altar, thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, a child ſhall be born unto the houſe of David, [5] Joſiah by name, and upon thee ſhall he offer the [6] prieſts of the high places that burn incenſe upon thee, and mens bones ſhall be burnt upon thee.

[3] *Iſa.*58.1. ¶ [4] *Iſa.*29. 1. *Jer.*22.29. ¶ [5] 2 *King.* 22. 1,2. and 23.15-17. ſo *Iſa.*44. 28. This plainly ſhews the abſolute certainty of God's providence and fore-knowledge, even in the moſt contingent things. ¶ [6] Their bones.

3 And he [7] gave a ſign the ſame day, ſaying, This *is* the ſign which the LORD hath [8] ſpoken; Behold, the altar ſhall be rent, and the aſhes that *are* upon it, ſhall be poured out.

[7] *Jer.*28.9. Wrought a miracle to aſſure 'em of the truth of his prophecy, ¶ [8] Threatned ſhall come to paſs.

4 And it came to paſs when king Jeroboam heard the ſaying of the man of God, which had cried againſt the altar in Beth-el, that he [9] put forth his hand from the altar, ſaying, Lay hold on him. And his hand which he put forth againſt him, dried up, ſo that he could not pull it in again to him.

[9] *Act.*12.1. To point out the man whom he'd have the people lay hands on, and to ſtir 'em up to it.

5 The altar alſo was rent, and the aſhes poured out from the altar, according to the ſign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king anſwered and ſaid unto the man of God, * [10] Intreat now the [11] face of the LORD [12] thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be reſtored me again. And the man of God [13] beſought † the LORD, and the kings hand was [14] reſtored him again, and became as *it was* before.

* Exod.9.28.& 10.17. Numb. 21.7. Act.8.24. † Heb. *the face of the LORD.*

[10] *Exod.*8.8. ¶ [11] *Exod.*32. 11,12. 2 *Chron.*33.12. ¶ [12] *Exod.* 10.17. *Dan.*6.20. Who has ſhewed himſelf thy God and Friend in a ſingular manner. ¶ [13] *Matth.*5.44. *Rom.*12.20. ¶ [14] *Jam.*5.16. *Exod.*8.12,13. *Hoſ.*6.1.

7 And the king ſaid unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refreſh thy ſelf, and I will give thee [15] a reward.

[15] as 2 *King.*5. 15.

8 And the man of God ſaid unto the king, If thou wilt give me [16] half thine houſe, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread, nor drink water in this place:

[16] *Numb.*22.18. and 24.13. *Eſth.*5.3. *Mar.*6.23.

9 For ſo was it [17] charged me by the word of the LORD, ſaying, [18] Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the [19] ſame way that thou cameſt:

[17] *Job* 23.12. ¶ [18] 2 *John* 10. *Rom.*16. 17. 1 *Cor.* 5.11. To note his deteſtation both of ſuch an idolatrous place and people. ¶ [19] As abhorring the very way that had brought him to the ſight of ſuch abominations. †

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 ¶ Now there dwelt an old [20] prophet [21] in Beth-el, and his † ſons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day † Heb. *ſon.*

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in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

[20] One that God made use of to reveal his mind by (*v.* 20,21.) as he did by *Bâlaam*, tho probably no good man. ¶ [21] But now he came from *Samaria* (2 *King.* 23. 18.) or had formerly dwelt in *Samâria*, but now in *Bethel*.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? for his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass, and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I *am*.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread, nor drink water with thee in this place.

† Heb. *a word* was. * Chap. 20. 35. 1 Thess. 4. 15.

17 For † it was said to me * by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread, nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

[22] *Num.* 22. 35. [23] *Matth.* 7. 15. *Jer.* 5. 12.

18 He said unto him, I *am* a prophet also as thou *art*, and an [22] angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he [23] lied unto him.

[24] *Gal.* 2. 18. 2 *Pet.* 1. 19.

19 So he [24] went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

[25] *Numb.* 23. 5. *John* 11. 51. *Matth.* 7. 22. 23

20 ¶ And it came to pass as they sat at the table, that the [25] word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast [26] disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

[26] *Gal.* 1. 8.

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread, and drunk water in the place of the which *the LORD* [27] did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall [28] not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

[27] As *Gen.* 2. 17. and 3. 6. ¶ [28] *ch.* 14. 13. 2 *Chron.* 21, 2. *Isa.* 14. 19, 20. *Jer.* 22. 19. Thou shalt die a violent death before thou comest to thine own house.

23 ¶ And it came to pass after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, [29] a lion met him by the way, and [30] slew him: and his carcase *was* cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

¶ [29] *Ch.* 20. 36. ¶ [30] *Exod.* 22. 2 *Sam.* 6. 7. 2 *Cor.* 11. 30.

25 And behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way, heard *thereof*, he said, It *is* the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath † torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

† Heb. *broken.*

27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled *him*.

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had [31] not eaten the carcase, nor † [31] torn the ass.

† Heb. *broken.* [31] *Job* 38. 11. *Dan.* 6. 22.

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn, and to bury him.

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30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave, and they mourned over him, *saying*, [32] Alas my brother.

[32] *Jer.* 22. 18.

31 And it came to pass after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then [33] bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God *is* buried, * lay my bones beside his bones;

[33] 2 *King.* 23. 17 * 2 King. 23. 18.

32 For * the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the [34] houses of the high-places, which *are* in the cities of [35] Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

* 2 King. 23. 16

[34] See on *ch.* 12. 31. ¶ [35] *ch.* 16. 24. Belonging to the Kingdom of *Israel*, afterwards called the Kingdom of *Samaria*.

33 ¶ After this thing Jeroboam [36] returned not from his evil way, but † made again of the [37] lowest of the people, priests of the high-places: whosoever would, he † consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high-places.

† Heb. *returned and made.* † Heb. *filled his hand.*

[36] *Jer.* 3. 8. Neither Judgments, nor Mercies, nor Miracles will reclaim Sinners, without the special grace of God. ¶ [37] *ch.* 12. 31.

34 And this thing became [38] sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to [39] cut *it* off, and to destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

[38] See on *ch.* 12. 30. ¶ [39] Fulfilled, *ch.* 15. 29, 30.

CHAP. XIV.

Abijah being sick, Jeroboam sendeth his wife disguised, with presents to the prophet Ahijah at Shiloh. Ahijah forewarned, denounceth God's judgment.

1 AT that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam [1] fell sick.

[1] *ch.* 13. 33, 34.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and [2] disguise thy self, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh; behold, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, which [3] told me that I should *be* king over this people.

[2] 1 *Sam.* 28. 8. Lest, if the Prophet should know her, he'd not vouchsafe her an answer: or if the people should know it, they might forsake his Priests and Idols, and go to the true Prophets too. ¶ [3] *ch.* 11. 31.

3 And † take with thee ten loaves, and ‖ cracknels, and a ‖ cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.

† Heb. *in thine hand.* ‖ Or, *cakes.* ‖ Or, *bottle.*

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. but Ahijah could not see, for † his eyes were † set by reason of his age.

† Heb. *stood for his hoariness.*

5 ¶ And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son, for he *is* sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be when she cometh in, that she shall feign her self *to be* another *woman*.

† Heb. *hard.*

6 And it was *so*, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam, why feignest thou thy self *to be* another? for I *am* sent to thee with † [8] heavy *tidings*.

[7] *Psal.* 33. 10. [8] *Jer.* 23. 28.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God

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God of Israel, Forasmuch as [9] I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

[9] *Ch.*12.24. and 16.2. 2 *Sam.*12. 7,8. *Psal.*78.70.

8 And [10] rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee; and *yet* thou hast not been as my servant [11] David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me [12] with all his heart, to do *that* [13] only *which* was right in mine eyes;

[10] *ch.*11.31. ¶ [11] (Who constantly persever'd in the true worship of God, from which thou art revolted.) ¶ [12] *ch.*15.5. *viz.* In point of Worship

9 But hast done evil [14] above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee [15] other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to [16] anger, and hast [17] cast me behind thy back.

[13] *Ch.*12.27. &c. ¶ [14] He intended them but as a representation of the true God, (See on *ch.*12.28.) but God calls 'em false Gods, or Idols. ¶ [15] *ch.*11.9. *Deut.*32.21. ¶ [16] *Ezek.* 23.35. *Neh.*9.26. *Psal.*50.17.

10 Therefore behold, I will [18] bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that [19] pisseth against the wall, *and* him that is [20] shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away [21] dung, till it be all gone.

[18] *Ch.*15.29. and 21.21. ¶ [19] *ch.*16.11. 1 *Sam.* 25.22. 2 *King.*9.8. ¶ [20] See on *Deut.*32.36. ¶ [21] 2 *King.* 21.13. *Isa.*14.23. *Ezek.* 26.4. Leaving none, because of the loathsomness of it, *ch*15.29.

[22] *ch.*16.4. & 21.24. *Jer.* 15.3.

11 [22] Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city, shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field, shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: *and* [23] when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

[23] When thou art gone but a little way in the City, even as far as to the threshold of the Kings door, *v.* 17.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found [24] *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

[24] 2 *Chron.*19.3. *Phil.*4.22. 2 *Pet.*2.8. *Gen.*42.18.

14 Moreover, the LORD shall raise him up a [25] king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam [26] that day: [27] but what? [28] even now.

[25] *Ch.*14.2, &c. ¶ [26] In the very beginning of his reign, *ch.*15.28,30. ¶ [27] When shall this come to pass? ¶ [28] *Exod.* 12.30,31. Presently without delay.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, [29] as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall [30] root up Israel out of this [31] good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall [32] scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

[29] Be continually disquieted either by foreign invasions, or civil wars. ¶ [30] 2 *King.*17.6, &c. *Psal.*53.5. ¶ [31] *Deut.* 8.7, &c. ¶ [32] 2 *King.*15.29. and 17.6. &c.

16 And he shall give Israel up, because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

17 ¶ And Jeroboams wife arose, and departed, and came to * Tirzah: *and* [33] when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died.

* Chap.16.6, 8,15,23. Cant. 6.4.

18 And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him, * according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

* Vers. 13.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he [33] warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

[33] 2 *Chron.* 13. a. &c.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned, *were* two and twenty years, and he † slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

† Heb. *Lay down.*

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21 ¶ And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah: Rehoboam *was* [34] forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, [35] the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mothers name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.

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[34] 2*Chr.*12.13. [35] See on *ch.* 11.36.

22 And Judah [36] did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to [37] jealousie with their sins which they had committed, [38] above all that their fathers had done.

[36] *Viz.* After the first three years, 2 *Chron.*11.17. ¶ [37] *v.* 9. *Deut.*29.28. and 32.16,21. *Prov.*6.34,35. ¶ [38] *Ezek.* 16. 47,48.

23 For they also built them [39] high places, and ‖ images, and groves on every high hill, and [40] under every green tree.

[39] *Ch.*3.2. *Deut.*12.2. ¶ [40] 2 *Chron.*28.4. *Isa.* 57.5.

‖ Or, *standing images*, or *statues.*

24 And there were also * [41] Sodomites in the land, *and* they did [42] according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

* Chap.15.12. & 22.46.

[41] *Gen.* 19.5. *Judg.* 19.22. *Rom.* 1.26,27. *Deut.*23.17. 2 *King.*23.7. ¶ [42] Lev. 18.24. *Deut.*18.10. &c. *Rom.*1.24.

25 ¶ And it came to pass in the [43] fifth year of king Rehoboam, *that* * Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

[43] 2 *Chr.*12.2. * Chap.11.40.

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, he even took away all: and he took away all the [44] shields of gold which Solomon had made.

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[44] See on *ch.* 10.16.*n.*22.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the † guard, which kept the door of the kings house.

† Heb. *runners.*

28 And it was *so*, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber.

29 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was [45] war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.

[45] *Ch.* 15.6, 16. Some bickerings between the borderers: for *ch.*18.44.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mothers name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. And * Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

* 2 Chr.12.16. *Abijah.*

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1 *Abijams wicked reign.* 7 *Asa succeedeth him.* 24 *He dying, Jehoshaphat succeedeth.* 33 *Baasha's wicked reign.*

NOw in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat, reigned Abijam over Judah.

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2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mothers name *was* Maachah, the daughter of * Abishalom.

* 2 Chr.11.20, 22. * 2 Chr.13.2. * 2Chr.11.21. *Absalom.*

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, [1] as the heart of David his father.

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[2] *Ch.*11.4. *Psal.*119.80. 2 *Tim.*3.5. He made a fair shew, (2 *Chron.*13.10. &c.) but he wanted sincerity. ¶ [3] *ch.*3.14.

4 Nevertheless, [4] for Davids sake did the LORD his God give him [5] a ‖ lamp in Jerusalem, [6] to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

‖ Or, *candle.*

[4] See on *ch.*11.12,32. ¶ [5] *ch.*11.36. See there. ¶ [6] Continue his Posterity upon the Throne.

5 Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and [7] turned not aside from any *thing* that he commanded him [8] all the days of his life, save only in the matter of [9] Uriah the Hittite.

[7] See on *ch.*14.8. *Psal.* 119.6. *Luk.*1.6. ¶ [8] *Acts* 13.36. *Rev.*2.10. 2 *Tim.*4.7. ¶ [9] 2 *Sam.*11.3,4. and 12.9. (for this was a more complicated sin, attended with many others; and as for other sins of humane infirmity, he soon repented of 'em.)

[10] See on *ch.* 14.30.

6 And there was [10] war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was [11] war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

[11] 2 *Chr.* 13.3.

3049. 8 And Abijam slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and * Asa his son reigned in his stead.

* 2 Chr.14.1.

9 ¶ And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, reigned Asa over Judah.

10 And fourty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his ‖ [12] mothers name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

[12] Grandmother's.

11 And Asa did *that which was* [13] right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father.

[13] *Viz.* In the general course of his life; and particularly about the Worship of God; (for otherwise 2 *Chron.* 16. 7, 10,12.)

12 And he took away the [14] sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his [15] fathers had made.

[14] *Ch.* 14. 24. See there. *viz.* All that he could discover, (for some remained. *ch.*22.46.) ¶ [15] *v.*3. *ch.* 11. 7. and 14. 23. *Ezek.*20.17.

3063. 13 And also * Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa † destroyed her idol, and [16] burnt *it* by the brook Kidron.

* 2Chr.15.16.

† Heb. *cut off.*

[16] *Deut.*7.5. 2 *Chron.*15.16. *Exod.*32.20. 2 *King.*23.-12.

* Chap.22.43.

14 But * the [17] high places were [18] not removed: nevertheless Asa his heart wrs [19] perfect with the LORD all his days.

[17] 2 *King.* 12. 3. and 14.4. *viz.* Which were for God's Worship, *ch.*3.2. (but those for Idols he took away, 2 *Chron.* 14.3.) ¶ [18] 2 *Kings* 12.3.and 15.4,5. ¶ [19] See on *ch.*11.4. *viz.* in point of Worship.

† Heb. *holy.*

15 And he brought in the † things which his father had [20] dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

[20] 1 *Chron.*26. 26, 28. Probably after that famous victory, 2 *Chron.*13.15.

[21] *v.*32.*ch.*14. 30.

16 ¶ And there was [21] war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 And Baasha king of Israel [22] went up against Judah, and built Ramah, * that he might [23] not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

3064. * See Chap. 12. 27.

[22] 2 *Chron.*16.1. ¶ [23] Keep his Subjects from revolting to *Asa*, and keep *Asa*'s Subjects from coming into his Dominions, to seduce his people from their obedience to him.

[24] 2 *Chr.*16.2.

18 Then Asa [24] took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the kings house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to * Benhadad the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

* 2Chr.16.2.

19 *There is* [25] a league between me and thee, *and* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may † depart from me.

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† Heb. *go up.*

[25] Contrary to *Exod.*23.32. *Judg.*2.2. *Isa.* 31. 1.

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts, which he had, against the cities of Israel, and smote * Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the [26] land of Naphtali.

* 2 King.15.29

[26] The store-cities there, 2 *Chron.*16. 4.

21 And it came to pass when Baasha heard *thereof*, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah (none *was* † exempted) and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded, and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

† Heb. *free.*

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless, in the time of his old age he was diseased [27] in his feet.

3087. [27] 2 *Chr.*16.12

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was [28] buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and * Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

3090. [28] 2 *Chr.*16.14 * 2Chr.17,1. Matth.1. 8. called *Josaphat.*

25 ¶ And Nadab the son of Jeroboam † began to reign over Israel, in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

† Heb. *reigned.*

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin, wherewith he [29] made Israel to sin.

[29] *ch.*12.30. & 14. 16.

27 ¶ And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, [30] conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at * Gibbethon, which *belongeth* to the Philistines (for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon)

[30] 2 *ch.*16.9. 2 *King.*12.20. * Josh.19.44. Chap.16. 15.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah, did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

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29 And it came to pass when he reigned, *that* he smote all the house of Jeroboam, [31] he left not to Jeroboam any that [32] breathed, until he he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he [33] spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

[31] *ch.*13.34. [32] *Josh.*11.-14 [33] *ch.*14.7. 10, 11.

30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

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CHAP. XVI.

1 *Jehu's prophecy against Baasha.* 8 *Zimri's conspiracy.* 25 *Ahab's wicked reign.* 34 *Joshua's curse upon Hiel the builder of Jericho.*

[1] *v.* 7. 2 *Chron.* 19. 2. & 20. 34. THen the word of the LORD came to [1] Jehu the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the [2] dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel, and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, [3] to provoke me to anger with their sins.

[2] *ch.* 14. 7. 1 *Sam.* 2. 8. *Psal.* 113. 7.

[3] *ch.* 14. 9, 22.

3 Behold, I will * take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house: and will make thy house [4] like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

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[4] *ch.* 15. 29. & 14. 11, 14.

4 [5] Him that dieth of Baasha in the city, shall the dogs eat: and him that dieth of his in the fields, shall the fowls of the air eat.

[5] The same Judgment in the same words is thre atned against *Baasha* here, that was against *Jeroboam* (*ch.* 14. 10, 11.) because he persisted in the same sin.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, * *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

* 2 Chr. 16. 1.

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah, and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the [6] hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani, came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the [7] work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because * he [8] killed him.

* See Hos. 1. 4.

[6] Ministry (as *ch.* 8. 53.) ¶ [7] Idols, (as *Psal.* 115. 4. *Isa.* 2. 8.) ¶ [8] Treacherously slew *Nadab*, *Jeroboam*'s son, *ch.* 15. 27.

3074. 8 ¶ In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah, began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

9 And his servant Zimri (captain of half *his* chariots) [9] conspired against him as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself [10] drunk in the house of Arza † steward of *his* house in Tirzah.

† Heb. *which was over.*

[9] *Ch.* 15. 27. ¶ [10] 2 *Sam.* 13. 28, 29. *Dan.* 5. 2, 30.

3075. 10 And * Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

* 2 King. 9. 31.

11 ¶ And it came to pass when he began to reign, assoon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him * not one that [11] pisseth against a wall, ‖ neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

* 1 Sam. 25. 22.

[11] *ch.* 14. 10.

‖ Or, *both his kinsmen and his friends.*

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha † by [1] Jehu the prophet;

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their * [12] vanities.

* 1 Sam. 12. 21 1 Cor. 8. 4. & 10. 19.

[12] Idols, *Deut.* 32. 21. 2 *King.* 17. 15. *Isa.* 41. 28. 1 *Cor.* 8. 4.

14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 ¶ In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah, and * the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.

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16 And the people *that were* encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to pass when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the kings house, and burnt the kings house over him with fire, and died;

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 ¶ Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king: and half followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died and Omri reigned.

23 ¶ In the thirty and one year of Asa king of Judah, began Omri to reign over Israel twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah. 3079.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer, for [13] two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, † * Samaria. 3080.

† Heb. *Shomeron.*

[13] Six hundred eighty four pounds seven shillings and six-pence.

* See Chap. 13. 32.

25 ¶ But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did [14] worse then all that *were* before him.

[14] In making Statutes to oblige people to his Idolatry, *Mic.* 6. 16.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their * vanities.

* Vers. 13.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri, which he did, and his might that he shewed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria, and Ahab his son reigned in his stead. 3086.

29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah, began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria, twenty and two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, [15] above all that *were* before him.

[15] *v.* 33.

31 And it came to pass, † as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat; that he took to wife [16] Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshiped him.

† Heb. *was it a light thing, &c.*

[16] *ch.* 18. 4. & 21. 8.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal, in the [17] house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

[17] 2 *King.* 10. 21 A sumptuous Temple.

33 And Ahab made * [18] a grove; and Ahab did

* 2 King. 13. 6. & 17. 16. & 21. 3.

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did [19] more to provoke the LORD God of Iſrael to anger, then all the kings of Iſrael that were before him.

[18] See on *Exod.*34.13. ¶ [19] *v.*31. *ch.* 22. 6,8. and 21. 4, 19,20,25.

2553. 34 ¶ In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firſt-born, and ſet up the gates thereof in his youngeſt *ſon* Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he ſpake by [20] Joſhua the ſon of Nun.

[20] *Joſh.*6. 26.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Elijah propheſying againſt Ahab, is ſent to Cherith, where the ravens feed him:* 8 *He is ſent to the widow of Zarephath:* 17 *He raiſeth the widows ſon.*

†Heb. *Elijahu.* Luke 1. 17. *Elias.* * 2 King.3.14. * Eccluſ.48. 3. James 5. 17. * Luke 4. 25.

AND † Elijah the Tiſhbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, ſaid unto Ahab, * *As* the LORD God of Iſrael liveth, before whom [1] I ſtand, * there ſhall not be dew nor rain * theſe years, but according to [2] my word.

[1] *Deut.*10.8. ¶ [2] What I ſhall declare to be the will of God in this caſe.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, ſaying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eaſtward, and [3] hide thy ſelf by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.

[3] *Jer.*32.26. *Joh.*8.59.

4 And it ſhall be, *that* thou ſhalt drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went, and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and fleſh in the morning, and bread and fleſh in the evening: and he drank of the brook.

†Heb. *at the end of days.* 7 And it came to paſs † after a while, that the brook dried up, becauſe there had been no rain in the land.

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto him, ſaying,

9 Ariſe, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a [4] widow woman there to ſuſtain thee.

[4] *Luk.*4.25,26.

10 So he aroſe, and went to Zarephath: and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of ſticks; and he called to her, and ſaid, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a veſſel, that I may drink.

11 And as ſhe was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and ſaid, Bring me, I pray thee, a morſel of bread in thine hand.

12 And ſhe ſaid, *As* the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oyl in a cruſe: and behold, I *am* gathering two ſticks, that I may go in, and dreſs it for me and my ſon, that we may eat it, and [5] die.

[5] *Gen.*21.15,16

13 And Elijah ſaid unto her, Fear not; go, *and* do as thou haſt ſaid: but make me thereof a little cake [6] firſt, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy ſon.

[6] For trial of her Faith.

14 For thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, The barrel of meal ſhall not waſte, neither ſhall the cruſe of oyl fail, until the day *that* the LORD † ſendeth rain upon the earth.

† Heb. *giveth.*

15 And ſhe went, and did [7] according to the ſaying of Elijah, and ſhe, and he, and her houſe did eat ‖ *many* days.

[7] 2 *Chron.* 20. -20.

‖ Or, *a full year.*

16 *And* the barrel of meal waſted not, neither did the cruſe of oyl fail, [8] according to the word of the LORD which he ſpake † by Elijah.

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[8] *ch.*13.5.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

17 ¶ And it came to paſs after theſe things, *that* the ſon of the woman, the miſtreſs of the houſe, fell ſick, and his ſickneſs was ſo ſore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And ſhe ſaid unto Elijah,* [9] What have I to do with thee, O thou [10] man of God? art thou come unto me to call my ſin to [11] remembrance, and to ſlay my ſon?

* See Luke 5.8.

[9] 2 *Sam.*16.10. *Joh.* 2. 4. Wherein have I offended thee? ¶ [10] See on *ch.*13.1. ¶ [11] To God's remembrance, ſo as to puniſh me for 'em.

19 And he ſaid unto her, Give me thy ſon. And he took him out of her boſom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and ſaid, O LORD my God, haſt thou [12] alſo brought evil upon the widow, with whom I ſojourn, by ſlaying her ſon?

[12] As well as upon the Land in general.

21 And he † [13] ſtretched himſelf upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and ſaid, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this childs ſoul come † into him again.

† Heb. *meaſured.*

† Heb. *into his inward parts.*

[13] 2 *King.*4.34. *Act.*20.10. To ſhew his earneſt deſire of the childs life, and that he could be willing even to impart his own life to him.

22 And the LORD [14] heard the voice of Elijah, and the ſoul of the child came into him again, and he [15] revived.

[14] *Pſal.*65.2. *Jam.* 5. 15,16. ¶ [15] *Heb.* 11.35.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the houſe, and [16] delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah ſaid, See, thy ſon liveth.

[16] *Matth.*10.42

24 ¶ And the woman ſaid to Elijah, Now by this [17] I know that thou *art* a [18] man of God, and *that* the [19] word of the LORD in thy mouth, *is* truth.

[17] *John* 3.2. I am further aſſured. ¶ [18] A true Prophet. ¶ [19] The Religion which thou teacheſt is the only true Religion (which therefore I embrace.)

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Elijah meeteth Obadiah:* 17 *He reproveth Ahab, and convinceth Baals prophets.* 41 *He obtaineth rain.*

AND it came to paſs *after* [1] many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the [2] third year, ſaying, Go [3] ſhew thy ſelf unto Ahab; and [4] I will ſend rain upon the earth.

[1] Three years and an half, *Luke* 4.25. *Jam.*5.17. ¶ [2] *Viz.* of his abode with the Widow, *ch.*17.9. ¶ [3] To acquaint him with the cauſe of this Judgment, (*v.* 18.) and adviſe him to remove it, and upon that condition to promiſe him rain. ¶ [4] *Deut.*28.12,22,23. *Am.*4. 7.

2 And Elijah went to [5] ſhew himſelf unto Ahab: and *there was* a ſore famine [6] in Samaria.

[5] *Heb.*13.5,6. ¶ [6] The Kingdom of *Iſrael.*

3 And Ahab called † Obadiah which *was* † the [7] governour of *his* houſe: (now Obadiah [8] feared the LORD greatly:

†Heb. *Obadiahu.*

† Heb. *over his houſe.*

[7] *Gen.*39.4,5. and 41. 38–40. ¶ [8] *Gen.*42.18. *Neh.* 7. 2. 2 *King.*4.1.

4 For it was ſo, when † Jezebel cut off [9] the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

† Heb. *Iz-bel.*

[9] Such as openly proteſted againſt Idolatry, and profeſs'd the true Religion.

5 And Ahab ſaid unto Obadiah, Go into the land,

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land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find graſs to ſave the horſes and mules alive, † that we leeſe not all the beaſts.

† Heb. *that we cut not off our ſelves from the beaſts*

6 So they divided the land between them to paſs throughout it: Ahab went one way by himſelf, and Obadiah went another way by himſelf.

7 ¶ And as Obadiah was [10] in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and [11] fell on his face, and ſaid, *Art* thou that my lord Elijah?

[10] *Ch.*17.29. ¶ [11] *Gen.*18.2. and 50.18. 1 *Sam.*20.41. *Dan.*3.19. *Rev.*19.10.

8 And he anſwered him, I *am*: go tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

9 And he ſaid, What have I ſinned, that thou wouldſt deliver thy ſervant into the hand of Ahab, to ſlay me?

10 [12] *As* the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom whither my lord hath not ſent [13] to ſeek thee: and when they ſaid, *He is not there*; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

[12] *Ch.*1.29. ¶ [13] To get thee into his clutches.

11 And now thou ſayeſt, Go tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

12 And it ſhall come to paſs, *as ſoon as* I am gone from thee, that the ſpirit of the LORD ſhall [14] carry thee whither I know not; and *ſo* when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he ſhall ſlay me: but [15] I thy ſervant fear the LORD from my [16] youth.

[14] As *Ezek.*3.14. *Act.*8.39. 2 *King.*2.11,16. ¶ [15] We may humbly acknowledge the reality of Grace in our ſelves, *Col.*3.16. ¶ [16] 2 *Chron.*34.3. 2 *Tim.*3.15.

13 Was it not told my lord, what I did when Jezebel ſlew the prophets of the LORD? how I hid an hundred men of the LORDs prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou ſayeſt, Go tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*: and he ſhall ſlay me.

15 And Elijah ſaid, [17] *As* the LORD of hoſts liveth, [18] before whom I ſtand, I will ſurely ſhew my ſelf unto him to day.

[17] *Ch.*1.29. *Gen.*2.1. *Deut.*4.19. *Pſal.*103.21. and 148.2. ¶ [18] *ch.*17.1.

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to paſs when Ahab ſaw Elijah, that Ahab ſaid unto him, *Art* thou he that [19] troubleth Iſrael?

[19] *Joſh.*7.25. *Act.*16.20. and 17.6. and 24.5. *Am.*7.10. *Act.*2.36. Brings ſuch Calamities upon the people.

18 And he anſwered, [20] I have not troubled Iſrael, but [21] thou and thy fathers houſe, in that ye have forſaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou haſt followed Baalim.

[20] *Act.*24.13. ¶ [21] *Matth.*14.4. *Ezek.*3.8. 2 *Sam.*12.7.

19 Now therefore ſend, *and* gather to me all Iſrael unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets [22] of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebels table.

[22] *ch.*16.33. & 15.13. 2 *King.* 13.6.

20 So Ahab ſent unto all the children of Iſrael, and gathered the [23] prophets together unto mount Carmel.

[23] *ch.* 22.6.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and ſaid, How long [24] halt ye between two ‖ opinions? If the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, * *then* follow him. And the people anſwered him not a word.

‖ Or, *thoughts.*

* See Joſh.24.15.

[24] *Matth.*6.24. 2 *Cor.*6.14. *Rev.*3.15. Inclining ſometimes to one, ſometimes to another.

22 Then ſaid Elijah unto the people, * I, *even* I only remain [25] prophet of the LORD; but Baals prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men.

*Ch.19.10,14

[25] *Ch.*29.10,18. Publickly to own, and plead the cauſe of God.

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks, and let them chooſe one bullock for themſelves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dreſs the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*:

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that anſwereth by [26] fire, let him be God. And all the people anſwered and ſaid, † It is well ſpoken.

† Heb. *The word* is *good.*

[26] *Lev.*9.24. 1 *Chron.*21.26. 2 *Chron.*7.1.

25 And Elijah ſaid unto the prophets of Baal, Chooſe you one bullock for your ſelves, and dreſs *it* firſt; for ye *are* many: and call on the name of your Gods, but put no fire *under*.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dreſſed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, ſaying, O Baal, ‖ hear us. But *there was* [27] no voice, nor any that ‖ anſwered. And they ‖ [28] leapt upon the altar which was made.

‖ Or, *anſwer.*
‖ Or, *heard.*
‖ Or, *leaped up and down at the altar.*

[27] *Pſal.*115.5. ¶ [28] As if they themſelves were willing to be ſacrific'd; or as if they themſelves would fetch fire from Heaven.

27 And it came to paſs at noon, that Elijah [29] mocked them, and ſaid, Cry † aloud: for he *is* a god, either ‖ he is talking, or he † is purſuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he [30] ſleepeth, and muſt be awaked.

† Heb. *with a great voice.*
‖ Or, *he meditateth.*
† Heb. *hath a purſuit.*

[29] *Ch.*22.15. *Eccl.*11.9. 2 *Chron.*25.8. *Lam.*4.21. *Am.*4.4,5. *Ezek.*20.39. ¶ [30] *Pſal.*121.4.

28 And they cried aloud, and [31] cut themſelves after their manner with knives and lancers, till † the [32] blood guſhed out upon them.

† Heb. *poured out blood upon them.*

[31] *Lev.*19.28. *Deut.*14.1. ¶ [32] *Mic.*6.7.

29 And it came to paſs when mid-day was paſt, and they [33] propheſied until the *time* of the † offering of the *evening* ſacrifice; that *there was* neither voice, nor any to anſwer, nor any † that [34] regarded.

† Heb. *aſcending.*
† Heb. *attention.*

[33] 1 *Sam.*18.10. &c. Raved as Frantic, and uttered ſome ſtrange ſpeeches, which the common people took for Prophecies. ¶ [34] *Jer.*10.5.

30 And Elijah ſaid unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him: and he † repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* [35] broken down.

† To ſhew that he intended to reſtore the true Worſhip of God again. ¶ [35] *ch.*19.14. See on *Rom.*11.3. *n.* 11.

31 And Elijah took [36] twelve ſtones, [37] according to the number of the tribes of the ſons of Jacob, [38] unto whom the word of the LORD came, ſaying, [39] Iſrael ſhall be thy name.

[36] As *Joſh.*4.5,20. *Exod.*24.4. ¶ [37] To ſignifie (1) That it was built for the worſhip of that God, whom the Patriarchs had formerly worſhip'd. (2) To put the people in mind, that tho they were divided as to their civil Government, yet they ought all to be united in the worſhip of the ſame God. (3) To put God in mind of the Covenant that he had formerly made with their Fathers. (4) To ſhew that he acted for the good of all the Tribes. ¶ [38] *viz. Jacob.* ¶ [39] *Gen.*32.28. 2 *King.*17.34.

32 And with the ſtones he [40] built an altar [41] in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two meaſures of ſeed.

[40] By ſpecial diſpenſation, as *Judg.*21.4. 1 *Sam.*7.9. ¶ [41] 1 *Cor.*10.31. *Col.*3.17. By his appointment, (*v.*36.) and dedicated to his ſervice.

33 And he put the wood in [42] order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood,

[42] *Gen.*22.9. *Lev.*1.6,7.

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* See Judg. 6 20.

34 And he said, Do *it* the second time: And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.

†Heb. *went.*

35 And the water † ran round about the altar, and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, [43] LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be ‖ known this day, that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that* I *am* thy servant, and *that* I have done all these things at thy word.

[43] *Gen.*26.24. *Exod.*3.6 1 *Chron.*29.18. ¶ [44] *Psa.*9. 16. and 83.18.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou [45] hast turned their heart back again.

[45] 1 *Thes.*1.9. Wrought this miracle to reduce them from Idolatry to thy own service.

* Lev.9. 24. Judg.6. 21.

38 Then the * fire of the [46] LORD fell, and consumed the burnt-sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

[46] As 1 *Chron.*21.26. 2 *Chron.* 7.1. *Job* 1. 16.

[47] 1 *Chron.*21. 16.

39 And when all the people saw *it*, they [47] fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God.

‖Or, *apprehend.* 2 King.10.25

40 And Elijah said unto them, ‖ * Take the prophets of Baal, let [48] not one of them escape. and they took them, and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and [49] slew them there.

[48] *Jer.*48.10. ¶ [49] *Deut.* 13. 5. and 18. 20.

[50] *Act.* 27.34.

41 ¶ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, [50] eat and drink, for *there is* ‖ a sound of abundance of rain.

‖ Or, *a sound of a noise of rain.*

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink, and Elijah went up to the [51] top of Carmel, and he [52] cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

[51] *Matth.*17.1. *Act.*10.9. ¶ [52] He was assured of the event, yet is diligent in the use of means. So 2 *Sam.*7.27. *Dan.*9.2,3. *Ezek.*36.36,37.

[53] *Psal.*5.-3.

43 And said to his servant, [53] Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again [54] seven times.

[54] *Luke* 18. 1.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth [55] a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, † Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

† Heb. *Tie*, or *bind.*

[55] *Zech.*4.10. Small beginnings may have a great increase.

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a [56] great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

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46 And the [57] hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he [58] girded up his loyns, and ran before Ahab, † to the entrance of Jezreel.

† Heb. *till thou come to Jezreel.*

[57] An extraordinary impulse of Spirit, and ability of Body. ¶ [58] 2 *King.*9.1. *Jer.*1.17. 2 *Pet.* 1. 13. Tuck'd up his long Coat that it might not hinder him.

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1 *Elijah threatned by Jezebel,* 4 *is comforted by an angel:* 9 *God sendeth him to anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha.* 19 *Elisha followeth Elijah.*

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had [1] slain all the prophets with the sword.

[1] *ch.*18.40.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, * [2] So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them, by to morrow about this time.

* Ruth.1.17. [2] *ch.*2.23.& 20.10.

3 And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 ¶ But he himself went a days journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper-tree: and he requested † [3] for himself that he might [4] die, and said, ‖ It is enough, now O LORD take away my life: for I *am* [5] not better then my fathers.

† Heb. *for his life.*

[3] For his advantage, (as he then thought.) ¶ [4] *Jon.* 4. 3. *Numb.*11.15. *Phil.*1.23. ¶ [5] *q.d.* I've liv'd long enough for thy service, and am not like to do thee any more. ¶ [6] That I should desire to live any longer than they.

5 And as he lay and * slept under a juniper-tree, behold then, an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat.

[7] *Gen.*28. 11.

6 And he looked, and behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his † head: and he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

† Heb. *bolster.*

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat, because the journey *is* too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the [8] strength of that meat * [9] forty days and forty nights, unto Horeb the [10] mount of God.

* So Deut. 9. 9, 18.

[8] *Matth.*4.4. ¶ [9] *Exod.*34.28. *Matth.*4.2. ¶ [10] *Exod.* 3. -1. See there.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a [11] cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him: and he said unto him, [12] What dost thou here, Elijah?

[11] *Exod.*33.21,22. ¶ [12] *q.d.* This is not thy proper place, nor the station wherein I set thee. So *Gen.* 16. 8.

10 And he said, I have been very [13] jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, [14] thrown down [15] thine altars, and [16] slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I [17] only am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.

[13] *Psal.*69.9. Zealous to maintain the purity of thy worship, whereby I have procured much hatred to my self, and am fain to fly for my life. ¶ [14] *ch.*18. 30. See on *Rom.* 11. 3. ¶ [15] Formerly erected to thy honour. ¶ [16] *ch.* 18. 4. ¶ [17] So he thought. Good men are sometimes more severe in their censures for God, than he is for himself.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And behold, the [18] LORD passed by, and a great and [19] strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* [20] not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake;

[18] Some sensible manifestation of his presence, *Exod.*33.18, 19. ¶ [19] *Exod.*19.18. *Ezek.*1. 4. and 37.9. To shew God's power, and to humble and prepare him to hearken more diligently to the still voice. ¶ [20] Did not manifest his presence by any distinct voice in that wind.

12 And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD,

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LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a [21] ſtill ſmall voice.

[21] *Zech.*4.6. A diſtinct expreſſion of God's mind, that might without any terror be heard and underſtood.

13 And it was *ſo*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he [22] wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and ſtood in the entring in of the cave: and behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and ſaid, [23] What doſt thou here, Elijah?

[22] *Gen.*16.13. *Exod.* 3.-6. *Iſa.*6.2. ¶ [23] God propounds the ſame queſtion to him again, to produce a further proof of his Zeal: (as Chriſt dealt with *Peter* for proof of his Love, *John* 21.15–17.)

[*] Verſ. 10. 14 *And he ſaid, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hoſts: becauſe the children of Iſrael have forſaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and ſlain thy prophets with the ſword; and I, *even* I only am left, and they ſeek my life to take it away.

15 And the LORD ſaid unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderneſs of Damaſcus: and [*] 2 King.8.13. when thou comeſt, anoint * Hazael *to be* king over Syria.

[*] 2King.9.1,3. Eccluſ.48.8. [*] Luke 4.27. *Eliſeus.* 16 And * Jehu the ſon of Nimſhi ſhalt thou anoint *to be* king over Iſrael: and *Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat of Abel-meholah, ſhalt thou [24] anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.

[24] Deſign by ſome token, *v.* 19.

[*] 2 King.10.6. &c. 17 And * it ſhall come to paſs, *that* him that eſcapeth the [25] ſword of Hazael, ſhall [26] Jehu ſlay: and him that eſcapeth from the ſword of Jehu, ſhall [27] Eliſha ſlay.

[25] 2 *King.* 10. 32. and 13.3. ¶ [26] 2 *King.* 9. 24. *&c.* ¶ [27] *Iſa.*11.4. *Jer.*1.10. *Hoſ.*6.5. By his prophetical denouncing divine vengeance againſt Idolaters, 2 *King.*8.12. and 10. 32. and 15.3.

[*] Rom.11.4. ‖ Or, *I will leave.* 18 *Yet ‖ I have left *me* ſeven thouſand in Iſrael, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not [28] kiſſed him.

[28] *Job* 31.27. *Hoſ.* 13.2. It's not enough to deny inward veneration of Idols, but we muſt forbear all outward expreſſions of reſpect to 'em.

19 ¶ So he departed thence, and found Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat, who *was* plowing with twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and [29] he with the twelfth: and Elijah paſt by him, and caſt his [30] mantle upon him.

[29] *Am.*7.14. ¶ [30] 2 *King.*1.8. A ſign of his calling to be a Prophet.

*Mat.8.21,22. 20 And he [31] left the oxen, and [31] ran after Elijah, and ſaid, *[32] Let me, I pray thee, kiſs my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. † Heb. *Go return.* And he ſaid unto him, † Go back again; for [33] what have I done to thee?

[31] *Matth.*4.20. and 9.9. Being powerfully moved by God's Spirit to give up himſelf wholly to this Function. ¶ [32] *Luke* 9. 61. ¶ [33] *Viz.* To make ſuch a change in thee; it's only from God's Spirit, who has conſecrated thee to this Office, which therefore it concerns thee vigorouſly to execute.

3107. [*] 2Sam.24.22. 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and ſlew them, and * boiled their fleſh with the inſtruments of the oxen, and [34] gave unto the people, and they did eat: then he aroſe, and went after Elijah, and [35] miniſtred unto him.

[34] As a farewel Feaſt, *Luke* 5. 29. ¶ [35] As a continual Attendant was ready to do him any ſervice.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Ben-hadad beſiegeth Samaria.* 13 *The Syrians are ſlain.* 31 *Ahab diſmiſſeth Ben-hadad:* 35 *The prophet reproveth him.*

3103. AND Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his hoſt together, and *there were* thirty and two kings with him, and horſes, and chariots: and he went up and beſieged Samaria, and warred againſt it.

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2 And he ſent meſſengers to Ahab king of Iſrael into the city, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith Ben-hadad,

3 [1] Thy ſilver and thy gold *is* mine, thy wives alſo and thy children, *even* the goodlieſt, *are* mine. [1] *Exod.*15.9.

4 And the king of Iſrael anſwered and ſaid, My lord, O king, according to thy ſaying, I *am* [2] thine, and all that I have. [2] At thy diſpoſal, as thy Tributary.

5 And the meſſengers came again, and ſaid, Thus ſpeaketh Ben-hadad, ſaying, [3] Although I have ſent unto thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt deliver me thy ſilver and thy gold, and thy wives and thy children:

[3] *q. d.* Tho thou underſtandſt it only of homage and fealty, yet I'll have poſſeſſion of all.

6 Yet I will ſend my ſervants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they ſhall ſearch thine houſe, and the houſes of thy ſervants; and it ſhall be, *that* whatſoever is † pleaſant in thine eyes, they ſhall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away. † Heb. *deſireable.*

7 Then the king of Iſrael called all the elders of the land, and ſaid, Mark, I pray you, and ſee how this *man* ſeeketh [4] miſchief: for he ſent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my ſilver, and for my gold, and † I denied him not. [4] Our utter ruin. †Heb. *I kept not back from him.*

8 And all the elders, and all the people ſaid unto him, Hearken not *unto him*, nor conſent.

9 Wherefore he ſaid unto the meſſengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didſt ſend for to thy ſervant at the firſt, I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the meſſengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad ſent unto him, and ſaid, [5] The gods do ſo unto me, and more alſo, if the [6] duſt of Samaria ſhall ſuffice for handfuls for all the people that † follow me. [5] *ch.*19.2. [6] So *Iſa.*36.12. 2 *Sam.*17.13. †Heb. are *at my feet.* So Exod.11.8.

11 And the king of Iſrael anſwered and ſaid, Tell *him*, [7] Let not him that girdeth on *his harneſs*, boaſt himſelf, as he that putteth it off.

[7] *Eccleſ.*7.8. and 9.11. 1 *Sam.*14.6. Let not him that begins any enterpriſe boaſt of his ſucceſs as if he had finiſh'd it.

12 And it came to paſs, when *Benhadad* heard this † meſſage (as he *was* [8] drinking, he and the kings in the ‖ pavilions) that he ſaid unto his ſervants, ‖ Set *your ſelves in aray:* And they ſet *themſelves in aray* againſt the city. † Heb. *word.* ‖ Or, *tents.* ‖ Or, *Place the engines. And they placed* engines.

[8] To drunkenneſs, *v.* 16. So *ch.* 16. 9. *Dan.* 5, 1, 2.

13 ¶ And behold, there † came a prophet unto Ahab king of Iſrael, ſaying, thus ſaith the LORD, Haſt thou ſeen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day, and thou ſhalt [9] know that I *am* the LORD. † Heb. *approached.* [9] *v.*-28. *Pſal.* 9.16.

14 And Ahab ſaid, By whom? And he ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD, *Even* by the ‖ [10] young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he ſaid, Who ſhall † order the battel? And he anſwered, Thou. ‖ Or, *ſervants.* †Heb. *bind, or tie.*

[10] By raw, unexperienc'd perſons, very unlikely to perform ſuch an exploit, as *Judg.*7.2.

15 Then he numbred the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbred all the people, *even* all the children of Iſrael, *being* ſeven thouſand.

16 And they went out at noon: but Benhadad *was* drinking himſelf drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

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and said, Fill four barrels with water, and * pour it on the burnt-sacrifice, and on the wood.

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45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a [56] great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

[56] God proportions his Blessings to our need.

46 And the [57] hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he [58] girded up his loyns, and ran before Ahab, † to the entrance of Jezreel.

† Heb. *till thou come to Jezreel.*

[57] An extraordinary impulse of Spirit, and ability of Body. ¶ [58] 2 *King.*9.1. *Jer.*1.17. 1 *Pet.*1.13. Tuck'd up his long Coat that it might not hinder him.

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1 *Elijah threatned by Jezebel,* 4 *is comforted by an angel:* 9 *God sendeth him to anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha,* 19 *Elisha followeth Elijah.*

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had [1] slain all the prophets with the sword.

[1] *ch.*18.40.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, * [2] So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them, by to morrow about this time.

* Ruth.1.17. [2] *ch.*2.23. & 20.10.

3 And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 ¶ But he himself went a days journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper-tree: and he requested † [3] for himself that he might [4] die, and said, It is enough, now O LORD take away my life: for I *am* [5] not better then my fathers.

† Heb. *for his life.*

[3] For his advantage, (as he then thought.) ¶ [4] *Jon.*4.3. *Numb.*11.15. *Phil.*1.23. ¶ [5] *q.d.* I've liv'd long enough for thy service, and am not like to do thee any more. ¶ [6] That I should desire to live any longer than they.

5 And as he lay and [7] slept under a juniper-tree, behold then, an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat.

[7] *Gen.*28.11.

6 And he looked, and behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his † head: and he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

† Heb. *bolster.*

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat, because the journey *is* too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the [8] strength of that meat [9] forty days and forty nights, unto Horeb the [10] mount of God.

* So Deut. 9. 9, 18.

[8] *Matth.*4.4. ¶ [9] *Exod.*34.28. *Matth.*4.2. ¶ [10] *Exod.* 3. -1. See there.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a [11] cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him: and he said unto him, [12] What dost thou here, Elijah?

[11] *Exod.*33.21,22. ¶ [12] *q.d.* This is not thy proper place, nor the station wherein I set thee. So *Gen.* 16.8.

10 And he said, I have been very [13] jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, [14] thrown down [15] thine altars, and [16] slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I [17] only am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.

[13] *Psal.*69.9. Zealous to maintain the purity of thy worship, whereby I have procured much hatred to my self, and am fain to fly for my life. ¶ [14] *ch.*18.30. See on *Rom.* 11. 3. ¶ [15] Formerly erected to thy honour. ¶ [16] *ch.* 18.4. ¶ [17] So he thought. Good men are sometimes more severe in their censures for God, than he is for himself.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And behold, the [18] LORD passed by, and a great and [19] strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* [20] not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake;

[18] Some sensible manifestation of his presence, *Exod.*33.18, 19. ¶ [19] *Exod.*19.18. *Ezek.*1.4. and 37.9. To shew God's power, and to humble and prepare him to hearken more diligently to the still voice. ¶ [20] Did not manifest his presence by any distinct voice in that wind.

12 And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD,

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LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a [21] ſtill ſmall voice.

[21] *Zech.*4.6. A diſtinct expreſſion of God's mind, that might without any terror be heard and underſtood.

13 And it was *ſo*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he [22] wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and ſtood in the entring in of the cave: and behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and ſaid, [23] What doſt thou here, Elijah?

[22] *Gen.*16.13. *Exod.* 3.-6. *Iſa.*6.2. ¶ [23] God propounds the ſame queſtion to him again, to produce a further proof of his Zeal: (as Chriſt dealt with *Peter* for proof of his Love, *John* 21.15–17.)

[1] Verſ. 10. 14 * And he ſaid, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hoſts: becauſe the children of Iſrael have forſaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and ſlain thy prophets with the ſword; and I, *even* I only am left, and they ſeek my life to take it away.

15 And the LORD ſaid unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderneſs of Damaſcus: and

* 2 King.8.13. when thou comeſt, anoint * Hazael *to be* king over Syria.

* 2King.9.1,3. Eccluſ.48.8. * Luke 4.27. *Eliſeus.* 16 And * Jehu the ſon of Nimſhi ſhalt thou anoint *to be* king over Iſrael: and *Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat of Abel-meholah, ſhalt thou [24] anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.

[24] Deſign by ſome token, *v.* 19.

* 2 King.10.6. &c. 17 And * it ſhall come to paſs, *that* him that eſcapeth the [25] ſword of Hazael, ſhall [26] Jehu ſlay: and him that eſcapeth from the ſword of Jehu, ſhall [27] Eliſha ſlay.

[25] 2 *King.* 10. 32. and 13.3. ¶ [26] 2 *King.* 9. 24. *&c.* ¶ [27] *Iſa.*11.4. *Jer.*1.10. *Hoſ.*6.5. By his prophetical denouncing divine vengeance againſt Idolaters, 2 *King.*8.12. and 10. 32. and 13.3.

* Rom.11.4. ‖ Or, *I will leave.* 18 * Yet ‖ I have left *me* ſeven thouſand in Iſrael, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not [28] kiſſed him.

[28] *Job* 31.27. *Hoſ.* 13.2. It's not enough to deny inward Veneration of Idols, but we muſt forbear all outward expreſſions of reſpect to 'em.

19 ¶ So he departed thence, and found Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat, who *was* plowing with twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and [29] he with the twelfth: and Elijah paſt by him, and caſt his [30] mantle upon him.

[29] *Am.*7.14. ¶ [30] 2 *King.*1.8. A ſign of his calling to be a Prophet.

20 And he [31] left the oxen, and [31] ran after

*Mat.8.21,22. Elijah, and ſaid, * [32] Let me, I pray thee, kiſs my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow

† Heb. *Go return.* thee. And he ſaid unto him, † Go back again; for [33] what have I done to thee?

[31] *Matth.*4.20. and 9.9. Being powerfully moved by God's Spirit to give up himſelf wholly to this Function. ¶ [32] *Luke* 9. 61. ¶ [33] *Viz.* To make ſuch a change in thee; it's only from God's Spirit, who has conſecrated thee to this Office, which therefore it concerns thee vigorouſly to execute.

3107. * 2Sam.24.22. 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and ſlew them, and * boiled their fleſh with the inſtruments of the oxen, and [34] gave unto the people, and they did eat: then he aroſe, and went after Elijah, and [35] miniſtred unto him.

[34] As a farewel Feaſt, *Luke* 5. 29. ¶ [35] As a continual Attendant was ready to do him any ſervice.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Ben-hadad beſiegeth Samaria.* 13 *The Syrians are ſlain.* 31 *Ahab diſmiſſeth Ben-hadad:* 35 *The prophet reproveth him.*

3103. AND Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his hoſt together, and *there were* thirty and two kings with him, and horſes, and chariots: and he went up and beſieged Samaria, and warred againſt it.

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2 And he ſent meſſengers to Ahab king of Iſrael into the city, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith Ben-hadad,

3 [1] Thy ſilver and thy gold *is* mine, thy wives alſo and thy children, *even* the goodlieſt, *are* mine. [1] *Exod.*15.9.

4 And the king of Iſrael anſwered and ſaid, My lord, O king, according to thy ſaying, I *am* [2] thine, and all that I have. [2] At thy diſpoſal, as thy Tributary.

5 And the meſſengers came again, and ſaid, Thus ſpeaketh Ben-hadad, ſaying, [3] Although I have ſent unto thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt deliver me thy ſilver and thy gold, and thy wives and thy children:

[3] *q. d.* Tho thou underſtandſt it only of homage and fealty, yet I'll have poſſeſſion of all.

6 Yet I will ſend my ſervants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they ſhall ſearch thine houſe, and the houſes of thy ſervants; and it ſhall be, *that* whatſoever is † pleaſant in thine eyes, they ſhall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away. † Heb. *deſireable.*

7 Then the king of Iſrael called all the elders of the land, and ſaid, Mark, I pray you, and ſee how this *man* ſeeketh [4] miſchief: for he ſent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my ſilver, and for my gold, and † I denied him not. [4] Our utter ruin. †Heb. *I kept not back from him.*

8 And all the elders, and all the people ſaid unto him, Hearken not *unto him*, nor conſent.

9 Wherefore he ſaid unto the meſſengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didſt ſend for to thy ſervant at the firſt, I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the meſſengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad ſent unto him, and ſaid, [5] The gods do ſo unto me, and more alſo, if the [6] duſt of Samaria ſhall ſuffice for handfuls for all the people that † follow me. [5] *ch.*19.2. [6] So *Iſa.*36.12. 2 *Sam.*17.13. †Heb. are *at my feet.* So Exod.11.8.

11 And the king of Iſrael anſwered and ſaid, Tell *him*, [7] Let not him that girdeth on *his harneſs*, boaſt himſelf, as he that putteth it off.

[7] *Eccleſ.*7.8. and 9.11. 1 *Sam.*14.6. Let not him that begins any enterpriſe boaſt of his ſucceſs as if he had finiſh'd it.

12 And it came to paſs, when *Benhadad* heard this † meſſage (as he *was* [8] drinking, he and the kings in the ‖ pavilions) that he ſaid unto his ſervants, ‖ Set *your ſelves in aray:* And they ſet *themſelves in aray* againſt the city. † Heb. *word.* ‖ Or, *tents.* ‖ Or, *Place* the engines. *And they placed* engines.

[8] To drunkenneſs, *v.* 16. So *ch.* 16. 9. *Dan.* 5. 1, 2.

13 ¶ And behold, there † came a prophet unto Ahab king of Iſrael, ſaying, thus ſaith the LORD, Haſt thou ſeen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day, and thou ſhalt [9] know that I *am* the LORD. † Heb. *approached.* [9] *v.*-28. *Pſal.* 9.16.

14 And Ahab ſaid, By whom? And he ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD, *Even* by the ‖ [10] young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he ſaid, Who ſhall † order the battel? And he anſwered, Thou. ‖ Or, *ſervants.* †Heb. *bind, or tie.*

[10] By raw, unexperienc'd perſons, very unlikely to perform ſuch an exploit, as *Judg.*7.2.

15 Then he numbred the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbred all the people, *even* all the children of Iſrael, *being* ſeven thouſand.

16 And they went out at noon: but Benhadad *was* drinking himſelf drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the

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18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces, came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians [11] fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse, with the horse-men.

‖ *Psal.* 33. 16.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 ¶ And the [12] prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go [13] strengthen thy self, and mark and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year, the king of Syria will come up against thee.

[11] *V.* 13. ¶ [13] Use all means both spiritual and outward.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods *are* [14] gods of the hills, therefore they were stronger then we: but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger then they.

[14] Because they had many high places on hills, where they worship'd their Gods.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms.

25 And number thee an army, like the army † that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger then they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

† Heb. *that was fallen.*

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26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbred the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, † to fight against Israel.

† Heb. *to the war with Israel.*

27 And the children of Israel were numbred, and ‖ were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them, like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians [15] filled the country.

‖ Or, *were victualled.*

[15] *Judg.* 6. 5.

28 ¶ And there came a [16] man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD *is* God of the hills, but he *is* not God of the valleys: [17] therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, *and* ye shall know [18] that I *am* the LORD.

[16] *V.* 13, 22. ¶ [17] *Ezek.* 36. 21, 22. ¶ [18] The universal Lord of all places, persons and things.

29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days; and *so* it was, that in the seventh day the battel was joyned: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city: and *there* a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men *that were* left: and Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, ‖ † into an inner chamber.

‖ Or, *from chamber to chamber.* † Heb. *into a chamber within a chamber.*

31 ¶ And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put [19] sackcloth on our loyns, and [20] ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel, peradventure he will save thy life.

[19] In token of sorrow for raising war against him. ¶ [20] In token that they deserv'd death for it.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loyns, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother.

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33 Now the men did diligently observe whether *any thing would come* from him, and did hastily catch *it*: and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And *Ben-hadad* said unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father, I will restore, and thou shalt make [21] streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then *said Ahab*, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

[21] Places of free trading.

35 ¶ And a certain man of * the [22] sons of the prophets, said unto his [23] neighbour * [24] in the word of the LORD, [25] Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

* 2 King. 2. 3, 5, 7, 15. † Ch. 13. 17, 18.

[22] Such young men as were train'd up in their Colledges for that employment. ¶ [23] Another of the sons of the Prophets. ¶ [24] In the name, and by the command of God. ¶ [25] To shew, that the King of *Israel* should be smitten.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, assoon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall [26] slay thee. And assoon as he was departed from him, *a lion found him, and slew him.

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[26] To note, that *Ahab* also should be slain, (*ch.* 22. 34, 37.) tho under pretence of clemency he spar'd *Ben-hadad.*

37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, † so that in smiting he wounded *him.*

† Heb. *smiting and wounding.*

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, [27] Thy servant went out into the midst of the battel, and behold, [28] a man turned aside, and brought [29] a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt † pay a talent of silver.

† Heb. *weigh.*

[27] He delivers his message in a parable, thereby to bring *Ahab* to give judgment against himself, as 2 *Sam.* 12. 1. &c. ¶ [28] Some Commander. ¶ [29] A Prisoner.

40 And as thy servant was busie here and there, † he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, [30] So *shall* thy judgment *be*, thy self hast decided *it*.

† Heb. *he was not.*

[30] *Luk.* 19. 22. *Job* 15. 6. *viz.* Either to render thy self, or pay the sum.

41 And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face, and the king of Israel discerned him that he *was* of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast [31] let go out of *thy* hand, a man whom I [32] appointed to utter destruction, therefore [33] thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

[31] 1 *Sam.* 15. 9. ¶ [32] (As appears by my delivering him into thy power.) ¶ [33] *ch.* 22. 34. &c.

43 And the king of Israel went to his house, heavy and [34] displeased, and came to Samaria.

[34] *ch.* 22. 8.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Ahab denied Naboths vineyard.* 5 *Jezebel causeth Naboth to be condemned.* 17 *Elijah denounceth judgments against Ahab and Jezebel.*

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AND it came to pass after [1] these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

[1] *ch.* 18. 39, 45. & 20, 21, 29. *Ezr.* 9. 13, 14.

2 And

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2 And Ahab ſpake unto Naboth, ſaying, Give me thy * vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, becauſe it *is* near unto my houſe, and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it: *or* if it † ſeem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

* 1 Sam. 8.14.

† Heb. be *good* in thine eyes.

3 And Naboth ſaid to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I ſhould give the [2] inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

[2] *Lev.*25.23. *Numb.*36.7. *Ezek.*46.18.

4 And Ahab came into his houſe, [3] heavy and diſpleaſed, becauſe of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had ſpoken to him: for he had ſaid, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers: and he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

[3] *ch.* 20.43.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and ſaid unto him, Why is thy ſpirit ſo ſad, that thou eateſt no bread?

6 And he ſaid unto her, Becauſe I ſpake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and ſaid unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or elſe if it pleaſe thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he anſwered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his [4] wife ſaid unto him, Doſt thou now [5] govern the kingdom of Iſrael? ariſe, *and* eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

[4] *Gen.*3.-6. *Eccl.*7.26. ¶ [5] 1 *Sam.* 8. 14. *q. d.* Thou art abſolute, and may'eſt do what thou wilt.

[6] *Eſt.*3.12.

8 So ſhe [6] wrote letters in Ahabs name, and ſealed *them* with his ſeal, and ſent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that *were* in his city dwelling with Naboth.

9 And ſhe wrote in the letters, ſaying, Proclaim a [7] faſt, and ſet Naboth † on [8] high among the people.

† Heb. *in the top of the people.*

[7] *Iſa.*58.4. *Luke* 20.47. *Matth.*2. 8. As if God had been mightily provok'd by *Naboth*'s heinous ſin, and muſt be ſought unto, and have juſtice executed, that he might be pacified, *Numb.*25. 7,8. *Pſal.* 106. 30. ¶ [8] To be ſeen of the people.

10 And ſet [9] two men ſons of [10] Belial before him, to bear witneſs againſt him, ſaying, Thou didſt * blaſpheme [11] God and the king: and *then* [12] carry him out, and [13] ſtone him that he may die.

* Lev.24.15, 16. Act.6.11.

[9] *Deut.*19.15. ¶ [10] See on *Deut.* 13.13. ¶ [11] *Exod.* 22. 28. ¶ [12] *Joſh.*7.-24. *Mark* 15. -20. That the City might not be defil'd by him. ¶ [13] *Lev.*24. 14.

11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders, and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, [14] did as Jezebel had ſent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which ſhe had ſent unto them.

[14] 1 *Sam.*23.20

12 They proclaimed a faſt, and ſet Naboth on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and ſat before him: and the men of Belial witneſſed againſt him, *even* againſt Naboth, in the preſence of the people, ſaying, Naboth did blaſpheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and [15] ſtoned him with ſtones that he died.

[15] And his Sons alſo (2 *King.*9.26.) That ſo none might be left to claim the Vineyard.

14 Then they ſent to Jezebel, ſaying, Naboth is ſtoned, and is dead.

15 ¶ And it came to paſs when Jezebel heard that Naboth was ſtoned, and was dead, that Jezebel ſaid to Ahab, Ariſe, take poſſeſſion of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refuſed to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to paſs when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab roſe up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take poſſeſſion of it.

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17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tiſhbite, ſaying,

18 Ariſe, go down to meet Ahab king of Iſrael, [16] which *is* in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to poſſeſs it.

[16] Whoſe Throne and common reſidence is there.

19 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto him, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, [17] Haſt thou killed, and alſo taken poſſeſſion? and thou ſhalt ſpeak unto him, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, ſhall dogs lick [18] thy blood, even thine.

[17] 2 *Sam.* 12. 9. Conſented to it; afterwards at leaſt. ¶ [18] *ch.*22.38. 2 *King.*7.25,26. (But upon his humiliation the ſeverity of the ſentence was a little moderated, *v.* 29.)

20 And Ahab ſaid to Elijah, [19] Haſt thou found me, O mine [20] enemy? And he anſwered, I have found *thee*: becauſe thou [21] haſt ſold thy ſelf to work evil in the [22] ſight of the LORD.

[19] Art thou ſo audacious as to dog me and meet me whereſoever I am? ¶ [20] *ch.* 22. 8. *Am.* 5. 10. *Gal.* 4. 16. ¶ [21] 2 *King.*17.-17. *Eph.*4.19. Given thy ſelf over, wilfully and wholly to commit ſin. A regenerate man may be ſold under ſin (*Rom.*7.14. See there.) but only wicked men ſell themſelves to do evil. ¶ [22] *Numb.* 32. -13. Tho thou knoweſt that God ſees thee.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy poſterity, and will [23] cut off from Ahab him that piſſeth againſt the ‖ wall, and * him that is ſhut up, and left in Iſrael,

[23] *ch.*14.10. 1 *Sam.*25. 22. 2 *King.*9.8.

22 And will make thine houſe [24] like the houſe of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, and like the houſe of [25] Baaſhah the ſon of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou haſt provoked *me* to anger, and made Iſrael to ſin.

[24] *ch.*15.29. [25] *ch.*16.3.

23 And of Jezebel alſo ſpake the LORD, ſaying, The [26] dogs ſhall eat Jezebel by the ‖ wall of Jezreel.

[26] 2 *King.*9.35 &c.

‖ Or, *ditch.*

24 [27] Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs ſhall eat; and him that dieth in the field ſhall the fowls of the air eat.

[27] *ch.* 14. 11.

25 ¶ But there was [28] none like unto Ahab, which did ſell himſelf to work wickedneſs in the ſight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife ‖ [29] ſtirred up.

[28] *ch.* 16. 33. 2 *King.*23. 25.

‖ Or, *incited.*

[29] *v.*7.*ch.*11.4.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom the LORD caſt out before the children of Iſrael.

27 And it came to paſs when Ahab heard thoſe words, that he [30] rent his clothes, and put [31] ſackcloth upon his fleſh, and faſted, and lay in ſackcloth, and went [32] ſoftly.

[30] See on *Gen.*37.29.2 *King.*18.37.and 22.11. ¶ [31] *Jon.*3.6. As acknowledging himſelf unworthy of better clothing. ¶ [32] *Iſa.*38.15. As mourners uſe to do.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tiſhbite, ſaying,

29 Seeſt thou how Ahab [33] humbleth himſelf [34] before me? [35] becauſe he humbleth himſelf before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his [36] ſons days will I bring the evil upon his houſe.

[33] *Pſal.*78.36,37.*viz.* outwardly, ſo 2 *Chron.*12.6. ¶ [34] Upon my threatning. ¶ [35] 2 *King.*22.19,20. 2 *Chron.*12.7.and 33.12,13. and 32.26. *Exod.* 9. 27. &c. External humiliation may procure outward, temporal Bleſſings. ¶ [36] 2 *King.* 9. 15.&c.& 10.1.

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1 *Ahab ſeduced by falſe prophets, is ſlain at Ramoth-gilead.* 37 *The dogs lick up his blood.* 41 *Jehoſhaphat's good reign,* 45 *and acts.* 51 *Ahaziah's evil reign.*

AND they continued three years without war between Syria and Iſrael.

2 And it came to paſs in the third year that Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah [1] came down to the king of Iſrael.

[1] 2 *Chron.*18. 1,2.

3 (And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto his ſervants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *be* † ſtill, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?)

† Heb. *ſilent from taking it.*

4 And he ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, [2] Wilt thou go with me to battel to Ramoth-gilead? and Jehoſhaphat ſaid to the king of Iſrael, [3] I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, my horſes as thy horſes.

[2] 2 *Chron.* 17. 10. &c. ¶ [3] 2 *King.* 3. 7. 2 *Chron.* 19. 2. *Prov.*13.20.

5 And Jehoſhaphat ſaid unto the king of Iſrael, [4] Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

[4] *Judg.* 1.1. & 20.28. 1 *Sam.*23.2.

6 Then the king of Iſrael gathered [5] the prophets together about four hundred men, and ſaid unto them, Shall I go againſt Ramoth-gilead to battel, or ſhall I forbear? And they ſaid, Go up: for the [6] LORD ſhall [7] deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

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[5] *ch.*18.19. ¶ [6] *Ezek.*13.7. ¶ [7] It may be underſtood, either deliver *Ramoth Gilead*, or deliver thee: and ſo it was a doubtful anſwer, like the Heathen Oracles.

7 And * Jehoſhaphat ſaid, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD beſides, that we might enquire of him?

* 2 King.3.11.

8 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, *There is* yet one man (Micaiah the ſon of Imlah) by whom we may [8] enquire of the LORD; but [9] I hate him, for he doth not propheſie [10] good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoſhaphat ſaid, [11] Let not the king ſay ſo.

[8] *Jer.*42.5,6. and 43.2,3. ¶ [9] *ch.*20.43. and 21.20. *Gen.* 37.-8. *Pſal.*38.19. *Amos* 5.10. *Joh.*7.7. *Gal.*4.16. 2 *Tim.*4.3. ¶ [10] *Jer.*38.-4. *Mic.*2.11. ¶ [11] *q.d.* Don't preſage evil to our enterpriſe, but let's hear what he ſaith, and then do as we ſee cauſe.

‖ Or, *eunuch.*

9 Then the king of Iſrael called an ‖ officer, and ſaid, Haſten *hither* Micaiah the ſon of Imlah.

10 And the king of Iſrael, and Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah ſat each on his throne, having put on their [12] robes, in a † void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets [13] propheſied before them.

[12] *Act.*12.21. † Heb. *floor.* [13] *ch.*18.29.

11 And Zedekiah the ſon of Chenaanah made him [14] horns of iron: and he ſaid, Thus ſaith the [15] LORD, With theſe ſhalt thou puſh the Syrians, until thou have conſumed them.

[14] As *Jer.*27.2. and 28.13. *Zech.*1.18,19. ¶ [15] (Whoſe Name he pretends to gain the more credit and countenance to his words.)

12 And all the prophets propheſied ſo, ſaying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and proſper: for the LORD ſhall deliver *it* into the kings hand.

13 And the meſſenger that was gone to call Micaiah, ſpake unto him, ſaying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with [16] one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and ſpeak *that which is* good.

[16] *Hoſ.*7.3.

14 And Micaiah ſaid, *As* the LORD liveth, what the LORD ſaith unto me, [17] that will I ſpeak,

[17] *Jer.* 23.28. and 42.-4. 1 *Cor.* 11.23.

15 ¶ So he came to the king, and the king ſaid unto him, Micaiah, [18] ſhall we go againſt Ramoth-gilead to battel, or ſhall we forbear? And he anſwered him, [19] Go, and proſper: for the LORD ſhall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

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[18] *Jer.*42.5. &c. ¶ [19] Spoken Ironically by way of deriſion, (as *ch.*18.27. See there.) *q.d.* Yes; you had beſt go by all means, as your Prophets adviſe you.

16 And the king ſaid unto him, How many times ſhall I [20] adjure thee, that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true [21] in the name of the LORD?

[20] Charge thee as by a ſolemn Oath. See on *Matth.*26.63. ¶ [21] Which thou haſt received from him.

17 And he ſaid, [22] I ſaw all [23] Iſrael ſcattered upon the hills, as ſheep that have not a ſhepherd: and the LORD ſaid, Theſe have no maſter, let them [24] return every man to his houſe [25] in peace.

[22] *Viz.* In Viſion; as *Ezek.* 1. 4. *&c. Act.* 10. 11, 17. ¶ [23] Their Armies routed and put to flight (*Zech.*13.7. *Mat.* 9.36.) as people that have loſt their King, *v.*34. ¶ [24] *V.*36. ¶ [25] Diſcharg'd from the war.

18 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, [26] Did I not tell thee, that he would propheſie no good concerning me, but evil?

[26] *q.d.* This has always been his way; and therefore there is no heed to be given to what he ſaith.

19 And he ſaid, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I ſaw the LORD [27] ſitting on his throne, and * all the [28] hoſt of heaven ſtanding by him, on his right hand and on his left.

* Job 1.6.& 2. 1. Zech.1.10. Matth. 18.10. Heb.1.7.14.

[27] *Iſa.*6.1. *Dan.*7.9. A parabolical Viſion. ¶ [28] *Pſal.*103. 20,21. *Dan.*7.10. The Angels, both good and bad.

20 And the LORD ſaid, [29] Who ſhall ‖ perſwade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And [30] one ſaid on this manner, and another ſaid on that manner.

‖ Or, *deceive.*

[29] All this is applied to God by way of reſemblance, and after the manner of men. ¶ [30] This only ſhews the various paſſages of divine Providence, and that God has divers ways and means whereby he can accompliſh his purpoſes.

21 And there came forth a [31] ſpirit, and ſtood before the LORD, and ſaid, I will perſwade him.

[31] An evil ſpirit, *v.*22. as *Job* 1.6.

22 And the LORD ſaid unto him, Wherewith? And he ſaid, I will go forth, and I will be a [32] lying ſpirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he ſaid, * [33] Thou ſhalt perſwade *him*, and prevail alſo: go forth, and do ſo.

2 *Theſ.*2.11.

* Judg. 9.23. Job 12. 16. Ezek.14.9.

[32] *Joh.*8.44. 1 *Joh.*4.6. *Rev.*12.9. So work on *Ahab*'s Prophets as that they ſhall declare falſe things. ¶ [33] 2 *Theſ.* 2. 11,12. *Pſal.*109.17.

23 Now therefore behold, the LORD hath [34] put a lying ſpirit in the mouth of all theſe thy prophets, and the LORD hath [35] ſpoken evil concerning thee.

[34] 2 *Sam.* 16. 10. *Job* 12. -16. *Ezek.* 14. 9. *Rom.* 1. 24. ¶ [35] Determin'd and denounc'd judgment.

24 But Zedekiah the ſon of Chenaanah went near, and [36] ſmote Micaiah on the cheek, and ſaid, * Which way went the ſpirit of the LORD from me to ſpeak unto thee?

* 2Chr.18.23.

[36] *Jer.*20.2. *Job* 16.10. *Lam.*3.30. *Acts* 23.2. *Mar.*14.65.

25 And Micaiah ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee in that day, when thou ſhalt go ‖ into † an inner chamber to [37] hide thy ſelf.

‖ Or, *from chamber to chamber.* † Heb. *a chamber in a chamber.*

[37] For fear of deſerved puniſhment for thy pernicious counſel.

26 And the king of Iſrael ſaid, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governour of the city, and to Joaſh the kings ſon:

27 And ſay, Thus ſaith the king, Put this *fellow* in the priſon, and feed him with [38] bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

[38] *Deut.* 16. 3. *Pſal.* 80. 5. & 127.2. *Iſa.*30.20. A courſe, ſcanty Diet, to prolong his affliction and miſery.

28 And Micaiah ſaid, [39] If thou return at all

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in peace, the LORD hath not ſpoken by me. And he ſaid, [40] Hearken, O people, every one of you.

[39] *Numb.*16.29. ¶ [40] *q. d.* Be ye Witneſſes of the iſſue.

29 So the king of Iſrael and Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah, went up to Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, ‖ I will diſguiſe my ſelf, and enter into the battel, but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Iſrael * diſguiſed himſelf, and went into the battel.

‖ Or, *when he was to diſguiſe himſelf, and enter into the battel.*

* 2*Chr.*35.22.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his [41] thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariot, ſaying, Fight neither with [42] ſmall nor great, ſave only with the king of Iſrael.

[41] *Ch.*20.24. ¶ [42] *Jer.* 16.6. Not ſo much with any others, but aim chiefly at the King.

32 And it came to paſs, when the captains of the chariots ſaw Jehoſhaphat, that they ſaid, Surely it *is* the king of Iſrael. And they [43] turned aſide to fight againſt him: and Jehoſhaphat [44] cried out.

[43] 2 *Chron.* 18. 31. *Prov.* 13. 20. ¶ [44] *viz.* To the Lord, 2 *Chron.*18.31. as *ch.*17.20,21.

33 And it came to paſs, when the captains of the chariots [45] perceived that it *was* not the king of Iſrael, that they turned back from purſuing him.

[45] By ſome ſpecial providence, in anſwer to *Jehoſhaphat's* prayer, 2 *Chron.*18.31.

† Heb. *in his ſimplicity.*

† Heb. *Joynts and the breaſt-plate.*

34 And a *certain* man drew a bow † at a venture, and ſmote the king of Iſrael between the † joynts of the harneſs: wherefore he ſaid unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the hoſt, for I am † wounded.

† Heb. *made ſick.*

† Heb. *aſcended.*

35 And the battel † encreaſed that day: and the king was ſtayed up in his chariot againſt the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the † midſt of the chariot.

† Heb. *boſom.*

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the hoſt, about the going down of the ſun, ſaying, [46] Every man to his city, and every man to his own countrey.

[46] *v.* 17.

† Heb. *came.*

37 ¶ So the king died, and † was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And *one* waſhed the chariot in the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood, and they waſhed his armour, [47] according unto the word of the LORD, which he ſpake.

[47] *ch.*21.19.

39 Now the reſt of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and * the ivory houſe which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

* Amos 3.15.

40 So Ahab ſlept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

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41 ¶ And [48] Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Aſa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Iſrael.

[48] 2*Chr.*20.31 3090.

42 Jehoſhaphat *was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jeruſalem: and his mothers name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the [49] way of Aſa his father, he turned not aſide from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD: * nevertheleſs, the [50] high-places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt incenſe [51] yet in the high-places.

[49] Former ways, 2 *Chron.*17. 3. ¶ [50] So *ch.* 15. 14. See there. ¶ [51] Still, after a great Reformation, 2 *Chron.* 17.9 and 19.4.&c.

* 2 King.12.3.

44 And Jehoſhaphat [52] made peace with the king of Iſrael.

[52] 2*Chr.*19.1. 2*Chr.*6.14.

45 Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoſhaphat, and his might that he ſhewed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the [53] Sodomites which remained in the days of his father Aſa, he took out of the land.

[53] *ch.*15.12. See there.

47 *There was* then [54] no king in Edom: a deputy *was* king.

[54] *David* having ſubdued it (2 *Sam.*8.14.) and ſo it continued till *Joram's* time, 2 *King.*8.20,

48 * Jehoſhaphat ‖ made ſhips of [55] Tharſhiſh to go to [56] Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ſhips were broken at Ezion-geber.

* 2 Chr.20.35.

‖ Or, had *ten ſhips.*

[55] *ch.*10.22.

[56] See on *ch.*9. 28. 3108.

49 Then ſaid Ahaziah the ſon of Ahab unto Jehoſhaphat, Let my ſervants go with thy ſervants in the ſhips: but Jehoſhaphat [57] would not.

[57] Having been reproved for joyning with him formerly, 2 *Chron.*20.37.

50 ¶ And * Jehoſhaphat ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his ſon reigned in his ſtead. 3115.

* 2Chr.21.1.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the ſon of Ahab began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria the ſeventeenth year of Jehoſhaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Iſrael. 3106.

52 And he [58] did evil in the ſight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

[58] *ch.*15.26.

53 For he ſerved Baal, and worſhiped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Iſrael, according to all that his father had done.

II. KINGS.

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1 Moab rebelleth. 2 Ahaziah ſending to Baal-zebub, hath his judgment by Elijah. 5 Elijah twice bringeth fire from heaven on Ahaziahs meſſengers.

3108. THen [1] Moab [2] rebelled againſt Iſrael, [3] after the death of Ahab.

[1] *Ch.*3.4. 2 *Sam.*8.2. ¶ [2] Or revolted and fell off (as 1 *King.*12.19.) ¶ [3] *ch.*3.5.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a latteſs in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was ſick: and he ſent meſſengers, and ſaid unto them, Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the God of Ekron, whither I ſhall recover of this diſeaſe.

3 But the [4] angel of the LORD ſaid to Elijah the Tiſhbite, Ariſe, go up to meet the meſſengers of the king of Samaria, and ſay unto them, *Is it* not becauſe *there is* not a God in Iſrael,

[4] *Act.*10,3,5,6.

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rael, *that* ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, † Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

† Heb. *The bed whither thou art gone up, thou shalt not come down from it.*

5 ¶ And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

3108. 6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

† Heb. *What was the manner of the man.*

7 And he said unto them, † What manner of man *was he* which came up to meet you, and told you these words?

8 And they answered him, *He was* [5] an hairy man, and [6] girt with a girdle of leather about his loyns. And he said, It *is* Elijah the Tishbite.

[5] *Zech.* 13. 4. Clad in a hairy rough garment, 1 *Sam.* 28. 14. ¶ [6] *Matth.* 3. 4.

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty, with his fifty: and he went up to him, (and behold, he sat on the [7] top of an hill) and he spake unto him, Thou [8] man of God, the king hath said, Come down.

[7] *Judg.* 15. 11. ¶ [8] In mockery (as *Matth.* 27. 29.)

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *be* a man of God, then * let fire come down [9] from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And [10] there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

* Luke 9. 54.

[9] *Numb.* 11. 1. 1 *King.* 18. 38. *Job* 1. 16. ¶ [10] 2 *Cor.* 10. 6. *Jam.* 5. 17.

11 [11] Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty, with his fifty: and he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down [12] quickly.

[11] *Numb.* 11. 4. *Isa.* 26. 11. 2 *Tim.* 3. 13. ¶ [12] *Jer.* 9. 3.

12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I *be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

13 ¶ And he sent again a captain of the third fifty, with his fifty: and the third captain of fifty went up, and came and † fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, Oh man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants * be precious in thy sight.

† Heb. *bowed.*

* Psal. 72. 14.

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties, with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him, [13] be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

[13] *Jer.* 1. 17. *Ezek.* 2. 6.

16 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron (*is it* not because *there is* no god in Israel to enquire of his word?) therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

3108. 17 ¶ So he died, according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken: and * Jehoram reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

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18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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CHAP. II.

1 *Elijah divideth Jordan, 9 and granting Elisha his request, is taken up. 12 Elisha divideth Jordan: 19 healeth the waters. 23 Children destroyed.*

AND it came to pass when the LORD would [1] take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with [2] Elisha from Gilgal.

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[1] *Gen.* 5. 24. [2] 1 *King.* 19. 21

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, * [3] Tarry here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said *unto him, As* the LORD liveth, and *as* * [4] thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

* See Ruth 1. 15.

* 1 Sam. 1. 26. Verse. 4. 6. Chap. 4. 30.

[3] This he might say to try him, as *Luke* 24. 28. ¶ [4] 1 *Sam.* 1. 26. See there.

3 And * the [5] sons of the prophets that *were* at Beth-el, came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master [6] from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know *it*, [7] hold you your peace.

* Verse. 5, 7, 15. Chap. 4. 1. & 9. 1.

[5] See on 1 *King.* 20. 35. ¶ [6] From being thy Teacher and Governor. ¶ [7] *q. d.* Let not your unseasonable discourse divert my thoughts from this weighty affair of my masters departure.

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath sent me to [8] Jericho. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

[8] (Where was another Colledge of the Prophets.) All these Societies *Elijah* visited before his death.

5 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho, came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know *it*, hold you your peace.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here: for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood † to [9] view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

† Heb. *in sight, or, over against.*

[9] So *Act.* 1. 9. To observe this great event, and to be Witnesses of it to others.

8 And Elijah took his [10] mantle, and wrapt *it* together, and [11] smote the waters, and * they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on [12] dry ground.

* So Exod. 14. 21. Josh. 3. 16. Verse. 14.

[10] 1 *King.* 19. 13. ¶ [11] *Exod.* 14. 21. ¶ [12] *Exod.* 14. 22. *Josh.* 3. 17.

9 ¶ And it came to pass when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, [13] Ask what I shall do for thee, [14] before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let [15] a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

[13] 1 *King.* 3. 5. ¶ [14] The help which God's Servants afford us by prayer and otherwise, must be sought of 'em while they live. ¶ [15] An eminent measure of the gifts of the Spirit.

10 And he said, † Thou hast asked a [16] hard thing: *nevertheless*, [17] if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be *so*.

† Heb. *Thou hast done hard in asking.*

[16] *Dan.* 2. 11. A rare and singular Blessing, which God does not usually bestow; and therefore which I cannot promise thee. ¶ [17] To encourage him to wait the more earnestly, and pray the more fervently for this mercy.

11 And it came to pass as they still went on, and

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and talked, that behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and [18] horſes of fire, and parted them both aſunder, and * Elijah went up by a whirlwind into [19] heaven.

*Eccluſ.48.9. 1 Macc.2.58.

[18] *Ch.6.17.* Angels appearing thus, *Pſal.68.17.* & 104.4 ¶ [19] Both Soul and Body taken into the third Heaven; being by the way ſo chang'd as might make him meet to be admitted into thoſe bleſſed Manſions. A Type of Chriſt's Aſcenſion, (*Mar.16.19.*) and a proof of the Reſurrection of our Bodies.

12 ¶ And Eliſha ſaw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the [20] chariot of Iſrael, and the horſemen thereof. And he ſaw him [21] no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

[20] *Ch.13.14. Job* 22.30. *Prov.*11.11. & 29.8. Who by thy Example, Counſels, Prayers and Power with God, didſt more for the defence and preſervation of Iſrael, than all their war-like proviſions. ¶ [21] *Act.*1.3.

13 [22] He took up alſo the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and ſtood

† Heb. *lip.*

by the † bank of Jordan;

[22] As a pledge of his ſucceeding him in his Office.

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and ſmote the waters, and ſaid, Where *is* the LORD God [23] of Elijah? and

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when he alſo had ſmitten the waters, * they parted hither and thither: and Eliſha went over.

[23] Who enabled *Elijah* to work Miracles, and in whom I truſt at this time for the like power, as his Succeſſor.

15 And when the ſons of the prophets which

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were * to view Jericho, ſaw him, they ſaid, [24] The ſpirit of Elijah doth reſt on Eliſha. And they came to meet him, and [25] bowed themſelves to the ground before him:

[24] Such power as was given by the ſpirit of God to *Elijah*. ¶ [25] As owning him to be their Maſter and Father.

16 ¶ And they ſaid unto him, Behold now,

† Heb. *ſons of ſtrength.* * Ezek.8.3. Bel.& Dra.36. Acts 8.39. [26] As 1 *King.* 18.12. † Heb. *one of the mountains.*

there be with thy ſervants fifty † ſtrong men, let them go, we pray thee, and ſeek thy maſter: leſt peradventure * the ſpirit of the LORD hath [26] taken him up, and caſt him upon † ſome mountain, or into ſome valley. And he ſaid, Ye ſhall not ſend.

17 And when they urged him till he was aſhamed, he ſaid, Send. They ſent therefore fifty men; and they ſought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho) he ſaid unto them, [27] Did I not ſay unto you, Go not?

[27] *Luk.*24.5.

19 ¶ And the men of the city ſaid unto Eliſha, Behold, I pray thee, the ſituation of this city *is* pleaſant, as my lord ſeeth: but the water

† Heb. *cauſing to miſcarry.*

is naught, and the ground † barren.

20 And he ſaid, Bring me a new cruſe, and put [28] ſalt therein. And they brought *it* to him.

[28] Which rather cauſes barrenneſs; an unlikely means, (So when Chriſt anointed a man's Eyes with Clay) to ſhew that it was wrought only by God's power.

21 And he went forth unto the ſpring of the

* See Exod.15. 25. Chap.4.41. & 6.6. John 9.6.

waters, and * caſt the ſalt in there, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD, I have healed theſe waters; there ſhall not be from thence any more death, or barren *land*.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the ſaying of Eliſha which he ſpake.

23 ¶ And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth [29] little children out of the city, and [30] mocked him, and ſaid unto him, [31] Go up thou bald-head, go up thou bald-head.

[29] *Prov.* 20. 11. & 22. 6, 15. ¶ [30] *Gen.* 21. 9. *Gal.*4.29. ¶ [31] *q. d.* Follow thy Maſter into heaven, if thou canſt, whither its pretended he is gone.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and [32] curſed them in the name of the LORD: and there came forth two ſhe-bears out of the wood, and tare fourty and two children of them.

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[32] Denounc'd a curſe from God upon 'em

25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

1 *Jehorams reign.* 4 *Meſha rebelleth.* 6 *Eliſha obtaineth water and promiſe of victory.* 21 *The Moabites overcome.*

NOw Jehoram the ſon of Ahab began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria, the eighteenth year of Jehoſhaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he [1] wrought evil in the [2] ſight of the LORD, but [3] not like his father, and like his [4] mother; for he [5] put away the † image of Ba-

† Heb. *ſtatue.* * 1 King.16. 31,32.

al * that his father had made.

[1] *Ch.6.31.* & 9.22. ¶ [2] See on 1 *King.*21.20. ¶ [3] 1 *Kin.* 16.33. & 21.25. [4] *ch.*9.22. ¶ [5] Suppreſs'd the Worſhip of *Baal* which his Father had ſet up.

3 [6] Nevertheleſs, he cleaved unto * the [7] ſins

* 1 King. 12. 28,31,32.

of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, which made Iſrael to ſin; he departed not therefrom.

[6] *Ch.*10.28,29,31. *Mar.*6.20,27. *Pſal.*119.6. ¶ [7] 1 *King.* 12.28. & 16.19.

4 ¶ And Meſha king of Moab was a [8] ſheep-

[8] *Iſa.*16.1.

maſter, and rendred unto the king of Iſrael an hundred thouſand * lambs, and an hundred thouſand rams, with the wool.

* See Iſa. 16.1.

5 But it came to paſs when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab [9] rebelled againſt the king of Iſrael.

[9] See on *ch.*1.1

6 ¶ And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the ſame time, and [10] numbred all Iſrael.

[10] 2 *Sam.*24.1. muſter'd the Soldiery.

7 And he went and ſent to Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah, ſaying, The king of Moab hath rebelled againſt me: [11] wilt thou go with me againſt Moab to battel? And he ſaid, I will go up: * I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, *and* my horſes as thy horſes.

[11] 1 *King.*22.4. * 1 King.22.4

8 And he ſaid, Which way ſhall we go up? And he anſwered, The way through the wilderneſs of Edom.

9 So the king of Iſrael went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetcht a compaſs of ſeven days journey: and there was no water for the hoſt, and for the cattel † that followed them.

† Heb. *at their feet.* See Exod. 11.8.

10 And the king of Iſrael ſaid, Alas, that the LORD hath called theſe three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

11 But Jehoſhaphat ſaid, [12] *Is there* not here

[12] 1 *King.*22.7.

a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD [13] by him? And one of the king of Iſraels ſervants anſwered and ſaid, Here *is* Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

[13] *Amos* 3.7.

12 And Jehoſhaphat ſaid, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Iſrael, and Jehoſhaphat, and the king of Edom [14] went down to him.

[14] *Pſal.* 78.38.

13 And Eliſha ſaid unto the king of Iſrael, [15] What have I to do with thee? * [16] get thee to [17] the prophets of thy father, and to the pro-

* Ruth 1.15. * 1 Kin.18.19.

phets of thy mother. And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto him, [17] Nay: for [18] the LORD hath called theſe three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

[15] *Joh.* 2. 4. *q.d.* I've nothing to ſay to thee. ¶ [16] *Judg.* 10.14. ¶ [17] *q. d.* Upbraid me not with this fault at this time, but help us in our diſtreſs. ¶ [18] *q. d.* I know it's God's doing, and he only can help us.

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14 And Elisha said, * [19] *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely were it not that I regard the presence of [20] Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would [21] not look toward thee, nor see thee.

* Chap. 5. 16.

[19] 1 *King.* 17. 1. ¶ [20] One of great piety and integrity, 2 *Chron.* 17. 3. *&c.* and 19. 3. *&c.* ¶ [21] *Psal.* 15. 4.

15 But now bring me * a [22] minstrel. And it came to pass when the minstrel played, that [23] the hand of the LORD came upon him.

* See 1 Sam. 10. 5.

[22] That by singing some holy Psalm he might be the better fitted to receive Prophetical inspirations, and they to hear what God would say to 'em. ¶ [23] *Ezek.* 1. 3. 1 *King.* 18. 46. 1 *Sam.* 16. 23. A powerful motion of the spirit.

16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, * Make this valley full of ditches.

* See Ch. 4. 3.

17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see [24] wind, neither shall ye see [24] rain; yet that valley shall be [24] filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your [25] cattel, and your beasts.

[24] God can supply us abundantly without means, as 1 *King.* 18. 38. ¶ [25] *Psal.* 36. 6.

18 And this is *but* a [26] light thing in the sight of the LORD: [26] he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

[26] God's bounty often exceeds our desires; as 1 *King.* 3. 13.

19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and † mar every good piece of land with stones.

† Heb. *grieve.*

20 And it came to pass in the morning, [27] when the meat-offering was offered, that behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the countrey was [28] filled with water.

[27] *Exod.* 29. 39. When the people were joyntly serving God in a solemn manner. So 1 *King.* 18. 36. ¶ [28] *Isa.* 35. 6. & 41. 16–18.

21 ¶ And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they † gathered all that were able to † put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

† Heb. *were cried together.*

† Heb. *gird himself with a girdle.*

22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as* red as blood:

23 And they said, This *is* blood: the kings are surely † slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, [29] to the spoil.

† Heb. *destroyed.*

[29] They march'd in great disorder, as dreaming of nothing but a rich booty.

24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but ‖ they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in *their* countrey.

‖ Or, *they smote in it even smiting.*

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it, and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: † only in Kir-haraseth left they the [30] stones thereof: howbeit the [31] slingers went about *it*, and [31] smote it.

† Heb. *until he left the stones thereof in Kirharaseth*

[30] The wall standing. ¶ [31] The Engineers batter'd it, and made breaches in the walls, by which they could enter into the City.

26 ¶ And when the king of Moab saw that the battel was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through *even* unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

27 Then [32] he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and * [33] offered him *for* a burnt-offering upon the wall: and there was great [34] indignation against Israel: and [35] they departed from him, and returned to *their* own land.

* Amos 2. 1.

[32] The King of *Moab.* ¶ [33] To move his Gods by this extraordinary Sacrifice to help him in this desperate case. ¶ [34] *Viz.* By all in the City, who were hereupon resolved to fight it out to the last. ¶ [35] The Israelites were greatly affected and grieved for this barbarous action, and resolv'd to raise the Siege and return home.

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CHAP. IV.

1 *Elisha multiplieth the widows oyl:* 8 *giveth a son to the Shunammite:* 18 *Raiseth her dead son.*

NOw there cried a certain woman of the wives of the [1] sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead, and thou knowest that thy servant did [2] fear the LORD: and the creditour is come to take unto him my two sons to be [3] bond-men.

[1] See on 1 *King.* 20. 35. ¶ [2] 1 *King.* 18. 3. ¶ [3] *Matth.* 18. 25.

2 And Elisha said unto her, [4] What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the [5] house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a [6] pot of oyl.

[4] *Ch.* 2. 9. & 6. 26, 27. *Act.* 3. 6. ¶ [5] Fit to be sold, *v.* 7. ¶ [6] 1 *King.* 17. 12. *Jam.* 2. 5.

3 Then he said, Go borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, *even* empty vessels, * ‖ borrow not a few.

* See Ch. 3. 17.

‖ Or, *scant not.*

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt [7] shut the door upon thee, and upon thy [8] sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

[7] That none may come in to interrupt thee. ¶ [8] That they may be witnesses of the miracle, (as *Mar.* 5. 40.) and helpful to thee, *v.* 5.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her, and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her, and she [9] poured out.

[9] 1 *Kin.* 17. 16.

6 And it came to pass when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is* not a vessel more. And the oyl [10] stayed.

[10] That none might be lost, (*Joh.* 6. 12.) neither will God use his extraordinary power further than needs, 1 *King.* 17. 14. *Josh.* 5. 12.

7 Then she came and told the man of God: and he said, Go, sell the oyl, and [11] pay thy ‖ debt, and [12] live thou and thy [12] children of the rest.

‖ Or, *creditour.*

[11] Debts must first be paid before provision be made for Children. ¶ [12] After the death of Ministers, their Widows and Children are to be provided for.

8 ¶ And † it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to * Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she † [13] constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

† Heb. *there was a day.*

* Josh. 19. 18.

† Heb. *laid hold on him.*

[13] *Luk.* 24. 29. *Act.* 16. 15.

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an [14] holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

[14] *Judg.* 13. 6. A Prophet of eminent holiness, by our kindness to whom we shall procure a blessing on our selves.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the [15] wall, and let us set for him there a [16] bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

[15] *Josh.* 2. 15. ¶ [16] *Rom.* 12. 13. *Heb.* 13. 1. 1 *Pet.* 4. 9.

11 And it fell on a day that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been [17] careful for us with all this

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this care: what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, [18] I dwell among mine own people.

[17] 1 *Thess.*5.12,13. ¶ [18] *q. d.* I've need of nothing but what my own friends and neighbours can do for me, and we all agree very well, so that I have no cause to complain of 'em, or seek relief from higher Powers.

14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the [19] door.

[19] as *Gen.* 18. 10.

16 And he said, About [20] this † season [21] according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, * [22] do not lie unto thine handmaid.

† Heb. *set time.*

* Vers. 28.

[20] *Viz.* Of the next year. ¶ [21] See on *Gen.* 18. 10, 14. ¶ [22] Deceive me not with vain hopes.

17 And the woman [23] conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

[23] 1 *Sam.* 1. 17. *Matth.* 10. 41.

18 ¶ And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers,

19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his [24] mother.

[24] 1 *Tim.* 5. 10, 14.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* [25] died.

[25] *Gen.* 22. 2. & 37. 3. &c. *Ezek.* 24. 16, 21.

21 And she went up, and [26] laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

[26] Upon a secret perswasion wrought in her by God's Spirit, that the Prophet could raise him to life again.

22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* neither new-moon, nor sabbath. And she said, [27] *It shall be* † well.

† Heb. *peace.*

[27] I shall succeed in my business for all that.

24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; † slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.

† Heb. *restrain not for me to ride.*

25 So she went, and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel: and it came to pass when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite:

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, [28] *It is* well.

[28] *viz.* With some of 'em.

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught † him by the [29] feet: but Gehazi came near to [30] thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone, for her soul *is* † vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.

† Heb. *by his feet.*

[29] *Matth.* 28. 9.

[30] *Matth.* 15. 23.

† Heb. *bitter.*

28 Then she said, [31] Did I desire a son of my lord? * did I not say, Do not deceive me?

* Vers. 16.

[31] *Gen.* 30. 1. Was it not thy own motion, without my seeking? And therefore as he was at first bestowed upon me, so I hope he may be restored to life again, by thy means.

29 Then he said to Gehazi, * Gird up thy loyns, and take [32] my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, [33] salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

* 1 King. 18. 46. Ch. 9. 1.

[32] So *ch.* 2. 8, 14. *Exod.* 4. 1, 3. *Act.* 19. 12. ¶ [33] *Luke* 10. 4.

30 And the mother of the child said, [34] As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

[34] See on 1 *Sam.* 1. 26.

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31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child, but *there was* neither [35] voice, nor † hearing: wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child *is* not awaked.

[35] *Matth.* 17. 19, 20.

† Heb. *attention.*

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

33 He* went in therefore, and [36] shut the door upon [37] them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

* Vers. 4. Matth. 6. 6.

[36] 1 *King.* 17. 19, 20. *Jam.* 5. 17, 18. That he might pray without distraction and disturbance, and more freely use those gestures and means he thought fit. ¶ [37] Himself and the child.

34 And he went up and [38] lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands, and he [39] stretched himself upon the child, and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

[38] *Act.* 20. 10.

[39] 1 *King.* 17. 21. See there.

35 Then he returned, and [40] walked in the house † to and fro, and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and * the child neesed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

† Heb. *once hither, and once thither.*

* Chap. 8. 1, 5.

[40] *Rom.* 12. 11. To stir up himself to the greater earnestness.

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her: and when she was come in unto him, he said, [41] Take up thy son.

[41] 1 *King.* 17. 23.

37 Then she went in, and [42] fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and [43] took up her son, and went out.

[42] *ch.* 2. 15. 1 *King.* 1. 23.

[43] *Heb.* 11. 35

38 ¶ And Elisha [44] came again to Gilgal, and *there was* [45] a dearth in the land, and the sons of the prophets *were* [46] sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

[44] *Act.* 10. 38. ¶ [45] *Ezek.* 21. 3. ¶ [46] *Luke* 10. 39. *Prov.* 8. 34. *Act.* 22. 3.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap-ful, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they [47] knew *them* not.

[47] Herein like many Teachers, 1 *Tim.* 1. 7. *Matth.* 15. 14. but *Matth.* 13. 52.

40 So they poured out for the men to eat: and it came to pass as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou [48] man of God, *there is* [49] death in the pot: and they could not eat *thereof.*

[48] See on 1 *King.* 11. 22. ¶ [49] *Exod.* 10. 17. Some poysonous thing that may cause death.

41 But he said, Then bring meal: and * [50] he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat: and there was no † harm in the pot.

* Chap. 2. 20. & 5. 10. John 9. 6.

[50] As *Exod.* 15. 25.

† Heb. *evil thing.*

42 ¶ And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and [51] brought the man of God bread of the [52] first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn ‖ in the husk thereof: and he said, Give unto [53] the people, that they may eat.

‖ Or, *in his scrip*, or *garment.*

[51] *Gal.* 6. 6. 1 *Cor.* 9. 11. ¶ [52] *Prov.* 3. 9. ¶ [53] The Sons of the Prophets, *v.* 38.

43 And his servitour said, What should I [54] set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof.*

[54] *Joh.* 6. 9. *Luke* 9. 13.

44 So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and [55] left *thereof*, according to the word of the LORD.

[55] *Matth.* 14. 20. *Joh.* 6. 11, 12.

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CHAP. V.

1 *Naaman is cured of his leproſie.* 15 *Eliſha refuſeth Naaman's gifts.* 20 *Gehazi is ſmitten with leproſie.*

*Luke 4.27. [1] *Exod.*11.3. †Heb. *before.* ‖ Or, *gracious* †Heb. *lifted up*, or, *accepted, in countenance.* ‖ Or, *victory.*

NOw * Naaman captain of the hoſt of the king of Syria, was a [1] great man †with his maſter, and ‖ † honorable, becauſe by him the LORD had given ‖ deliverance unto Syria: he was alſo a mighty man in valour; *but he was* a leper.

†Heb. *was before.*

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Iſrael a little maid, and ſhe † waited on Naamans wife.

[2] 1 *Cor.* 1. 27, 28. † Heb. *before.* † Heb. *gather in.*

3 And [2] ſhe ſaid unto her miſtreſs, Would God my lord *were* †with the prophet that *is* in Samaria: for he would † recover him of his leproſie.

4 And *one* went in, and told his lord, ſaying, Thus and thus ſaid the maid that *is* of the land of Iſrael.

5 And the king of Syria ſaid, Go to, go, and I will ſend a letter unto the king of Iſrael. And he departed, and * took † with him [3] ten talents of ſilver, and ſix thouſand [4] *pieces* of gold, and ten [5] changes of raiment.

* Chap. 8. 8, 9. † Heb. *in his hand.*

[3] Three thouſand four hundred twenty one pounds, ſeventeen ſhillings and ſix-pence. ¶ [4] If they were Shekels, it amounts unto ten thouſand nine hundred and fifty pounds. ¶ [5] *Gen.*45.22. *Judg.*14.12.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Iſrael, ſaying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* ſent Naaman my ſervant to thee, that thou [6] mayeſt recover him of his leproſie.

[6] Procure the Prophet to do it.

7 And it came to paſs when the king of Iſrael had read the letter, that he [7] rent his clothes, and ſaid, [8] *Am* I God, [9] to kill and to make alive, that this man doth ſend unto me to recover a man of his leproſie? wherefore conſider, I pray you, and ſee how he ſeeketh a quarrel againſt me.

[7] In token of his indignation at ſuch a motion, and for fear that this was only a pretence to pick a quarrel with him. ¶ [8] *Gen.*30.2. ¶ [9] *Deut.*32.39. 1 *Sam.*2.6.

8 ¶ And it was *ſo*, when Eliſha the man of God had heard that the king of Iſrael had rent his clothes, that he ſent to the king, ſaying, Wherefore haſt thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he ſhall know that there is a prophet in Iſrael.

9 So Naaman came with his horſes, and with his chariot, and ſtood at the door of the houſe of Eliſha.

10 And Eliſha [10] ſent a meſſenger unto him, ſaying, [11] Go and * waſh in Jordan ſeven times, and thy fleſh ſhall come again unto thee, and thou ſhalt be clean.

*See Ch. 4.41.

[10] *Joh.*4.50. ¶ [11] This was a Trial of his Obedience, as *Joh.*9.7.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and [12] went away, and ſaid, Behold, † ‖ [13] I thought, He will ſurely come out to me, and ſtand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and † ſtrike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

† Heb. *I ſaid.* ‖ Or, *I ſaid with my ſelf, He will ſurely come out, &c.* †Heb. *move up and down.*

[12] 1 *Cor.*2.14. ¶ [13] *Prov.*3.5. 1 *Cor.*3.18. *Matth.*16.24. *Iſa.*55.8.

12 *Are* not ‖ Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damaſcus, better then all the waters of Iſrael? may not I waſh in them, and be clean? So he turned, and went away in a rage.

‖ Or, *Amana.*

13 And his ſervants came near, and ſpake unto him, and ſaid, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do ſome* great thing, wouldeſt thou not have done *it*? how much rather then, when he ſaith to thee, Waſh and be clean?

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14 Then went he down, and dipped himſelf ſeven times in Jordan, according to the ſaying of the man of God: and * his fleſh came again like unto the fleſh of a little child, and he was [14] clean.

* Job. 33.25. [14] *Luke* 4.27.

15 ¶ And he [15] returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came and ſtood before him: and he [16] ſaid, Behold, now [17] I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Iſrael: now therefore, I pray thee, take [18] a bleſſing of thy ſervant.

2 *Chr.*20.-20.

[15] *Luke* 17. 15. ¶ [16] *Rom.* 10. 10. ¶ [17] *Luke* 7.-9. ¶ [18] *Gen.*33.11.

16 But he ſaid, [19] *As* the LORD liveth, before whom I ſtand, I will [20] receive none. And he urged him to take *it*, but he refuſed.

[19] 1 *King.*17.1. ¶ [20] *Gen.*14.23. *Matth.*10.8. 1 *Cor.*6.12. That he might not think he did it in hopes of reward.

17 And Naaman ſaid, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy ſervant, two mules burden of [21] earth? for thy ſervant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering, nor ſacrifice unto other gods, but [22] unto the LORD.

[21] To make an Altar with, as a pledg of his communion with that people and worſhip. There might be ſomething of ſuperſtition in this, but his Zeal was good, and his ends commendable. ¶ [22] Herein he was a type of the calling of the Gentiles, 1 *Theſ.*1.9.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy ſervant, *that* when my maſter [23] goeth into the houſe of Rimmon to worſhip there, and * he leaneth on my hand, and I [24] bow my ſelf in the houſe of Rimmon: when I bow down my ſelf in the houſe of Rimmon, [25] the LORD pardon thy ſervant in this thing.

* Chap. 7.2, 17

[23] Or, [*went*] (and ſo all along.) ¶ [24] In compliance with the Kings infirmity and convenience. ¶ [25] *q.d.* Pray for me (becauſe there ſeems to be an appearance of evil in it) that it may not be charged upon me.

19 And he ſaid unto him, [26] Go in peace. So he departed from him † a little way.

† Heb, *a little piece of ground* as Gen. 35. 16.

[26] *Exod.*4.-18. *q.d.* Trouble not thy ſelf about theſe matters of leſs conſequence.

20 ¶ But Gehazi the ſervant of Eliſha the man of God ſaid, Behold, my maſter hath ſpared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but *as* the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take ſomewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman: and when Naaman ſaw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and ſaid, † *Is* all well?

† Heb. Is there *peace?*

22 And he ſaid, All *is* well: my maſter hath ſent me, ſaying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim, two young men of the ſons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of ſilver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman ſaid, Be content, take [27] two talents. And he urged him, and bound [27] two talents of ſilver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid *them* upon two of his ſervants, and they bare *them* before him.

[27] Six hundred eighty four pounds, ſeven ſhillings and ſix-pence.

24 And when he came to the ‖ towre, he took *them* from their hand, and beſtowed *them* in the houſe; and he let the men go, and they departed.

‖ Or, *ſecret place.*

25 But he went in, and ſtood before his maſter: and Eliſha ſaid unto him, Whence *comeſt thou*, Gehazi? And he ſaid, Thy ſervant went † no whither.

† Heb. *not hither or thither.*

26 And he ſaid unto him, [28] Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? *is it* a time to receive money,

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money, and to receive garments, and olive-yards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and maid-servants?

[18] 1 *Thes.* 2. 17. I know whither thou wentst, and what thy business was, as *ch.*6.12. 1 *Cor.*5.3. *Col.*2.5.

27 The leprosie therefore of Naaman shall [19] cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed [19] for ever. And he went out from his presence * a leper *as white* as snow.

[19] 2 *Sam.*3.29.
* Exod. 4.6. Numb. 12.10.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Elisha causeth iron to swim.* 8 *He discloseth the king of Syria his counsel.* 13 *and smiteth the army with blindness.*

AND the [1] sons of the prophets said to Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

[1] See on 1 *Kin.* 20.35.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto [2] Jordan, and take thence every man a [3] beam, and let us make us a place there where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

[2] To the Wood near *Jordan.* ¶ [3] A piece of Timber. They employed themselves sometimes about manual arts.

3 And one [4] said, Be content, I pray thee, and [5] go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

[4] *Viz.* To *Elisha.*
[5] *Judg.*4.8.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the † ax-head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas master, for it was borrowed.

† Heb. *iron.*

6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a [6] stick, and cast *it* in thither, and the iron did swim.

[6] A visible means of manifesting God's power, as *ch.*2.21. See there.

7 Therefore said he, Take *it* up to thee. And he put out his hand and took it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my ‖ [7] camp.

¶ Or, *encamping.*
[7] The place where I will set some Soldiers for an ambush.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him, and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing, and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, † None, my lord, O king: but Elisha the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber.

† Heb. *No.*

13 ¶ And he said, Go, and [8] spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

[8] 1 *Sam.*23.22.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a † [9] great host: and they came by night, and [10] compassed the city about.

† Heb. *heavy.*
[9] Isa.8.9,10.
[10] 1 *Sam.*23.26

15 And when the ‖ servant of the man of God was risen early and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city, both with horses and chariots: and his servant said unto him, Alas my master, how shall we do?

‖ Or, *minister.*

16 And he answered, [11] Fear not: for they that *be* with us, [12] *are* more then they that *be* with them.

[11] *Exod.*14.13.
[12] 2 *Chro.*32.7. *Rom.*8.31.

17 And Elisha [13] prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee open his eyes that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw: and behold, the mountain *was* full of * [14] horses, and chariots [16] of fire round about Elisha.

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* Chap.2.11. Zech.1.8. & 6. 1–7.

[13] *Psal.*50.15. *Ezek.*36.37. ¶ [14] Angels in that appearance, *Psal.*34.7. and 68.17. and 91.11. *Matth.*26.53. ¶ [16] *ch.* 2.11.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with [17] blindness. And he smote them with blindness, according to the word of Elisha.

[17] *Gen.*19.11. *Job* 5.14. *Luke* 24.16. A dazling of their sight, that they could not distinctly see the men they sought for.

19 ¶ And Elisha said unto them, This *is* [18] not the way, neither *is* this the [19] city: † follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

† Heb. *come ye after me.*

[18] *Viz.* Which you must go. ¶ [19] *viz.* Where you should meet with him.

20 And it came to pass when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw, and behold, *they were* in the mids of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, [20] My father, shall I smite *them?* shall I smite *them?*

[20] *ch.*2.12.& 8. 9. & 13.14.

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them:* wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword, and with thy bow? [21] set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go [22] to their master.

[21] *Prov.*25.21. *Rom.*12.20. *Matth.*5.44. ¶ [22] To declare what forbearance and courtesie they found, notwithstanding their evil intent.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came [23] no more into the land of Israel.

[23] Not for a long time: or, not in such small Companies to make inroads.

24 ¶ And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and behold, they besieged it, until an asses head was *sold* for [24] fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the [25] fourth part of a cab of doves dung for [26] five *pieces* of silver.

[24] Nine pounds two shillings and six pence. ¶ [25] About three quarters of a pint. ¶ [26] Eleven shillings five pence.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help my lord, O king.

27 And he said, ‖ [27] If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? [28] out of the barn-floor, or out of the wine-press?

‖ Or, *Let not the LORD save thee.*

[27] *Psal.* 127. 1, 2. ¶ [28] *q.d.* I know not where to have any bread or drink.

28 And the king said unto her, what aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may [29] eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.

[29] *Lev.* 26. 29. *Deut.* 28. 53--55. *Lam.* 4. 10. *Ezek.*5.10. *Isa.*9.20.

29 So * we boiled my son, and did eat him, and I said unto her on the † next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.

* Deut. 28.53, 57.
† Heb. *other.*

30 ¶ And it came to pass when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes, and he passed by upon the wall, and the

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[30] 1 *King*.21.27 *Iſa*.58.5.

31 Then he ſaid, * [31] God do ſo and more alſo to me, if the [32] head of Elisha the ſon of Shaphat ſhall ſtand on him this day.

* Ruth.1.17.

[31] 1 *King*.19.2. So *Act*. 23.14. ¶ [32] 1 *King*. 18.17. Becauſe he had promis'd relief, (as may ſeem by *v*.33.) but it did not come all this while, before they were reduc'd to that extremity.

32 But Elisha [33] ſat in his houſe, (and [34] the elders ſat with him) and *the king* ſent a man from before him: but ere the meſſenger came to him, [35] he ſaid to the elders, See ye how this [36] ſon of a murderer hath ſent to take away mine head? look when the meſſenger cometh, ſhut the door, and hold him faſt at the door: *is* not the ſound of his [37] maſters feet behind him?

[33] *Pſal*.118.6. &c. ¶ [34] *Mal*.3.16. ¶ [35] So *v*.12. & *ch*.5.26. ¶ [36] 1 *King*.18.4. & 21.19. ¶ [37] 1 *King*.14.6.

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the meſſenger came down unto him: and [38] he ſaid, Behold, this evil *is* of the LORD, [39] what ſhould I wait for the LORD any longer?

[38] The King. ¶ [39] It ſeems *Eliſha* had promis'd ſome relief which he waited for a while, but when it came not according to his expectation he grows deſperate.

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Eliſha propheſieth incredible plenty in Samaria.
17 *The unbelieving lord is trodden to death.*

THen Eliſha ſaid, Hear ye the word of the LORD, Thus ſaith the LORD, * [1] To morrow about this time *ſhall* a [2] meaſure of fine flour *be ſold* for a ſhekel, and two meaſures of barley for a ſhekel, in the gate of Samaria.

* Verſ. 18,19.

[1] *Pſal*.46.-1.

[2] A peck and a pint.

2 Then † a lord on whoſe hand the king [3] leaned, anſwered the man of God, and ſaid, Behold, *if* the LORD would make [4] windows in heaven, [5] might this thing be? And he ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee *it* with thine eyes, but ſhalt [6] not eat thereof.

† Heb. *a lord which* belonged *to the king*, *leaning upon his hand*, ch.5.18.

[3] *Ch*.5.18. ¶ [4] *Gen*.7.11. *Mal*.3.10. ¶ [5] As *Gen*.18.12. ¶ [6] *v*.20. Infidelity deprives men of that benefit of God's Providence which others enjoy, as *Deut*.3.27.

3 ¶ And there were four leprous men at the entring in of the [7] gate: and they ſaid one to another, Why ſit we here until we die?

[7] *Lev*.13.46.

4 If we ſay, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we ſhall die there: and if we ſit ſtill here, we die alſo. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the hoſt of the Syrians: [8] if they ſave us alive, we ſhall live: and if they kill us, we ſhall but die.

[8] *Eſth*.4.16.

5 And they roſe up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermoſt part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there.

6 For the LORD had made the hoſt of the Syrians * to [9] hear a noiſe of chariots, and a noiſe of horſes, *even* the noiſe of a great hoſt: and they ſaid one to another, Lo, the king of Iſrael hath hired againſt us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

[9] *ch*.19.7. 2 *Sam*.5.24. *Job* 15.21.

7 Wherefore they aroſe, and [10] fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horſes, and their aſſes, even the camp as it *was*, and fled for their life.

[10] *Pſal*.46.4-6. *Prov*.28.1.

8 And when theſe lepers came to the uttermoſt part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence ſilver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it*; and [11] came again, and entred into another tent, and carried thence *alſo*, and went and hid *it*.

[11] They are covetous, tho infected with a mortal Diſtemper.

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9 Then they ſaid one to another, We do not well: this day *is* a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, † [12] ſome miſchief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the kings houſhold.

† Heb. *we ſhall find puniſhment.*

[12] We ſhall be puniſh'd for our ſilence.

10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, ſaying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horſes tied, and aſſes tied, and the tents as they *were*.

11 And he called the porters, and they told *it* to the kings houſe within.

12 ¶ And the king aroſe in the night, and ſaid unto his [13] ſervants, I will now ſhew you what the Syrians have done to us: they know that we *be* hungry, therefore are they gone out of the camp, to hide themſelves in the field, ſaying, When they come out of the city, we ſhall catch them alive, and get into the city.

[13] *Gen*.20.8.

13 And one of his ſervants anſwered and ſaid, Let *ſome* take, I pray thee, five of the horſes that remain, which are left † in the city, (behold [14] they *are* as all the multitude of Iſrael that are left in it: behold, *I ſay*, they *are* even as all the multitude of the Iſraelites that are conſumed) and let us ſend and ſee.

† Heb. *in it.*

[14] They are all the horſes that are left, and they are almoſt ſtarv'd, as all the people are.

14 They took therefore two chariot-horſes, and the king ſent after the hoſt of the Syrians, ſaying, Go, and ſee.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan, and lo, all the way *was* full of garments and veſſels, which the Syrians had caſt away in their haſte: and the meſſengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and ſpoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a meaſure of fine flour was *ſold* for a ſhekel, and two meaſures of barley for a ſhekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 ¶ And the king appointed the lord on whoſe hand he leaned, to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had ſaid, who ſpake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to paſs, as the man of God had ſpoken to the king, ſaying, *Two meaſures of barley for a ſhekel, and a meaſure of fine flour for a ſhekel, ſhall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

*Ver.1,2.

19 And that LORD anſwered the man of God, and ſaid, Now behold, *if* the LORD ſhould make windows in heaven, might ſuch a thing be? And he ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee it with thine eyes, but ſhalt not eat thereof.

20 And ſo it fell out unto him: for the people [15] trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

[15] *Numb*.20.12 1 *Joh*. 5.-10.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The Shunammite hath her land reſtored.* 7 *Hazael ſucceedeth his maſter.* 16 *Jehorams wicked reign.*

THen ſpake Eliſha unto the woman, (whoſe ſon he had [1] reſtored to life) ſaying, Ariſe, and go thou and thine houſhold, and [2] ſojourn whereſoever thou canſt ſojourn: for the LORD hath [3] called for a famine, and it ſhall alſo come upon the land [4] ſeven years.

[1] *Ch*.

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[1] *Ch.*4.34.&c. ¶ [2] *Ruth.*1.1. ¶ [3] *Psal.*105.16. *Jer.*25.-29. *Hag.*1.11. decreed to bring. ¶ [4] *Gen.*41.27. 2 *Sam.*24.-13.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her [5] household, and sojourned in the land of the [6] Philistines seven years.

[5] 1 *Tim.*5.8. ¶ [6] Even the shadow of those trees that are unwholsom may keep us from a storm.

3 And it came to pass at the seven years end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to crie to the king, for her house, and for her land.

4 And the king talked with [7] Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.

[7] Who perhaps repented, and was healed.

5 And it came to pass as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house, and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain ‖ officer, saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the [8] fruits of the field, since the day that she left the land even till now.

‖ Or, *eunuch.* [8] Revenews.

7 ¶ And Elisha came to Damascus, and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick, and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a [9] present in thine hand, and go meet the man of God, and * enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

[9] *ch.*5.-5. 1 *King.*14.3. * Chap. 1. 2.

9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present † with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, fourty camels burden, and came and [10] stood before him, and said, [11] Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

† Heb. *in his hand.* [10] *ch.* 5. 9. [11] *ch.* 6. 21.

10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, [12] Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit, the LORD hath shewed me, that he shall surely [13] die.

[12] *Viz.* Notwithstanding thy disease, which in its own nature is not mortal. ¶ [13] *viz.* By another means.

† Heb. *and set it.*

11 And he settled his countenance † stedfastly, until [14] he was ashamed: and the man of God [15] wept.

[14] *Hazael.* ¶ [15] *Jer.*4.19. and 9.1. and 14.17. *Luke* 19.41.

12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the [16] evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt [17] dash their children, and [18] rip up their women with child.

[16] *Ch.*10.32,33. and 12.17. and 13.7. ¶ [17] *Psal.* 137.9. ¶ [18] *ch.*15.-16. *Hos.*13.16. *Am.*1.13.

13 And Hazael said, But what, *is* thy servant a [19] dog that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, * The lord hath shewed me, that thou *shalt* be king over Syria.

* 1 King.19.15.

[19] *Psal.*22.16,20. *Phil.*3.2. *Jer.*17.9. So cruel and merciless (*Matth.*7.6.) So vile and unworthy, as 2 *Sam.* 3.8. and 9.8.

14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me *that* thou shouldest surely recover.

15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipt *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

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16 ¶ And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat † king of Judah [20] began to reign. 3112.

† Heb. *reigned.*

[20] 2 *Chron.*21.5. *viz.* As partner with his Father, as he had been his Deputy before, *ch.*1.17.

17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: [21] for * the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he [22] did evil in the sight of the LORD.

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[21] 2 *Chron.*22.-3. 1 *King.*11.4. ¶ [22] 2 *Chron.* 21.6. *&c.* 1 *King.*21.20.

19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah, [23] for David his servants sake, * as he promised him to give him alway [24] a † light, *and* to his children.

* 1 King.15.4 † Heb. *candle,* or *lamp.*

[23] 1 *King.*11.12. ¶ [24] 1 *King.* 11.36. See there. 2 *Sam.* 11.13.

20 ¶ In his days * Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 3125.

* Gen.27.40. 2 Chr. 21.8.

21 So Joram went over to *Zair*, and all the chariots with him, and he rose by night and smote the Edomites which compassed him about: and the captains of the chariots, and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then * Libnah [25] revolted at the same time.

* 2 Chr.21.10

[25] According to *Jacob's* Prophecy, *Gen.*27.40.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and * ‖ Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

* 2 Chr.22.1. ‖ called *Azariah*, 2 Chron. 22.6. and *Jehoahaz*, 2 Chron. 21.17. & 25.23

25 ¶ In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, did Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign. 3119.

26 Two and twenty years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: and his mothers name *was* Athaliah, † [26] the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

[26] Granddaughter.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as *did* the house of Ahab; for he *was* the son in law of the house of Ahab.

28 ¶ And he went with Joram the son of Ahab, to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead, and the Syrians wounded Joram. 3120.

29 And * king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel, of the wounds † which the Syrians had given him at ‖ Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria: and * Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah, went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was † sick.

* Chap.9.15. † Heb. *wherewith the Syrians had wounded.* ‖ Called *Ramoth*, v.28. * 2 Chron.22.6,7. † Heb. *wounded.*

CHAP. IX.

1 *Jehu is anointed:* 11 *He killeth Joram in the field of Naboth.* 30 *Jezebel eaten by dogs.*

AND Elisha the prophet called one of * the children of the prophets, and said unto him, * Gird up thy loyns, and take this box of oyl in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. 3120.

* 2 King.20.35. * Chap.4.29. Jer. 1.17.

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there

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there Jehu the ſon of Jehoſhaphat, the ſon of Nimſhi, and go in, and make him ariſe up from among * his brethren, and carry him to an † inner chamber.

* Ver. 5. 11.
† Heb. *chamber in a chamber.*

3 Then * take the box of oyl, and [1] pour *it* on his head, and ſay, Thus ſaith the LORD, I have [2] anointed thee king over Iſrael: then open the door and flee, and tarry not.

* 1 King. 19. 16.

[1] By this viſible ſign *Jehu* might be the more confirmed in the truth of that meſſage that was brought to him. ¶ [2] 1 *King.* 19. 16. He was the only King of *Iſrael* after the diviſion of the Ten Tribes, that was anointed; for as his call to it was expreſly from God, ſo the task laid on him was the greateſt.

4 ¶ So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the hoſt *were* ſitting; and he ſaid, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu ſaid, Unto which of all us? And he ſaid, To thee, O captain.

6 And he aroſe, and went into the houſe, and he poured the oyl on his head, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, * I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Iſrael.

* 2 Chr. 22. 7.

7 And thou ſhalt ſmite the houſe of Ahab thy maſter, that I may [3] avenge the blood of my ſervants the prophets, and the blood of all the ſervants of the LORD, at the hand of [4] Jezebel.

[3] *Luke* 18. 7. *Pſal.* 116. 15. *Rev.* 18. 20. and 19. 2. ¶ [4] 1 *King.* 18. 4. and 21. 10.

8 For the whole houſe of Ahab ſhall periſh, and I will cut off from Ahab * him that [5] piſſeth againſt the wall, and * him that is [5] ſhut up and left in Iſrael.

* 1 Sam. 25. 22.
† 1 *King.* 14. 10. See there.
* Deut. 32. 36.

9 And I will make the houſe of Ahab, like the houſe of [6] Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, and like the houſe of [7] Baaſha the ſon of Ahijah.

[6] 1 *King.* 14. 10. and 15. 29. and 21. 22. ¶ [7] 1 *King.* 16. 3, 11.

10 And the [8] dogs ſhall eat Jezebel in the [9] portion of Jezreel, and *there ſhall be* [10] none to bury *her*. And he opened the door and fled.

[8] *V.* 35, 36. 1 *King.* 21. 23. ¶ [9] That piece of ground where *Naboth's* Vineyard was. ¶ [10] *Jer.* 22. 19.

11 ¶ Then Jehu came forth to the ſervants of his lord: and *one* ſaid unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this [11] mad *fellow* to thee? And he ſaid unto them. [12] Ye know the man and his communication.

[11] *Jer.* 29. 26. *Hoſ.* 9. 7. *Joh.* 10. 20. *Act.* 26. 24. and 17. 18. 2 *Cor.* 5. 13. *Mar.* 3. 21. ¶ [12] *q. d.* You can't but know that he is a Prophet of the Lord, and conſequently that his meſſage is from the Lord.

12 And they ſaid, *It is* falſe: tell us now. And he ſaid, Thus and thus ſpake he to me, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Iſrael.

13 Then they haſted, and * took every man his garment, and [13] put *it* under him on the top of the ſtairs, and blew with trumpets, ſaying,

* Matth. 21. 7.
† Heb. *reigneth*

† Heb. Jehu is king.

[13] In ſtead of a cloth of State, as *Matth.* 21. 7, 8.

14 So Jehu the ſon of Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Nimſhi, conſpired againſt Joram: (Now Joram had [14] kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Iſrael, becauſe of Hazael king of Syria:

[14] Maintained a Garriſon there, and made it their head quarters.

† Heb. *Jehoram*

15 But king † Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel, of the wounds which the Syrians † had given him, when he [15] fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu ſaid, If it be your minds, *then* † let none go forth *nor* eſcape out of the city, to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

† Heb. *ſmote.*
[15] *ch.* 8. 28, 29.
† Heb. *let no eſcaper go, &c.*

16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel, (for Joram lay there) and [16] Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to ſee Joram.

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[16] 2 *Chr.* 22. 6, 7.

17 And there ſtood a [17] watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he ſpied the company of Jehu as he came, and ſaid, I ſee a company. And Joram ſaid, Take an horſeman, and ſend to meet them, and let him ſay, *Is it* peace?

[17] 1 *Sam.* 14. 16. 2 *Sam.* 18. 24. *Iſa.* 21. 5, 6, 11. and 62. 6.

18 So there went one on horſeback to meet him, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu ſaid, [18] What haſt thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, ſaying, The meſſenger came to them, but he cometh not again.

[18] *q. d.* I'll give thee no account of my intent herein.

19 Then he ſent out a ſecond on horſeback, which came to them, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu anſwered, What haſt thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

20 And the watchman told, ſaying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the ‖ driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the ſon of Nimſhi; for he driveth † [19] furiouſly.

‖ Or, *marching*
† Heb. *madneſs*
[19] *Eccl.* 9. 10.

21 And Joram ſaid, † Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Iſrael, and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they [20] went out againſt Jehu, and † met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

† Heb. *bind.*
[20] 2 *Chr.* 22. 7.
† Heb. *found.*

22 And it came to paſs when Joram ſaw Jehu, that he ſaid, [21] *Is it* peace, Jehu? And he anſwered, What peace, ſo long as the [22] whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel, and her [23] witchcrafts *are ſo* many?

[21] Is all well at *Ramoth?* Why comeſt thou thus from *Ramoth* with thy troops? ¶ [22] *Nah.* 3. 4. Both corporal and ſpiritual. ¶ [23] *Nah.* 3. 4. Cunning devices to deceive.

23 And Joram [24] turned his hands and fled, and ſaid to Ahaziah, *There is* treachery, O Ahaziah.

[24] 1 *King.* 22. 34.

24 And Jehu † drew a bow with his full ſtrength, and ſmote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he † ſunk down in his chariot.

† Heb. *filled his hand with a bow.*
† Heb. *bowed.*

25 Then ſaid *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, Take up, *and* caſt him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember, how that when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid [25] this burthen upon him.

[25] 1 *King.* 21. 24. This heavy doom, *Iſa.* 13. 1. *Nah.* 1. 1.

26 Surely, I have [26] ſeen [27] yeſterday the † blood of Naboth, and the blood of his ſons, ſaith the LORD, and I will requite thee in this ‖ plat, ſaith the LORD. Now therefore take *and* caſt him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of the LORD.

† Heb. *bloods.*
‖ Or, *portion.*
[26] *Exod.* 3. 7. 2 *Chron.* 24. 22. ¶ [27] 1 *King.* 21. 19.

27 ¶ But when Ahaziah the king of Judah ſaw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden-houſe: and Jehu followed after him, and ſaid, [28] Smite him alſo in the chariot: *And they did ſo*, at the going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam: and he fled to [29] Megiddo, and died there.

[28] *Prov.* 13. 20. As being of the houſe of *Ahab*, *ch.* 8. 18. ¶ [29] And from thence to *Samaria*, 2 *Chron.* 22. 9. Then he was brought to *Jehu*, and by his Sentence put to death at *Megiddo*.

28 And his ſervants carried him in a chariot to Jeruſalem, and buried him in his ſepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

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29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the ſon of Ahab, began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

30 ¶ And

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† Heb. *put her eyes in painting.*

30 ¶ And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*, and she [30] painted her face, and [30] tired her head, and [31] looked out at a window.

[30] *Jer.*4.30. *Ezek.*23.40. As resolving to die with honor and gallantry. ¶ [31] To out-brave him.

31 And as Jehu entred in at the gate, she said, *Had* [32] Zimri peace, who slew his master?

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[32] 1 *King.*16.9. &c.

32 And he lift up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side, who? And there looked out to him two *or* three ‖ eunuchs.

‖ Or, *chamberlains.*

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down; and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he [33] trode her under foot.

[33] *Mal.*4.3.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go see now this [34] cursed *woman*, and bury her: for she *is* a [35] kings daughter.

[34] *Prov.*10.7. *Isa.*65.15.

[35] 1 *King.*16.31

35 And they went to bury her, but they found no more of her then the scull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands.

36 Wherefore they came again and told him: and he said, This *is* the word of the LORD, which he spake † by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, [36] In the portion of Jezreel shall [37] dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

[36] 1 *King.*21.23

[37] *Act.*12.23.

37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be [38] as dung upon the face of the field, in the portion of Jezreel, *so* that they shall not say, [39] This *is* Jezebel.

[38] *Psal.* 83. 10. ¶ [39] There is not so much left of her, (notwithstanding all her grandeur) as that it may be said, This is *Jezebel.*

CHAP. X.

1 Jehu causeth seventy of Ahabs children to be beheaded: 18 Destroyeth the worshipers of Baal, 29 Yet followeth Jeroboams sins. 34 Jehoahaz succeedeth him.

AND Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria: and Jehu wrote [1] letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the [2] rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to † them that brought up Ahabs *children*, saying,

† Heb. *nourishers.*

[1] 1 *King.*21.8. ¶ [2] Great Persons and Officers of the Court, who were now come to *Samaria* with the King's Children for the greater safety.

2 Now assoon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your masters sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour:

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3 Look even out the best and meetest of your masters sons, and set *him* on his fathers throne, and fight for your masters house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, [3] two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

[3] *ch.*9.24,27. *Luke* 14.21.

5 And he that was over the house, and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up *of the children*, sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which is* good in thine eyes.

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6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye *be* † mine, and *if* ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your masters sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time: (now the kings sons *being* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them up)

† Heb. *for me.*

7 And it came to pass when the letter came to them, that they took the kings sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jezreel.

8 ¶ And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the kings sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entring in of the [4] gate, until the morning.

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[4] That there might be the more Witnesses of God's just Judgment upon the house of *Ahab.*

9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to [5] all the people, [6] Ye *be* righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and [7] slew him: but [8] who slew all these?

[5] The promiscuous multitude there met to gaze upon this sad and strange spectacle. ¶ [6] *q. d.* You have had no hand in the death of these persons, and therefore need not fear any mischief will follow to you. ¶ [7] In pursuit of God's threatning against him. ¶ [8] *q. d.* And tho these were slain by others, neither you nor me, yet it was still in pursuit of God's command.

10 [9] Know now, that there shall [10] fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD [11] spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done *that* which he spake † by his servant Elijah.

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† Heb. *by the hand of.*

[9] *q. d.* But you must know there's no fault in any of us, since all was done by God's appointment. ¶ [10] *Zech.* 1. 6. 1 *Sam.*3.19. 1 *King.*1.52. ¶ [11] *ch.* 9. 7,8. 1 *King.*21.21.

11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his ‖ kinsfolks, and his [12] priests, until he left him none remaining.

‖ Or, *acquaintance.*

[12] 1 *King.*18.19. *Cant.*2.15. Houshold-Chaplains.

12 ¶ And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. *And* as he *was* at the † shearing-house in the way,

† Heb. *house of shepherds binding* sheep.

13 Jehu † met with the [13] brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah, and we go down † to salute the children of the king, and the children of the queen.

† Heb. *found.*

[13] 2 *Chr.*22. 8.

† Heb. *to the peace of,* &c.

14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing-house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

15 ¶ And when he was departed thence, he † lighted on [14] Jehonadab the son of * Rechab, *coming* to meet him, and he † saluted him, and said to him, [15] Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, * give *me* [16] thine hand: and he gave *him* his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.

† Heb. *found.*

* 1 Chr. 2.55.

† Heb. *blessed.*

* Ezr.10. 19.

[14] *Jer.*35.6. ¶ [15] Hast thou as sincere a kindness for me as I have for thee? and dost accordingly approve of my present proceedings? ¶ [16] *Gal.*2.9.

16 And he said, Come with me, and [17] see my zeal for the LORD: So they made him ride in his chariot.

[17] *Matth.*6.1.

17 And when he came to Samaria, * he [18] slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had [19] destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.

* 2 Chr.22. 8.

[18] *v.* 11.

[19] 1 *King.*21. 21.

18 ¶ And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab [20] served Baal a little, *but* Jehu shall serve him [21] much.

[20] 1 *King.* 16.21,22. ¶ [21] *Job* 13.7. *Rom.*3. 8.

19 Now therefore call unto me all [23] the prophets of Baal, all his [23] servants, and all his priests, let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in [24] subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshipers of Baal.

[23] 1 *King.* 22. 6. That pretend to be inspired by him. ¶ [23] Worshipers, *v.*21. ¶ [24] 2 *Cor.*12.-16.

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20 And Jehu said, † Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

† Heb. *sanctifie.*

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel, and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not: and they came into the [25] house of Baal; and the house of Baal was ‖ full from one end to another.

[25] See on 1 *King.*16. 32.

‖ Or, so *full* that they stood *mouth to mouth.*

22 And he said unto him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshipers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshipers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshipers of Baal only.

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24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices, and burnt-offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands, escape, *he that letteth him go*, [26] his life *shall be* for the life of him.

[26] 1 *King.*20. 39.

25 And it came to pass assoon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the guard, and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them, [27] let none come forth. And they smote them with the † edge of the sword, and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the [28] city of the house of Baal.

† Heb. *the mouth.*

[27] *Ezek.*9.5,6. ¶ [28] Some great and numerous Buildings about the Temple of *Baal* (as there were about the Temple at *Jerusalem*) which might be like a City, (as the Tower at *London* is.)

26 And they brought forth the † images out of the house of Baal, and burnt them.

† Heb. *Statues.*

27 And they brake down the [29] image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it [30] a draught-house unto this day.

[29] 1 *King.*16.31. ¶ [30] *Ezr.*6.11. *Dan.*2.5. and 3.29.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

[31] *Mark* 6.20. *Hos.* 1.4. [*] 1 King. 12.28.

29 ¶ [31] Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, * the golden calves that *were* in Beth-el, and that *were* in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast [32] done well in executing *that which is* right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, * thy children of the [33] fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel.

[*] Chap. 15.12. See Vers. 35.

[32] He did the thing commanded (and therefore is here rewarded for it) but not with a sincere heart, and therefore it's counted by God no better than murder, and his Posterity are punish'd for it, *Hos.* 1.4. ¶ [33] *ch.*13.1,9. and 14.16,29.

† Heb. *observed not.*

31 But Jehu † took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: *for* he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam which made Israel to sin.

† Heb. *to cut off the ends.*

32 ¶ In those days the LORD began † to [34] cut Israel short: and Hazael [35] smote them in all the coasts of Israel;

[34] To abate their power, diminish their numbers, and to straiten their borders. ¶ [35] *ch.*8.12.

† Heb. *toward the rising of the sun.*

33 From Jordan † east-ward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer (which *is* by the river Arnon) ‖ even * Gilead and Bashan.

‖ Or, *even to Gilead and Bashan.*

[*] Amos 1. 3.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

36 And † the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty and eight years.

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† Heb. *the days were.*

CHAP. XI.

1 Jehoash being saved from Athaliah's malice, 4 is anointed king by Jehoiada.

A Nd [1] when Athaliah * the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was [2] dead, she arose, and destroyed all the † seed royal.

[1] 2 *Chr.* 22.10. * Chap.8.26. [2] *ch.*9.27. † Heb. *seed of the kingdom.*

2 But ‖ Jehosheba the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took ‖ Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the kings sons, *which were* slain; and they hid *even* him and his nurse in the [3] bed-chamber from Athaliah, so ‖ that he was not slain.

‖ 2 Chr.22.11 *Jehoshabeath.* ‖ Or, *Jehoash*

[3] 1 *King*6. 8. *Jer.*35.2. *Ezek.*40. 45,46.

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD, six years: and Athaliah did reign over the land.

4 ¶ And the † seventh year Jehoiada sent and fet the [5] rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a [6] covenant with them, and took an [7] oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the kings son.

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[4] 2 *Chron.*23.1. ¶ [5] *viz.* Of the Levites, (*v.*5.9. 2 *Chron.* 23.1,2.) who had their Commanders and Officers as well as other Tribes. ¶ [6] 2 *Chron.* 15.12. and 29.10. and 34.31. *Ezr.*10.3. *Neh.*9.38. ¶ [7] 2 *Chron.*15.14. *Neh.*5.12. and 10.29.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that [8] enter in on the sabbath, shall even be keepers of the watch [9] of the kings house:

[8] To do the service of the Temple from Sabbath to Sabbath, 1 *Chron.*9.25. *Luke* 1.8,9. ¶ [9] Of that Gate that leads from the Temple to the King's Palace.

6 And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur: and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch [10] of the house ‖ that it be not broken down.

‖ Or, *from breaking up.*

[10] The charge to keep it safe and secure, that the watch be not disorder'd by the breaking in of any body.

7 And two ‖ † parts of all you, that [12] go forth on the sabbath, *even* they shall keep the [13] watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

‖ Or, *companies.* † Heb. *bands.*

[12] Have finish'd your course, and so have liberty to return home. ¶ [13] The watch within the Temple for securing the Kings person.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the [14] ranges, let him be [15] slain; and be ye with the king as he goeth out, and at he cometh in.

[14] Those ranks that were set to defend the King. ¶ [15] *Exod.* 21.14. 1 *King.*2.31.

9 * And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

* 2 Chr.23.8

10 And to the captains over hundreds, did the priest give king Davids [16] spears and shields that *were* in the temple of the LORD.

[16] Which he had taken from the enemy, and reserved there as Trophies of his Victories, (1 *Sam.*21.9. 2 *Sam.*8.7.) Or, made by *David*, and put there for some special use.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right † corner of [17] the temple, to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

† Heb. *shoulder* [17] The great Court.

12 And he brought forth the kings son, and put

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put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the [18] testimony, and they [19] made him king, and [20] anointed him, and they [21] clapt their hands, and said, † God save the king.

† Heb. *Let the king live.*

[18] *Exod.*25.16. *Psal.*78.5. *Isa.*8.16,20. A Book wherein the Law was written which testifies of God's Will and Man's Duty. ¶ [19] By these Rites invested him in the possession of the Kingdom. ¶ [20] Because his right had been interrupted by an Usurper; (so *ch.*23.30.) and as they used to do in doubtful cases. ¶ [21] *Psal.*47.1. *Ezek.*25.6.

13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard, *and* of the people, she came to the people, into the temple of the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a [22] pillar, [23] as the manner *was*, and the princes, and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoyced, and blew with [24] trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, [25] Treason, treason.

[22] The brazen Scaffold that *Solomon* made, 2 *Chron.*6.13. ¶ [23] *ch.*23.3. 2 *Chron.*6.13. and 34.31. ¶ [24] 1 *King.*1.39. ¶ [25] 1 *King.*18.17,18. *Matth.*7.5.

15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the [26] host, and said unto them, have her forth without the ranges; and him that [27] followeth her, kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.

[26] These companies of Levites. ¶ [27] *Ezek.* 30. 8.

16 And they laid hands on her, and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the kings house, and there was she [28] slain.

[28] *Judg.*1.7. *Matth.*7.2.

17 ¶ * And Jehoiada made a [6] covenant between the LORD, and the king and the people, that they should [29] be the LORDs people, [30] between the king also and the people.

* 2Chr.23.16.

[29] To set up and maintain God's true Worship, and renounce and root out all Idolatry. ¶ [30] 2 *Sam.* 5. 3. See there. The King promis'd to govern them justly, and the people to obey him faithfully.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and [31] brake it down, his altars and his images brake they in pieces throughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars: and * the priest appointed † officers over the house of the LORD.

[31] *ch.*11.18,27.

* 2 Chr.23.18

† Heb. *offices.*

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land, and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the [32] gate of the guard to the kings house, and he sat on the throne of the kings.

[32] That Gate that was guarded for the better security.

20 And all the people of the land [33] rejoyced, and the city was in quiet; and they slew Athaliah with the sword, *beside* the kings house.

[33] *Prov.*11.10.

21 Seven years old *was* Jehoash when he began to reign.

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2 Jehoash reigneth well all the days of Jehoiada.
19 He is slain by his servants.

3126. IN the [1] seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to [2] reign; and fourty years reigned he in Jerusalem; and his mothers name *was* Zibeah of Beer-sheba.

[1] 2 *Chr.*24.1.
[2] *ch.*11.12.

2 And Jehoash did *that which was* [3] right in the sight of the LORD all his days, wherein Jehoiadah the priest instructed him.

[3] As to the matter of his actions (tho not the manner.)

3 But the high-places were [4] not taken away: the people still sacrificed, and burnt incense in the high-places.

[4] 1 *King.*15.14. See there. The people had been so long us'd to this erroneous way of Worship, that they thought it not advisable to reform this, for fear of some tumult.

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4 ¶ And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the ‖† [5] dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *even* the money of every one that [6] passeth *the account*, † the money that every man is [7] set at, *and* all the money that † [8] cometh into any mans heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

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‖ Or, *holy things.*
† Heb. *holynesses.*
† Heb. *the money of the souls of his estimation.*
† Heb. *ascendeth upon the heart of a man*

[5] Dedicated to the repairs and service of the Temple, *ch.* 22.4. ¶ [6] Is enrolled among the Israelites at twenty years old (*Exod.*30.12.) whereupon they were to pay half a shekel. ¶ [7] *Exod.*30.12. Upon occasion of singular Vow, *Lev.* 27. 2. *&c.* ¶ [8] As a voluntary Offering, *Exod.*35.5. &c. and 25.2.

5 Let the priests take *it* to them, every man of his acquaintance, and let them [9] repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

[9] 2 *Chr.*24.4.

6 But it was *so*, *that* † in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash, the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

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† Heb. *in the twentieth year and third year*

7 Then king Jehoash [10] called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said unto them, [10] Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

[10] Kings have power over ecclesiastical persons, to see that they discharge their Office faithfully, (but not to execute it themselves, 2 *Chron.*29.4,5. with 2 *Chron.*26.16.)

8 And the priests consented to receive no *more* money of the people, [11] neither to repair the breaches of the house.

[11] To take that charge upon 'em.

9 But Jehoiada the priest took [12] a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side, as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the † door, put therein all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD.

† Heb. *threshold.*

[12] In after-ages called *Corban*, *Mark* 7. 11.

10 And it was *so*, when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the kings ‖ scribe, and the high-priest came up, and they † put up in bags, and told the money *that was* found in the house of the LORD.

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‖ Or, *secretary*
† Heb. *bound up.*

11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the [13] oversight of the house of the LORD: and they † laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD,

[13] *ch.*22. 5,6:
† Heb. *brought it forth.*

12 And to [13] masons and hewers of stone, and to buy timber, and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that † was laid out for the house to repair *it*.

† Heb. *went forth.*

13 Howbeit there were [14] not made for the house of the LORD, [15] bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, [16] trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD.

[14] Not at first, till the house was repaired: for there was afterwards, 2 *Chron.*24.14. ¶ [15] 1 *King.*7.55. ¶ [16] *Numb.* 10. 2.

14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover * they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

* Chap. 22. 7.

16 * The [17] trespass-money, and [18] sin-money was not brought into the house of the LORD: * it was the priests.

* Lev.5.15,18

* Numb.18.9.

[17] For satisfaction of wrong done, *Lev.* 5.15. ¶ [18] For Sin-offerings, *Lev.*4.3.

17 ¶ Then * Hazael king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and took it: and

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* Chap.8.12.

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* See 2 Chron. 24.23.
* 1 Kin.15.18. Ch.18.15,16

* Hazael [19] set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

[19] *Jer.*42.15. *Luke* 9. 51. Fully resolv'd.

18 And Jehoash king of Judah * took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah his fathers, kings of Judah had dedicate, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the kings house, and [20] sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria, and he † went away from Jerusalem.

[20] *ch.*16.8. and 18.15.
† Heb. *went up*

19 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

* Chap.14.5.
‖ Or, *Beth-millo.*
[21] See on *Judg.* 9.6. & 2 *Sam.* 5.9.
* 2 Chr. 24.26 *Zabad.*
‖ Or, *Shimrith*

20 And * his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in ‖ the house of [21] Millo, which goeth down to Silla.

21 For * Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of ‖ Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

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1 *Jehoahaz his wicked reign:* 9 *Joash succeedeth him.* 14 *Elisha's death.*

3148. † Heb. *the twentieth year and third year.*

IN † the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years.

3148. † Heb. *walked after.*

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, and † followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin, he departed not therefrom.

[1] *Judg.*2.14. *Isa.*10.5,6.
* Chap.8.12.

3 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was [1] kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of * Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

4 And Jehoahaz [2] besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for [3] he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

[2] *Judg.*10.10. *Psal.*78.34. ¶ [3] *Exod.* 3.7. *Gen.* 31.-42.

* See v.25. & Ch.14.25. &c.
† Heb. *as yesterday, and third day.*

5 (And the LORD gave Israel * a [4] saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, † as beforetime.

[4] *Isa.*19.20. *Neh.*9.-27. *Obad.*21. a deliverer, *viz. Jehoash*, *v.*25.

† Heb. *he walked.*
† Heb. *stood.*
‖ 1 *King.*16.33.

6 Nevertheless, they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, *but* † walked therein: and there † remained the [5] grove also in Samaria.)

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz, but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had [6] destroyed them, and had made them like the [7] dust by [8] threshing.

[6] *Ch.* 10. 32. ¶ [7] Weak and contemptible. ¶ [8] *Amos* 1.-3.

8 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

3165. IV. 10. *Jehoash.*

9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and ‖ Joash his son reigned in his stead.

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10 ¶ In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah, began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years.

11 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: *but* he walked therein.

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12 * And the rest of the acts of Joash and * all that he did, and * his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

* Chap. 14.15.
* See v.14, & 25.
* Ch. 14.9, &c.

13 And Joash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. 3179.

14 ¶ Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died, and Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my [9] father, my father, the [10] chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. 3165.

[9] *ch.* 6.21.
[10] See on *ch.*2. 12.

15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows: and he took unto him bow and arrows.

† Heb. *Make thine hand to ride.*

16 And he said to the king of Israel, † Put thine hand upon the bow: and he put his hand *upon it:* and Elisha [11] put his hands upon the kings hands.

[11] *Psal.* 18. 34,35. & 127. 1,2. & 144.1. *Gen.*49.24. *Job.* 15.5. A sign that God would assist him.

17 And he said, Open the window east-ward: and he opened *it.* Then Elisha said, Shoot: and he shot. And he said, [12] The arrow of the LORDs deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, [13] till thou have consumed *them.*

[12] *q. d.* This is a sign that the Lord will deliver. ¶ [13] *Viz.* Those three Armies, (but not the whole power of the Kingdom, *v.*19.)

18 And he said, Take the arrows: and he took *them.* And he said unto the king of Israel, [14] Smite upon the ground: and he smote thrice, and stayed.

[14] *Exod.*17.10,11. Having by the former Sign shew'd that he should overcome the *Syrians*, now by another he'd shew him how often he should overcome 'em.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times, then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed *it:* whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but* [15] thrice.

[15] *V.* 25.

20 ¶ And Elisha died, and they buried him: and the [16] bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

[16] *ch.*5.2.

21 And it came to pass as they were burying a man, that behold, they spied a band *of men,* and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man † was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, * he [17] revived, and stood up on his feet.

† Heb. *went down.*
[4] Eccluf.48.14

[17] To note, that the decayed State of *Israel* should revive and flourish again.

22 ¶ But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and * had respect unto them, because of his [18] covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his † presence as yet.

* Ex. 2.24,25.
[18] *Exod.*32.13. *Psal.*105.8. 2 *Chron.* 21.7.
† Heb. *face.*

24 So Hazael king of Syria died, and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz † took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war: [19] three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

† Heb. *returned and took.*
[19] *V.* 19.

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CHAP. XIV.

1 *Amaziahs good reign:* 17 *He is ſlain by a conſpiracy.* 21 *Azariah ſucceedeth him.*

3165. IN the ſecond year of Joaſh ſon of Jehoahaz king of Iſrael reigned [1] Amaziah the ſon Joaſh king of Judah.

[1] 2 *Chr.*25.1.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jeruſalem. And his mothers name *was* Jehoaddan of Jeruſalem.

3 And he did *that which was* [2] right in the ſight of the LORD, yet [3] not like David his father: he did according to all things [4] as Joaſh his father did.

[2] *Ch.*12.2. ¶ [3] 2 *Chron.*25.2. ¶ [4] 2 *Chron.*24.17,18.

[5] See on *ch.* 12.3.

4 Howbeit, the [5] high-places were not taken away: as yet the people did ſacrifice and burn incenſe on the high-places.

5 ¶ And it came to paſs aſſoon as the kingdom was [6] confirmed in his hand, that he [7] ſlew his ſervants which had [8] ſlain the king his father.

[6] 1 *King.*2.12. (Which was unſetled by the Conſpiracy againſt his Father, *ch.* 12.20, 21.) ¶ [7] *Numb.* 35.33. ¶ [8] *ch.*12.20.

[9] *Deut.*24.16. *Ezek.*18.20.

6 But the children of the murderers he ſlew not: according unto that which is written in the [9] book of the law of Moſes, wherein the LORD commanded, ſaying, * The fathers ſhall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man ſhall be put to death for his own ſin.

3165. ‖ Or, *the rock.*

7 He ſlew of [10] Edom in the [11] valley of ſalt [12] ten thouſand, and took ‖ Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

[10] Who rebelled, *ch.* 8.20. ¶ [11] 2 *Sam.* 8.13. *Pſal.*60. Title. ¶ [12] 2 *Chron.*25.11.

8 ¶ Then Amaziah ſent meſſengers to Jehoaſh the ſon of Jehoahaz ſon of Jehu king of Iſrael, ſaying, [13] Come, [14] let us look one another in the face.

[13] A word of Challenge, 1 *Sam.*14.12. ¶ [14] *ch.*23.29. Let's come to a pitch'd Battel, *v.*11,12.

*See Judg.9.8

9 And Jehoaſh the king of Iſrael ſent to Amaziah king of Judah, ſaying, *[15] The thiſtle that *was* in Lebanon ſent to the [16] cedar that *was* in Lebanon, ſaying, [17] Give thy daughter to my ſon to wife: and there paſſed by [18] a wild beaſt that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thiſtle.

[15] The King of *Judah.* ¶ [16] The King of *Iſrael.* ¶ [17] *q.d.* I think my ſelf as good as thee, and my forces able to encounter thine. ¶ [18] So ſhall the Army of the king of *Iſrael* eaſily deſtroy thine.

† Heb. *at thy houſe.*

10 Thou haſt indeed ſmitten Edom, and thine heart hath [19] lifted thee up: [20] glory *of this*, and tarry † at home: for why ſhouldſt thou [21] meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou ſhouldſt fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?

[19] 2 *Chron.*32.25. *Hab.*2.4. ¶ [20] Let that ſuffice thee to boaſt of, and don't contend with me. ¶ [21] *Luke* 14.31.

11 But Amaziah would [22] not hear. Therefore Jehoaſh king of Iſrael went up: and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-ſhemeſh, which *belongeth* to Judah.

[22] 2 *Chron.*25.20. *Exod.*14.4. 1 *Sam.*2.25.

† Heb. *was ſmitten.*

12 And Judah † was put to the worſe before Iſrael, and they fled every man to their tents.

13 And Jehoaſh king of Iſrael took Amaziah king of Judah, the ſon of Jehoaſh the ſon of Ahaziah, at Beth-ſhemeſh, and came to Jeruſalem, and brake down the wall of Jeruſalem, from * the gate of Ephraim unto * the corner-gate, four hundred cubits.

* Neh.12.39. * Jer.31.38.

14 And he took all the gold and ſilver, and all the [23] veſſels *that were* found in the houſe of the LORD, and in the treaſures of the kings houſe, and hoſtages, and returned to Samaria.

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[23] Not thoſe for daily uſes, but ſuch as were laid up in the Treaſury, 1 *King.*7.51.

15 ¶ * Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoaſh which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

* Chap.13.12.

16 And Jehoaſh ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Iſrael; and Jeroboam his ſon reigned in his ſtead. 3179.

17 ¶ And Amaziah the ſon of Joaſh king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoaſh ſon of Jehoahaz king of Iſrael fifteen years.

18 And the reſt of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now * they made a conſpiracy againſt him in Jeruſalem: and he fled to Lachiſh; but they ſent after him to Lachiſh, and ſlew him there.

* 2 Chr.25.27. 3194.

20 And they brought him on [24] horſes; and he was buried at Jeruſalem with his fathers in the city of David.

[24] In a Chariot drawn with horſes, (as *ch.*9.28.)

21 ¶ And all the people of Judah took * Azariah, (which *was* ſixteen years old) and [25] made him king in ſtead of his father Amaziah.

* Chap.15.13. & 2 Chr.26.1. he is called *Uzziah.*

[25] Confirmed the Kingdom to him, whereof he was firſt poſſeſs' when his Father fled, *v.*19. which was about twelve years before.

22 He built * Elath, and reſtored it to Judah, after that the [26] king ſlept with his fathers.

* Chap.16.6. [26] His Father *Amaziah.*

23 ¶ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah, the ſon of Joaſh king of Judah, Jeroboam the ſon of Joaſh king of Iſrael began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* forty and one years. 3179.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD: he departed not from all the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

25 He reſtored the coaſt of Iſrael from * the entring of Hamath, unto * the ſea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Iſrael, which he ſpake by the [27] hand of his ſervant * Jonah, the ſon of Amittai, the prophet, which *was* of Gath-hepher.

* Numb.34.8. * Deut.3.17. [27] Miniſtry. 3179. * Jon.1.1. called *Jonas*, Matth.12.39, 40.

26 For the LORD [28] ſaw the affliction of Iſrael *that it was* very bitter: for * *there was* not any [29] ſhut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Iſrael.

[28] *ch.*13.4. [29] See on *Deut.* 32.36.

27 And the LORD [30] ſaid not that he would blot out the name of Iſrael from under heaven: but he ſaved them by the hand of Jeroboam the ſon of Joaſh.

[30] *Ch.*13.23. Had not yet determined (yet afterwards he ſaid it, (*Hoſ.*1.6,9.) and did it, *ch.*17,18.)

28 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damaſcus, and Hamath, * *which belonged* to Judah, for Iſrael; *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

* 2 Sam.8.6. 2 Chron.8.3.

29 And Jeroboam ſlept with his fathers, *even* with the kings of Iſrael; and [31] Zachariah his ſon reigned in his ſtead. 3220.

[31] *ch.*10.30.

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1 *Azariah his good reign.* 5 *Jotham ſucceedeth:* 32 *His good reign.*

3194. IN the twenty and ſeventh year of Jeroboam
* Chap.14.21. king of Iſrael, * began * Azariah ſon of
2 Chr.16.1,3. Amaziah king of Judah to [1] reign.
* Called *Uzziah*, v.13,30. &c.

[1] *Viz.* Alone: having reigned twelve years in his Father's life-time. See on *ch.*14.21.

2 [2] Sixteen years old was he when he began
[2] *Chr.*26.1. to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jeruſalem. And his mothers name *was* Jecholiah of Jeruſalem.

3 And he did *that which was* [3] right in the ſight
[3] He began well. of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

*Ch. 12. 3. & 14.4. v. 35. 4 * Save that the high places were not removed: the people ſacrificed and burnt incenſe ſtill on the high places.

3194. 5 ¶ And the LORD [4] ſmote the king, ſo that
* Lev.13.46. he was a leper unto the day of his death, and * dwelt in a ſeveral houſe. And Jotham the kings ſon *was* over the houſe, judging the people of the land.

[4] *Job* 34.19. For offering to burn Incenſe, 2 *Chron.*26.19.

6 And the reſt of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

3246. 7 So Azariah ſlept with his fathers, and * they
* 2 Chr.26.23 buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Jotham his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

3232. 8 ¶ In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, did Zachariah the ſon of Jeroboam reign over Iſrael in Samaria ſix months.

9 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

* Amos 7.9. 10 And Shallum the ſon of Jabeſh [5] conſpired againſt him, and * ſmote him [6] before the people, and ſlew him, and reigned in his ſtead.

[5] 1 *King.*16.9. ¶ [6] Publickly, and with their approbation.

11 And the reſt of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

12 This *was* the word of the LORD which
† *ch.*10.30. he ſpake unto Jehu, ſaying, [7] Thy ſons ſhall ſit on the throne of Iſrael, unto the fourth *generation.* And ſo it came to paſs.

3232. 13 ¶ Shallum the ſon of Jabeſh began to reign
*Matth.1.8,9, called Ozias; and v.1. Azariah. in the nine and thirtieth year of * Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned a † full month in Samaria.

†Heb. *a month of days.* 14 For Menahem the ſon of Gadi went up
*1King.14.17. from * Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and ſmote Shallum the ſon of Jabeſh in Samaria, and ſlew him, and reigned in his ſtead.

15 And the reſt of the acts of Shallum, and his conſpiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

16 ¶ Then Menahem ſmote Tiphſah, and all that *were* therein, and the coaſts thereof from Tirzah: becauſe they [8] opened not *to him*, therefore he ſmote *it*, *and* all the women therein that
† *Judg.*8.5.&c were with child, [9] he ript up.

[9] *ch.*8.12. *Am.* 1.13.

3232. 17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah, began Menahem the ſon of Gadi to reign over Iſrael, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who mad Iſrael to ſin.

19 *And* * Pul the king of Aſſyria came againſt 3233.
the land: and Menahem gave Pul a [10] thouſand * 1 Chr.5.26.
talents of ſilver, that his hand might be with Iſa. 9.1.
him, to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

[10] Three hundred forty two thouſand one hundred eighty five pounds and fifteen ſhillings. In bulk or weight about forty two Tuns.

20 And Menahem † exacted the money of Iſ- † Heb. *caused to come forth.*
rael, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man [11] fifty ſhekels of ſilver, to give to the king of Aſſyria: ſo the king of Aſſyria turned back, and ſtayed not there in the land.

[11] Five pounds fourteen ſhillings.

21 ¶ And the reſt of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

22 And Menahem ſlept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

23 ¶ In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of 3243.
Judah, Pekahiah the ſon of Menahem began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD, he departed not from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

25 But Pekah the ſon of Remaliah, a captain 3245.
of his, [12] conſpired againſt him, and ſmote him [12] *ch.*9.14.
in Samaria, in the palace of the kings houſe, 1 *King.*16.9.
with Argob, and Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

26 And the reſt of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

27 ¶ In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah
* Iſa. 7.1. king of Judah, * Pekah the ſon of Remaliah began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years.

28 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD, he departed not from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

29 In the days of Pekah king of Iſrael, 3264.
* came Tiglath-pileſer king of Aſſyria, and took * 1 Chr.5.26.
* Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, * 1 King.15.20.
and Kedeſh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them [13] captive to [14] Aſſyria.

[13] *Iſa.*9.1. *Deut.*28.47,48. ¶ [14] 1 *Chron.*5.26.

30 And Hoſhea the ſon of Elah made a conſpi- 3265.
racy againſt Pekah the ſon of Remaliah, and ſmote him, and ſlew him, and reigned in his ſtead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the ſon of Uzziah.

31 And the reſt of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

32 ¶ In the ſecond year of Pekah the ſon of 3246.
Remaliah king of Iſrael, began * Jotham the * 2 Chr.27.1.
ſon of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem: and his mothers name *was* Jeruſha, the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did *that which was* [15] right in the [15] Both for matter and manner.
ſight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 ¶ Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people ſacrificed and burnt incenſe ſtill

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36 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

[16] *ch.* 16. 5. *Isa.* 7. 1.

37 (In those days the LORD [16] began to send against Judah, * Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.)

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father, and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

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1 *Ahaz his wicked reign.* 17 *He spoileth the temple:* 19 *Hezekiah succeedeth him.*

3262. IN the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

* 2 *Chron.* 28. 1

2 [1] Twenty years old *was* Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

[2] See on *Lev.* 18. 21.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to [2] pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.

[3] 1 *King.* 14. 23 *Deut.* 12. 2.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the [3] hills, and under every [3] green tree.

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[4] *Isa.* 7. 4–7. 1 *King.* 11. 36.

5 ¶ Then Rezin king of Syria, and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but [4] could not overcome *him*.

3263. * Chap. 14. 22. † Heb. *Eloth.*

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered * Elath to Syria, and drave the Jews from † Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

3264. †Heb. *Tiglath-pileser.* 1 Chron. 5. 26. & 2 Chron. 28. 20. *Tilgath-pilneser.*

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to † Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* thy [5] servant, and thy [6] son; come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

[5] Tributary. [6] Under thy protection.

8 And Ahaz [7] took the silver and gold *that was* found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the kings house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria.

[7] *ch.* 12. 18. & 18. 16. 2 *Chr.* 28. 21.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against † Damascus, and * [8] took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

† Heb. *Dammesek.* * Amos 1. 5. [8] *Psal.* 7. 15, 16

10 ¶ And king Ahaz went to Damascus, to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest [9] made *it*, against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

[9] *Mal.* 2. 7. *Gal.* 1. 7–10.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and * the king approached to the altar, and [10] offered thereon.

* 2 Chr. 26. 16, 19. [10] 2 *Chr.* 28. 23

13 And he burnt his burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and sprinkled the blood of † his peace-offerings upon the altar.

† Heb. *which were his.*

14 And he brought also the [11] brazen altar which *was* [12] before the LORD, from the fore-front of the house, from between [13] the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north-side of the altar.

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[11] 2 *Chron.* 4. 1. ¶ [12] 1 *King.* 8. 64. Directly before the entrance into the body of the Temple. ¶ [13] His new Altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the [14] great altar burn * the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meat-offering, and the kings burnt-sacrifice, and his meat-offering, with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; and the brazen altar shall be for me to [15] enquire *by*.

* Exod. 29. 38, 40, 41.

[14] New made. ¶ [15] *viz.* When I please.

16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded. 3264.

17 ¶ And King Ahaz [16] cut off the * borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them, and took down * the sea from off the brazen oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

* 1 King. 7. 27, 28. * 1 King. 7. 23, 25.

[16] Defac'd the Ornaments and Beauty of those holy Vessels.

18 And the [17] covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the [18] kings entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD, [19] for the king of Assyria. 3265.

[17] Something made to shelter the people from the weather on the Sabbath; or, some costly Chair of State, wherein the Kings of *Judah* us'd to hear the Priests expound the Law on the Sabbath. ¶ [18] 1 *King.* 10. 5. The gallery whereby the King went to the Temple from his own Palace. ¶ [19] *q. d.* All this spoil and altarations he made to ingratiate himself with him, and comply with his humor.

19 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz, which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and * was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead. 3278. * 2 Chr. 28. 27

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Hoshea his wicked reign.* 5 *Samaria for their sins is captivated.* 24 *The strange nations plagued with lions, make a mixture of religions.*

IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, began Hoshea the son of Elah to [1] reign in Samaria, over Israel nine years. 3274.

[1] *viz.* as an absolute King.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, [2] but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

[2] *ch.* 3. 2. 1 *King.* 16. 31.

3 ¶ Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria, and Hoshea became his servant, and † gave him ‖ [3] presents. 3276.

† Heb. *rendred* ‖ Or, *tribute.* [3] Yearly Tribute. v. 4.

4 And the king of Assyria found [4] conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and [5] bound him in prison. 3279.

[4] *Ch.* 24. 20. *Ezek.* 17. 13–15. Breach of Covenant. ¶ [5] 2 *Chron.* 33. 11. *Psal.* 149. 8.

5 ¶ Then * the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. 3280. * Chap. 18. 9.

6 ¶ * In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and [6] carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them * in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 3283. * Chap. 18. 10, [6] *Lev.* 26. 33. *Hos.* 1. 9. * 1 Chr. 5. 26.

7 For *so* it was, that the children of Israel had

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had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

* Lev.18.3. 8 And * walked in the statutes of the heathen, (whom the LORD [7] cast out from before the children of Israel) and of the kings of Israel, which they [8] had made.

[7] *Ch.*16.3. ¶ [8] 1 *King.*12.28,29. *Mic.*6.16.

9 And the children of Israel did [9] secretly *those* things that *were* not right, against the LORD their God, and they built them high-places in all their cities, * from the [10] tower of the watchmen, to the [10] fenced city.

* Chap.18.8.

[9] *Ezek.*8.12. ¶ [10] The most lonely places in the Country, to the most populous City, *i. e.* every where, in City and Country.

10 And they set them up † images and * groves * in every high hill, and under every green tree.

† Heb. *statues.* * Exod.34.13. Deut.16.21. * Deut.12.2.

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high-places, as *did* the heathen whom the LORD [11] carried away before them: and wrought [12] wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger.

[11] *Lev.*18.27,28. ¶ [12] All manner of wickedness.

* Exod.20.3,4 Deut 5. 7,8. [13] *Deut.*4.19. 12 For they served idols, * whereof the LORD had said unto them, [13] Ye shall not do this thing.

13 Yet the LORD testified [14] against Israel, and against Judah, † by all the [15] prophets, *and by* all the [16] seers, saying, [17] Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

† Heb. *by the hand of all.*

[14] Against their false Worship and Impiety. ¶ [15] *Jer.*25.-3. ¶ [16] 1 *Sam.*9.9. ¶ [17] *Jer.*18.-11. and 25.5. and 35.15. *Ezek.*18.21.

14 Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but [18] hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did [19] not believe in the LORD their God.

[18] *Deut.*31.27. 2 *Chron.*36.-13. *Prov.*29.1. *Isa.*48.4. *Jer.*7.26. ¶ [19] *Deut.*1.32. *Psal.*78.22,32. and 106.24.

15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he [20] testified against them, and they followed * [21] vanity, and * [22] became vain, and went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should [23] not do like them.

* Deut.32.21. 1 Cor. 8.4. * Psal.115.8.

[20] *Neh.*9.26,29. *viz.* What Judgments should befall them in case of disobedience. ¶ [21] 1 *King.*16.-13. ¶ [22] *Rom.*1.21. ¶ [23] *v.*12, *Josh.*23.7.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten [24] images, *even* [25] two calves, and * made a grove, and worshiped all the [26] host of heaven, and * served Baal.

* 1 King.14.15,23. & 15.13. & 16.33. * 1 King. 16.31. & 22.54. Chap.11.18.

[24] *Exod.*32.8. ¶ [25] 1 *King.*12.28. ¶ [26] *Deut.*4.19. *Jer.*8.2.

17 And they * caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and [27] sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

* Lev.18.21. Chap. 16.3. [27] 1 *King.*21.20 *Isa.*50.1.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them [28] out of his sight: there was none left * but the tribe of [29] Judah only.

* 1 King. 11.13,32.

[28] Out of that Land which was under his special care and providence (*Deut.*11.12.) and enjoy'd the signs of his presence. ¶ [29] *Hos.*11.12.

19 [30] Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

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[30] *Jer.*3.8. *Hos.*4.15.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand [31] of spoilers, until he had cast them [28] out of his sight.

[31] *Ch.*13.3,7. and 15.19,29 and 18.9. 2 *Chron.*28,5. *&c.* and 33.11.

21 For he [32] rent Israel from the house of David: and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam [33] drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a [34] great sin. 3029.

[32] 1 *King.*11.11,31. and 12. 29. ¶ [33] 1 *King.*12.23,28, 29. ¶ [34] 1 *King.*12.30.

22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did, they departed not from them:

23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said [35] by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

[35] Whom he stir'd up in those days to foretel this judgment, as 1 *King.*13.22. and 14.16. 2 *King.* 8. 12. *Hos.*1.4,6, 9. *Am.*5.27. *Mic.*1.6.

24 ¶ And the king of Assyria [36] brought *men* * from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from * Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria, *Ivа.* in stead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. 3327.

[36] *Ezr.*4. 2. * See vers. 31. * Chap.18.34.

25 And *so* it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they [37] feared not the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew *some* of them.

[37] Did not so much as pretend any respect to him (as the idolatrous Israelites did.)

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither [38] one of the priests whom ye brought from thence, and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land

[38] 1 *King.*12.31. One of the chief of the Priests, with others to be under his direction.

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria, came and dwelt in Bethel, and [39] taught them how they should fear the LORD.

[39] Instructed them in some of the principles of the knowledg and worship of God, as it was practis'd in *Israel.*

29 Howbeit, every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritanes had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima.

31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they [40] feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the [41] lowest of them priests of the high places, which [42] sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

[40] *Zeph.*1.5. Acknowledged Jehovah to be a God, and performed some outward worship to him, lest they should be destroyed,

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destroyed. ¶ 41 1 *King.*12.31. and 13. 33. ¶ 42 *viz.* To the true God.

33 They feared the LORD, and ſerved their own gods, 43 after the manner of the nations, ‖ whom they carried away from thence.

‖ Or, *who carried them away from thence.*

43 *i. e.* As the Iſraelites did, who worſhip'd God and *Baal* too.

34 Unto this day they do after the 44 former manners, they fear not the lord, neither do they after 45 their ſtatutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he 46 named Iſrael.

44 Such as they us'd in their own Country before they were carried captive, v.41. ¶ 45 Ordain'd for them in a peculiar manner. ¶ 46 1 *King.*18.31. *Gen.* 32. 28. and 35. 10. &c.

35 With whom the LORD had made a cove-
47 *Judg.*6.30. nant, and charged them, ſaying, 47 Ye ſhall not fear other gods, nor bow your ſelves to them, nor ſerve them, nor ſacrifice to them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and a 48 ſtretched out arm, 49 him ſhall ye fear, and him ſhall ye worſhip, and to him ſhall ye do ſacrifice.

48 1 *King.*8.9. *Exod.*6.6. *Deut.*5.15. *Jer.*32. 21. *Ezek.*20. 33, 34. ¶ 49 *Deut.*6.13.

37 And the ſtatutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment which he wrote for you, ye ſhall obſerve to do for evermore, and ye ſhall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you, ye ſhall not forget, neither ſhall ye fear other gods.

39 But the LORD your God ye ſhall fear, and he ſhall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit, they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

41 50 So theſe nations 40 feared the LORD, and ſerved their graven images, both their children, and their childrens children: as did their fathers, ſo do they unto this day.

50 In like manner, and after their example.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Hezekiahs good reign: 4 He deſtroyeth idolatry, and proſpereth. 9 Samaria is carried captive for their ſins.

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* Lev. 18. 3.

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† Heb. *statues.* * Exod. 34. 13. Deut. 16. 21.

10 And they set them up † images and * groves * in every high hill, and under every green tree.

* Deut. 12. 2.

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high-places, as *did* the heathen whom the LORD [11] carried away before them: and wrought [12] wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger.

[11] *Lev.* 18. 27, 28. ¶ [12] All manner of wickedness.

* Exod. 20. 3, 4 Deut 5. 7, 8. [13] *Deut.* 4. 19.

12 For they served idols, * whereof the LORD had said unto them, [13] Ye shall not do this thing.

† Heb. *by the hand of all.*

13 Yet the LORD testified [14] against Israel, and against Judah, † by all the [15] prophets, *and by* all the [16] seers, saying, [17] Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

[14] Against their false Worship and Impiety. ¶ [15] *Jer.* 25. 3. ¶ [16] 1 *Sam.* 9. 9. ¶ [17] *Jer.* 18. 11. and 25. 5. and 35. 15. *Ezek.* 18. 21.

14 Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but [18] hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did [19] not believe in the LORD their God.

[18] *Deut.* 31. 27. 2 *Chron.* 36. 13. *Prov.* 29. 1. *Isa.* 48. 4. *Jer.* 7. 26. ¶ [19] *Deut.* 1. 32. *Psal.* 78. 22, 32. and 106. 24.

15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he [20] testified against them, and they followed * [21] vanity, and * [22] became vain, and went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should [23] not do like them.

* Deut. 32. 21. 1 Cor. 8. 4. * Psal. 115. 8.

[20] *Neh.* 9. 26, 29. *viz.* What Judgments should befall them in case of disobedience. ¶ [21] 1 *King.* 16. 13. ¶ [22] *Rom.* 1. 21. ¶ [23] *v.* 12. *Josh.* 23. 7.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten [24] images, *even* [25] two calves, and * made a grove, and worshiped all the [26] host of heaven, and * served Baal.

* 1 King. 14. 15, 23. & 15. 13. & 16. 33. * 1 King. 16. 31. & 22. 54. Chap. 11. 18.

[24] *Exod.* 32. 8. ¶ [25] 1 *King.* 12. 28. ¶ [26] *Deut.* 4. 19. *Jer.* 8. 2.

17 And they * caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and [27] sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

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18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them [28] out of his sight: there was none left * but the tribe of [29] Judah only.

* 1 King. 11. 13, 32.

[28] Out of that Land which was under his special care and providence (*Deut.* 11. 12.) and enjoy'd the signs of his presence. ¶ [29] *Hos.* 11. 12.

19 [30] Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

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[30] *Jer.* 3. 8. *Hos.* 4. 15.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand [31] of spoilers, until he had cast them [28] out of his sight.

[31] *Ch.* 13. 3, 7. and 15. 19, 29 and 18. 9. 2 *Chron.* 28, 5. *&c.* and 33. 11.

21 For he [32] rent Israel from the house of David: and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam [33] drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a [34] great sin.

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[32] 1 *King.* 11. 11, 31. and 12. 29. ¶ [33] 1 *King.* 12, 23, 28, 29. ¶ [34] 1 *King.* 12. 30.

22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did, they departed not from them:

23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said [35] by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

[35] Whom he stir'd up in those days to foretel this judgment, as 1 *King.* 13. 22. and 14. 16. 2 *King.* 8. 12. *Hos.* 1. 4, 6, 9. *Am.* 5. 27. *Mic.* 1. 6.

24 ¶ And the king of Assyria [36] brought *men* * from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from * Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria, *Ivа.* in stead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

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[36] *Ezr.* 4. 2. * See verse 31. * Chap. 18. 34.

25 And *so* it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they [37] feared not the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew *some* of them.

[37] Did not so much as pretend any respect to him (as the idolatrous Israelites did.)

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither [38] one of the priests whom ye brought from thence, and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

[38] 1 *King.* 12. 31. One of the chief of the Priests, with others to be under his direction.

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria, came and dwelt in Bethel, and [39] taught them how they should fear the LORD.

[39] Instructed them in some of the principles of the knowledg and worship of God, as it was practis'd in *Israel.*

29 Howbeit, every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritanes had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima.

31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they [40] feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the [41] lowest of them priests of the high places, which [42] sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

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43 *i. e.* As the Iſraelites did, who worſhip'd God and *Baal* too.

34 Unto this day they do after the 44 former manners, they fear not the lord, neither do they after 45 their ſtatutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he 46 named Iſrael.

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19 And Rab-ſhakeh ſaid unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus ſaith the great king, the king of Aſſyria, [25] What confidence *is* this wherein thou truſteſt?

20 Thou ‖ ſayeſt, (but *they are but* †[26] vain words) ‖ *I have* [27] counſel and ſtrength for the war: now on whom doſt thou truſt, that thou rebelleſt againſt me?

[26] Groundleſs, which will deceive you in the iſſue. ¶ [27] *Prov.*21.30.

21 Now behold, thou † truſteſt upon [28] the ſtaff of this bruiſed reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: ſo *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that truſt on him.

22 But if ye ſay unto me, We truſt in the LORD our God: *is* not that he whoſe [29] high places, and whoſe altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath ſaid to Judah and Jeruſalem, Ye ſhall worſhip before [30] this altar in Jeruſalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give ‖ pledges to my lord the king of Aſſyria, and I will deliver thee two thouſand horſes, if thou be able on thy part to ſet riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou [31] turn away the face of one captain of the leaſt of my maſters ſervants, and put thy truſt on Egypt for chariots and for horſemen?

[31] Force him to turn his back, and flee away from thee.

25 Am I now come up without the LORD againſt this place to deſtroy it? [32] The LORD ſaid to me, Go up againſt this land, and deſtroy it.

[32] This was certainly a falſe ſuggeſtion, as appears by the event.

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27 But Rab-ſhakeh ſaid unto them, Hath my maſter ſent me to thy maſter, and to thee, to ſpeak theſe words? *hath he* not *ſent me* to the men which ſit on the wall, that they may [33] eat their own dung, and drink † their own piſs with you?

28 Then Rab-ſhakeh ſtood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews language, and ſpake, ſaying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Aſſyria.

29 Thus ſaith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you, for he ſhall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you truſt in the LORD, ſaying, The LORD will ſurely deliver us, and this city ſhall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Aſſyria.

31 Hearken not unto Hezekiah: for thus ſaith the king of Aſſyria, ‖ † Make *an agreement* with me by a preſent, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own ‖ ciſtern:

32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of [34] corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oyl-olive, and of hony, that ye may live and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he ‖ perſwadeth you, ſaying, The LORD will deliver us.

33 * Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Aſſyria?

34 * Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and * Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who *are* they among all the gods of the countreys, that have delivered their countrey out of mine hand, [35] that the LORD ſhould deliver Jeruſalem out of mine hand?

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[35] *Dan.*3.-15. & 7.25.

* Iſa.33.7.

[38] See on *Gen.* 37.29.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Hezekiah mourning, ſendeth to Iſaiah to pray for them:* 6 *He comforteth them.* 8 *Sennacherib ſendeth a blaſphemous letter to Hezekiah:* 14 *His prayer.* 35 *An angel ſlayeth the Aſſyrians.* 36 *Sennacherib ſlain by his own ſons.*

1 AND it came to paſs when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himſelf with [2] ſackcloth, and went into the [3] houſe of the LORD.

[1] *Iſa.*37.1. ¶ [2] 1 *King.*21.27. See there. ¶ [3] To pray. 2 *Chron.*32.20.

2 And he ſent Eliakim, which *was* over the houſhold, and Shebna the ſcribe, and the elders of the prieſts, [4] covered with ſackcloth, to * Iſaiah the prophet the ſon of Amoz.

[4] So *Jon.*3.5. * Luke 3.4. called *Eſaias.*

3 And they ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of [5] trouble, and of [6] rebuke, and * blaſphemy: for the [7] children are come to the birth, and *there is* not ſtrength to bring forth.

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‖ Or, *provocation.*

[5] *Pſal.*50.15. ¶ [6] Wherein God has teſtified his diſpleaſure againſt us, and rebuk'd us for our ſins, *Pſal.*39.11. *Hoſ.* 5.9. ¶ [7] *ch.*26.17,18. *Deut.*32.36. *Gen.*22.-14. We have begun a happy Reformation, but are hindred by this inſolent *Aſſyrian* from bringing it to perfection.

4 [8] It may be the LORD thy God will [9] hear all the [10] words of Rab-ſhakeh, whom the king of Aſſyria his maſter hath ſent to reproch the living God; and will [11] reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore [12] lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant *that are* † left.

† Heb *found.*

[8] *Numb.*22.33. *Joſh.*14. 12. 1 *Sam.* 14. 6. 2 *Sam.* 16. 12. ¶ [9] Manifeſt his diſlike of 'em. ¶ [10] 2 *Sam.* 16. 12. ¶ [11] *Pſal.*50.21. Puniſh the utterer for 'em. ¶ [12] *Jam.* 5. -16. Be earneſt in prayer for the few that are eſcap'd thoſe many deſolating Judgments that have lain among us, *ch.* 17. 3.6. & 18.13. 2 *Chron.*28.6.

5 So the ſervants of king Hezekiah came to Iſaiah.

6 ¶ And Iſaiah ſaid unto them, Thus ſhall ye ſay to your maſter, Thus ſaith the LORD, [13] Be not afraid of the words which thou haſt heard, with which the ſervants of the king of Aſſyria have blaſphemed me.

[13] *Exod.*14.13.

7 Behold, I will ſend a [14] blaſt upon him, and he ſhall hear a [15] rumour, and ſhall [16] return to his own land, and I will cauſe him to [17] fall by the ſword in his own land.

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[33] *ch.*6.25. † Heb. *the water of their feet.*

[34] *Exod.*3.8.

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[14] A violent, sudden and terrible Stroke, *viz.* that miraculous destruction of his Army, *v* 35. ¶ [15] The relation of what has befaln his Country (*v.* 9.) and Army, *v.*35. ¶ [16] *V.*36. ¶ [17] *V.*37.

8 ¶ So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

* See 1 Sam. 23.27.

9 And * when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of

[18] *ch.*18.29,30

Judah, saying, [18] Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

[19] *ch.*18.33.&c.

11 Behold, thou [19] hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?

* Chap. 18.33.

12 * Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Thelasar?

* Chap.18.34.

13 * Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

14 ¶ And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and [20] spread it before the LORD.

[20] To shew it as it were, and desire God to take special notice of it, and make his complaint of it to him, and refer the vindicating of his own honour to himself.

15 And Hezekiah [21] prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, * which

* Psal.80.1.

[22] dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou [23] alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth, [24] thou hast made heaven and earth.

[21] Tho he was assur'd of deliverance, (*v.*7.) yet he prays for it. ¶ [22] See on 1 *Sam.*4.4. ¶ [23] *Isa.*44.6. ¶ [24] *Jer.* 10.11,12.

[25] *Psal.*31.2.
[26] 2 *Chro.*6.40.

16 LORD, [25] bow down thine ear, and hear: [26] open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproch the living God.

17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

† Heb. *given.*
[27] *Rev.* 9.20. *Jer.*10.3,5.

18 And have † cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the [27] work of mens hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

[28] *Psal.* 83.18.

19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, [28] that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only.

[29] *Dan.*9.20.

20 ¶ [29] Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have

[30] *Psal.*65.2.

[30] heard.

21 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him, [31] The virgin, the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee

* Job 16.4. Psal.22.7.

to scorn, the daughter of Jerusalem * hath [32] shaken her head at thee.

[31] The Inhabitants of *Jerusalem*, for all thy brags, shall scorn all thy proud and impotent threats. ¶ [32] *Psal.*22.7. & 44.13. *Jer.*18.16. *Matth.*27.39.

22 Whom hast thou reproched and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou [33] exalted *thy* voice, and [34] lift up thine eyes on high? *even* against * the holy *One* of Israel.

[33] *ch.*18.28.

* Isa.5.24. Jer.51.5.

23 † By thy messengers thou hast reproched the

† Heb. *By the hand of.*

LORD, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the [35] height of the

[34] *Prov.*21.4.

mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down † the [36] tall cedar-trees thereof, *and* the [36] choice fir-trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* ‖ the forest of his Carmel.

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† Heb. *the talness*, &c.

‖ Or, *the forest* and *his fruitful field.*

[35] The chiefest places in thy Cities and Kingdom. ¶ [36] All trees that hinder my march.

24 I have [37] digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I [38] dried up all the rivers of ‖ besieged places.

‖ Or, *fenced.*

[37] Brought water to places where there was none before, *Numb.* 21. 18. ¶ [38] And drunk up all, where there was any.

25 ‖ [39] Hast thou not heard long ago, *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times, that I have [40] formed it? now have I brought it to pass that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

‖ Or, *Hast thou not heard* how *I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laid waste* and *fenced cities* to be *ruinous heaps?*

[39] *q. d.* Thou boastest of the Conquest of many Nations, and ascribest all to thy self, but thou mightest have known it was my doing, *Isa.*10.5,7,13,15. ¶ [40] Purpos'd and determin'd that to be done, which is done by thee.

26 [41] Therefore their inhabitants were † of small power, they were dismayed and confounded, they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* * the grass on the house-tops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up.

† Heb. *short of hand.*

* Psal. 129.6.

[41] *q.d.* Because I gave 'em up into thy power, therefore they were soon and easily destroy'd.

27 But I know [42] thy ‖ abode, and thy [43] going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage [44] against me.

‖ Or, *sitting.*

[42] *Psal.* 139. 2, 3. All thy plots and contrivances in the place of thy abode. ¶ [43] *Psal.* 121. 8. *Deut.*28.6,19. Thy several motions and attempts. ¶ [44] Contrary to my purpose, and against my people, *Act.*9.4.

28 Because thy rage against me, and thy [45] tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my [46] hook in thy nose, and my [47] bridle in thy lips, and I [48] will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

[45] Thy tumultuous noise of blasphemies, warlike preparations and assaults. ¶ [46] *Ezek.* 29. 4. & 38. 4. *Job* 41. 2. ¶ [47] *Psal.*32.9. *Jam.*3.3. ¶ [48] *V.*36.

29 And this *shall be* [49] a sign unto [50] thee, Ye shall eat [51] this year [52] such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year [53] that which springeth of the same, and in the third year [54] sowye and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof. 3294. 3295. 3296.

[49] *Viz.* Of the certain accomplishment of the promises here made to thee, *v.*21,30,31,34. ¶ [50] Thee O *Hezekiah*, and my people of the Jews. ¶ [51] Being the year of Rest, *Lev.*25.4,5. ¶ [52] The fruits of the earth shall not be spoil'd by the enemy, as you might expect, but grow up to ripeness, and be gather'd and eaten by you. ¶ [53] The Enemy being still in the Land, hindred 'em from sowing, yet still the earth should bring forth a good crop. ¶ [54] *q. d.* Then you shall be free to husband your Land, and enjoy the Fruits thereof.

30 And † the [55] remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah, shall yet again [56] take root downward, and [57] bear fruit upward.

† Heb. *the escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.*

[55] *V.*4. ¶ [56] *Psal.*80.9. *Isa.* 27.6. Be setled and established in your own Land. ¶ [57] Increase and multiply greatly.

31 For out of Jerusalem shall [58] go forth a remnant, and † they that [59] escape, [60] out of mount Zion: [61] the zeal of the LORD *of hosts* shall do this.

† Heb. *the escaping.*

[58] That handful of Jews that are now gather'd together, and shut up in *Jerusalem*, shall go forth to their several habitations, and by my singular blessing increase exceedingly. ¶ [59] *Viz.* From the Sword of the enemy. ¶ [60] *Viz.* Shall go forth freely. ¶ [61] *Isa.*9.7. & 37.32. his fervent Love to his people, fiery indignation against his enemies, and earnest respect to his own Glory.

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

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[62] K. 28.

33 [62] By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

34 For I will defend this city to save it, [63] for mine own sake, and for [64] my servant Davids sake.

[63] Ch.20.6. *Isa.*48.9,11. *Ezek.*36.22. *Prov.*16.4. For the manifestation of my Power, Providence, Mercy, Goodness, and Care over my Church. [64] *ch.*20.6. 1 *King.*11. 12,13. See there.

*Ecclus48.21. 1 Mac.7.41. 2 Mac.8.19.

35 ¶ And * it came to pass [65] that night, that the [66] angel of the LORD went out and smote in the camp of the Assyrians, an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

[65] *Isa.*37.36. 1 *Thes.*5.2,3. *Viz.* After the Prophet had sent this message to *Hezekiah* concerning the deliverance of *Jerusalem.* ¶ [66] 2 *Sam.*24.16.

36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went, and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

37 And it came to pass as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that * Adrammelech and Sharezer * his sons † [67] smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of † Armenia; and * Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

* 2 Chr.32.21. * Tobit 1.21. [67] *ch.*19.7. † Heb. *Ararat.* * Ezr.4.2.

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1 *Hezekiah receiving a message of death, by prayer hath his life lengthened.* 8 *The sun goeth ten degrees backward for a sign.* 20 *Manasseh succeedeth him.*

3291. IN those days was Hezekiah sick [1] unto death: and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, † [2] Set thine house in order, for thou [3] shalt die, and not live.

† Heb. *Give charge concerning thine house*

[1] 2 *Chron.* 32. 24. *Isa.* 38. 1. ¶ [2] Of a mortal disease, (probably the Plague, *v.*7.) ¶ [3] 2 *Sam.*17.23. Make thy Will and settle thy Affairs. ¶ [4] *Jer.*3.4,10. In an ordinary way, according to the nature of the Disease, no natural means can preserve thee alive. On the contrary *ch.*8.10.

2 Then he turned his face to the [5] wall, and [6] prayed unto the LORD, saying,

[5] *Matth.*6.6. for privacy. [6] 2 *Sam.*12.22.

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, [7] remember now how I have walked before thee in [8] truth, and with a [9] perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight: and Hezekiah [10] wept † sore.

† Heb. *with a great weeping.*

[7] *Neh.*5,19. & 13.14,22,31. *Psal.*25.7. ¶ [8] 1 *King.*2.4. See there. ¶ [9] See on 1 *King.*8.61. ¶ [10] Chiefly for the distracted condition that the Church and State were like to fall into for want of a Son to succeed him: as also for the People's proneness to Idolatry, and many other sins.

4 And it came to pass afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle ‖ court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

‖ Or, *city.*

5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, [11] the God of David thy father, I have [12] heard thy prayer, I have seen [13] thy tears: behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou shalt [14] go up unto the house of the LORD.

[11] That God who will make good to thee the Promises made to *David* of a continued Succession. ¶ [12] *ch.* 19.20. *Psal.*65.2. ¶ [13] *Psal.*56.8. & 39.12. ¶ [14] *Mar.*2.12.

6 And I will add [15] unto thy days fifteen years, and I will deliver thee, and this city, out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for mine [16] own sake, and for my servant [16] Davids sake.

[15] To that time which, according to the nature of the Disease, thou couldst not have overliv'd. ¶ [16] See on *ch.* 19.34.

[17] As *Mar.*7. 33. *Joh.*9.6.

7 And Isaiah said, Take a lump of [17] figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boyl, and he recovered.

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8 ¶ And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, * What *shall be* the [18] sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?

* Isa. 7.11,14.

[18] *Judg.*6.17,37. To strengthen his Faith: of the weakness whereof he was sensible in such a difficult case.

9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten [19] degrees, or go back ten degrees?

[19] Half-hour lines.

10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return [20] backward ten degrees.

[20] (Which was the more supernatural and extraordinary.)

11 And Isaiah the prophet [21] cried unto the LORD, and * he brought the shadow [22] ten degrees [23] backward, by which it had gone down in the † [24] dial of Ahaz.

* Isa. 38.8. Ecclus 48. 23. See Josh.10. 12,14. † Heb. *degrees.*

[21] 1 *King.* 17. 20. and 18. 42. *Exod.* 14. 15. *Ezek.* 36. 37. ¶ [22] From twelve at noon to seven in the morning. ¶ [23] *Josh.* 10.13. By causing the Sun to go backward (*Isa.*38.8.) so that it was observ'd at *Babylon*, 2 Chron. 32. 31. ¶ [24] Some famous Dial made by *Ahaz* about the Palace.

12 ¶ [25] At that time ‖ Berodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, [26] sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

[25] *Isa.*39.1. [26] 2 *Sam.*8.10. & 10. 2. ‖ Or, *Merodach-baladan.*

13 And * Hezekiah [27] hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his ‖ precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the [28] spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his ‖ † armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah [29] shewed them not.

* 2 Chron.32. 25,31. ‖ Or, *spicery.* ‖ Or, *jewels.* † Heb. *vessels.*

[27] Bad 'em welcom, and granted their desire. ¶ [28] 1 *King.* 10.2,15,25. ¶ [29] Out of a proud, vain-glorious humour, 2 *Chron.*32.25,26.

14 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from [30] whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far countrey, *even* from Babylon.

[30] *ch.*5.25.

15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, all *the things* that *are* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures, that I have not shewed them.

16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.

17 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be [31] carried into Babylon: [32] nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

[31] *Ch.*24.13. and 25.13. *Jer.*27.22. and 52.17. *&c.* ¶ [32] *Jer.* 27. 19. *&c.*

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt [33] beget, shall they take away, and they shall be [34] eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

[33] *Ch.*24.12. 2 *Chron.*33.11. ¶ [34] Officers, 1 *King.*22.9. *Dan.* 1. 3.

19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, [35] Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, ‖ *Is it* not [36] *good*, if peace and truth be in my days?

‖ Or, *Shall there not be peace & truth, &c.*

[35] 1 *Sam.* 3. 18. *Job* 1. 21. *Psal.* 39. 9. Just and equal. ¶ [36] Merciful also.

20 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a [37] pool and a [37] conduit, and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

[37] *Ch.*

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17 Ch.18.7. 2 Chron.32.4,30. Neh.3.16.

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and
3306. Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Manasseh his reign:* 2 *His great idolatry.* 10 *Amons wicked reign:* 23 *He being slain, Josiah is made king.*

3306. 1 MAnasseh *was* twelve years old when he be-
[2 Chr.33. 1. gan to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name *was* Hephzi-bah.

[v. 3,6,16. 2 And he did *that which was* 2 evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had 3 destroyed, and he reared up 4 altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did 5 Ahab king of Israel, and worshiped all the 6 host of heaven, and served them.

3 Ch. 18. 4. ¶ 4 2 Chron. 28. 2. ¶ 5 1 King. 16. 33. ¶ 6 ch. 17. 16.

4 And he built altars 7 in the house of the
* 1 King.8.29. & 9. 3. LORD, of which the LORD said, * In Jerusalem will I 8 put my name.

7 Ch.16.19. Jer.32.34. In the body of the Temple it self. ¶ 8 2 Sam.7.13. Consecrate to my Worship (and therefore it was the greater sacrilege to employ it to idols.)

5 And he built altars for all the host of hea-
9 1 King.6.36. ven, in the 9 two courts of the house of the LORD.

* 2 King.16.3. 6 And * he made his son 10 pass through the fire, and 11 observed times, and used 11 enchantments, and dealt with 11 familiar spirits, and 11 wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *him* to anger.

10 Ch.16.3. See on Lev.18.21. ¶ 11 See on Lev.19.26.

7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made, in the house of which the LORD 12 said to David, and to Solomon his
* Chap.23. 27. Psal.132. 13. son, * In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have 13 chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I 14 put my name for ever.

12 Ch. 33.27. 2 Sam.7,10. 1 King.9.3. ¶ 13 1 King.8.44. ¶ 14 1 King.8.13,29.

8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move 15 any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; 16 only if they will observe to do according to all that I have 17 commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses 18 commanded them.

15 Ch.18.11. ¶ 16 Lev.26.14. ¶ 17 In the Decalogue, given by my self. ¶ 18 In the ceremonial and judicial Laws.

9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh
19 Rev.2.20. 19 seduced them to do more evil then did the nations, whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying,

* Jer.15.4. 11 * Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, *and* hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which *were* before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols:

12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, 20 I *am* bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall 21 tingle.

20 Mic.3.12. God threatens judgment before he inflicts it, to draw men to repentance. ¶ 21 Dan. 9.12. Jer. 19.3. 1 Sam.3.11.

13 And I will 22 stretch over Jerusalem * the Chap. 22.
line of Samaria, and the 23 plummet of the house
of 23 Ahab: and I will 24 wipe Jerusalem as a * Lam. 2. 8. Am. 7. 7, 8.
man wipeth a dish, † wiping *it*, and turning *it* † Heb. *he wipeth and turneth* it *upon the face thereof.*
upside down.

22 Isa.34.11. Bring upon 'em such a desolation as has befallen *Samaria*, ch.17.6. ¶ 23 Such a destruction as has befallen *Ahab's* Family, ch.10.11. ¶ 24 Clean take away the inhabitants of *Jerusalem*, and overthrow the state of the Jews, Jer.26.9.

14 And I will forsake the 25 remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become a prey, and a spoil to all their enemies.

25 Ch.19.4. The Kingdom of *Judah*, the only remainder of all the Tribes of *Israel*.

15 Because they have done *that which was* evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger
26 since the day their fathers came forth out of 26 Ezek. 20. throughout. Exod. 32.34.
Egypt, even unto this day.

16 Moreover, Manasseh shed innocent bloud very much, till he had filled Jerusalem † from † Heb. *from mouth to mouth.*
one end to another, beside his 27 sin wherewith
he 28 made Judah to sin, in doing *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.

27 Of Idolatry. ¶ 28 *Viz.* By his example, encouragement, counsel, authority, and command.

17 ¶ Now * the rest of the acts of Manasseh, * 2 Chron.33. 11-19.
and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

18 And * Manasseh slept with his fathers, and * 1 Chr.33.20
was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

19 ¶ Amon *was* twenty and two years old 3361
when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did.

21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshiped them:

22 And he 29 forsook the LORD God of his 29 Jer.2.13.
fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

23 ¶ And the servants of Amon conspired 3363.
against him, and slew the king in his own house.

24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre, in the garden of Uzza: and * Josiah his son reigned in his stead. * Matth.1.10. called *Josias.*

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Josiahs good reign.* 3 *He taketh care for the repair of the temple.* 8 *Hilkiah findeth the book of the law.* 15 *Huldah propheseth the destruction of Jerusalem.*

JOsiah *was* eight years old when he began to 1 2 Chron.34.1.
reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of * Boscath. * Josh.15.39.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and 2 turned not aside to the 2 Deut.5.32. Josh. 1. 7.
right hand or to the left.

3 ¶ And it came to pass in the eighteenth 3380.
year

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year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,

4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver *which is* * brought into the house of the LORD, which the [3] keepers of the † door have gathered of the people.

5 And let them [4] deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work, which *is* in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 Howbeit, there was [5] no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

8 ¶ And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found [6] the book of the law in the house of the LORD: and Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

[6] The Orignal Copy that *Moses* wrote (2 *Chron.* 34. 14.) which was put by the side of the Ark, (*Deut.* 31. 26.) and hid somewhere about the Temple, to secure it from the rage of Idolaters.

3380. 9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy

†Heb. *melted.* servants have † gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a

‡ *Jer.* 36. 21. book: and Shaphan [7] read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass when the king [8] had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

[8] Which implies that he had not heard 'em, at least so fully before: a strange neglect; considering *Deut.* 17, 19.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and

* *Abdon*, 2 Chr. 34. 20. * Or, *Micah.* * Achbor the son of * Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the kings, saying,

13 Go ye, [9] enquire of the LORD for me and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book *that is* found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all *that which is* written concerning us.

[9] *Viz.* By the Prophets, whether there be any way to prevent the Judgment threatned.

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the [10] prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of * Tikvah, the son of * Harhas, keeper of the † [11] wardrobe, (now she dwelt in Jerusalem ‖ in the [12] colledge) and they communed with her.

* *Tikvath*, 2 Cor. 34. 22. * Or, *Hasrah.* † Heb. *garments.* ‖ Or, *in the second part.*

[10] *Exod.* 15. 20. *Judg.* 4. 4. *Luke* 2. 36. ¶ [11] Belonging to the Temple. ¶ [12] Where the Sons of the Prophets, and others who devoted themselves to the study of God's word, used to meet and discourse of the things of God, and receive the instruction of their Teachers.

15 ¶ And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold *, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* [13] all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read.

* *Dan.* 9. 12.

17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands: therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

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18 But [14] to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *As touching* the words which thou hast heard;

[14] *Isa.* 3. 10.

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast [15] humbled thy self before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a [16] curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have [17] heard *thee*, saith the LORD.

[15] *Mic.* 6. 8. ¶ [16] That the land should lie under the vengeance of God, and have all the curses written in the Law, executed upon it. ¶ [17] *Ch.* 19. 20. and 20. 5.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave * in [18] peace, and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

* Isa. 57. 1, 2.

[18] *Psal.* 37. 37. *i. e.* (1) While the peace of the Kingdom in general continues. (2) In peace of Conscience, and with God. (3) So as thereby to be translated to everlasting peace.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Josiah causeth the book to be read. 3 He renewed the covenant of the Lord, and destroyeth idolatry.

AND the king [1] sent, and they gathered unto 3380. him all the [2] elders of Judah, and of Jerusalem.

[1] 2 *Chron.* 34. 29. ¶ [2] The chief Governors both of Church and State.

2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and [3] all the men of Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people † both small and great: and he [4] read in their ears all the words of the book [5] of the covenant *which was* [6] found in the house of LORD.

† Heb. *from small even unto great.*

[3] *Neh.* 8. 1, 2. ¶ [4] Caused it to be read. ¶ [5] Containing the Covenant between God and the people, 1 *King.* 8. 9. ¶ [6] *ch.* 22. 8.

3 ¶ And the king stood by a [7] pillar, and made a [8] covenant [9] before the LORD, to walk [10] after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all *their* heart, and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant, *that were* written in this book: and all the people [11] stood to the covenant.

[7] See on *ch.* 11. 14. ¶ [8] *ch.* 11. 4. See there. ¶ [9] *Lev.* 1. -3. In the Temple. ¶ [10] According to his Commandments. ¶ [11] Declar'd their consent to it, and concurrence with the King in that act, (which possibly they did by standing up.)

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the [12] second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD, all the [13] vessels *that were* made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the [14] host of heaven: and he burnt them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto [15] Beth-el.

[12] Next to the High-Priest. ¶ [13] *ch.* 21. 4, 7. ¶ [14] *ch.* 17. 16. ¶ [15] To pollute and disgrace that place which had been the chief seat of Idolatry.

5 And he † put down the † idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places, in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem, them also that burnt incense unto Baal, to the sun,

† Heb. *caused to cease.* † Heb. *Chemarim*, Hos. 10. 5. Zeph. 1. 4.

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sun, and to the moon, and to the ‖ planets, and to all the host of heaven.

‖ Or, *twelve signs*, or *constellations.*

6 And he brought out the [16] grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burnt it at the brook Kidron, and stampt *it* small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the * [17] graves of the children of the people.

* 2 Chr. 34. 4.

[16] The image of it, *ch.* 21. 7. ¶ [17] In detestation of such idolatrous persons and their practises.

[18] 1 *King.* 14. 24. See there.

† Heb. *houses.*

7 And he brake down the houses of the [18] sodomites that *were* by the house of the LORD, where the women wove † hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the [19] priests out of the cities of Judah, and [20] defiled the high places where the priests had burnt incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high places of the [21] gates that *were* in the entring in of the gate of [22] Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a mans left hand at the gate of the city.

[19] Those of the stock of *Aaron*, that had been guilty of idolatry. ¶ [20] Destroying their Altars, and laying dead mens bones (*v.* 14.) and such unclean things in 'em. ¶ [21] *Viz.* Of other Cities besides *Jerusalem.* ¶ [22] Some great man in his time.

9 Nevertheless, the [23] priests of the high places [24] came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the [25] unleavened bread among their brethren.

[23] That had formerly ministred at those idolatrous High-places (*v.* 8.) tho now renounc't it. ¶ [24] Were put by the exercise of their Priestly Office, *Ezek.* 44. 10–14. ¶ [25] All that Provision which belonged to the Priest, *Ezek.* 44. 29–31. Maintenance was allowed them, tho they were not suffered to execute the Office.

* Jer. 7. 31. & 19. 6, 11. * Josh. 15. 8. * Lev. 18. 21. Deut. 18. 10.

10 And he defiled * Topheth, which *is* * in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might * make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

‖ Or, *eunuch*, or, *officer.*

11 And he took away the [26] horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entring in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the ‖ chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burnt the chariots of the sun with fire.

[26] To draw the Chariots to places where they might see the first rising of the Sun to worship it: Or, to draw some Image of the Sun about the Streets, for people to worship it.

* See Jer. 19. 13 Zeph. 1. 5.

12 And the altars that *were* * on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which [27] Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and ‖ brake *them* down fromthence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

‖ Or, *ran from thence.*

[27] *Ch.* 21. 9. Which, tho upon his repentance he took away (2 *Chron.* 33. 15.) yet his Son *Amon* restor'd them again, it seems.

‖ That is, the mount of Olives.

13 And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of ‖ the mount [28] of corruption, which [29] Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

[28] The Mount of Olives; so called, because they had corrupted themselves there, by their Idolatry. ¶ [29] 1 *King.* 11. 7.

* Exod. 23. 24. Deut. 7. 5, 25. † Heb. *statues.*

14 And he * brake in pieces the † images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 ¶ Moreover, the [30] altar that *was* at Bethel, *and* the [31] high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burnt the high place, *and* stampt *it* small to powder, and burnt the grove.

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[30] 1 *King.* 11. 33. ¶ [31] 1 *King.* 12. 31. Some little Temple erected for that Worship.

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16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that *were* there in [32] the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burnt *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God [33] proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

[32] By *Beth-el.* ¶ [33] 1 *King.* 13. 2. &c. Three hundred years before it was done.

17 Then he said, What title *is* that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the [34] sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el.

[34] 1 *King.* 13. 30, 31. 3030.

18 And he said, Let him alone, let no man move his bones: so they let his bones † alone, with the bones of the [35] prophet that came out of Samaria.

† Heb. *to escape.*

[35] 1 *King.* 13. 11

19 And all the [36] houses also of the high places that *were* in the [37] cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the* LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

[36] See on *ch.* 12. 31. ¶ [37] 2 *Chron.* 34. 6. Up and down among the ten Tribes; some authority over which, especially in matters of Religion, probably was granted him by the King of *Babylon.*

* 1 King. 13. 2. ‖ Or, *sacrificed* * Exod. 22. 20. [38] *ch.* 11. 18.

20 ¶ And * he ‖ * [38] slew all the priests of the high places that *were* there, upon the altars, and burnt mens bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 ¶ And the king commanded all the people, saying, * [39] Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, * as *it is* [40] written in the [41] book of the [42] covenant.

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* 1 Esdr. 1. 1. * Lev. 23. 5. Numb. 9. 2.

[39] 2 *Chron.* 35. 1. ¶ [40] *Exod.* 12. 3. *Deut.* 16. 2. ¶ [41] Now found, *ch.* 22. 8. ¶ [42] See on *Exod.* 24. 7.

22 Surely there was not holden [43] such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah:

[43] Celebrated with such solemn care, great preparation, numerous Sacrifices, (2 *Chron.* 35. 7–9.) and universal joy of all good men.

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23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *wherein* this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.

‖ Or, *teraphim.* Gen. 31. 19.

24 ¶ Moreover, the [44] *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the ‖ images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah, and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the [45] words of the law, *which were* written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

[44] *Ch.* 21. 6. See there. ¶ [45] *Lev.* 20. 27. *Deut.* 18. 11, 12.

25 And like unto him was there [46] no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his [47] heart, and with all [47] his soul, and with all his [48] might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him rose there *any* like him.

[46] *Ch.* 18. 5. See there. In many things. ¶ [47] 1 *King.* 2. 4 ¶ [48] 2 *Sam.* 6. 14. 1 *Chron.* 13. 8.

* Jer. 15. 4. † Heb. *angers.*

26 ¶ [49] Notwithstanding, the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his [50] anger was kindled against Judah, * because of all the † provocations that [51] Manasseh had provoked him withal.

[49] *Ch.* 24. 4. 1 *Sam.* 3. 14. ¶ [50] *ch.* 22. 13, 17. ¶ [51] (For tho he was pardon'd upon his personal repentance, yet the people still continuing in those sins, are justly punish'd for 'em.)

27 And the LORD said, I will [52] remove

* [53] Judah

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53 Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed
54 Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem,
1 King.8.29. & 9. 3. Chap.21.4,7. which I have chosen, and the house of which I said,* My name shall be there.

52 *Ch.*17.18,20,23. and 24. 3. ¶ 53 *Jer.*3. 11. ¶ 54 *ch.* 17. 6. &c.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

3394. 29 ¶ In 55 his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against
* Zech.12. 11. him, and he 56 slew him at * Megiddo, when he had 57 seen him.

55 2 *Chron.*35.20. ¶ 56 2 *Chron.*35.23. *Eccl.* 9. 1, 2. *Psal.* 36. 6. *Rom.* 11. 33. Gave him his death's wound. Thus God punish'd the wickedness of the people, by taking away their good King from them. ¶ 57 *ch.*14.8. See there. At the first encounter and engagement of the Armies.

30 And his servants carried him in a chariot
58 dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre: and
* 2 Chr.36.1. * 1 Chr.3. 15. *Johanan*, Jer. 22. 11. *Shallum.* * the people of the land took * Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and 59 anointed him, and made him king in his fathers stead.

58 Deadly wounded. ¶ 59 As they used to do in such extraordinary cases; he not being the next Heir to the Crown.

31 ¶ Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: and his mothers name *was*
* Chap.24.18. * Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at
‖ Or, *because he reigned.* † Heb. *set a mulct upon the land.* Riblah, in the land of Hamath, ‖ that he might not reign in Jerusalem, and † put the land to a tribute of an 60 hundred talents of silver, and 61 a talent of gold.

60 Thirty four thousand two hundred and eighteen pounds fifteen Shillings, Sterling. ¶ 61 Five thousand four hundred seventy five pounds.

34 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king, in the room of Josiah his fa-
* Mat. 1.11. called *Jakim.* ther, and 62 turned his name to * Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and 63 died there.

62 *Ch.*24.17. *Dan.*1.7. ¶ 63 As was foretold, *Jer.*22. 12.

35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and the gold of the
3394. people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give *it* unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

36 ¶ Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seven years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name *was* Zebudah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did *that which was* 64 evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

64 *Jer.*22.13–19. and 26.20, 23. *Ezek.*19. 5–7.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Jehoiakim rebelling, procureth his own ruine.* 10 *Jerusalem is taken.* 17 *Zedekiahs evil reign.*

3398. IN * his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Baby-
* 2Chr.36.6. lon came 1 up, and Jehoiakim became his 2 servant three years: then he 3 turned and 4 rebelled
3401. against him.

1 *Jer.*46.2. Against *Jerusalem.* ¶ 2 Tributary, as *ch.*17. 3. ¶ 3 From the King of *Babylon* to joyn with the King of *Egypt.* ¶ 4 *ch.*1.1. See there.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Caldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the chil-
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5 to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he 6 spake † by his servants the prophets.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

5 2 *Chron.*36.6,7. ¶ 6 *Ch.*20.17. and 21.10. &c. and 22. 16. *Jer.*25.9. and 26.20.

3 Surely 7 at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to 8 remove *them* out of his sight, for the sins of 9 Manasseh, according to all that he did.

7 *Isa.* 10.6. ¶ 8 *ch.*23.27. ¶ 9 *ch.*21.2. and 23. 26.

4 And also for the 10 innocent blood that he shed, (for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood) which the LORD would 11 not pardon.

10 *Ch.*21.16. ¶ 11 *ch.*23.26. *viz.* In regard of temporal punishment upon the land, (tho he did pardon it as to the eternal punishment on his own person upon his repentance.)

5 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 So Jehoiakim 12 slept with his fathers: and 3405.
‖ Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

12 2 *Chron.*36.6 *Jer.*22. 18,19. ‖ Or, *Jeconiah,* 1 Chron.3.16. or, *Coniah,* Jer. 22.24,28.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again
13 any more out of his land: for * the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates, all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

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8 ¶ Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he
* Jer. 46. 2. 13 *Jer.*37.6,7. to any purpose. began to 14 reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months: and his mothers name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

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9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

14 *viz.* alone.

10 ¶ * 15 At that time the servants of Nebu-
* Dan. 1. 1. 15 2 *Chr.*36.10. † Heb. *came into siege.* chadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city † was besieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah 16 went
16 *Jer.*27.17. out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his ‖ officers: and the king of Babylon * took him * in the eighth year of his reign.

‖ Or, *eun*
* See Chap. 25. 27.
* See Jer. 52. 28.

13 * And he carried out thence all the 17 trea-
* Chap.20.17. Isa.39. 6. sures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the 18 kings house, and * cut in pieces
* See Dan.5.2, 3. 19 all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, *as the LORD had 20 said.

* Jer.20.5.

17 *Ch.*14.14. 1 *King.* 14. 26. ¶ 18 *ch.* 17. 20. *Isa.* 39. 6. ¶ 19 A great many, for *ch.* 25. 13–15. *Jer.* 27. 18, 20, 21. ¶ 20 *ch.*17.20.

14 And * he carried away all Jerusalem, and
* Jer.24. 1. all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, * *even* ten thousand captives, and * all the craftsmen, and smiths: none remained, save * the poorest sort of the people of the land.

* See Jer.52.28
* So 1Sam.13. 19, 22.
* Chap.25.12.

15 And * he 21 carried away Jehoiachin to Ba-
* 2 Chr.36.10 Esth.2.6. bylon, and the kings mother, and the kings wives, and his ‖ officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity, from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 *Jer.* 24. 4. &c. ‖ Or, *Eunuchs.*

16 And * all the men of might, *even* seven
* See Jer.52.28 thousand, and craftsmen, and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

* Jer. 37.1.

17 ¶ And * the king of Babylon made Mat-
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taniah * his fathers brother king in his ſtead, and * [22] changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 *Zedekiah *was* twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jeruſalem: and his mothers name *was* *Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to paſs in Jeruſalem and Judah, until he had caſt them out from his [23] preſence, that Zedekiah [24] rebelled againſt the king of Babylon.

* 1 Chr. 3. 15.
* 1 Chr. 36. 4.
[22] *ch.* 23. 34.
* 2 Chr. 36. 11.
Jer. 37. 1. and 52. 1.
* Chap. 23. 31.
[23] *ch.* 23. 27.
[24] *v.* 1. *Jer.* 27. 3.
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CHAP. XXV.

1 Jeruſalem is beſieged. 4 Zedekiah taken, his ſons ſlain, and his eyes put out.

3414. AND it came to paſs in the [1] ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his hoſt, [2] againſt Jeruſalem, and pitched againſt it, and they [3] built forts againſt it round about.

[1] 2 *Chron.* 36. 17. *Jer.* 34. and 39. 1. and 52. 4. ¶ [2] To chaſtiſe *Zedekiah* for his rebellion and perjury, 2 *Chron.* 36 13. ¶ [3] *Ezek.* 4. 2.

3416. 2 And the city was beſieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

* Jer. 52. 6. 3 And on the ninth *day* of the * [4] *fourth* month, the [5] famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the [6] people of the land.

[4] *Jer.* 52. 6. ¶ [5] *Lam.* 4. 10. *Ezek.* 5. 10, 12. ¶ [6] The common ſort of people.

* Jer. 39. 2, 3. 4 ¶ And * the city was [7] broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night, by the way of the gate, between two walls, which *is* by the kings garden (now the Caldees *were* againſt the city round about) and * *the king* went the way toward the plain.

* Ezek. 12. 12.

[7] *Jer.* 39. 2. and 52. 7. A breach made, at which the enemy entred.

5 And the army of the Caldees purſued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were ſcattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they † gave judgment upon him.

† Heb. *ſpake judgment with him.*

7 And they ſlew the ſons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and † [8] put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of braſs, and [8] carried him to Babylon.

† Heb. *made blind.*
[8] *Jer.* 32. 5. with 34. 3. *Ezek.* 12. 13.

8 ¶ And in the fifth month, * on the ſeventh *day* of the month (which *is* * the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) came Nebuzar-adan ‖ captain of the guard, a ſervant of the king of Babylon, unto Jeruſalem.

3416. * See Jer. 52. 12.
* See Chap. 24. 12. and verſ. 27.
‖ Or, *chief-marſhal.*

9 And he [9] burnt the houſe of the LORD, and the kings houſe, and all the houſes of Jeruſalem, and [10] every great *mans* houſe burnt he with fire.

[9] *Jer.* 7. 14. *Pſal.* 79. 1.
[10] *Jer.* 39. 8.

10 And all the army of the Caldees, that *were* with the captain of the guard, [11] brake down the walls of Jeruſalem round about.

[11] *Neh.* 1. 3.

11 Now the [12] reſt of the people *that were* left in the city, and the † fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, carry away.

[12] *Jer.* 52. 29.
† Heb. *fallen away.*

12 But the captain of the guard * left of the [13] poor of the land, *to be* vine-dreſſers, and husbandmen.

* Jer. 40. 7. & 52. 16.
[13] *ch.* 24. 14.

13 And * the * [14] pillars of braſs that *were* in the houſe of the LORD, and the * baſes, and * the brazen ſea that *was* in the houſe of the LORD, did the Caldees break in pieces, and carried the braſs of them to Babylon.

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* Chap. 20. 17.
[14] *Jer.* 27. 21, 22.
3416.
* 1 King. 7. 15
* 1 King. 7. 27.
* 1 King. 7. 23.
† Exod. 27. 3. 1 King. 7. 50.

14 And * the pots, and the ſhovels, and the ſnuffers, and the ſpoons, and all the veſſels of braſs wherewith they miniſtred, took they away.

15 And the fire-pans, and the bowls, *and* ſuch things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of ſilver, *in* ſilver, the captain of the guard took away.

16 The two pillars, † one ſea, and the baſes which Solomon had made for the houſe of the LORD, * the braſs of all theſe veſſels was without weight.

† Heb. *the one ſea.*
* 1 King. 7. 47.

17 The [15] height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the chapiter upon it *was* braſs: and the height of the chapiter three cubits: and the wreathen-work, and pomegranates upon the chapiter round about, all of braſs: and like unto theſe had the ſecond pillar with wreathen-work.

[15] 1 *King.* 7. 15. *Jer.* 52. 21.

18 ¶ And the captain of the guard took * Seraiah the chief prieſt, and * Zephaniah the [16] ſecond prieſt, and the three keepers of the † door.

* 1 Chr. 6. 14
* Jer. 21. 1. & 29. 25.
† Heb. *threſhold.*

[16] The High-Prieſts Deputy, when he was hindred from the execution of his Office. See on *Numb.* 3. 32. 2 *Sam.* 8. 17. 2 *King.* 23. 4.

19 And out of the city he took an ‖ officer, that was ſet over the men of war, and five men of them that † were [17] in the kings preſence, which were found in the city, and the ‖ principal ſcribe of the hoſt, which muſtered the people of the land, and [18] threeſcore men of the people of the land *that were* found in the city.

‖ Or, *eunuch.*
† Heb. *ſaw the kings face.* Eſth. 1. 14.
‖ Or, *ſcribe of the captain of the hoſt.*

[17] *Jer.* 52. 25. Who conſtantly attended upon his perſon ¶ [18] Of the moſt active in the rebellion.

20 And Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took theſe, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

21 And the king of Babylon ſmote them, and ſlew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath: So Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 ¶ *And *as for* the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gadaliah the ſon of Ahikam, the ſon of Shaphan, ruler.

* Jer. 40. 5, 9.

23 And when all the [19] captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governour, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Iſhmael the ſon of Nathaniah, and Johanan the ſon of Careah, and Seraiah the ſon of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the ſon of a Maachathite, they, and their men.

[19] *Jer.* 40. 7.

24 And Gedaliah ſware to them, and to their men, and ſaid unto them, Fear not to be the ſervants of the Caldees: dwell in the land, and ſerve the king of Babylon, and it ſhall be well with you.

3417. 25 But it came to paſs in the ſeventh month, that [20] Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah, the ſon of Eliſhama, of the ſeed † royal, came, and [21] ten men with him, and ſmote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Caldees that were with him at Mizpah.

† Heb. *of the kingdom.*

[20] *Jer.* 41. ¶ [21] Officers, with Soldiers under 'em.

26 And all the people both ſmall and great, and the captains of the armies aroſe, and came [22] to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Caldees.

[22] *Jer.* 43. 5–7.

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[21] Jer. 52.31. 3442.

27 ¶ And it [21] came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, * did [24] lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison.

28 And he spake † kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon,

29 And changed his prison-garments: and he did [25] eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And his [26] allowance *was* a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

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* See Gen. 40. 13, 19, 20.

[24] Gen. 40.13. † Heb. good things with him.

[25] 2 Sam. 9. 7, 10. 3444.

[26] For his family.

I. CHRONICLES.

The ARGUMENT.

These two Books contain something concerning the State of the Church from the beginning of the World till after the Babylonish Captivity, (and therefore probably were written at that time by Ezra, 2 Chron. 36. 22, 23. *with* Ezra 1. 1, 2, 3. *See also on* 1 Chron. 6. 10.) *The design whereof is chiefly to give an exact account of the Genealogies, especially of the Church, from* Adam *downwards; that so it might certainly be known of what Tribe and Family Christ, the promised Seed, was: which therefore* Matthew, *but* Luke *especially, make use of to this purpose.*

Here are also related several passages of the Kings of Judah, *omitted in the Books of* Samuel *and the* Kings, *and some other passages are explain'd.*

CHAP. I.

1 *Adams line to Noah.* 5 *The sons of Japheth.* 8 *The sons of Ham.* 17 *The sons of Shem.* 24 *Shems line to Abraham.* 29 *Ishmaels sons.* 32 *The sons of Keturah.* 34 *The posterity of Abraham by Esau.*

*Gen. 4. 25, 26. & 5. 3–9.

ADam, * Sheth, Enosh,
2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,
3 Henoch, Mathushela, Lamech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

* Gen. 10. 2.

5 ¶ * The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and ‖ Riphath, and Togarmah.

‖ Or, *Diphath:*

7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and ‖ Dodanim.

‖ Or, *Rodanim*

8 ¶ * The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

* Gen. 10. 6.

9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raama, and Sabtecha; and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be [1] mighty upon the earth.

[1] See on Gen. 10. 8.

11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines) and * Caphthorim.

* Deut. 2. 23.

13 And * Canaan begat Zidon his first-born, and Heth,

* Gen. 10. 15.

14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,

15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 ¶ * The sons of Shem; Elam, and Ashur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and ‖ Meshech.

* Gen. 10. 22. & 11. 10.

‖ Or, *Mash.* Gen. 10. 23.

18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.

19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one *was* ‖ Peleg, (because in his days the earth was * divided) and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

‖ That is, *Division.*

* See on Gen. 10. 25.

20 And * Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

* Gen. 10. 26.

21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah,

22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.

24 ¶ Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

25 * Eber, Peleg, Reu,

* Gen. 11. 10. Luk. 3. 34. &c.

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 Abram, the same *is* [3] Abraham.

* Gen. 11. 15.

[3] See on Gen. 17. 5.

28 The sons of Abraham; * Isaac, and * Ishmael.

* Gen. 21. 2, 3.

29 ¶ These *are* their generations: The * first-born of Ishmael, Nebajoth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

* Gen. 16. 11, 15.

30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, ‖ Hadad, and Tema.

* Gen. 25. 13. &c.

‖ Or, *Hadar.*

31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

32 ¶ Now the sons of Keturah, Abrahams [4] concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba and Dedan.

[4] Gen. 25. 1. ‖ See on Gen. 22. 24.

33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *are* the sons of Keturah.

34 And * Abraham begat Isaac. * The sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel.

* Gen. 21. 2, 3. * Gen. 25. 25.

35 ¶ The [5] sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

[5] Gen. 36. 9, 10.

36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, ‖ Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

‖ Or, *Zepho.* Gen. 36. 11.

37 The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah.

38 And * the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal,

* Gen. 36. 20.

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bal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan.

‖ Or, *Heman.* Gen.36.22.

39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and ‖ Homam: and Timna *was* Lotans sister.

‖ Or, *Alvan.* Gen.36.33.

40 The sons of Shobal; ‖ Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, ‖ Shephi, and Onam. And the

‖ Or, *Shepho,* Gen.36.23.

sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.

* Gen.36.25.

41 The sons of Anah; * Dishon. And the

‖ Or, *Hemdan,* Gen.36.26.

sons of Dishon; ‖ Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan,

‖ Or, *Achan,* Gen.36.27.

and ‖ Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran.

* Gen.36.31.

43 ¶ Now these *are* the * kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before *any* king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.

44 And when Bela *was* dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah, reigned in his stead.

45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites, reigned in his stead.

46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad (which smote Midian in the field of Moab) reigned in his stead: And the name of his city *was* Avith.

47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

* Gen.36.37.

48 * And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river, reigned in his stead.

49 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

‖ Or, *Hadar,* Gen.36.39.

50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, ‖ Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city

‖ Or, *Pau.* Gen.36.39.

was ‖ Pai; and his wives name *was* Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

* Gen.36.40.

51 ¶ Hadad died also. * And the dukes of

‖ Or, *Aliah.*

Edom were; duke Timna, duke ‖ Aliah, duke Jetheth,

52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

54 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These *are* the dukes of Edom.

CHAP. II.

1 *The sons of Israel.* 3 *The posterity of Judah.* 13 *The children of Jesse.* 18 *Calebs posterity.* 21 *Hezrons posterity.* 25 *Jerahmeels posterity.*

‖ Or, *Jacob.* * Gen.29.32. & 30.5. & 35. 18, 22. & 46. 8. &c.

THese *are* the sons of ‖ Israel; * Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

* Gen.38.3. & 46.12. Numb.26.19. ‡ *Gen.*38.7. * Gen.38.2.

3 ¶ The sons of * Judah; ‡ Er, and Onan, and Shelah: *which* three were born unto him of the daughter of * Shuah the Canaanitess. And Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD, and he slew him.

* Gen. 38.29, 30. Mat. 1. 3.

4 And * Tamar his daughter in law, bare him Pharez, and Zerah. All the sons of Judah *were* five.

* Gen.46.12. Ruth 4.18. ‖ Or, *Zabdi,* Jos. 7.1. * 1 King.4.31. ‖ Or, *Darda.*

5 * The sons of Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul.

6 And the sons of Zerah; ‖ Zimri, * and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and ‖ Dara: five of them in all.

* See Ch.4.1. ‖ Or, *Achan.* ‡ *Josh.*6.19. & 7.1.

7 And the sons of * Carmi; ‖ Achar, the ‡ troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing * accursed.

‖ Or, *Aram,* Mat.1.3,4. ‖ Or, *Caleb,* v.18.42.

8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and ‖ Ram, and ‖ Chelubai.

10 And * Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, * prince of the children of Judah;

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* Ruth 4.19. Matth.1.4. * Numb. 1.7. & 2,3.

11 And Nahshon begat ‖ Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

‖ Or, *Salmon,* Ruth 4.21. Matth.1.4.

12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse,

13 ¶ And Jesse begat his first-born * Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and ‖ Shimma the third,

* 1 Sam. 16.6 ‖ Or, *Shammah,* 1 Sam.16 9.

14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:

16 Whose sisters *were* Zeruiah, and Abigail. * And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.

* 2Sam. 2.18

17 And * Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa *was* ‖ Jether the Ishmeelite.

* 2 Sam.17.25 ‖ 2 Sam.17.25 *Ithra an Israelite.*

18 ¶ And Caleb the son of Hezron begat *children* of Azubah *his* wife, and of Jerioth: her sons *are* these; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon.

19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him * Ephrath, which bare him Hur.

* Ver.50. * Exod. 31.2.

20 And * Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.

21 ¶ And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of * Machir, the father of Gilead, whom he † married when he was threescore years old, and she bare him Segub.

* Numb.27.1. † Heb. *took.*

22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.

23 * And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath and the towns thereof, *even* threescore cities: all these *belonged to* the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

* Numb.32.41 Deut.3.14. Josh.13.30.

24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephratath, then Abiah Hezrons wife bare him * Ashur the father of Tekoa.

* Chap.4.5.

25 ¶ And the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron were, Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, *and* Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name *was* Atarah, she *was* the mother of Onam.

27 And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

28 And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abishur, *was* Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and Molid.

30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seleb died without children.

31 And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the * children of Sheshan; Ahlai.

* See v. 34,35.

32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children.

33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 ¶ Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters: and Sheshan had a servant an Egyptian, whose name *was* Jarha.

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife, and she bare him Attai.

36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat * Zabad,

* Chap. 11.41.

37 And Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed,

38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,

39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah,

40 And Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,

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41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.

42 ¶ Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were*, Mesha his first-born, which *was* the father of Ziph: and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron, Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai.

45 And the son of Shammai *was* Maon; and Maon *was* the father of Bethzur.

46 And Ephah Calebs concubine bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez.

47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maachah Calebs concubine bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.

49 She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena, and the father of Gibea: and the daughter of Caleb *was* * Achsa.

*Josh.15.17.

50 ¶ These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the first-born of * Ephratah; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim,

*Or, *Ephrath.* V.19.

51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim, had sons; ‖ Haroeh, *and* ‖ half of the Manahethites.

‖ Or, *Reaiah.* Chap.4.2.

‖ Or, *half of the Menuchites* or *Hatshammenuchoth.*

53 And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites: of them came the Zarathites, and the Eshtaulites.

54 The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, ‖ Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.

‖ Or, *Atarites*, or *crowns of the house of Joab.*

55 And the families of the [3] scribes which dwelt at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and* Suchathites. These *are* the * Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house * Rechab.

*Judg.1.16.

*Jer.35.2.

[3] *Jer.8.8. Ezra 7.6.* Such as were exercised in the study of the Law, and instructed the people therein. See on *Matth.2. n.9.*

CHAP. III.

1 *The sons of David:* 10 *His line to Zedekiah.* 17 *The successours of Jeconiah.*

NOw these were the sons of David, which were born unto him [1] in Hebron; the first-born * Amnon, of Ahinoam the * Jezreelitess: the second, ‖ Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess:

[1] *2 Sam.5.5.*

*2 Sam.3.2.

*Josh.15.56.

‖ Or, *Chileab.*

2 The third, Absalom the son of Maachah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith:

3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by * Eglah his wife.

*2 Sam.3.4.

4 *These* six were born unto him in Hebron, and * there he reigned seven years and six months: and * in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

*2 Sam.2.11.

*2 Sam.5.5.

5 * And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; ‖ Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and * Solomon, four, of ‖ Bathshua the daughter of ‖ Ammiel.

*2 Sam.5.14. Ch.14.4.

‖ Or, *Shammua.*

*2 Sam.12.24.

‖ Or, *Bath-sheba*, 2Sam.11.3.

6 Ibhar also, and ‖ Elishama, and Eliphelet.

‖ Or, *Eliam.*

7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

‖ Or, *Elishua*, 2 Sam.5.15.

8 And Elishama, and ‖ Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

COr, *Beeliada*, Chap.14.7.

9 *These were* all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and [2] Tamar their sister.

[2] *2 Sam.13.1.*

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10 ¶ And Solomons son *was* [3] Rehoboam, ‖ Abia his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

[3] *1 Kin.11.43.*

‖ Or, *Abijah.*

11 Joram his son, ‖ Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

1 King.15.1.

‖ Or, *Azariah*

12 Amaziah his son, ‖ Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

2 Chro.22.6. or, *Jehoahaz*, 2 Chro.21.17.

13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

‖ Or, *Uzziah*, 2 Kin.15.30.

14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah *were* the first-born ‖ Johanan, the second ‖ Jehoiakim, the third ‖ Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

‖ Or, *Jehoahaz.* 2 King.23.30.

‖ Or, *Eliakim*, 2 King.23.34.

16 And the sons of * Jehoiakim; ‖ Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah * his [4] son.

‖ Or, *Mattaniah*, 2 Ki.24.17

17 ¶ And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, † Salathiel * his son.

*Mat.1.11.

‖ Or, *Jehoiachin*, 2 K.24.6. or *Coniah*, Jer.22.24.

18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiah *were*, Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister:

[4] *i.e.* Successor.

*2 Kin.24.17 being his uncle.

† Heb. *Shealtiel.*

*Mat.1.12.

20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five.

21 And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

22 And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; * Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

*Ezra 8.2.

23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and † Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

† Heb. *Hizkijah.*

24 And the sons of Elioenai *were*, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

CHAP. IV.

1, 11 *The posterity of Judah by Caleb the son of Hur.* 5 *Of Ashur the posthumus son of Hezron.* 9 *Of Jabez, and his prayer.* 21 *The posterity of Shelah,* 24 *and of Simeon.* 39 *The conquest of Gedor,* &c.

THe [1] sons of Judah; * Pharez, Hezron, and ‖ Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

[1] Posterity.

*Gen.38.29. & 46.12.

2 And ‖ Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These *are* the families of the Zorathites.

‖ Or, *Shelubai*, Chap.2.9. or, *Caleb*, Chap.2.18.

3 And these *were of* the [2] father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister *was* Hazelelponi.

‖ Or, *Haroeh*, Chap.2.52.

[2] Founder or Governour.

4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These *are* the sons of * Hur, the first-born of Ephratah, the father of Beth-lehem.

*Chap.2.50.

5 ¶ And * Ashur the father of Tekoa, had two wives, Helah, and Naarah.

*Chap.2.24.

6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah.

7 And the sons of Helah *were*, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

8 And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel, the son of Harum.

9 ¶ And Jabez was more [3] honourable then his brethren: and his mother called his name ‖ Jabez, saying, Because I [4] bare him with sorrow.

[3] *Prov.*

‖ That is, *Sorrowful.*

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[3] *Prov.*12.26. *Ac.*17.11. *viz.* For his Piety, *v.*10. *Isa.*43.4. ¶ [4] Had hard travel.

10 And Jabez [5] called on the God of Israel, saying, † Oh that thou wouldst bless me [6] indeed, and [7] enlarge my coast, and that [8] thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest † keep *me* from [9] evil, that it may not [10] grieve me. And God [11] granted him that which he requested.

† Heb. *If thou wilt*, &c.

† Heb. *do* me.

[5] This is added as a testimony and Remembrance of his eminent Piety. ¶ [6] (1) Suitably. (2) Seasonably. (3) With spiritual and eternal Blessings; in Grace and Glory. ¶ [7] Give me a fair and competent estate. ¶ [8] Vouchsafe thy effectual Assistance to me. ¶ [9] Whatsoever may be afflicting to me. ¶ [10] *viz.* Excessively, so as to overwhelm my Spirit; or sinfully, so as to make me murmur at it. ¶ [11] *Psal.* 21. 4. and 65.2. *Job* 22.27,28. *Matth.*7.7.

11 And Chelub the brother of Shuah, begat Mehir, which *was* the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of ‖ Irnahash. These *are* the men of Rechah.

‖ Or, *the city of Nahash.*

13 And the sons of Kenaz; * Othniel and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; ‖ Hathath.

* Josh.15.17.

‖ Or, *Hathath and Meonothai, who begat*, &c.

14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of * the ‖ valley of ‖ Charashim, for they were craftsmen.

* Neh. 11.35.

‖ Or, inhabitants *of the valley.*

‖ That is, *Craftsmen.*

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, even ‖ Kenaz.

‖ Or, *Uknaz.*

16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

17 And the sons of Ezra *were*, Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

‖ Or, *the Jewess*

18 And his wife ‖ Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.

‖ Or, *Jehudijah*, mentioned before.

19 And the sons of *his* wife ‖ Hodiah, the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon *were*, Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tidon. And the sons of Ishi *were*, Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

[12] Gen.38.5.

21 ¶ The sons of Shelah * the son of Judah *were*, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea.

22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And *these are* [12] ancient things.

[12] Out of memory: *q.d.* Those blessed times and things when our Ancestors had dominion over the heathen, are long since past and gone; and now their degenerate Posterity are slaves to them in *Chaldea*, *Persia*, *&c.* Where they are employed as Potters, Gardiners, and in other servile works.

23 These *were* the potters, and those that [13] dwelt amongst plants and hedges: there they [14] dwelt with the [15] king for his work.

[13] Were Gardners and Husbandmen. ¶ [14] Or, *Do now dwell*, (when their Brethren are returned.) ¶ [15] *viz.* Of *Babylon*, or *Persia*, to serve him in these kind of employments.

24 The sons of Simeon *were*, ‖ Nemuel, and Jamin, ‖ Jarib, Zerah, *and* Shaul:

‖ Or, *Jamuel.* Gen.46.10. Exod.6.15. Numb.26.12.

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

‖ Or, *Jachin*, *Zehar.*

26 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son.

27 And Shimei had sixteen sons, and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, † like to the children of Judah.

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† Heb. *unto.* Jos.19.2.

28 And * they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Molada, and Hazar-shual,

29 And at ‖ Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at ‖ Tolad.

‖ Or, *Balah*, Jos.19.3.

30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

‖ Or, *Eltolad*, Jos. 19. 4.

31 And at Beth-marcaboth, and ‖ Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim: These *were* their cities unto the reign of David.

‖ Or, *Hazarsusah*, Jos.19.5.

32 And their villages *were* ‖ Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities.

‖ Or, *Ether*, Jos. 19.7.

33 And all their villages that *were* round about the same cities unto ‖ Baal. These *were* their habitations, and ‖ their genealogy.

‖ Or, *Baalath beer*, Jos.19.8.

34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah, the son of Amaziah,

‖ Or, *as they divided themselves by nations among them.*

35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

37 And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah.

38 These † mentioned by *their* names, *were* princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

† Heb. *coming.*

39 ¶ And they went to the entrance of Gedor, *even* unto the east-side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable: for *they* of Ham had dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name, came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks.

42 And *some* of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

43 And they smote * the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

* See 1 Sam. 15.8.& 30.17. & 2 Sam.8.12.

CHAP. V.

1 *The line of Reuben.* : 9 *Their habitation and conquest of the Hagarites.*

NOw the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel, (for * he *was* the first-born; but forasmuch as he [1] defiled his father's bed, * his birth-right *was* given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

* Gen.29.32. [1] *Gen.*35.22.& 49.4. * Ge.48.15,22.

2 For * [2] Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the * chief ‖ [3] ruler; but the birth-right *was* Josephs)

* Psal.60.7. & 108.8. * Mat.2.6. ‖ Or, *prince.*

[2] *Gen.*49.8, 10. The Tribe of *Judah* excelled the other Tribes in Number, Power, and especially in the following Priviledges. ¶ [3] The Royal Line, and chiefly the Messia, *Mic.*5.2. ¶ [4] In regard of the double Portion, to *Ephraim* and *Manasseh.*

3 The sons, *I say*, of * Reuben the first-born of Israel *were*, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

* Gen.46.9. Exod.6.14. Numb.26.5.

4 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,

5 Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son,

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6 Beerah his son, whom ‖ Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away *captive*. He *was* prince of the Reubenites.

‖ Or, *Tiglath-pileser*, 2 Kin. 15. 29.

7 And his brethren by their families (* when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned) *were* the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah.

* See v. 17.

8 And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of ‖ Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in * Aroer, even unto Nebo, and Baal-meon.

‖ Or, *Shemaiah* v. 4.

* Jos. 13. 15, 16.

9 And east-ward he inhabited unto the entring-in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattel were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents † throughout all the east-*land* of Gilead.

† Heb. *Upon all the face of the east.*

11 ¶ And * the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salcah:

* Jos. 13. 11, 24.

12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.

13 And their brethren of the house of their fathers *were*, * Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.

14 These *are* the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.

16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of * Sharon, upon † their borders.

* Chap. 27. 26.

† Heb. *their goings forth.*

17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of * Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of * Jeroboam king of Israel.

* 2 King 15. 5, 32.

* 2 King. 14. 16, 18.

18 ¶ The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, † of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, *were* four and forty thousand seven hundred and three-score, that went out to the war.

† Heb. *sons of valour.*

19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with * Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab.

* Gen. 25. 15. Chap. 1. 31.

20 And * they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them: for they cried to God in the battel, and he was intreated of them, because they put their trust in him.

* See v. 22.

21 And they † took away their cattel; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of † men an hundred thousand.

† Heb. *led captive.*

† Heb. *Souls of men*, as Num. 31. 35.

22 For there fell down many slain, because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their steads until * the captivity.

* 2 King. 15. 29. & 17. 6.

23 ¶ And the children of the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon.

24 And these *were* the heads of the house of their fathers, even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, † famous men, *and* heads of the house of their fathers.

† Heb. *men of names.*

25 ¶ And they trangressed against the God of their fathers, and went a * whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

* 2 King. 17. 7

26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of * Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, (even the Reubenites and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh) and brought them unto * Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

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* 2 Kin. 15. 19.

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* 2 Kin. 17. 6. & 18. 11.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The sons of Levi.* 4 *The line of the priestr.* 49 *The office of Aaron, and his line.*

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THe sons of Levi; * ‖ Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

* Gen. 46. 11. Exod. 6. 16.

2 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, * Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

Numb. 26. 57. Chap. 23. 6.

‖ Or, *Gershom*, v. 16.

3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; * Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

* See v. 22.

* Lev. 10. 1.

4 ¶ Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua,

5 And Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi,

6 And Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,

7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

8 And * Ahitub begat Zadok, and * Zadok begat Ahimaaz,

* 2 Sam. 8. 17.

* 2 Sam. 15. 27.

9 And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan,

10 And Johanan begat Azariah, (he *it is* that [1] executed the priests office † in the * temple that [2] Solomon built in Jerusalem)

† Heb. *in the house.*

* 1 King. 6. 2 Chron. 3.

[1] *Viz.* Worthily and becomingly, when *Uzziah* would have usurpt it, 2 *Chron.* 26. 17. &c. ¶ [2] And not that which was built by *Zerubbabel*, *Zech.* 4. 9. (whereby it appears that this book was written after the building of the second Temple.

11 And * Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

* See Ezr. 7. 3.

12 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat ‖ Shallum,

‖ Or, *Meshullam* Chap. 9. 11.

13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,

14 And Azariah begat * Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,

* Neh. 11. 11.

15 And Jehozadak went *into captivity*, * when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

* 2 Kin. 25. 18.

16 ¶ The sons of Levi; * ‖ Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

* Exod. 6. 16.

‖ Or, *Gershon*, v. 1.

17 And these *be* the names of the sons of Gershom, Libni, and Shimei.

18 And the sons of Kohath *were*, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers.

20 Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, * Zimmah his son,

* Vers. 42.

21 ‖ Joah his son, ‖ Iddo his son, Zerah his son, ‖ Jeaterai his son.

‖ Or, *Ethan*, vers. 42.

22 ¶ The sons of Kohath; ‖ Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

‖ Or, *Adaiah*, vers. 41.

‖ Or, *Ethni*, v. 41.

23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

‖ Or, *Izhar*, vers. 2, 18.

24 Tahath his son, ‖ Uriel his son, ‖ Uzziah his son, and ‖ Shaul his son.

‖ Or, *Zephaniah*, *Azariah*, *Joel*, vers. 36.

25 And the sons of Elkanah; * Amasai, and Ahimoth.

* See v. 35, 36.

26 *As for* Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; ‖ Zophai his son, and * Nahath his son,

‖ Or, *Zuph*, v. 35.

1 Sam. 1. 1.

27 * Eliab his son, Jeroam his son, Elkanah his son.

* Ver. 34. *Toah.*

* Ver. 34. *Eliel.*

28 And the sons of Samuel; the first-born ‖ Vashni, and Abiah.

‖ Ver. 33. & 1 Sam. 8. 2. *Joel.*

29 The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son,

30 Shimea

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30 Shimea his ſon, Haggiah his ſon, Aſaiah his ſon.

2959. 31 And theſe *are they* whom David ſet over the ſervice of ſong in the houſe of the LORD, after that the ark had [3] reſt.

[3] *ch.* 16. 1. 2 *Sam.* 6. 17.

32 And they miniſtred before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation with ſinging, until Solomon had built the houſe of the LORD in Jeruſalem: and *then* they waited on their office according to their order.

3001. † Heb. *ſtood.* 33 And theſe *are* they that † waited with their children. Of the ſons of the Kohathites; Heman a ſinger, the ſon of Joel, the ſon of Shemuel,

34 The ſon of Elkanah, the ſon of Jeroham, the ſon of Eliel, the ſon of ‖ Toah,

‖ verſ. 26. *Nahath.* ‖ Or, *Zophai.* 35 The ſon of ‖ Zuph, the ſon of Elkanah, the ſon of Mahath, the ſon of Amaſai,

‖ verſ. 24. *Shaul, Uzziah, Uriel.* 36 The ſon of Elkanah, the ſon of ‖ Joel, the ſon of Azariah, the ſon of Zephaniah,

37 The ſon of Tahath, the ſon of Aſſir, the ſon of * Ebiaſaph, the ſon of Korah,

* Exod. 6. 24. 38 The ſon of Izhar, the ſon of Kohath, the ſon of Levi, the ſon of Iſrael.

39 And his brother Aſaph, who ſtood on his right hand, *even* Aſaph the ſon of Berachiah, the ſon of Shimea,

40 The ſon of Michael, the ſon of Baaſeiah, the ſon of Malchiah,

* See verſ. 21. 41 The ſon of * Ethni, the ſon of Zerah, the ſon of Adaiah,

42 The ſon of Ethan, the ſon of Zimmah, the ſon of Shimei,

43 The ſon of Jahath, the ſon of Gerſhom, the ſon of Levi.

44 And their brethren the ſons of Merari

[Called *Jeduthan*, Ch. 9. 16. & 25. 1, 3, 6. *ſtood* on the left hand: ‖ Ethan the ſon of ‖ Kiſhi, the ſon of Abdi, the ſon of Malluch,

‖ Or, *Kuſhaiah*, ch. 15. 17. 45 The ſon of Haſhabiah, the ſon of Amaziah, the ſon of Hilkiah,

46 The ſon of Amzi, the ſon of Bani, the ſon of Shamer,

47 The ſon of Mahli, the ſon of Muſhi, the ſon of Merari, the ſon of Levi.

48 Their brethren alſo the Levites *were* appointed unto all manner of ſervice of the tabernacle of the houſe of God.

* Lev. 1. 9. * Exod. 30. 7. 49 ¶ But Aaron and his ſons offered * upon the altar of the burnt-offering, and * on the altar of incenſe, *and were appointed* for all the work of the *place* moſt holy, and to make an atonement for Iſrael according to all that Moſes the ſervant of God had commanded.

50 And theſe *are* the ſons of Aaron; Eleazar his ſon, Phinehas his ſon, Abiſhua his ſon,

51 Bukki his ſon, Uzzi his ſon, Zerahiah his ſon,

52 Meraioth his ſon, Amariah his ſon, Ahitub his ſon,

53 Zadok his ſon, Ahimaaz his ſon.

* Joſh. 21. 54 ¶ * Now theſe *are* their dwelling-places throughout their caſtles in their coaſts of the ſons of Aaron, of the families of the Koathites: for theirs was the lot.

* Joſh. 21. 11. 55 * And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the ſuburbs thereof round about it.

* Joſh. 14. 13. & 15. 13. 56 * But the fields of the city and the villages thereof they gave to Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh.

* Joſh. 21. 13. 57 And * to the ſons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, *namely*, Hebron, *the city* of refuge, and Libnah with her ſuburbs, and Jattir and Eſhtemoa, with their ſuburbs,

58 And ‖ Hilen with her ſuburbs, Debir with her ſuburbs:

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‖ Or, *Holon*, Joſh. 21. 15.

59 An ‖ Aſhan with her ſuburbs, and Beth-ſhemeſh with her ſuburbs,

‖ Or, *Ain*, Joſh. 21. 16.

60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her ſuburbs, and ‖ Alemeth with her ſuburbs, and Anathoth with her ſuburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* thirteen cities.

‖ Or, *Almon*, Joſh. 21. 18.

61 And unto the ſons of Kohath, * [4] *which were* left of the family of that tribe, *were cities given* out of the half-tribe, *namely out of* the half-*tribe* of Manaſſeh, * by lot, ten cities.

* Verſ. 66. * Joſh. 21. 5.

[4] Over and above the Prieſts who were of the ſame Family of *Kohath*, and Tribe of *Levi*.

62 And to the ſons of Gerſhom throughout their families *were given* out of the tribe of Iſſachar, and out of the tribe of Aſher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manaſſeh in Baſhan, thirteen cities.

63 Unto the ſons of Merari *were given* by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, * twelve cities.

* Joſh. 21. 7, 34.

64 And the children of Iſrael gave to the Levites *theſe* cities with their ſuburbs.

65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, theſe cities, which are called by *their* names.

66 And * *the reſidue* of the families of the ſons of Kohath had cities of their coaſts out of the tribe of Ephraim.

* Verſ. 61.

67 * And they gave unto them *of* the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her ſuburbs; *they gave* alſo Gezer with her ſuburbs,

* Joſh. 21. 21.

68 And * Jokmeam with her ſuburbs, and Beth-horon with her ſuburbs,

* See Joſh. 21. 22—35. where many of theſe cities have other names.

69 And Aijalon with her ſuburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her ſuburbs:

70 And out of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh; Aner with her ſuburbs, and Bileam with her ſuburbs, for the family of the remnant of the ſons of Kohath.

71 Unto the ſons of Gerſhom *were given* out of the family of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, Golan in Baſhan with her ſuburbs, and Aſhtaroth with her ſuburbs:

72 And out of the tribe of Iſſachar; Kedeſh with her ſuburbs, Daberath with her ſuburbs,

73 And Ramoth with her ſuburbs, and Anem with her ſuburbs:

74 And out of the tribe of Aſher; Maſhal with her ſuburbs, and Abdon with her ſuburbs,

75 And Hukok with her ſuburbs, and Rehob with her ſuburbs:

76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedeſh in Galilee with her ſuburbs, and Hammon with her ſuburbs, and Kirjathaim with her ſuburbs.

77 Unto the reſt of the children of Merari *were given* out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her ſuburbs, Tabor with her ſuburbs:

78 And on the other ſide Jordan by Jericho, on the eaſt-ſide of Jordan, *were given them* out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderneſs with her ſuburbs, and Jahzah with her ſuburbs,

79 Kedemoth alſo with her ſuburbs, and Mephaath with her ſuburbs:

80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her ſuburbs, and Mahanaim with her ſuburbs,

81 And

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81 And Heſhbon with her ſuburbs, and Jazer with her ſuburbs.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The ſons of Iſſachar,* 6 *of Benjamin,* 13 *of Naphtali,* 14 *of Manaſſeh,* 23 *and Ephraim.*

NOw the ſons of Iſſachar *were,* * Tola, and ‖ Puah, Jaſhub, and Shimron, four.

* Gen.46.13. Numb.26.23. ‖ *Phuvah, Job.*

2 And the ſons of Tola; Uzzi and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibſam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers houſe, *to wit,* of Tola: *they were* valiant men of might in their generations, * whoſe number *was* in the days of David two and twenty thouſand and ſix hundred.

* 2 Sam.24.1, 2. Chap.27.1.

3 And the ſons of Uzzi; Izrahiah; and the ſons of Izrahiah; Michael and Obadiah, and Joel, Iſhiah, five: all of them chief men.

4 And with them by their generations, after the houſe of their fathers, *were* bands of ſoldiers for war, ſix and thirty thouſand *men:* for they had many wives and ſons.

5 And their brethren among all the families of Iſſachar *were* valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies, fourſcore and ſeven thouſand.

* Gen.46.21. Numb.26.38. Chap.8.1. *&c.*

6 ¶ *The ſons* of * Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three.

7 And the ſons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the houſe of *their* fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thouſand and thirty and four.

8 And the ſons of Becher; Zemira, and Joaſh, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All theſe *are* the ſons of Becher.

9 And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the houſe of their fathers mighty men of valour, *was* twenty thouſand and two hundred.

10 The ſons alſo of Jediael, Bilhan: and the ſons of Bilhan; Jeuſh, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharſhiſh, and Ahiſhahar.

11 All theſe the ſons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *were* ſeventeen thouſand and two hundred *ſoldiers,* fit to go out for war *and* battel.

* Num.26.39. *Shupham* and *Hupham.* ‖ Or, *Iri,* v.7. ‖ Or, *Abiram.* Numb.26.38. * Gen.46.24. *Shillem.*

12 * Shuppim alſo, and Huppim, the children of ‖ Ir, *and* Huſhim, the ſons of ‖ Aher.

13 ¶ The ſons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and * Shallum; the ſons of Bilhah.

14 ¶ The ſons of Manaſſeh; Aſhriel whom ſhe bare: (*but* his concubine the Aramiteſs bare Machir the father of Gilead:

15 And Machir took to wife *the ſiſter* of Huppim and Shuppim, whoſe ſiſters name *was* Maachah) and the name of the ſecond *was* Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a ſon, and ſhe called his name Pereſh; and the name of his brother *was* Shereſh; and his ſons *were* Ulam and Rakem.

* 1Sam.12.11.

17 And the ſons of Ulam; * Bedan. Theſe *were* the ſons of Gilead, the ſon of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh.

18 And his ſiſter Hammoleketh bare Iſhod, and * Abiezer, and Mahalah.

* Num.26.30. *Jeezer.*

19 And the ſons of Shemida were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 ¶ And * the ſons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his ſon, and Tahath his ſon, and Eladah his ſon, and Tahath his ſon,

Chap. 8. * Num.26.35.

21 ¶ And Zabad his ſon, and Shuthelah his ſon, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath *that were* born in *that* land ſlew, becauſe they came down to take away their cattel.

22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

23 ¶ And when he went in to his wife, ſhe conceived and bare a ſon, and he called his name Beriah, becauſe it went evil with his houſe.

24 (And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzen-ſherah)

25 And Rephah *was* his ſon, alſo Reſheph, and Telah his ſon, and Tahan his ſon,

26 Laadan his ſon, Ammihud his ſon, Eliſhama his ſon,

27 ‖ Non his ſon, Jehoſhua his ſon.

‖ Or, *Nun,* Num.13.8, 16.

28 ¶ And their poſſeſſions and habitations *were* Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eaſtward * Naaran, and weſtward Gezer with the † towns thereof, Shechem alſo and the towns thereof, unto ‖ Gaza and the towns thereof:

* Joſh.16.7. *Naarath.* † Heb. *daughters.* ‖ Or, *Aaſa,* 1 Mac. 7.45.

29 And by the borders of the children of * Manaſſeh, Beth-ſhean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, * Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In theſe dwelt the children of Joſeph the ſon of Iſrael.

* Joſh.17.7. * Joſh.17.11.

30 ¶ * The ſons of Aſher; Imnah, and Iſuah, and Iſhuai, and Beraiah, and Serah their ſiſter.

* Gen.46.17. Numb.26.44.

31 And the ſons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who *is* the father of Birzavith.

32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their ſiſter.

33 And the ſons of Japhlet; * Paſach, and Bimhal, and Aſhvath. Theſe *are* the children of Japhlet.

* V.34. *Shamer.*

34 And the ſons of * Shamar; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

* V.32. *Shomer.*

35 And the ſons of his brother Zelem; Zophah, and Imna, and Sheleſh, and Amal.

36 The ſons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,

37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilſhah, and Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the ſons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Piſpah, and Ara.

39 And the ſons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

40 All theſe *were* the children of Aſher, heads of *their* fathers houſe, choice *and* mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war *and* to battel, *was* twenty and ſix thouſand men.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The ſons and chief men of Benjamin.* 33 *The ſtock of Saul and Jonathan.*

NOw Benjamin begat * Bela his firſt-born, Aſhbel the ſecond, and Aharah the third,

* Gen.46.21. Numb.26.38. Chap.7.6.

2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3 And the ſons of Bela were, ‖ Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

‖ Or, *Ard,* Gen.46.21.

4 And Abiſhua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

5 And Gera, and ‖ Shephuphan, and Huram.

‖ Or, *Shuphum* Numb.26.39.

6 And theſe *are* the ſons of Ehud: theſe are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to * Manahath:

See Ch.7.12. * Ch.2.52.

7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud.

8 And

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8 And Shaharaim begat *children* in the countrey of Moab, after he had ſent them away; Huſhim and Baara *were* his wives.

9 And he begat of Hodeſh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Meſha, and Malcham,

10 And Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. Theſe *were* his ſons, heads of the fathers.

11 And of Huſhim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.

12 The ſons of Elpaal; Eber, and Miſham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof:

* Verſ. 21. 13 Beriah alſo, and * Shema, who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:

14 And Ahio, Shaſhak, and Jeremoth,

15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

16 And Michael, and Iſpah, and Joha, the ſons of Beriah;

17 And Zebadiah, and Meſhullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,

18 Iſhmerai alſo, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the ſons of Elpaal;

19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,

20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,

21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath,

‖ Or, *Shema*, verſ. 13. the ſons of ‖ Shimhi;

22 And Iſhpan, and Heber, and Eliel,

23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah,

25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the ſons of Shaſhak;

26 And Shamſherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,

27 And Jareſiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the ſons of Jeroham.

28 Theſe *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief *men*. Theſe dwelt in Jeruſalem.

‖ Called *Jehiel*, ch. 9. 35. * Chap. 9. 35. 29 And at Gibeon dwelt the ‖ father of Gibeon; whoſe * wives name *was* Maachah:

30 And his firſt-born ſon Abdon, and Zur, and Kiſh, and Baal, and Nadab,

‖ Or, *Zechariah*, ch. 9. 37. 31 And Gedor, and Ahio, and ‖ Zacher.

‖ Or, *Shimeam*, chap. 9. 38. 32 And Mikloth begat ‖ Shimeah. And theſe alſo dwelt with their brethren in Jeruſalem, over againſt them.

* 1 Sam. 14. 51 * 1 Sam. 14. 49. *Iſhui*. ‖ Or, *Iſhboſheth*, 2 Sam. 2. 8. ‖ Or, *Mephibo-ſheth*, 2 Sam. 4. 4. & 9. 6, 10. * 2 Sam. 9. 12. ‖ Or, *Tahrea*. ch. 9. 41. * *Jarah*, ch. 9. 42. 33 ¶ And * Ner begat Kiſh, and Kiſh begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-ſhua, and * Abinadab, and ‖ Eſh-baal.

34 And the ſon of Jonathan *was* ‖ Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat * Micah.

35 And the ſons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and ‖ Tarea, and Ahaz.

36 And Ahaz begat * Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza.

* Chap. 9. 43. *Rephaiah*. 37 And Moza begat Binea: * Rapha *was* his ſon, Eleaſah his ſon, Azel his ſon:

38 And Azel had ſix ſons, whoſe names *are* theſe, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Iſhmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All theſe *were* the ſons of Azel.

39 And the ſons of Eſhek his brother *were*, Ulam his firſt-born, Jehuſh the ſecond, and Eliphelet the third.

40 And the ſons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many ſons, and ſons ſons, an hundred and fifty. All theſe *are* of the ſons of Benjamin.

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1 *The original of Iſraels and Judahs genealogies.* 27 *The charge of certain Levites.* 35 *Sauls and Jonathans ſtock.*

SO [1] all Iſrael were reckoned by genealogies; and behold, they *were* written in the book of the kings of Iſrael and Judah, [2] *who* were carried away to Babylon for their tranſgreſſion.

[1] The remainder of the Ten Tribes, who joyn'd themſelves to thoſe of *Judah*. ¶ * Which Tribe or People of *Judah*.

2 ¶ Now the [3] firſt inhabitants *that dwelt* in [4] their poſſeſſions in their cities *were*, the [5] Iſraelites, the prieſts, Levites, and the Nethinims.

[3] *Viz.* After the return from *Babylon*, *Ezr.* 2. 70. ¶ [4] Their own Inheritance that they enjoyed before the captivity. ¶ [5] The common people of *Judah* and *Iſrael*. ¶ [6] *Ezr.* 2. 58. and 8. 20. The *Gibeonites* (*Joſh.* 9. 21, 23, 27.) and others who devoted themſelves to the ſervice of God and his Houſe.

3 * And in Jeruſalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the [7] children of Ephraim, and Manaſſeh:

* Nehem. 11. 1. &c. [7] 2 *Chr.* 11. 16. & 30. 11, 18.

4 Uthai the ſon of Ammihud, the ſon of Omri, the ſon of Imri, the ſon of Bani, of the children of Pharez the ſon of Judah.

5 And of the Shilonites; Aſaiah the firſt-born and his ſons.

6 And of the ſons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, ſix hundred and ninety.

7 And of the ſons of Benjamin; Sallu the ſon of Meſhullam, the ſon of Hodaviah, the ſon of Haſenuah,

8 And Ibneiah the ſon of Jeroham, and Elah the ſon of Uzzi, the ſon of Michri, and Meſhullam the ſon of Shephatiah, the ſon of Reuel, the ſon of Ibnijah;

9 And their brethren, acccording to their generations; nine hundred and fifty and ſix. All theſe men *were* chief of the fathers in the houſe of their fathers.

* Neh. 11. 10, &c. 10 ¶ * And of the prieſts; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,

‖ Neh. 11. 11. *Seraiah*. 11 And ‖ Azariah the ſon of Hilkiah, the ſon of Meſhullam, the ſon of Zadok, the ſon of Meraioth, the ſon of Ahitub, the [8] ruler of the houſe of God;

[8] *Azariah* was Ruler, *i. e.* next to the High-Prieſt, who had a ſpecial command over the Levites, *Numb.* 3. 32.

12 And Adaiah the ſon of Jeroham, the ſon of Paſhur, the ſon of Malchijah, and Maaſiai, the ſon of Adiel, the ſon of Jahzerah, the ſon of Meſhullam, the ſon of Meſhillemith, the ſon of Immer,

13 And their brethren, heads of the houſe of their fathers, a thouſand and ſeven hundred and threeſcore; † very able men for the work of the ſervice of the houſe of God.

† Heb. *mighty men of valour*.

14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the ſon of Haſhub, the ſon of Azrikam, the ſon of Haſhabiah, of the ſons of Merari;

15 And Bakbakkar, Hereſh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the ſon of Micah, the ſon of Zichri, the ſon of Aſaph;

16 And Obadiah the ſon of Shemaiah, the ſon of Galal, the ſon of Jeduthun; and Berechiah, the ſon of Aſa, the ſon of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 And the [9] porters *were* Shallum, and Ak-

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kub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum *was* the chief,

9 Whose Office it was to keep all the Gates of the Temple, that no unclean person or thing might enter into it.

[10] 1 *King.* 10. 5 2 *Kin.* 16. 18.

18 Who hitherto *waited* in the [10] kings gate east-ward. They *were* porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the † gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers *being* over the host of the LORD *were* keepers of the entry.

† Heb. *thresholds.*

*Numb. 31. 6.

20 And * Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the [11] ruler over them in time past, *and* the [12] LORD *was* with him.

[11] *Numb.* 3. 32. ¶ [12] *Numb.* 25. 11, 12. and 31. 6.

21 *And* Zechariah the son of Mishelemiah *was* porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 All these *which were* chosen to be porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages: whom * David and Samuel * the seer † did ordain in their ‖ set office.

*Chap. 26. 1, 2. * 1 Sam. 9. 9. †Heb. *founded.* ‖ Or, *trust.*

23 So they and their children *had* the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, *namely* the house of the [13] tabernacle, [14] by wards.

[13] That which *Moses* made. ¶ [14] By courses or turns.

24 In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their brethren, *which were* in their villages, *were* to come * after seven days from time to time with them.

* 2 King. 11. 5.

26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in *their* ‖ set office, and were over the ‖ chambers and treasuries of the house of God.

‖ Or, *trust.* ‖ Or, *storehouses*

27 ¶ And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained* to them.

28 And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministring vessels, that they should † bring them in and out by tale.

† Heb. *bring them in by tale, and carry them out by tale.*

29 *Some* of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the ‖ instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oyl, and the frankincense, and the spices.

‖ Or, *vessels.*

30 And *some* of the sons of the priests made [15] the oyntment of the spices.

[15] *Exod.* 30. 23, 24.

31 And Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites, who *was* the first-born of Shallum the Korahite, had the ‖ set office over the things that were made ‖ in the pans.

‖ Or, *trust.* ‖ Or, *on flat plates*, or *slices.*

32 And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, *were* over the † shew-bread to prepare *it* every sabbath.

† Heb. *bread of ordering.*

*Ch. 6. 31. & 25. 8. † Heb. *upon them.*

33 And these *are* * the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* [16] free: for † they were employed in *that* work [17] day and night.

[16] Freed from other service whereto the forementioned Levites were put. ¶ [17] At morning and evening Sacrifice and Service.

34 These chief fathers of the Levites *were* chief throughout their generations. These dwelt at Jerusalem.

* Chap. 8. 29.

35 ¶ * And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name *was* Maachah:

36 And his first-born son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

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38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren.

39 * And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

* Chap. 8. 33.

40 And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah.

41 And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, * *and Ahaz.*

* Chap. 8. 35.

42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza;

43 And Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44 And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. These *were* the sons of Azel.

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3 *Sauls overthrow and death.* 8 *The Philistines triumph over him.* 11 *Jabesh-gilead's kindness to him and his sons.*

1 NOw the Philistines fought against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down ‖ slain in mount Gilboa.

[1] 1 *Sam.* 31. 1. &c. See there. ‖ Or, *wounded.*

2 And the Philistines followed hard [2] after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew [3] Jonathan, and ‖ Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.

‖ Or, *Ishui*, 1 Sam. 14. 49.

[2] As 1 *King.* 22. 31. ¶ [3] *Eccl.* 9. 2, 2 *King.* 23. 29.

3 And the battel went sore against Saul, and the † archers † hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

† Heb. *shooters with bows.* † Heb. *found him.*

4 Then said Saul to his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and ‖ * abuse me. But his armour-bearer would not, for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

‖ Or, *mock me.* * *Judg.* 16. 21.

5 And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and [5] all his house died together.

[5] All his Children there present, and the greatest part of his Servants that attended him.

7 And when all the men of Israel that *were* in the valley, saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead; then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their [6] idols, and to the people.

[6] *Judg.* 16. 23.

10 And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11 ¶ And when all [7] Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

[7] 1 *Sam.* 11. 1, &c.

12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under [8] the oak in Jabesh, and fasted [9] seven days.

[8] *Gen.*

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[8] *Gen.*35.8. ¶ [9] Every day till evening (after the manner of the Jewiſh Faſts.)

13 ¶ So Saul died for his tranſgreſſion which he † committed againſt the LORD, *even* againſt the [10] word of the LORD which he kept not, and alſo for [11] asking *counſel* of one that had a familiar ſpirit, [12] to enquire *of it*.

† Heb. *tranſgreſſed.*

[10] 1 *Sam.*13.13. & 15.3,23. ¶ [11] 1 *Sam.*28.7. &c. *Lev.* 19.31. 2 *King.*21.6. and 1.2. ¶ [12] *Viz.* Concerning the event of the approaching battel.

14 And [13] enquired not of the LORD: therefore he [14] ſlew him, and [15] turned the kingdom unto David the ſon of † Jeſſe.

† Heb. *Iſai.*

[13] *Viz.* Sincerely, in a right manner (for he did enquire hypocritically (1 *Sam.*28.6.) deſiring that God would ſome way or other foretel the iſſue of thoſe great preparations that the *Philiſtines* made againſt him.) ¶ [14] 1 *King.*12.15. ¶ [15] *Ch.*12.23. 1 *Sam.*13.14. and 15.28. as 1 *King.*12.16.

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1 *David made king:* 4 *He winneth the caſtle of Zion from the Jebuſites by Joabs valour.* 10 *A catalogue of his worthies.*

2957. THen [1] all Iſrael gathered themſelves to David unto Hebron, ſaying, Behold, we *are* [2] thy bone and thy fleſh.

[1] 2 *Sam.*5.1. *Hoſ.*3.5. A great many out of the ſeveral Tribes (*ch.*12 24. &c.) and all the elders, *v.*3. ¶ [2] *Gen.*2.23. and 29.14. and 37.27. *Judg.*9.2. 2 *Sam.*19.12,13. *Eph.*5.30.

† Heb. *both yeſterday and the third day.*

2 And moreover † in time paſt, even when Saul was king, thou *waſt* he that [3] leddeſt out, and broughteſt in Iſrael: and the LORD thy God [4] ſaid unto thee, Thou ſhalt ‖ * feed my people Iſrael, and thou ſhalt be ruler over my people Iſrael.

‖ Or, *rule.* * Pſal.78.71.

[3] 1 *Sam.*10.14. *&c.* ¶ [4] *Viz.* In effect, and that which amounts to as much.

3 Therefore came all the elders of Iſrael to the king to Hebron, and David made a [5] covenant with them in Hebron, before the LORD, and they [6] anointed David king over Iſrael, according to the word of the LORD † by * Samuel.

[5] See on 2 *Sam.*5.3. [6] See on 2 *Sam.*5.3. *n.* 8. † Heb. *by the hand of.* * 1 Sam. 16.1, 12, 13.

4 ¶ And David and all Iſrael went to Jeruſalem which *is* Jebus, where the [7] Jebuſites *were*, the inhabitants of the land.

[7] *Joſh.*15.63. *Jud.*19.11,12. 2 *Sam.*5.6.

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus ſaid to David, [8] Thou ſhalt not come hither. Nevertheleſs, David took the caſtle of Zion, which *is* the [9] city of David.

2957. [8] 2 *Sam.*5.6. [9] 2 *Sam.*5.7.

6 And David ſaid, Whoſoever ſmiteth the Jebuſites firſt, ſhall be † chief and captain. So Joab the ſon of Zeruiah went firſt up, and was chief.

† Heb. *head.*

7 And David dwelt in the caſtle, therefore they called ‖ it the [9] city of David.

‖ That is, Zion, 2 Sam.5.7.

8 And he built the city round about, even from [10] Millo round about: and Joab † repaired the reſt of the city.

2958. [10] See on 1 *King.*9.15. † Heb. *revived.*

9 So David † waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hoſts *was* with him.

† Heb. *went in going and encreaſing.*

10 ¶ * Theſe alſo *are* the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who ‖ [11] ſtrengthened themſelves with him in his kingdom, *and* with all Iſrael to make him king [12] according to * the word of the LORD [13] concerning Iſrael.

* 2 Sam 23.8. ‖ Or, *held ſtrongly with him.* * 1 Sam.16.1, 12.

[11] Helpt him with all their might to ſettle him in his Kingdom, and to maintain the peace and welfare thereof. ¶ [12] 1 *Sam.* 13.14. and 15, 28. and 16.1, 13, 14. ¶ [13] For their good.

11 And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jaſhobeam ‖ an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains. He lift up his ſpear againſt three hundred, ſlain *by him* at one time.

[14] 2 *Sam.*23.8 See there. ‖ Or, *ſon of Hachmoni.*

12 And after him *was* Eleazar the ſon of Dodo the Ahohite, who *was one* of the three mighties.

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13 He was with David at ‖ [15] Paſ-dammim, and there the Philiſtines were gathered together to battel, where was a parcel of ground full of [16] barley, and the people [16] fled from before the Philiſtines.

‖ Or, *Epheſdammim.* [15] 1 *Sam.*17.1. [16] *ch.*10.7. 2 *King.*13.20, 21.

14 And they ‖ ſet themſelves in the midſt of *that* parcel, and delivered it, and ſlew the Philiſtines; and the LORD ſaved *them* by a great ‖ deliverance.

‖ Or, *ſtood.* ‖ Or, *ſalvation*

15 ¶ Now ‖ * three of the thirty captains went down to the [17] rock to David, into the [18] cave of Adullam, and the hoſt of the Philiſtines encamped in the valley of Rephaim.

‖ Or, *three captains over the thirty.* * 2Sam.23.12. [17] 1 *Sam.*23.25 [18] 1 *Sam.*22.1.

16 And David *was* then in the hold, and the Philiſtines garriſon *was* then at Beth-lehem.

17 And David longed, and ſaid, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, that *is* at the gate!

18 And the three brake through the hoſt of the Philiſtines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it* and brought *it* to David: but David would not drink *of* it, but [19] poured it out to the LORD,

2947. [19] See on 2 *Sam.*23.16, 17.

19 And ſaid, My God forbid it me, that I ſhould do this thing: ſhall I drink [19] the blood of theſe men † that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy of* their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. Theſe things did theſe three mightieſt.

† Heb. *with their lives.*

20 ¶ * And Abiſhai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his ſpear againſt three hundred, he ſlew *them*, and had a name among the three.

* 2 Sam. 23. 18, &c.

21 Of the three he was more honourable then the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the *firſt* three.

22 * Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, the ſon of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, † who had done many acts; he ſlew two lion-like men of Moab; alſo he went down and ſlew a lion in a pit in a ſnowy day.

* 2 Sam.13.20. † Heb. *Great of deeds.*

23 And he ſlew an Egyptian, † a man of *great* ſtature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptians hand *was* a ſpear [20] like a weavers beam; and he went down to him with a ſtaff, and pluckt the ſpear out of the Egyptians hand, and ſlew him with his [21] own ſpear.

† Heb. *a man of meaſure.* [20] *ch.* 20. 5. 1 *Sam.*17.7. [21] 1 *Sam.*17.51.

24 Theſe *things* did Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and had the name among the three mighties.

25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the *firſt* three. And David ſet him over his guard.

26 ¶ Alſo the valiant men of the armies *were* * Aſa-hel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the ſon of Dodo of Beth-lehem.

* 2 Sam.23.24.

27 ‖ Shammoth the ‖ Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

‖ Or, *Shammah* ‖ Or, *Harodite.* 2 Sam.23. 25.

28 Ira the ſon of Ikkeſh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite,

29 ‖ Sibbecai the Huſhathite, ‖ Ilai the Ahohite,

‖ Or, *Mebunnai* ‖ Or, *Zalmon.* ‖ Or, *Heleb.*

30 Maharai the Netophathite, ‖ Heled the ſon of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the ſon of Ribai of Gibeah, *that pertained* to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 ‖ Hurai of the brooks of Gaaſh, ‖ Abiel the Arbathite,

‖ Or, *Hiddai.* ‖ Or, *Abi-al-bon.*

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

34 The ſons of ‖ Haſhem the Gizonite, Jonathan the ſon of Shage the Hararite,

‖ Or, *Joſhen.*

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35 Ahiam the son of ‖ Sacar the Hararite, ‖ Eliphal the son of ‖ Ur,

‖ Or, *Sharar.* ‖ Or, *Eliphelet.* ‖ Or, *Ahasbai.*

36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

‖ Or, *Hezrai.* ‖ Or, *Paarai the Arbite.* ‖ Or, *the Haggerite.*

37 ‖ Hezro the Carmelite, ‖ Naarai the son of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar ‖ the son of Haggeri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armour-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite,

‖ Or, *Shimrite*

45 Jediael the ‖ son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The companies that came to David at Ziklag.*
23 *The armies that came to him at Hebron.*

2948. NOw these *are* they that came to David to * Ziklag, † while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

* 1 Sam. 27. 6.

† Heb. being yet *shut up.*

2 *They were* armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and * the left in *hurling* stones, and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Sauls brethren [1] of Benjamin.

* Judg. 20. 16.

[1] Of his own Tribe and Kindred.

3 The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of ‖ Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite,

‖ Or, *Hasmaah.*

4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites,

7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness, men of might *and* men † of war fit for the battel, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces *were like* [2] the faces of lions, and *were* * † as swift as the roes upon the mountains.

† Heb. *of the host.*

* 2 Sam. 2. 18.

† Heb. *as the roes upon the mountains to make haste*

[2] Full of Courage in themselves, and terror to their enemies.

9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

‖ Or, *one that was least could resist an hundred, and the greatest a thousand.*

14 These *were* of the sons of Gad, captains of the host; ‖ one of the least *was* over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand.

15 These *are* they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had [3] † overflown all his banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* toward the east, and toward the west.

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† Heb. *filled over.*

[3] *Josh.* 3. 15. and 4. 18. *Jer.* 12. 5. and 49. 19.

16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David.

17 And David went out † to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, [4] mine heart † shall † be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies, seeing *there is* no ‖ wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*, and [5] rebuke *it.*

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† Heb. *before them.*

[4] 2 *Kin.* 10. 15.

† Heb. *be one.*

‖ Or, *violence.*

[5] *Zech.* 3. 2. *Jude* 9.

18 Then † the [6] spirit came upon Amasai, *who was* chief of the captains, *and he said*, Thine *are we*, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

† Heb. *the spirit cloathed Amasai,* So Judg. 6. 34.

[6] The Spirit of God, who mov'd him to answer as he did.

19 And there fell *some* of Manasseh to David, (* when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battel, but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines, upon advisement, sent him away, saying, [7] He will fall to his master Saul, to † *the jeopardy of* our heads)

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* 1 Sam. 29. 2.

[7] 1 *Sam.* 29. 4.

† Heb. *on our heads.*

20 As he went to [8] Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of thousands that *were* of Manasseh.

[8] From the Camp of the Philistines, 1 *Sam.* 29. 11.

21 And they helped David ‖ against the band *of the* [9] *rovers*: for they *were* all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host.

‖ Or, *with a hand.*

[9] The *Amalekites*, who had taken and burnt Ziklag, 1 *Sam.* 30. 1. *&c.*

22 For at *that* time day by day there came to David to help him, until *it was* a great host, like the host of God.

23 ¶ And these *are* the numbers of the ‖ † bands *that were* ready armed to the war, *and* * came to David to Hebron, [10] to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, * [11] according to the word of the LORD.

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‖ Or, *captains, or men.*

† Heb. *heads.*

* 2 Sam. 2. 3, 4.

[10] *ch.* 10. 14.

* 1 Sam. 16. 1, 3.

[11] See on *ch.* 11. 10.

24 The children of Judah, that bare shield and spear, *were* six thousand and eight hundred, ready ‖ armed to the war.

‖ Or, *prepared.*

25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Levi, four thousand and six hundred.

27 And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven hundred:

28 And * Zadok a young man mighty of valour, and of his fathers house twenty and two captains.

* 2 Sam 8. 17.

29 And of the children of Benjamin the † kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto † * the greatest part of them had [12] kept the ward of the house of Saul.

† Heb. *brethren.*

† Heb. *a multitude of them.*

* 2 Sam. 2. 8, 9.

[12] Endeavoured to uphold and promote the Interest of that Family, and done 'em all the service they could.

30 And of the children of Ephraim, twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, † famous throughout the house of their fathers.

† Heb. *men of names.*

31 And of the half-tribe of Manasseh, eighteen thousand which were [13] expressed by name to come and make David king.

[13] Chosen by the rest of their half-tribe, and set down by name.

32 And

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32 And of the children of Issachar, *which were men* that had [14] understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do: the heads of them *were* two hundred, and all their brethren *were* at their commandment.

[14] *Esth.*1.13. *Eccl.*3.1. *Matth.*16.3. Political Prudence to discern and embrace the fit Seasons for all Actions.

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33 Of Zebulun such as went forth to battel, ‖ expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could ‖ keep rank: *they were* † not of double heart.

‖ Or, *rangers of battel*, or *ranged in battel.*

34 And of Naphtali, a thousand captains, and with them, with shield and spear, thirty and seven thousand.

‖ Or, *set the battel in aray.* † Heb. *without a heart and a heart.*

35 And of the Danites expert in war, twenty and eight thousand and six hundred.

36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battel, ‖ expert in war, forty thousand.

‖ Or, *keeping their rank.*

37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battel, an hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel, *were* of one heart to make David king.

39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover, they that were nigh them, *even* unto Issachar and Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *and* ‖ meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oyl, and oxen, and sheep abundantly, for *there was* [15] joy in Israel.

‖ Or, *victual of meal.*

[15] *Prov.*29.2.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *David fetcheth the ark from Kirjath-jearim.* 9 *Uzza being smitten, the ark is left at the house of Obed-edom.*

AND David [1] consulted with the captains of thousands, and hundreds, *and* with every leader.

[1] *Eccl.*4.9. *Prov.*15.22. and 20.18. and 24.6.

2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, [2] If *it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* [3] of the LORD our God, † let us send abroad unto our brethren every where *that are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them *also* to the priests and Levites *which are* † in their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us.

[2] 2 *King.*9.15. [3] By his direction. † Heb. *Let us break forth and send.* † Heb. *in the cities of their suburbs.*

3 And let us † bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

† Heb. *bring about.*

4 And all the congregation said, that they would do so; for the thing was [4] right in the eyes of all the people.

[4] 2 *Sam.*3.36.

5 So David [5] gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entring of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from * Kirjath-jearim.

[5] 2 *Sam.*6.1. * 1 Sam.6.21. & 7.1.

6 And David went up, and all Israel, to * Baalah, *that is* to Kirjath-jearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that [6] dwelleth *between* the cherubims, whose name is called *on it.*

* Josh.15.9,60 [6] See on 1 *Sam.*4.4. † Heb. *made the ark to ride.*

7 And they † carried the ark of God * in a new cart, out of the house of Abinadab. And Uzza and Ahio drave the cart.

* See Numb. 4.15. Chap.15.2,13.

8 And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with † singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

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† Heb. *songs.*

9 ¶ And when they came unto the threshing-floor of ‖ Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark: for the oxen ‖ stumbled.

‖ Called *Nachon*, 2 Sam.6.6.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, * because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

‖ Or, *shook it.* * Numb.4.15.

11 And David was displeased because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called ‖ Perez-uzza to this day.

‖ That is, *The breach of Uzza.*

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me?

13 So David † brought not the ark *home* to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

† Heb. *removed.*

14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD [7] blessed * the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

[7] 2 *Sam.*6.11. as *Gen.*39.5.& 30.27. * Chap.26.5.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Hirams kindness to David:* 2 *Davids felicity in people, wives, and children:* 8 *His two victories.*

NOW [1] Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons, and carpenters, to build him an house.

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[1] 2 *Sam.*5.11. &c.

2 And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lift up [2] on high, [3] because of his people Israel.

[2] Was more famous and renowned than ever. ¶ [3] For their sakes, and advantage.

3 ¶ And David took † mo wives at Jerusalem: and David begat mo sons and daughters.

† Heb. *yet.*

4 Now * these *are* the names of *his* children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

* Chap. 3.5.

5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

7 And Elishama, and ‖ Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

‖ Or, *Eliada*, 2 Sam.5.16.

8 ¶ * And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard *of it*, and went out against them.

* 2 Sam.5.17.

9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

10 And David [4] enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up, for I will deliver them into thine hand.

[4] 1 *Sam.*23.2, 4,12.

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand, like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place, ‖ Baal-perazim.

‖ That is, *A place of breaches.*

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were [5] burnt with fire.

[5] *Deut.*7.5.

13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

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14 Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn

Chap. 15. turn away from them, * and come upon them over againſt the mulberry-trees.

* 2 Sam. 5. 23. 15 And it ſhall be when thou ſhalt hear a ſound of going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, *that* then thou ſhalt go out to battel: for God is gone forth before thee to ſmite the hoſt of the Philiſtines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they ſmote the hoſt of the Philiſtines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

17 And the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAP. XV.

1 *David bringeth the ark from Obed-edom:* 25 *He performeth it with great joy:* 29 *Michal deſpiſeth him.*

AND *David* made him houſes in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a [1] tent.

[1] 2 Sam. 6. 17.

† Heb. It is *not to carry the ark of God, but for the Levites*

2 Then David ſaid, † * None ought to carry the ark of God, but the [2] Levites: for them hath the LORD choſen to carry the ark of God, and to miniſter unto him [3] for ever.

* Deut. 31. 9.

[2] *Numb.* 4. 15. ¶ [3] So long as this Polity laſts.

3 And David gathered all Iſrael together to Jeruſalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David aſſembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites.

5 Of the ſons of Kohath: Uriel the chief, and his ‖ brethren an hundred and twenty.

‖ Or, *kinſmen.*

6 Of the ſons of Merari: Aſaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty.

7 Of the ſons of Gerſhom: Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty.

8 Of the ſons of * Elizaphan: Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred.

* Exod. 6. 22.

9 Of the ſons of * Hebron: Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourſcore.

* Exod. 6. 18.

10 Of the ſons of Uzziel: Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the prieſts, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Aſaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 And ſaid unto them, Ye *are* the chief of the fathers of the Levites: [4] ſanctifie your ſelves *both* ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Iſrael unto *the place that* I have prepared for it.

[4] 2 *Chron.* 29. 5. By ſolemn Purification and Preparation of your ſelves both in Soul and Body. *See on Exod.* 19. 10, 15.

13 For * becauſe ye *did it* not at the firſt, * the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we ſought him not after the due order.

* 2 Sam. 6. 3. Chap. 13. 7. * Ch. 13. 10, 11.

14 So the prieſts and the Levites ſanctified themſelves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Iſrael.

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15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their ſhoulders with the ſtaves thereon, as * Moſes commanded, according to the word of the LORD.

* Exod. 25. 14. Numb. 4. 15. & 7. 9.

16 And David [5] ſpake to the chief of the Levites, to appoint their brethren *to be* the ſingers with inſtruments of muſick, pſalteries, and harps, and cymbals, ſounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

[5] Tho Magiſtrates may appoint Church-Officers to do their Duty, yet it belongs immediately to the Church-Officers themſelves to chooſe perſons for Church-affairs and employments.

17 So the Levites [5] appointed * Heman the ſon of Joel; and of his brethren, * Aſaph the ſon of Berechiah; and of the ſons of Merari their brethren, * Ethan the ſon of Kuſhaiah:

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18 And with them their brethren of the ſecond *degree*, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaſeiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters.

19 So the ſingers, Heman, Aſaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to ſound with cymbals of braſs;

20 And Zechariah, and ‖ Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaſeiah, and Benaiah, with Pſalteries on [6] Alamoth.

‖ Verſ. 18. *Jaaziel.*

[6] See on *Pſal.* 46. Title, the Treble.

21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps ‖ on the [7] Sheminith to excel.

‖ Or, *on the eighth to overſee.*

[7] See on *Pſal.* 6. Title. The Baſs, or any Inſtrument with eight ſtrings.

22 And Chenaniah chief of the Levites ‖ *was* for † ſong: he inſtructed about the ſong, becauſe he *was* skilful.

‖ Or, was *for the carriage: he inſtructed about the carriage.*

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* door-keepers for the ark.

† Heb. *lifting up.*

24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoſhaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amaſai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the prieſts * did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* door-keepers for the ark.

* Numb. 10. 8.

25 ¶ So * David and the elders of Iſrael, and the captains over thouſands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD, out of the houſe of Obed-edom with joy.

* 2 Sam. 6. 12, 13, &c.

26 And it came to paſs when God [8] helped the Levites that bare the ark of the [9] covenant of the LORD, that they offered ſeven bullocks and ſeven rams.

[8] Did not cut 'em off (as before) but encourag'd them in their work with ſome comfortable ſign of his approbation. ¶ [9] See on *Numb.* 10. 33.

27 And David *was* cloathed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the ſingers, and Chenaniah the maſter of the ‖ ſong, with the ſingers: David alſo *had* upon him an ephod of linen.

‖ Or, *carriage.*

28 Thus all Iſrael brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with ſhouting and with ſound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noiſe with pſalteries and harps.

29 ¶ And it came to paſs * *as* the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window ſaw king David dancing and playing: and ſhe [10] deſpiſed him in her heart.

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1 *Davids feſtival ſacrifice:* 4 *He ordereth a quire to ſing thanksgiving:* 17 *The pſalm of thanksgiving.*

SO they [1] brought the ark of God, and ſet it in the midſt of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-ſacrifices, and peace-offerings before God.

[1] 2 *Sam.* 6. 17–19. 2959.

2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings, and the peace-offerings, he [2] bleſſed the people in the name of the LORD.

[2] See on 1 *King* 8. 14.

3 And

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3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon *of wine*.

4 ¶ And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel † with psalteries, and with harps: but Asaph made a sound with cymbals.

† Heb. *with instruments of psalteries and harps.*

6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 ¶ Then on that day, David [3] delivered first *this psalm* to thank the LORD, into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

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8 [4] Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

[4] See on *Psal.* 105.1. &c.

9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk you of all his wondrous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoyce that seek the LORD.

11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen ones.

14 He *is* the LORD our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.

15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations.

16 *Even of the* * *covenant* which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;

* Gen.17.2. & 26.3. &28.13. & 35. 11.

17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,

18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, † the lot of your inheritance:

† Heb. *the cord.*

19 When ye were but † few, * even a few, and strangers in it;

† Heb. *men of number.*

* Gen.34.30.

20 And *when* they went from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people;

21 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he * reproved kings for their sakes,

* Gen.12.17. & 20.3. Exod. 7. 15.

22 *Saying*, * Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

* Psal.105.15.

23 * Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.

* Psal.96.1.

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24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.

25 For great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also *is* to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods * of the people *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

* Lev.19.4.

27 Glory and honour *are* in his presence, strength and gladness *are* in his place.

28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoyce: and let *men* say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

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32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoyce, and all that *is* therein.

33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

34 * O give thanks to the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

* Psal.107.1. & 118. 1. & 136. 1.

35 And say ye, [5] Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, *and* glory in thy praise.

[5] See on *Psal.* 106. 47.

36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all * the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

* Deut.27.15.

37 ¶ So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren to minister before the ark continually, as every days work required:

38 And Obed-edom, with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, *to be* porters.

39 And Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests, before * the tabernacle of the LORD, * in the high place that *was* at Gibeon,

* Chap.21.29. 2 Chr.1.3.

40 To offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt-offering continually * † morning and evening, and *to do* according to all *that is* written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel;

* 1 King.3.4.

* Exod.29.38. Numb.28.3.

† Heb. *in the morning and in the evening*

41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest *that were* chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, * because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

* 2 Chr.5. 13. & 7.3. Ezr.3. 11. Jer.33.11.

42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals, for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments [6] of God. And the sons of Jeduthun *were* † porters.

† Heb. *for the gate.*

[6] Set apart for the service of God.

43 And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned [7] to bless his house.

[7] 2 *Sam.*6.20. To pray for his Family, and settle good order among them.

CHAP. XVII.

3 David forbidden to build God an house, 11 is promised blessings in his seed. 16 His prayer and thanksgiving.

1 NOw it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD *remaineth* under curtains.

2960. [1] See on 2 *Sam.*7.2,3.

2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that *is* in thine heart, for God *is* with thee.

3 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in.

5 For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel, unto this day, but † have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*.

† Heb. *have been.*

6 Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to [2] feed my people, saying, [3] Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?

2960. [2] See on 2 *Sam.*5. 2. [3],[4],[5],[6] See on 2 *Sam.*7.5.&c.

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts,

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turn away from them, * and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees.

* 2 Sam. 5. 23.

15 And it shall be when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to battel: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

17 And the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAP. XV.

1 *David bringeth the ark from Obed-edom:* 25 *He performeth it with great joy:* 29 *Michal despiseth him.*

AND *David* made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark

[1] 2 Sam. 6. 17. of God, and pitched for it a [1] tent.

† Heb. It is *not* to carry the ark of God *but for the Levites* * Deut. 31. 9.

2 Then David said, † * None ought to carry the ark of God, but the [2] Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him [3] for ever.

[2] *Numb.* 4. 15. ¶ [3] So long as this Polity lasts.

3 And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites.

5 Of the sons of Kohath: Uriel the chief, and his ‖ brethren an hundred and twenty.

‖ Or, *kinsmen.*

6 Of the sons of Merari: Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty.

7 Of the sons of Gershom: Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty.

* Exod. 6. 22.

8 Of the sons of * Elizaphan: Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred.

* Exod. 6. 18.

9 Of the sons of * Hebron: Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore.

10 Of the sons of Uzziel: Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 And said unto them, Ye *are* the chief of the fathers of the Levites: [4] sanctifie your selves *both* ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto *the place that* I have prepared for it.

[4] 2 *Chron.* 29. 5. By solemn Purification and Preparation of your selves both in Soul and Body. *See on Exod.* 19. 10, 15.

[5] 2 Sam. 6. 3. Chap. 13. 7. [6] Ch. 13. 10, 11.

13 For * because ye *did it* not at the first, * the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

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15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as * Moses commanded, according to the word of the LORD.

* Exod. 25. 14. Numb. 4. 15. & 7. 9.

16 And David [5] spake to the chief of the Levites, to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries, and harps, and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

[5] Tho Magistrates may appoint Church-Officers to do their Duty, yet it belongs immediately to the Church-Officers themselves to choose persons for Church-affairs and employments.

17 So the Levites [5] appointed * Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, * Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, * Ethan the son of Kushaiah:

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* Chap. 6. 33.
* Chap. 6. 39.
* Chap. 6. 44.

18 And with them their brethren of the second *degree*, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to sound with cymbals of brass;

20 And Zechariah, and ‖ Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with Psalteries on [6] Alamoth.

‖ Verf. 18. *Jaaziel.*

[6] See on *Psal.* 46. Title, the Treble.

21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps ‖ on the [7] Sheminith to excel.

‖ Or, *on the eighth to oversee.*

[7] See on *Psal.* 6. Title. The Bass, or any Instrument with eight strings.

22 And Chenaniah chief of the Levites ‖ *was* for † song: he instructed about the song, because he *was* skilful.

‖ Or, was *for the carriage: he instructed about the carriage.*

† Heb. *lifting up.*

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* door-keepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests * did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* door-keepers for the ark.

* Numb. 10. 8.

25 ¶ So * David and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD, out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

* 2 Sam. 6. 12, 13, &c.

26 And it came to pass when God [8] helped the Levites that bare the ark of the [9] covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

[8] Did not cut 'em off (as before) but encourag'd them in their work with some comfortable sign of his approbation. ¶ [9] See on *Numb.* 10. 33.

27 And David *was* cloathed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the ‖ song, with the singers: David also *had* upon him an ephod of linen.

‖ Or, *carriage.*

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

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5 For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel, unto this day, but † have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle *to another*.

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7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts,

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‖ † Heb. *from after.*

I took thee from the *sheep*-cote, *even* † from following the sheep, that thou shouldst be ruler over my people Israel:

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that *are* in the earth.

9 Also I will ordain [4] a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved [5] no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, (as at the beginning,

10 And since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel) moreover I will [6] subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will [7] build thee an house.

11 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons, and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne [8] for ever.

[8],[9],[10],[11] See on 2 *Sam.* 7.12, 13, 14.

13 I will be his [9] father, and he shall be my son, and I will [10] not take my mercy away from him, as I took *it* from *him* that was before thee.

[4] Luke 1. 33.

14 But *I will settle him in mine house, and in my kingdom [11] for ever, and his throne shall be established for evermore.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

16 ¶ And David the king came, and [12] sat before the LORD, and said, [13] Who *am* I, O LORD God, and what *is* mine house, that thou hast brought me [13] hitherto?

[11] See on 2 *Sam.* 7.18.

[12] See on 2 *Sam.* 7.18.

17 And *yet* this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God, for thou hast *also* spoken of thy servants house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

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18 What can David [13] *speak* more to thee for the honor of thy servant? for thou knowest [13] thy servant.

[12] See on 2 *Sam.* 7.18, 19, 20.

† Heb. *greatnesses.*

19 O LORD, [13] for thy servants sake, and according to thine own heart hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all *these* † great things.

20 O LORD, *there is* [13] none like thee, neither *is there any* God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

[14] See on 2 *Sam.* 7. 22, 23, 24.

21 And what one nation in the earth *is* [14] like thy people, Israel, whom God [14] went to redeem *to be* his own people, to [14] make thee a name of greatness and [14] terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For thy people [14] Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever, and thou, LORD, becamest [14] their God.

23 Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and *let* the house of David thy servant *be* established before thee.

† Heb. *hast revealed the ear of thy servant.*

25 For thou, O my God, † hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found *in his heart* to pray before thee.

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26 And now, LORD (thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant,)

27 Now therefore ‖ let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou [15] blessest, O LORD, and [16] *it shall be* blessed for ever.

‖ Or, *it hath pleased thee.*

[15] *Mic.* 7.18.

[16] *Gen.* 27. 33.

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1 *David subdueth the Philistines and the Moabites.*
3 *He smiteth Hadarezer and the Syrians.*

NOw after this it came to pass that David [1] smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

[1] See on 2 *Sam.* 8.1.

2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became Davids [2] servants, *and* brought gifts.

[2] *v.* 6. Tributaries, 2 *Chron.* 17. 10, 11.

3 ¶ And David smote ‖ Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

‖ Or, *Hadadezer*, in Sam.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot-*horses*, but reserved of them an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of † Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

† Heb. *Darmesek.*

6 Then David put *garisons* in Syria-damascus, and the Syrians became Davids servants, *and* brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

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7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Likewise from ‖ Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith * Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

‖ Called in Sam. *Betah and Berothai.*

* 1 King. 7.23. 2 Chron. 4.15.

9 ¶ Now when ‖ Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah;

‖ Or, *Toi.*

10 He sent ‖ Hadoram his son to king David, ‖ to enquire of his welfare, and † to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; for Hadarezer † had warred with Tou; and *with him* all manner of vessels of gold, and silver, and brass.

‖ Or, *Joram.*

‖ Or, *to salute.*

† Heb. *to bless.*

† Heb. *was the man of wars.*

11 ¶ Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all *these* nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover, † [3] Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt † eighteen thousand.

† Heb. *Abshai.*

[3] Together with *Joab*, *Psal.* 60. Title. ¶ † See on 2 *Sam.* 8. 13.

13 And he [5] put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became Davids servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

[5] *Gen.* 27.29,37

14 ¶ So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, ‖ recorder;

‖ Or, *remembrancer.*

16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and [16] Abi-

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‖ Or, 2 Sam. 8. 17. *Ahimelech.*
‖ Or, *Seraiah.* 2 Sam. 8.17. or, *Shisha*, 1 Kings 4. 3.
† Heb. *at the hand of the king.*

‖ 6 Abimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the 7 priests; and ‖ Shavsha *was* scribe.

6 *Abimelech* is also call'd *Ahiathar*, and *Abiathar Abimelech*, (or *Ahimelech*) 1 *Sam.* 23. 6. so that each of 'em had both these names. ¶ 7 *Abimelech* was the chief till *Solomon* put him out, 1 *Kings* 2.35.

17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites, and the Pelethites: and the sons of David *were* chief † about the king.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Davids messengers sent to comfort Hanun, are villanously entreated. 6 The Ammonites are overcome.

1 See on 2 Sam. 10.

1 NOw it came to pass after this that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.

2 And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon, to Hanun, to comfort him.

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†Heb. *In thine eyes doth David,* &c.

3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, † Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spie out the land?

4 Wherefore Hanun took Davids servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then there went *certain*, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

‡ Heb. *to stink.*

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves † odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a 2 thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, and out of Zobah.

2 Three hundred forty two thousand a hundred eighty five pounds fifteen shillings sterling. About forty two tuns.

3 *i. e.* Men fighting in Chariots.

7 So they hired thirty and two thousand 3 chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battel.

8 And when David heard *of it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battel in aray before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field.

† Heb. *the face of the battel was.*
‖ Or, *young men.*

10 Now when Joab saw that † the battel was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the ‖ choice of Israel, and put *them* in aray against the Syrians.

† Heb. *Abishai.*

11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of † Abishai his brother, and they set *themselves* in aray against the children of Ammon.

12 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let us behave our selves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do *that which is* good in his sight.

14 So Joab and the people that *were* with him, drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battel; and they fled before him.

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15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entred into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 ¶ And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the ‖ river: and ‖ Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before them.

‖ That is, *Euphrates.*
‖ Or, *Shobach*, 2 Sam. 10.16.

17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set *the battel* in aray against them. So when David had put the battel in aray against the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men *which fought in* 4 chariots, and 5 forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

4 In seven hundred Chariots, 2 *Sam.* 10.18. ¶ 5 And as many Horsmen, 2 *Sam.* 10.18.

19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

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1 Rabbah is besieged by Joab, spoiled by David, and the people tortured. 4 Three overthrows of the Philistines.

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* 2 Sam. 11. 1.
† Heb. *at the return of the year.*

AND *it came to pass that † after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out *to battel*, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. (but David tarried at Jerusalem) and Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

* 2 Sam. 12. 30.
† Heb. *the weight of.*

2 And David * took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it † to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it, and it was set upon Davids head; and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.

3 And he brought out the people that *were* in it, and cut *them* with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes: even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

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* 2 Sam. 21. 18.
‖ Or, *continued.*
† Heb. *stood.*
‖ Or, *Gob.*
* Chap. 11. 29.
‖ *Saph.*
2 Sam. 21. 18.
‖ Or, *Rapha.*
‖ *Jaareoregim,* 2 Sam. 21. 19.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this, * that there ‖ † arose war at ‖ Gezer with the Philistines, at which time * Sibbecai the Hushathite, slew ‖ Sippai *that was* of the children of ‖ the giant, and they were subdued.

5 And there was war again with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of ‖ Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear-staff *was* like a weavers beam.

* 2 Sam. 21. 20.
† Heb. *mighty.*
† Heb. *born to.*
† Heb. *Rapha.*

6 And yet again * there was war at Gath, where was a man of † *great* stature, whose fingers and toes *were* four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot*: and he also was † the son of † the giant.

‖ Or, *reproached.*
‖ *Shammah,* 1 Sam. 16. 9.

7 But when he ‖ defied Israel, Jonathan the son of ‖ Shimea, Davids brother, slew him.

8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

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CHAP. XXI.

1 *David numbreth the people.* 6 *He repenteth,* 9 *and chooseth the pestilence.*

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[1] *Job* 1.-6. *Zech.* 3.-1. Set himself to do 'em some mischief. ¶ [2] As God's Instrument, 2 *Sam.* 24. 1.

2 And David said to Joab, and to the rulers of the people, [3] Go number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*.

[3] This was without any necessity or good occasion, but only out of vain glory, ostentation, pride, and carnal confidence.

3 And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they *be*: but my lord the king, *are* they not all my lords [4] servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of [5] trespass to Israel?

[4] Faithful Subjects, ready to serve him upon all occasions, how many soever they be. ¶ [5] Of doing that which is a sin in him, and so will bring down a Judgment upon the people.

4 Nevertheless, the kings word prevailed against Joab: wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 ¶ And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they of* Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he [6] not among them: for the kings word was abominable to Joab.

[6] Because the plague was begun, *ch.* 27. 24.

† Heb. *And it was evil in the eyes of the LORD concerning this thing.*

7 † And God was displeased with this thing, therefore he smote Israel.

8 And David said unto God, * I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: * but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant, for I have done very foolishly.

* 2 Sam. 24. 10.
* 2 Sam. 12. 13.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Gad, Davids * seer, saying,

* See 1 Sam. 9. 9.

10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I † offer thee *three* things, choose thee one of them that I may do *it* unto thee.

† Heb. *stretch out.*

11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, † Choose thee

† Heb. *take to thee.*

12 Either three years famine, or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, (while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh *thee*) or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel: now therefore advise thy self, what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD, (for very [‖] great *are* his mercies) but let me not fall into the hand of man.

‖ Or, *many.*

14 ¶ So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

15 And God sent an * Angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and * he repented him of the evil, and said to the Angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the Angel of the LORD stood by the threshing-floor of [‖] Ornan the Jebusite.

* 2 Sam. 24. 16.
* See Gen. 6. 6.

‖ Or, *Araunah,* 2 Sam. 24. 18.

16 And David lift up his eyes, and * saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem: then David, and the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

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* 2 Chron. 3. 1.

17 And David said unto God, *Is it* not I *that* commanded the people to be numbred? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my fathers house, but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

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18 ¶ Then the * angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up and set up an altar unto the LORD, in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

* 2 Chron 3. 1.

19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD.

20 ‖ And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him [7] hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

‖ Or, *When Ornan turned back and saw the angel,* then he *and his four sons with him hid themselves.*

[7] Prov. 22. 3.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with *his* face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, † Grant me the place of *this* threshing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

† Heb. *Give.*

23 And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt-offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering, I give it all.

24 And king David said unto Ornan, Nay, but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that* which *is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt-offerings without cost.

25 So * David gave to Ornan [8] for the place, [9] six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

* 2 Sam. 24. 24.

[8] For all the Land and Houses thereabouts belonging to *Ornan.* ¶ [9] A thousand ninety five pounds sterling.

26 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon the LORD, and he answered him from heaven [10] by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering.

[10] *Lev.* 9. 24. 1 *Kings* 18. 24, 38. 2 *Chron.* 7. 1.

27 And the LORD commanded the angel, and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

28 ¶ At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed [11] there.

[11] At other times also afterwards.

29 For the tabernacle of the LORD which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt-offering *were* at that season in the high place at * Gibeon.

* 1 Kings 3. 4. Chap. 16. 39. 2 Chron. 1. 3.

30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God; for he was [12] afraid, because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

[12] Psal. 119. 120.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *David prepareth for the building of the temple:* 6 *He instructeth Solomon.*

THen David said, * This is the [1] house of the LORD God, and this *is* the [2] altar of the burnt-offering for Israel.

* Deut. 12. 5. 2 Sam. 24. 18.

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[1] The place where the Temple is to be built. ¶ [2] The place where an Altar ſhall be built.

2 And David commanded to gather together the [3] ſtrangers that *were* in the land of Iſrael, and he ſet maſons to hew wrought ſtones to build the houſe of God.

[3] 1 *Kings* 9. 20, 21. Thoſe of other Nations, eſpecially *Sidonians* and *Tyrians*, 1 *Kings* 5. 6, 18. A Type of the Calling of the Gentiles.

3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joynings; and braſs in abundance * without weight;

* Verſ. 14.

4 Alſo cedar-trees in abundance: for the Zidonians, and they of Tyre, brought much cedar-wood to David.

5 And David ſaid, [4] Solomon my ſon *is* young and [5] tender, and the houſe *that is* to be builded for the LORD, *muſt be* [6] exceeding magnifical: of fame and of glory throughout all countreys, I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

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[4] Ch. 29. 1. ¶ [5] Not accuſtomed to War, or any great Affairs. ¶ [6] Tho' ſome other Buildings might exceed this in dimenſions, yet never any in the coſtlineſs of the Materials, exquiſiteneſs of the Workmanſhip, but eſpecially in the manifeſtation of the Divine Preſence, and myſtical ſignification thereof.

6 ¶ Then he called for Solomon his ſon, and charged him to build an houſe for the LORD God of Iſrael.

7 And David ſaid to Solomon, My ſon, as for me, * it was [7] in my mind to build an houſe * unto the [8] name of the LORD my God:

* 2 Sam. 7. 2.
* Deut. 12. 5, 11.
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[7] *Ch.* 17. 1.
[8] See on 1 *Kings* 5. 3.

8 But the word of the LORD came to me, ſaying, Thou haſt [9] ſhed bloud abundantly, and haſt made great wars: thou ſhalt not build an houſe unto my name, becauſe thou haſt ſhed much bloud upon the earth [10] in my ſight.

[9] 1 *Kings* 5. 2. ¶ [10] Which I have taken particular notice of.

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9 Behold, a ſon ſhall be born to thee, who ſhall be a man of reſt, and I will give him reſt from all his enemies round about: for his name ſhall be ‖ Solomon, and [11] I will give peace and quietneſs unto Iſrael in his days.

‖ That is, *peaceable.*
[11] 1 *Kin.* 4. 25.

10 [12] He ſhall build an houſe for my name, and * he ſhall be my ſon, and I *will be* his father, and I will [13] eſtabliſh the throne of his kingdom over Iſrael for ever.

* Hebr. 1. 5.
[12] *Ch.* 17. 12, 13. 2 *Sam.* 7. 13. To note that the Church ſhall be built by Chriſt. ¶ [13] *ch.* 17. 12.

11 Now my ſon, * the LORD be with thee, and proſper thou, and build the houſe of the LORD thy God, as he hath ſaid of thee.

* Verſ. 16.

12 Only the LORD give thee [14] wiſdom and underſtanding, and give thee [15] charge concerning Iſrael, that thou mayeſt keep the law of the LORD thy God.

[14] *Pſal.* 72. 1. 1 *Kings* 3. 9. ¶ [15] Direction and counſel how to rule his people.

13 [16] Then ſhalt thou proſper, if thou takeſt heed to fulfil the ſtatutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moſes with, concerning Iſrael: * be ſtrong and of good courage, dread not, nor be diſmayed.

[16] *Jer.* 22. 2–4.
* Deut. 31. 7, 8. Joſh. 1. 6, 7, 9.

14 Now behold, [17] in my ‖ trouble I have prepared for the houſe of the LORD an [18] hundred thouſand talents of gold, and a [19] thouſand thouſand talents of ſilver; and of braſs, and iron, * without weight (for it is in abundance:) timber alſo and ſtone have I prepared, and thou mayeſt add thereto.

‖ Or, *poverty.*
* Verſ. 3.

[17] In the midſt of the many diſturbances both at home and abroad that I have met with. ¶ [18] About four thouſand one hundred eighty five Tun, or Cart-load. ¶ [19] About forty one thouſand eight hundred fifty three Tun. In all forty ſix thouſand thirty eight Tun.

15 Moreover, *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers, and ‖ workers of ſtone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.

‖ That is, *maſons and carpenters.*

16 Of the gold, the ſilver, and the braſs, and the iron, *there is* no number. Ariſe *therefore*, and be doing, and the * LORD be with thee.

* Verſ. 11.

17 ¶ David alſo commanded all the princes of Iſrael to help Solomon his ſon, *ſaying*,

18 *Is* not the LORD your God with you? and hath he *not* given you reſt on every ſide? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand, and the land is ſubdued before the LORD, and before his people.

19 Now [20] ſet your heart and your ſoul to ſeek the LORD your God, ariſe therefore, and build ye the ſanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy veſſels of God, into the houſe that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

[20] 2 *Chron.* 20. 3.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Solomon made king.* 2 *The Levites ordered:* 7 *The ſons of Gerſhon,* 12 *Kohath,* 21 *and Merari.*

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SO when David was old and [1] full of days, he [2] made * Solomon his ſon king over Iſrael.

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* 1 Kings 1. 33–39. Chap. 28. 5.

[1] *Ch.* 29. 28. Satisfied in his mind with that time God had afforded him, and now willing to dye. ¶ [2] Appointed him his Succeſſor, *ch.* 28. 5. 1 *Kings* 1. 35.

2 ¶ And he gathered together all the [3] princes of Iſrael, with the Prieſts and the Levites:

[3] *Ch.* 28. 1. To declare God's mind and his own will concerning the Succeſſion, and to acquaint 'em with thoſe directions he had received from God concerning a new method for the miniſtration of the Prieſts in the Temple.

3 Now the Levites were numbred from the age of [4] thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thouſand.

[4] *Num.* 4. 3, 15.

4 Of which twenty and four thouſand *were* ‖ to [5] ſet forward the work of the houſe of the LORD: and ſix thouſand *were* * officers and [6] judges.

‖ Or, *to oversee.*
* Deut. 16. 18.

[5] Perform all the ſervice of the Temple of all ſorts, according to their ſeveral places. ¶ [6] To judge and determine all difficult cauſes and differences that might ariſe, either among the inferiour Prieſts and Levites about their ſacred Adminiſtrations, or among the People.

5 Moreover four thouſand *were* porters, and four thouſand [7] praiſed the LORD with the inſtruments which [8] I made (*ſaid David*) to praiſe *therewith.*

[7] *Ch.* 9. 33 & 15. 16. ¶ [8] By the inſtinct of God's Spirit, 2 *Chron.* 29. 25. *Am.* 6. 5.

6 And * David divided them into † courſes among the ſons of Levi, *namely*, Gerſhon, Kohath, and Merari.

* Exod. 6. 16. Numb. 26. 57. Chap. 6. 1. &c.

7 ¶ Of the * Gerſhonites *were* ‖ Laadan and Shimei.

2 Chron. 8. 14. & 29. 25.

8 The ſons of Laadan, the chief *was* Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.

† Heb. *diviſions.*

9 The ſons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. Theſe *were* the chief of the fathers of Laadan.

* Ch. 26. 21.
‖ Or, *Libni.* Chap. 6. 17.

10 And the ſons of Shimei *were* Jahath, ‖ Zina, and Jeuſh, and Beriah. Theſe four *were* the ſons of Shimei.

‖ Or, *Zizah.* Verſ. 11.

11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the ſecond: but Jeuſh, and Beriah † had not many ſons: therefore they were in one reckoning, according to *their* fathers houſe.

† Heb. *did not multiply ſons.*

12 ¶ * The ſons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

* Exod. 6. 18.

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13 The sons of * Amram; Aaron and Moses: and * Aaron was separated, that he should [9] sanctifie the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to [10] bless in his name for ever.

* Exod.6 20.
* Exod.28.1. Hebr.5.4.

[9] Keep 'em from pollution, and so preserve them in their sanctity. ¶ [10] *Numb.*6.23.

14 Now *concerning* Moses the man of God, * his sons were [11] named of the tribe of Levi.

* See Chap. 26.23,24,25.

[11] Were not Priests, but ordinary Levites (and so inferiour to the sons of *Aaron.*)

15 * The sons of Moses *were* Gershom, and Eliezer.

* Exod.2.22. & 18. 3, 4.

16 Of the sons of Gershom, * ‖ Shebuel *was* the chief.

* Chap.26.24.
‖ *Shubael*, Chap.24.20.

17 And the sons of Eliezer *were*, * Rehabiah ‖ the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were † very many.

* Chap.26.25.
‖ Or, *the first.*
† Heb. *highly multiplyed.*

18 Of the sons of Izhar, ‖ Shelomith the chief.

‖ *Shelomoth*, Chap. 24. 22.

19 * Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jehaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

* Chap.24.23.

20 Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second.

21 ¶ * The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and * Kish:

* Chap.24.26.
* Chap.24.29.

22 And Eleazar died, and * had no sons, but daughters: and their ‖ brethren the sons of Kish * took them.

* Chap.24.28.
‖ Or, *kinsmen.*
* See *Numb.*36. 6, 8.

23 * The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

* Chap.24.30.

24 ¶ These *were* the sons of * Levi after the house of their fathers; *even* the chief of the fathers; as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of

* Numb. 10. 17,21.

* twenty years and upward.

* Numb.8.24. & 4.3.

[12] Formerly they were not to be admitted under twenty five years old (*Numb.*8.24.) but now their service of carrying the Tabernacle, which requir'd most strength, being ceas'd, they are admitted sooner.

25 For David said, The LORD God of Israel hath given [13] rest unto his people, ‖ that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever.

[13] *ch.*22.9.
‖ Or, *and he dwelleth in Jerusalem, &c.*

26 And also unto the [14] Levites: they shall no *more* carry the Tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof.

[14] *viz* he said, *v.*25.

27 For by the [15] last words of David the Levites *were* † [16] numbred from twenty years old and above.

† Heb. *numbers.*

[15] The last Ordinance about setling the Levites in their several Courses (which was done by the direction of the Spirit, *ch.*28.13.) [16] Enrolled among those that were admitted in the House of God.

28 Because their † office *was* to wait on the sons of Aaron, for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God;

† Heb. *station was at the hand of the sons.*

29 Both for * the shew-bread, and for * the fine-flour for meat-offering, and for * the unleavened cakes, and for * *that which is baked in* the ‖ pan, and for that which is fryed, and for all manner of * [17] measure and size;

* Exod.25.30.
* Lev.6.20. Chap.9.29.&c
* Lev. 2. 4.
* Lev.2. 5,7.
‖ Or, *flat plate*
* Lev.19. 35.

[17] They were to adjust the quantity of all things that were to be used about the service of God, according to the standards which they kept.

30 And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even;

31 And to [18] offer all burnt-sacrifices unto the LORD * in the sabbaths, in the new-moons, and on the set feasts, by number according to the order commanded unto them continually before the LORD.

* Num.10.10 Psal.81.3.

[18] To prepare 'em for the Priests to offer.

32 And that they should keep the [19] charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy *place*, and * the charge [20] of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

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* Numb.3.6,9.

[19] *Numb.* 1. 53. see there. ¶ [20] What they shou'd commit to their charge, or command 'em to do.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *The divisions of the sons of Aaron into four and twenty orders.* 20 *The Kohathites,* 27 *and Merarites divided by lot.*

NOw these *are* the [1] divisions of the sons of Aaron. * The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

* Lev.10.1. 6.

[1] The several Branches into which that Family was distributed.

2 But * Nadab and Abihu [2] died before the father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priests office.

[2] *Lev.*10.1,2.
* Numb.3.4. & 26.61.

3 And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.

4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar, than of the sons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they divided: Among the sons of Eleazar *there were* sixteen chief men of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.

5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governours of the [3] sanctuary, and governors *of the house* of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

[3] Or, *holy things*: They who had the charge and oversight of the holy things.

6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one † principal household being taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.

† Heb. *house of the father.*

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to * Abijah,

* Neh.12.4,17 Luke 1. 5.

11 The ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses,

16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

19 These *were* the orderings of them in their service * to come into the house of the LORD, [4] according to their manner, [5] under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

* Chap.9.25.

[4] *i. e.* Every Sabbath day; and then to continue there all

all the week till the next Sabbath. ¶ [6] Under the inspection and direction of the High-Priest.

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20 ¶ And the [5] rest of the sons of Levi *were* *these*: Of the sons of Amram; * Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.

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* Chap. 23. 16. *Shebuel.*

[5] Such as were not named, or numbred before in this, or the former Chapters.

21 Concerning * Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah.

* Chap. 23. 17.

22 Of the Izharites: * Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath.

* Chap. 23. 18. *Shelomith.*

23 And the sons *of* * *Hebron*; Jeriah *the first*, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

* Chap. 23. 19 & 26. 31.

24 *Of* the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah *was* Isshia: of the sons of Isshia; Zechariah.

26 * The sons of Merari *were*, Mahlir and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.

* Exod. 6. 19. Chap. 23. 21.

27 ¶ The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, * who had no sons.

* Chap. 23. 22.

29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel.

30 * The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites, after the house of their fathers.

* Chap. 23. 23.

31 These likewise cast lots [7] over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the [8] principal fathers [8] over against their younger brethren.

[7] So as that there should be a course of Levites for each course of Priests. ¶ [8] *i. e.* Both elder and younger; all of all sorts were chosen by lot to the places wherein they served.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The number and offices of the singers: 8 Their division by lot into four and twenty orders.

1 MOreover, David and the [2] captains of the host [3] separated to the service of the sons of * Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should [4] prophesie with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the [5] workmen, [6] according to their service, was:

* Chap. 6. 33, 39, 44.

[1] There were three general Functions pertaining to the Levites: One to attend the Priests, and be helpful to 'em in their several services, of which there were twenty four Courses, *ch.* 23. and 24. A second, To solemnize the Service of God with all manner of Music, *ch.* 25. A third to be porters, *ch.* 26. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 23. 2. & 24. 6. & 12. 28. 2 *Chr.* 23. 1, 9. The chief among the Levites, and also the Secular Princes, *ch.* 23. 2. ¶ [3] Distributed them according to their several ranks and orders, according to *David's* appointment, by warrant from God, 2 *Chron.* 29. 25. ¶ [4] Sing Psalms of praise and thanksgiving, *v.* 3. (which many times contained prophetical matter; and which service had formerly been performed by Prophets, 1 *Sam.* 10. 5.) ¶ [5] Persons employed in this sacred work. ¶ [6] According to that particular service which every one was appointed to: Some being to sound the wind-instruments; others to play on the stringed instruments, or to sing with the voice.

2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and * Asarelah, the sons of Asaph [7] under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied † according to the order of the [8] king.

‖ Or, *Jesharelah*, v. 14.

† Heb. *by the hands of the king* So v. 6.

[7] According to his order and direction. ¶ [8] Who appointed what Psalms should be sung, and with what instruments; and then *Asaph* appointed the particular persons to do it.

3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and ‖ Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, ‖ six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophelied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

‖ Or, *Izri*, v. 11. ‖ With Shimei mentioned ver. 17.

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4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, ‖ Uzziel, ‖ Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth:

‖ Or, *Azareel*, ver. 18. ‖ Or, *Shubael*, v. 20.

5 All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's [9] seer [10] in the ‖ words of God, [11] to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

‖ Or, *matters.*

[9] *Ch.* 21. 9. ¶ [10] To sing such Psalms as he compos'd by divine Inspiration. ¶ [11] Wherein he did chiefly excel, (tho he were skill'd in other Instruments also, *v.* 6.)

6 All these were under the hands of their father, for song *in* the house of the LORD with cymbals, psalteries and harps, for the service of the house of God, * according to the kings order, to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

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* Vers. 2.

7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were [12] instructed in the songs of the LORD, *even* all that were cunning, *was* two hundred fourscore and eight.

[12] Train'd up to sing or play such Psalms as were indited by the Spirit of God to his Honour.

8 ¶ And they cast lots, [13] ward against *ward*, [14] as well the small as the great, * the teacher as the scholar.

* 2 Chr. 23. 13.

[13] So as that each course of Priests and Levites might have a course of Singers to answer them, as *ch.* 24. 3. ¶ [14] Without any respect to their different age or abilities.

9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph, the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons *were* twelve:

10 The third to Zaccur, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

11 The fourth to Izri, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

12 The fifth to Nethaniah, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

13 The sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

14 The seventh to Jesharelah, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

15 The eighth to Jeshaiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

16 The ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

17 The tenth to Shimei, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

18 The eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

20 The thirteenth to Shubael, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, *he* his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

24 The seventeenth to Joshbekasha *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

25 The eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

27 The twentieth to Eliathah, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve:

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Chap. 26. 31 The four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, *he*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *The division of the porters.* 13 *The gates assigned by lot.* 20 *The Levites that had the charge of the treasures.*

2988. CONcerning the divisions of the [1] porters: of the Korhites *was* ‖ Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of ‖ Asaph.

‖ Or, *Shelemiah*, vers. 14.

‖ Or, *Ebiasaph*, Chap. 6. 37. & 9. 19.

[1] Who were to open and shut, and watch the Gates, and keep peace about the Temple, and take care of the Treasures, *v.* 20.

2 And the sons of Meshelemiah *were*, Zechariah the first-born, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh.

4 Moreover, the sons of Obed-edom *were*, Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed ‖ [2] him.

‖ That is, Obed-edom, as Chap. 13. 14.

[2] *Psal.* 127. 3. and 128. 1. *Obed-edom*, with a numerous Issue, besides other blessings, for his respect and affection to the Ark, 2 *Sam.* 6. 11.

6 Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they *were* [3] mighty men of valour.

[3] This clause is divers times mention'd, in reference to the Levite-porters, because they needed strength and courage, to keep good orders, and prevent confusion among those multitudes that came together at the solemn Feasts, as well as to keep the Gates.

7 The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren *were* strong men; Elihu and Semachiah.

8 All these of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, *were* threescore and two of Obed-edom.

9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen.

* Chap. 16. 38. 10 Also * Hosah of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for *though* he was not the first-born, yet his father made him the chief.)

11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen.

[4] See on *ch.* 25. 8. 12 Among these *were* the divisions of the porters, *even* among the chief men, [4] *having* wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

‖ Or, *as well for the small as for the great.* 13 ¶ And they cast lots, ‖ as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers [5] for every gate.

[5] To know which of 'em should wait at such a Gate.

‖ *Meshelemiah*, vers. 1. 14 And the lot east-ward fell to ‖ Shelemiah; then for Zechariah his son (a wise counseller) they cast lots, and his lot came out northward.

15 To Obed-edom south-ward, and to his sons, the house of † Asuppim.

† Heb. *gatherings.* 16 To Shuppim and Hosah, *the lot came forth* west-ward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causey of * the going up, ward against ward.

* See 1 Kings 10. 5. 2 Chron. 9. 4. 17 East-ward *were* six Levites, north-ward four a day, south-ward four a day, and toward Asuppim two *and* two.

18 At Parbar west-ward, four at the causey, *and* two at Parbar.

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20 And of the [6] Levites, Ahijah *was* over * the [7] treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the † dedicate things.

* Mal. 3. 10.

† Heb. *holy things.*

[6] Who were Porters besides those of the 24 courses.

¶ [7] *Viz.* Which were in ordinary use.

21 *As concerning* the sons of ‖ Laadan: the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, *even* of Laadan the Gershonite, *were* ‖ Jehieli.

‖ Or, *Libni*, Chap. 6. 17.

22 The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, *which were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD.

‖ Or, *Jehiel*, Chap. 23. 8. & 29. 8.

23 Of the Amramites, *and* the Izharites, the Hebronites, *and* the Uzzielites:

24 And * Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures.

* Chap. 23. 16.

25 And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and * Shelomith his son.

* Chap. 23. 18.

26 Which Shelomith and his brethren, *were* over all the treasures of the dedicate things, which David the king and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the hosts had dedicated.

† Heb. *Out of the battels and spoils.* 27 † Out of the spoils won in battels, did they dedicate [8] to maintain the house of the LORD.

[8] 2 Kings 12. 4.

28 And all that Samuel the * seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, *and* whosoever had dedicated *any thing*, *it was* under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

* 1 Sam. 9. 9.

29 ¶ Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the [9] outward business over [10] Israel, for officers and [11] judges.

[9] *Neh.* 11. 16. To go abroad into the Country to make provision of Wood, Coal, Oyl, Wine, *&c.* ¶ [10] Such Israelites as dwelt up and down in the Country. ¶ [11] See on *ch.* 23. 4.

30 *And* of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, *were* † officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan west-ward, in all business of the LORD, and in the [12] service of the king.

† Heb. *over the charge.*

[12] For the execution of those Decrees he made in pursuance of the Laws of God.

31 Among the Hebronites *was* * Jerijah the chief, *even* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fourtieth year of the reign of David, they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour, * at Jazer of Gilead.

* Chap. 23. 19.

* See Josh. 21. 34, 39.

32 And his brethren, men of valour, *were* two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and † * affairs of the king.

† Heb. *thing.*

* 2 Chron. 19. 11.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *The twelve captains for every several moneth.* 16 *The princes of the tribes.*

NOw the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that [1] served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out moneth by moneth, throughout all the moneths of the year, of every course *were* [2] twenty and four thousand. 2989.

[1] Attended the Court in any Employment that belong'd to their Function, while they were in waiting. ¶ [2] These were the standing Militia of the kingdom.

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2 Over the first course for the first moneth *was* * Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

*2 Sam.23.8. Chap. 11. 11.

3 Of the children of Perez *was* the chief of all the captains of the host for the first moneth.

4 And over the course of the second moneth *was* ‖ Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course *was* Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise *were* twenty and four thousand.

‖ Or, *Dodo*, a Sam.23.9.

5 The third captain of the host for the third moneth *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada a ‖ chief priest: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

‖ Or, *principal Officer.*

6 This *is that* Benaiah *who was* * mighty *among* the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course *was* Amizabad his son.

* 2 Sam.23. 20,22,23. Chap.11.22, &c.

7 The fourth *captain* for the fourth moneth *was* * Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

* 2Sam.23.24. Chap.11.26.

8 The fifth captain for the fifth moneth *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

9 The sixth *captain* for the sixth moneth *was* * Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

* Chap. 11.28.

10 The seventh *captain* for the seventh moneth *was* * Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

* Chap.11.27.

11 The eighth *captain* for the eighth moneth *was* * Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

*.2Sam.21.18.

12 The ninth *captain* for the ninth moneth *was* * Abiezer the Anethothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

* Chap.11.28.

13 The tenth *captain* for the tenth moneth *was* * Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

* 2Sam.23.28.

14 The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh moneth *was* * Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

* Chap.11.31.

15 The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth moneth *was* ‖ Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

‖ Or, *Heled*, Chap.11.30.

16 ¶ Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel: the [3] ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri; of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah;

[3] Civil Officers, (as the former were Military.)

17 Of the Levites, * Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; of the Aaronites, Zadok;

* Chap.26.30.

18 Of Judah, * Elihu *one* of the brethren of David; of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;

¶ 1 Sam. 16.6, *Eliab.*

19 Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel;

20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;

21 Of the half-*tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;

22 Of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These *were* the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23 ¶ But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: [4] because the LORD had said he would increase Israel like the stars of the heavens.

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[4] *q. d.* Lest he might seem to doubt of the promise of God, (*Gen.*15.5. See there.) And therefore to number 'em all had been an endless labour, and questioning the truth of God's promise.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah [5] began to number, but he finished not, because * there [6] fell wrath for it against Israel; [7] neither † was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

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2Sam.24.15. Chap. 27.7. † Heb. *ascended.*

[5] *Ch.*21.4. ¶ [6] *ch.*21.14. ¶ [7] Which *David* would not suffer to be done, when he became sensible of his sin.

25 ¶ And over the kings treasures *was* Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the store-houses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, *was* Jehonathan the son of Uzziah.

26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground *was* Ezri the son of Chelub.

27 And over the vineyards *was* Shimei the Ramathite: † over the increase of the vineyards for the wine-cellars *was* Zabdi the Shiphmite.

† Heb. *over that which was of the vineyards.*

28 And over the olive-trees and the sycomore-trees that *were* in the low plains, *was* Baalhanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oyl *was* Joash.

29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds *that were* in the valleys *was* Shaphat the son of Adlai.

30 Over the camels also *was* Obil the Ishmelite: and over the asses *was* Jehdeiah the Meronothite.

31 And over the flocks *was* Jaziz the Hagerite. All these *were* the rulers of the substance which *was* king Davids.

32 Also Jonathan Davids [8] uncle was a counseller, a wise man, and a ‖ scribe; and Jehiel the ‖ son of Hachmoni *was* with the kings sons.

[8] Nephew. ‖ Or, *secretary.* ‖ Or, *Hachmonite.*

33 And Ahithophel *was* the kings [9] counseller; and Hushai the Archite *was* the kings [10] companion.

[9] 2 *Sam.*16.23. ¶ [10] 2 *Sam.*15.37. A most faithful Favourite, 2 *Sam.*17.7. *&c.*

34 And after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the kings army *was* * Joab.

* Chap.11.6.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *David exhorteth to praise God: 9, 20 He encourageth Solomon to build the temple.*

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AND David [1] assembled all the princes of Israel, the [2] princes of the tribes, and the [3] captains of the companies that ministred to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the [4] stewards over all the substance, and ‖ possession of the king, and ‖ of his sons, with the ‖ officers, and with * the mighty men, and with all the valiant men unto Jerusalem.

‖ Or, *cattel.* ‖ Or, *and his sons,* ‖ Or, *eunuchs.* Chap.11.10.

[1] *Ch.*23.2. ¶ [2] *ch.*27.16 *&c.* ¶ [3] *ch.*27.1. *&c.* ¶ [4] *ch.*27.25. *&c.*

2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my [5] brethren, and my people, *As for me*, * I had [6] in mine heart to build an house of [7] rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the [8] footstool of our God, and had [9] made ready for the building:

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[5] *Deut.*17.20. *Psal.*22.22. ¶ [6] *ch.*17.1. *&c.* ¶ [7] *ch.* 6. -31. Where it might be fix'd. ¶ [8] *Psal.*99. 5. and 132. 7. *Lam.*2.1. The Ark. ¶ [9] *ch.*22.2-4,14-16.

3 But God said unto me, * Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed † bloud.

* 2 Sam. 7. 5, 13. 1 Kings 5.3. Chap.22.8. † Heb. *bloods:*

4 Howbeit, the LORD God of Israel chose me [10] before all the house of my father, to be king over all Israel for [11] ever: for he hath chosen

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sen Judah *to be* the [12] ruler; and of the house of Judah, * the house of my father; and * among the sons of my father, he liked me to make *me* king over all Israel.

* 1 Sam. 16.1
* 1 Sam. 16.12.

[10] 1 *Sam.* 16. 12. ¶ [11] See on *ch.* 17. 12. ¶ [12] *Gen.* 49. 8. *Psal.* 78.68.

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5 And * of all my sons (for the LORD hath given me [13] many sons) he hath chosen Solomon my son, to sit upon the throne of the kingdom [14] of the LORD over Israel.

[13] *Ch.* 3.1. *&c.* ¶ [14] *ch.* 17.14. & 29. 23. Whereof he is King in a more especial manner.

* 2 Sam. 7.13, 14. Ch. 22. 9. 2 Chron. 1.9.
[15] *ch.* 17. 11-14.

6 And he said unto me, * [15] Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him *to be* my son, and I will be his father.

† Heb. *strong.*

7 Moreover, I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be † constant to do my commandments and my judgments, [16] as at this day.

[16] 1 *Kings* 8.-61. As he has begun, and hitherto continued in some measure to do.

8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and [17] seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: [18] that ye may possess this good land, and leave *it* for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

[17] To be instructed in what you know not. ¶ [18] Deut. 4. 1, 26.

9 ¶ And thou, Solomon my son, [19] know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a [20] perfect heart, and with [20] a willing mind: for * the LORD [21] searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the [22] imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be [23] found of thee; but if thou [24] forsake him, he will [25] cast thee off for ever.

* 1 King. 8.39. Chap. 29.17. Psal. 7.9. & 139.2. Prov. 17.3. Jer. 11.20. & 17.10. & 20.12. Rev. 2.23.

[19] Deut. 4.35. Jer. 9.24, Joh. 17.3. Hos. 4.1. So as to love and serve him. ¶ [20] 1 *Kings* 8.61. 2 *Kings* 20. 3. There can't be willingness without sincerity, nor sincerity without willingness. ¶ [21] 1 *Sam.* 16. 7. See there. ¶ [22] The first motions of the Soul. ¶ [23] See on *Matth.* 7.7. ¶ [24] 1 *Kin.* 18.18. ¶ [25] 2 *Kings* 23.27.

10 Take heed now, for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong and do *it*.

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11 ¶ Then David gave to Solomon his son the [26] pattern of the [27] porch, and of the [28] houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the [29] inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy-seat,

[26] *Exod.* 25.40. ¶ [27] The whole body of the Temple. ¶ [28] The several rooms in it. ¶ [29] Some of the rooms built about the wall of the house.

† Heb. *of all that was with him.*
[30] *Vers.* 19.
[31] *ch.* 26.26,27.

12 And the pattern † of all that he had by the [30] spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of [31] the dedicate things.

13 Also for the courses of the Priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD:

14 *He gave* of gold by weight, for *things* of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service, *silver also* for all instruments of silver, by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:

15 Even the weight for the [32] candlesticks of gold, and for their [32] lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the [33] candlesticks of silver by weight, *both* for the candlestick and *also* for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

[32] 1 *Kings* 7.49. ¶ [33] To be carried up and down, and us'd in their Chambers.

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16 And by weight *he gave* gold for the Tables of shew-bread, for [34] every table; and *likewise* silver for the tables of [35] silver;

[34] 1 *Kings* 7. 48. 2 *Chron.* 4.8. ¶ [35] In the Courts and their Chambers.

17 Also [36] pure gold for the [37] flesh-hooks, and the bowls and the cups: and for the golden basons *he gave gold* by weight for every bason; and *likewise silver* by weight for every bason of silver:

[36] 1 *Kings* 10. 21. 2 *Chron.* 4. 20. ¶ [37] 1 *Sam.* 2.13,14.

18 And for the altar of incense, refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the [38] chariot of the * cherubims, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

* 1 Sam. 4.4. 1 Kings 6. 23. &c.

[38] When God was said to sit, (*Psal.* 99. 1.) and dwell, (*ch.* 13.6.) and to ride upon 'em, *Psal.* 18.10.

19 All *this*, *said David*, * the LORD made me understand in writing by *his* [39] hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.

* See Exod. 25.40.

[39] By the power of his Spirit, *verse* 12.

20 And David said to Solomon his son, * [40] Be strong, and of good courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee, he will [41] not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

* Deut. 31.7,8. [40] *ch.* 22.13. [41] *Josh.* 1.5.

21 And Behold, the courses of the Priests and the Levites, *even they shall be with thee* for all the service of the house of God, and *there shall be* with thee for all manner of workmanship, * every willing skilful man for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment.

* Exod. 35.25, 26. & 36.1,2.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *David by his example causeth the princes and people to offer:* 10 *His thanksgivings:* 26 *His reign and death.*

FUrthermore, David the king said unto all [1] the congregation, [2] Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet* young and [3] tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God.

[1] *ch.* 28.1. [2] *ch.* 22.5. [3]

2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God, the gold for *things to be made* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; * onyx-stones, and *stones* [4] to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble-stones in abundance.

* See Isa. 54. 11,12. Rev. 21.18. &c.
[4] Which are usually set in Rings.

3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine [5] own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

[5] That which I had reserv'd for my own use, after I had set apart what was beforementioned, for God.

4 *Even* [6] three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of * Ophir, and [6] seven thousand talents of refined silver, [7] to overlay the walls of the houses *withal*:

* 1 Kings 9.28.
[6] About an hundred twenty five Tun. ¶ [6] About two hundred ninety three Tun. ¶ [7] The Holy and Holy of Holies were overlaid with plates of Gold, the other Rooms with plates of silver, as they saw good.

5 The gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for

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for *things* of ſilver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is [8] willing † to [9] conſecrate his ſervice this day unto the LORD?

† Heb. *to fill his hand.*

[8] *Exod.*35.5. ¶ [9] To beſtow any gifts, as I have done.

6 ¶ Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Iſrael, and the captains of thouſands and of hundreds, with * the rulers over the kings work, offered [10] willingly.

* Chap.27.25. &c.

[10] 2 *Cor.*9.7.

7 And gave for the ſervice of the houſe of God, of gold, [11] five thouſand talents, and [12] ten thouſand drams; and of ſilver, [13] ten thouſand talents; and of braſs [14] eighteen thouſand talents; and [15] one hundred thouſand talents of iron.

[11] About two hundred and nine Tun. ¶ [12] About eleven thouſand pound ſterling. ¶ [13] About four hundred and eighteen Tun. ¶ [14] About ſeven hundred fifty three Tun. ¶ [15] About four thouſand one hundred eighty five Tun.

8 And they with whom *precious* ſtones were [16] found, gave *them* to the treaſure of the houſe of the LORD, by the hand of * Jehiel the Gerſhonite.

[16] *Exod.*35.23. &c.

* Chap.26.21.

9 Then the people rejoyced, for that they offered [17] willingly, becauſe with [18] perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king alſo rejoyced with great joy.

[17] *Judg.*5.9. ¶ [18] A ſincere intent to honour God thereby (and not for vain oſtentation ſake.)

10 ¶ Wherefore David bleſſed the LORD before all the congregation: and David ſaid, Bleſſed *be* thou, LORD God of Iſrael, our father, for ever and ever.

* Matth.6.13.

11 * [19] Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatneſs, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majeſty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art [20] exalted as head above all.

[19] *Rev.*5.12,13. 1 *Tim.*1.17. ¶ [20] Owned to be the moſt High God.

12 Both [21] riches and [22] honour *come* [23] of thee, and thou [24] reigneſt over all, and in thine hand *is* power and might, and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give ſtrength unto all.

[21] *Prov.*10.22. ¶ [22] *Pſal.*75.6,7. ¶ [23] *Jam.*1.17. ¶ [24] *Dan.* 6.26.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praiſe thy glorious name.

14 But [25] who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we ſhould † be able to offer ſo [26] willingly after this ſort? for [27] all things *come* of thee, and † of [28] thine own have we given thee.

† Heb. *retain*, or *obtain ſtrength.*

† Heb. *of thine hand.*

[25] *Pſal.*115.1. 1 *Cor.*3.5. ¶ [26] Not only ability, but Will to do good, comes from God, *Phil.* 2.13. ¶ [27] That we have Ability according to our hearts, and hearts according to our Ability is from God. ¶ [28] *Rom.*11.36.

15 For we *are* [29] ſtrangers before thee, and ſojourners, [30] as *were* all our fathers: our days on the earth *are* as a [31] ſhadow, and *there is* none † [32] abiding.

† Heb. *expectation.*

¶ [29] *Pſal.*39.12. *Heb.* 11.13. 1 *Pet.*2.11. ¶ [30] *Gen.*47.9. ¶ [31] *Job* 14.2. *Pſal.*102.11. and 109.23. and 144.4. *Eccl.* 6.12. and 8.13. ¶ [32] (And therefore we can't better beſtow our Goods, than on him who can give us an eternal Inheritance.)

16 O LORD our God, all this ſtore that we have prepared to build thee an houſe for thine holy name, *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own.

17 I know alſo, my God, that thou [33] trieſt the heart, and haſt [34] pleaſure in uprightneſs. As for me, in the uprightneſs of mine heart I have willingly offered all theſe things: and now have I ſeen with joy, thy people which are ‖ preſent here, to offer willingly unto thee.

‖ Or, *found.*

[33] *Ch.*28.9. 1 *Sam.*16.7. *Pſal.*7.9. and diſcern'dſt the integrity thereof. ¶ [34] *Pſal.*51.6. *Prov.*11.20.

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18 O LORD God of Abraham, Iſaac, and of Iſrael our fathers, [35] keep this for ever in the [36] imagination of the thought of the heart of thy people, and ‖ [37] prepare their heart unto thee.

‖ Or, *ſtabliſh*

[35] *Jer.*10.23. Preſerve and increaſe their holy Zeal which they have now manifeſted, and this readineſs to conſecrate themſelves, and all they have to thy ſervice. ¶ [36] *Ch.*28.9. In their purpoſes and reſolutions. ¶ [37] *Pſal.*119.5. or, *eſtabliſh*, *Phil.*1.6.

19 And give unto Solomon my ſon a perfect heart to keep thy commandments, thy teſtimonies, and thy ſtatutes, and to do all *theſe things*, and to build the palace *for* the which I have made proviſion.

20 ¶ And David ſaid to all the congregation, [38] Now bleſs the LORD your God. And all the congregation bleſſed the LORD God of their fathers, and [39] bowed down their heads, and worſhiped the LORD, and the king. 2986.

[38] *Pſal.*103.1,2,20. *&c.* ¶ [39] *Gen.*24.26. *Exod.*4.31.

21 And they ſacrificed ſacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD on the morrow after that day, *even* [40] a thouſand bullocks, a thouſand rams, *and* a thouſand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and ſacrifices in abundance for all Iſrael:

[40] 1 *Kin.*8.63.

22 And did [41] eat and drink [42] before the LORD on that day with great gladneſs, and they made Solomon the ſon of David king the [43] ſecond time, and anointed *him* [44] unto the LORD *to be* the chief governour, and [45] Zadok *to be* prieſt.

[41] 1 *King.*8.65. ¶ [42] 1 *King.*8.62. In a ſolemn and religious manner, as in God's preſence. ¶ [43] The firſt time was, when *David* firſt declared him his Succeſſor, *ch.*23.1. 1 *King.* 1.38,39. ¶ [44] Devoted him to his Service. ¶ [45] 1 *King.* 2.35.

23 Then Solomon ſat on the throne [46] of the LORD as king inſtead of David his father, and [47] proſpered, and [48] all Iſrael obeyed him.

¶ [46] See on *ch.*28.5. ¶ [47] *ch.*22.11. ¶ [48] *ch.*18.14.

24 And all the princes and the mighty men, and all the ſons likewiſe of king David † ſubmitted themſelves unto Solomon the king.

† Heb. *gave the hand under Solomon.*

25 And the LORD [49] magnified Solomon exceedingly in the ſight of all Iſrael, * and beſtowed upon him *ſuch* royal majeſty as had [50] not been on any king before him in Iſrael.

See Gen.24.2. & 47.29. Ezek.17.18. * Eccleſ.2.9.

[49] Beſtowed upon him abundance of Wiſdom, Wealth, Honour, Peace, and other excellencies. ¶ [50] 1 *King.*1.37, 47. and 3.13. 2 *Chron.*1.12.

26 ¶ Thus David the ſon of Jeſſe reigned over all Iſrael.

27 And the [51] time that he reigned over Iſrael, *was* forty years; * ſeven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three *years* reigned he in Jeruſalem.

[51] 1 *King.*2.11. * 2 Sam.5.5.

28 And he died in a [52] good old age, [53] full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his ſon reigned in his ſtead. 2990.

[52] Free from the uſual infirmities of old Age. ¶ [53] See on *ch.*23.1.

29 Now the acts of David the king, firſt and laſt, behold, they *are* written in the ‖ † book of Samuel the ſeer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the ſeer,

‖ Or, *hiſtory.* † Heb. *words.*

30 With all his reign and his might, and the [54] times that went over him, and over Iſrael, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

[54] The various occurrents that fell out in his time, and that befel himſelf, his people, and other Countries.

II. CHRONICLES.

The ARGUMENT.

THis Book chiefly relates what concerns the Kingdom of Judah, with an intermixture of some few passages concerning the Kingdom of Israel.

CHAP. I.

1 *The solemn offering of Solomon at Gibeon:* 7 *His choice of wisdom is blessed by God.* 12 *His strength and wealth.*

AND Solomon the son of David was [1] strengthned in his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* [2] with him, and [3] magnified him exceedingly.

[1] 1 *King.* 2. 12,46. 1 *Chron.* 29. 24. and *ch.* 11. 10. Fully setled and confirmed against all opposition. ¶ [2] *Gen.*21,22. 2 *King.*18. 7. 2 *Sam.*5.10. *Rom.*8.31. ¶ [3] See on 1 *Chron.* 29. 25.

2 Then Solomon [4] spake unto [5] all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

[4] *Viz.* Concerning his intent of going to *Gibeon*, and their waiting upon him thither. ¶ [5] 1 *Chron.* 28. 1. and 29. 1.

3 So Solomon and all the congregation with him, went to the [6] high place that *was* at Gibeon, for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had [7] made in the wilderness.

[6] 1 *King.* 3. 4. 1 *Chron.* 16. 39. and 21. 29. ¶ [7] *Exod.* 36. 37, 38.

4 * But the ark of God had David [8] brought up from Kirjath-jearim, to *the* [9] *place which* David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a [10] tent for it at Jerusalem.

* 2 Sam. 6. 2, 17. 2959.

[8] 1 *Chron.* 13. 5, 6. and 15. 28. ¶ [9] 1 *Chron.* 15. 1. ¶ [10] 1 *Chr.* 16. 1.

5 Moreover,* the [11] brazen altar that * Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, ‖ he put [12] before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation [13] sought unto it.

* Exod. 27. 1, 2
* Exod. 31. 2.
‖ Or, *was there.*

[11] *Exod.* 38. 1. ¶ [12] In the Priests Court, just before the entrance into the Tabernacle. ¶ [13] Offered Sacrifices and worshipped God there, *v.* 6.

6 And Solomon went up thither to the brazen altar [14] before the LORD, which *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a [15] thousand burnt-offerings upon it.

[14] *Lev.* 1. -3. See there.
[15] 1 *King.* 3. 4. 2991.

7 ¶ In that night did God [16] appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

[16] See on 1 *King.* 3. 5. -13

8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to [17] reign in his stead.

[17] 1 *Chr.* 28. 5. & 29. 23.

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy [18] promise unto David my father be [19] established: * for thou hast made me king over a people, † like the dust of the earth in multitude.

* 1 King. 3. 7.

† Heb. *much as the dust of the earth.*

[18] The mercy promised. ¶ [19] 1 *King.* 8, 26. Confirm'd to him and his Posterity.

10 *Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may * go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people *that is so* great?

* 1 King. 3. 9. * Num. 27. 17.

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledg for thy self, that thou mayest judge my people over whom I have made thee king:

12 Wisdom and knowledg *is* granted unto thee, and I will give thee riches and wealth, and honour, such as * none of the kings have had, that *have been* before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

* 1 Chr. 29 25. Chap. 9. 22. Eccl. 2. 9.

13 ¶ Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that *was* at Gibeon, to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and [20] reigned over Israel.

[20] *Viz.* Peaceably and quietly, 1 *King.* 4. 24, 25.

14 * And Solomon [21] gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

* 1 King. 4. 26. & 10. 26. &c. Chap. 9. 25.

[21] 1 *King.* 10. 26–29. See there.

15 * And the king † made silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as stones, and cedar-trees made he as the sycomore-trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.

* 1 King. 10. 27. Cha. 9. 27. Job. 22. 24.
† Heb. *gave.*

16 * And † Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the kings merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

* 1 Kin. 10. 28. Cha. 9. 28.
† Heb. *the going forth of the horses which was Solomons.*

17 And they fetcht up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, † by their means.

† Heb. *by their hand.*

CHAP. II.

1, 17 *Solomons labourers for the building of the temple:* 3 *His message to Huram,* 11 *and Hurams kind answer.*

AND Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom. 2992.

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A Royal Palace for himself and his Successors.

2 And * Solomon told out [a] threescore and ten thousand men to bear burthens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

* Vers. 18.
[a] 1 *King.*5.15, 16.

3 ¶ And Solomon sent to ‖ Huram the king of Tyre, saying, * As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst [3] send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me.*

‖ Or, *Hiram*, 1 King.5.1.
[3] 2 *Sam.*5.11. 1 *Chron.*14.1.

4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to [4] dedicate *it* to him, *and* to burn before him † sweet incense, and for the [5] continual shew-bread, and for the burnt-offerings morning and evening on the [6] sabbaths, and on the [7] new moons, and on the [8] solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel.

† Heb. *incense of spices.*

[4] 1 *King.* 8.-63. See there. ¶ [5] *Numb.* 4. 7. See there. ¶ [6] *Numb.*28.9,10. ¶ [7] *Numb.*28.11.*&c.* ¶ [8] *Numb.* 28. 16. &c.

5 And the house which I build *is* [9] great: for [10] great *is* our God [11] above all gods.

[9] 1 *King.*22.5. ¶ [10] 1 *Chron.*16.25. ¶ [11] *Exod.* 15. 11. See there.

6 But who † is able to build him an house, [12] seeing the heaven, and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then that I should build him an house, save only to [13] burn sacrifice before him?

† Heb. *hath retained*, or *obtained strength.*

[12] *Ch.*6.18. 1 *King.*8.27. *Isa.*66.1. ¶ [13] To worship him in, according to his appointment.

7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill † to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did [14] provide.

† Heb *to grave gravings.*
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[14] 1 *Chr.*22.15

8 Send me also [15] cedar-trees, fir-trees, and ‖ algum-trees out of Lebanon: (for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon) and behold, my servants *shall be* with thy servants,

[15] 1 *King.*5.6.
‖ Or, *almuggim* 1 King.10.11.

9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build, *shall be* † [9] wonderful great.

† Heb. *great and wonderful*

10 And behold, I will [16] give to thy servants the hewers that cut timber [17] twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and [17] twenty thousand measures of barley, and [18] twenty thousand baths of wine, and [18] twenty thousand baths of oyl.

[16] 1 *King.*5.11. ¶ [17] *i. e.* Twenty one thousand two hundred and fifty Quarters, according to *Wincheſter* measure. See on 1 *King.* 5.11. ¶ [18] Above twenty nine thousand Hogsheads.

11 ¶ Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath [19] loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

[19] 1 *King* 10.9.

12 Huram said moreover, [20] Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel * that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, † endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

[20] 1 *King.*5.7.
* Gen.1.&2. Psal.33.6. & 102.25.& 124.8. & 136.5,6. Acts 4.24. & 14.15. Rev. 10.16.
† Heb. *knowing prudence and understanding.*

13 And now I have sent a cunning man (endued with understanding) of Huram my fathers.

14 The son of a woman of the daughters of [21] Dan, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson: also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.

[21] See on 1 *King.*7.14.

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15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oyl and the wine, which * my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants:

* Vers. 10.

16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, † as much as thou shalt need, and we will [22] bring it to thee in flotes by sea to † Joppa, and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.

† Heb. *according to all thy need.*
[22] 1 *King.*5.9.
† Heb. *Japho.*

17 ¶ * And Solomon numbred all † the [23] strangers that *were* in the land of Israel after the numbring wherewith * [24] David his father had numbred them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.

* 1 King.5.13. & 9.20.
† Heb. *the men the strangers.*
[23] 1 *Kin.*9.20, 21.
[24] 1 *Chr.*22.2.
* As ver. 2.

18 And he set * threescore and ten thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand *to be* hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

CHAP. III.

1 *The place and time of building the temple.* 3 *The measure and ornaments of the house.* 11 *The cherubims.*

THen * Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount [1] Moriah, ‖ where the *LORD* [2] appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had [3] prepared in the [4] threshing-floor of ‖ Ornan the Jebusite.

* 1 King.6.1, &c.
‖ Or, *which was seen of David.*
‖ Or, *Araunah*, 2 Sam.24.18.
[1] *Gen.*22.2. ¶ [2] 2 *Sam.*24.-16. 1 *Chron.*21.15. ¶ [3] 1 *Chr.* 22.1. By pulling down the old Buildings, levelling the ground. *&c.* ¶ [4] 1 *Chron.*21.15,20.

2 And he [5] began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

[5] 1 *King.*6.1. 2992.

3 ¶ Now these *are the things wherein* Solomon was † [6] instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the [7] first measure *was* [8] threescore cubits, and the breadth [9] twenty cubits.

† Heb, *founded*
[6] 1 *Chron.*28.11–19. ¶ [7] Such measure as was used in the first and most antient times. ¶ [8] 1 *King.*6.2. One hundred and nine feet six inches. ¶ [9] Thirty six feet six inches.

4 And the [10] porch that *was* in the front *of the house*, the length *of it was* according to the breadth of the house, [9] twenty cubits, and the height *was* an [11] hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

[10] 1 *King.*6.3. ¶ [11] Two hundred and nineteen feet.

5 And the [12] greater house he [13] ceiled with fir-tree, which he [14] overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm-trees and chains.

[12] The holy place, (which was as big again as the most Holy.) ¶ [13] Wainscoted. ¶ [14] 1 *King.*6.21, 22. Not all over, but in certain places which might be most ornamental.

6 And he † garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim.

† Heb. *covered*

7 He [14] overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof with gold, and graved [15] cherubims on the walls.

[15] 1 *King.*6.23

8 And he made the most holy house, [16] the length whereof *was* according to the breadth of the house, [9] twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof [9] twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold *amounting* to [17] six hundred talents.

[16] 1 *King.*6.20. ¶ [17] In quantity about twenty five Tun, or Cart-loads.

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9 And the weight [18] of the nails *was* [19] fifty ſhekels of gold: and he overlaid [20] the upper chambers with gold.

[18] Of each nail. ¶ [19] A pound and nine ounces *Averdupois.* ¶ [20] 1 *Chron.*28.11.

10 And in the moſt holy houſe he made two [21] cherubims of ‖ image-work, and overlaid them with gold.

‖ Or, as ſome think, *of moveable work.*

[21] 1 *Kings* 6.23. Made in ſhape of young men, or boys.

[22] 1 *Kings* 6. 24–27.

11 ¶ And the [22] wings of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits long: one wing *of the one cherub was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the houſe: and the other wing *was likewiſe* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

12 And *one* wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the houſe: and the other wing *was* five cubits *alſo*, joyning to the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of theſe cherubims ſpread themſelves forth twenty cubits: and they ſtood on their feet, and their faces *were* ‖ [23] inward.

‖ Or, *toward the houſe.*

[23] Towards the Ark, (which they covered, *ch.* 5.8.)

* Mat.27.51. † Heb. *cauſed to aſcend.*

14 ¶ And he made the * [24] vail *of* blue, and purple, and crimſon, and fine linen, and † wrought cherubims thereon.

[24] Between the holy place and moſt holy, 1 *Kings* 6. 21.

† Heb. *long.*

15 Alſo he made before the houſe [25] two pillars of [26] thirty and five cubits † high, and the chapiter that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits.

[25] 1 *Kings* 7.15. *&c. Jer.* 52.21. ¶ [26] Sixty three feet eleven inches; both of 'em together.

* 1 Kin. 7. 20.

16 And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars, and made * an hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains.

[27] 1 *Kin.* 7.21.

17 And he [27] reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand ‖ Jachin, and the name of that on the left, ‖ Boaz.

‖ That is, *He ſhall eſtabliſh.* ‖ That is, *In it is ſtrength.*

CHAP. IV.

1 The altar of braſs. 2 The molten ſea, 6 The ten lavers, candleſticks, and tables. 19 The inſtruments of gold.

MOreover, he made an [1] altar of braſs, [2] twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and [3] ten cubits the height thereof.

[1] *Exod.*27.1. ¶ [2] Thirty ſix feet and an half. ¶ [3] Eighteen feet three inches. It was made ſo high, that the people out of their Court might ſee the Offerings laid upon the Altar, and burning, and thereby be put in mind of the Sacrifice of Chriſt.

[4] 1 *Kings* 7. 23–26. † Heb. *from his brim to his brim.*

2 ¶ Alſo he made a [4] molten ſea of [3] ten cubits, † from brim to brim, round in compaſs, and five cubits the height thereof, and a line of thirty cubits did compaſs it round about.

* 1 Kin. 7.24.

3 And * under it *was* the ſimilitude of oxen, which did compaſs it round about: ten in a cubit compaſſing the ſea round about. Two rows of oxen *were* caſt, when it was caſt.

4 It ſtood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the weſt, and three looking toward the ſouth, and three looking toward the eaſt: and the ſea *was ſet* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

‖ Or, *like a lily-flower.*

5 And the thickneſs of it *was* a hand-breadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, ‖ with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thouſand baths.

[5] 1 *Kings* 7.38.

6 ¶ He made alſo [5] ten lavers, and put five on the right hand and five on the left, to waſh in them: † ſuch things as they offered for the burnt-offering, they waſhed in them; but the ſea *was* for the prieſts to waſh in.

† Heb. *the work of burnt-offering.*

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7 And he made [6] ten candleſticks of gold according to their [7] form, and ſet *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

[6] 1 *Kings* 7. 49. ¶ [7] Preſcrib'd by God to *Moſes*, *Exod.* 25.31. *&c.*

8 He made alſo [8] ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right ſide, and five on the left: and he made an hundred ‖ baſons of gold.

‖ Or, *bowls.*

[8] One of which was for the Shew-bread, (1 *Kings* 7.48.) the other for other uſes.

* 1 Kin. 6.36. [9] 1 *King.*7.12. For the people.

9 ¶ Furthermore, * he made the court of the prieſts, and the [9] great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with braſs.

[10] 1 *Kin.*7. 39.

10 And he [10] ſet the ſea on the right ſide of the eaſt-end, over againſt the ſouth.

[11] 1 *King.*7.45. ‖ Or, *bowls.* † Heb. *finiſhed to make.*

11 And Huram made the [11] pots, and the ſhovels, and the ‖ baſons, and Huram † finiſhed the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the houſe of God.

* 1 Kin.7.41.

12 *To wit*, the [12] two pillars, and * the [13] pommels, and the [14] chapiters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* on the top of the pillars:

[12] *Ch.*3.15. ¶ [13] Or, bowls, 1 *Kings* 7.41. ¶ [14] 1 *Kin.* 7.16,17.

[15] 1 *Kin.* 7.20.

13 And [15] four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* † upon the pillars.

‡ Heb. *upon the face.*

[16] 1 *Kin.* 7.27. *&c.* ‖ Or, *caldrons.*

14 He made alſo [16] baſes; and ‖ lavers made he upon the baſes;

15 One ſea, and twelve oxen under it:

[17] 1 *Kings* 7. 45, 46. ¶ [18] *Exod.* 27. 3. 2 *Chron.* 28. 17. ¶ [19] *Solomon*'s father: as he us'd to call him, out of that great reſpect he bore to him for his extraordinary skill.

† Heb. *made bright*, or *ſcoured.*

16 The [17] pots alſo and the ſhovels, and the [18] fleſh-hooks, and all their inſtruments, did Huram [19] his father make to king Solomon for the houſe of the LORD of † bright braſs.

* 1 Kin.7.46. † Heb. *thickneſſes of the ground.*

17 * In the plain of Jordan did the king caſt them, in the † clay-ground, between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 Thus Solomon made all theſe veſſels in great abundance: for the weight of the braſs could not be found out.

* 1 Kin. 7.48.

19 ¶ And * Solomon made all the veſſels that *were* for the houſe of God, the golden altar alſo, and the tables whereon * the ſhew-bread *was ſet*;

* Exod.25 30.

20 Moreover, the candleſticks with their lamps, that they ſhould burn * [20] after the manner, before the oracle, of pure gold;

*Ex.27.20, 21.

[20] According as the Lamps in the Tabernacle did.

* Exod.25.31, &c. † Heb. *perfections of gold.* ‖ Or, *bowls.*

21 And * the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *made he of* gold, *and* that † perfect gold.

22 And the ſnuffers, and the ‖ baſons, and the ſpoons, and the cenſers, *of* [21] pure gold: and the entry of the houſe, the inner doors thereof for the moſt holy *place*, and the doors of the houſe of the temple, *were of* gold.

[21] *i. e.* Cover'd with plates thereof; for 1 *Kings* 6.31. *&c*

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1 *The dedicated treasures.* 2 *The bringing up of the ark of the covenant.* 11 *God being praised, giveth a sign of his favour.*

3000. 1 THus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD, was finished: and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedicated; and the [1] silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

[1] 1 *Kings* 7.51. See there. ¶ [2] The remainder of those vast sums mention'd 1 *Chron.* 22.14.

3001. 2 ¶ [3] Then Solomon assembled the elders of
3 1 *Kings* 8. 1–11. See there. Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD, out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled
* See Chap. 7. 8,9,10. themselves unto the king * in the feast, which *was* in the seventh moneth.

4 And all the elders of Israel came, and the
4 Levites took up the ark.

4 Who were Priests, 1 *Kin.* 8.-3. 5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the Priests *and* the Levites bring up.

6 Also king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before
5 1 *Chr* 29.21. the ark, [5] sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbred for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house into the most holy *place, even* under the wings of the cherubims.

8 For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof, above.

9 And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle, but they were not seen
‖ Or, *They are there*, as 1 Kin. 8.8. without. And ‖ there it is unto [6] this day.

6 When this History was written. 10 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses * put *therein* at Horeb, ‖ when
* Deut. 10.2,5. Chap. 6.11. the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

‖ Or, *where.* † Heb. *found.* 11 And it came to pass when the priests were come out of the holy *place* (for all the priests *that were* † present were [7] sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait by course.

[7] 1 *Chron.* 15.14. Being all employ'd together, upon this extraordinary occasion.

8 1 *Chron.* 25. 1.&c. 12 Also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them [8] of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons, and their brethren; *being* arayed in white linen, having cymbals, and psalteries, and harps, stood at the east-end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty
3001. priests, sounding with trumpets)

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lift up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals, and instruments of musick, and
9 1 *Chr.* 16.34. praised the LORD, *saying*, [9] For *he is* good, for
10 1 *Kings* 8. 10,11. his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was [10] filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD;

* Exod. 40.35. Chap. 7.2.. 14 * So that the priests could [10] not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

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CHAP. VI.

1 *Solomon having blessed the people, blesseth God:* 12 *His prayer at the consecration of the temple.*

3000. THen said Solomon, The LORD hath said
* Lev. 16.2. that he would dwell in the * thick darkness.

[1] See on 1 *Kings* 8. from verse 12. to the end of the Chapter.

2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood;

4 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled *that* which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any [2] man to be a ruler over my people Israel:

[2] *Viz.* As I did *David*; whose Seed should continue on the Throne so long, and who should be such a special Type of Christ.

* Chap. 12.13. 6 But * I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and * have chosen David
* 1 Chr. 28.4. to be over my people Israel.

* 2 Sam. 7.2. 1 Chron. 17.1. & 28.2. 7 Now * it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

8 But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart:

9 Notwithstanding, thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loyns, he shall build the house for my name.

10 The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

* Chap. 5.10. 11 And in it I have put the ark; * wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD that he made with the children of Israel.

12 ¶ And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands.

3001. 13 (For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold,
† Heb. *the length thereof*, &c. of five cubits † long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the [3] midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands towards heaven,)

[3] *Viz.* Of the people: where it remain'd for Kings to stand upon, 2 *Kings* 11.14. and 23. 3.

* Exod. 15.11. Deut. 4.39. & 7.9. 14 And said, O LORD God of Israel, * *there* *is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

* 1 Chr. 22.9 15 * Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

*2 Sam. 7.12, 16.1 King. 2.4. & 6.12. † Heb. *There shall not a man be cut off.* * Psal. 132.12. 16 Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, * † There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; * yet so, that thy children

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dren take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou haſt walked before me.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Iſrael, let thy word be verified, which thou haſt ſpoken unto thy ſervant David.

18 (But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? * behold, heaven, and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much leſs this houſe which I have built!)

* Chap.2.6. Iſa.66.1. Act. 7.49.

19 Have reſpect therefore to the prayer of thy ſervant, and to his ſupplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy ſervant prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may be open upon this houſe day and night, upon the place whereof thou haſt ſaid, that thou wouldſt put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer, which thy ſervant prayeth || towards this place.

|| Or, *in this place.*

21 Hearken therefore unto the ſupplications of thy ſervant, and of thy people Iſrael, which they ſhall † make towards this place: hear thou from thy dwelling-place, *even* from heaven; and when thou heareſt, forgive.

† Heb. *pray.*

22 ¶ If a man ſin againſt his neighbour, † and an oath be laid upon him, to make him ſwear, and the oath come before thine altar in this houſe:

† Heb. *and he require an oath of him.*

23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy ſervants by requiting the wicked, by recompenſing his way upon his own head, and by juſtifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteouſneſs.

24 ¶ And if thy people Iſrael be || put to the worſe before the enemy, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee; and ſhall return and confeſs thy name, and pray and make ſupplication before thee || in this houſe:

|| Or, *be ſmitten*

|| Or, *towards.*

25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the ſin of thy people Iſrael, and bring them again unto the land which thou gaveſt to them, and to their fathers.

26 ¶ When the heaven is [4] ſhut up, and there is no rain, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee; *yet* if they pray towards this place, and confeſs thy name, and turn from their ſin when thou doſt afflict them:

[4] 1 *King.*17.1. 3100.

27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the ſin of thy ſervants, and of thy people Iſrael, when thou haſt taught them the good way, wherein they ſhould walk; and ſend rain upon thy land which thou haſt given unto thy people for an inheritance:

28 ¶ If there be [5] dearth in the land, if there be peſtilence, if there be blaſting, or mildew, locuſts, or caterpillars; if their enemies beſiege them † in the cities of their land; whatſoever ſore, or whatſoever ſickneſs *there be:*

[5] *ch.* 20.9.

† Heb. *in the land of their gates.*

29 *Then* what prayer *or* what ſupplication ſoever ſhall be made of any man, or of all thy people Iſrael, when every one ſhall know his own ſore, and his own [6] grief, and ſhall ſpread forth his hands || in this houſe:

[6] Sin, which cauſes grief.

|| Or, *toward this houſe.*

30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whoſe heart thou [7] knoweſt: (for thou only knoweſt the hearts of the children of men)

[7] 1 *Chr.*28.9.

31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways † ſo long as they live † in the land which thou gaveſt unto our fathers.

† Heb. *all the days which.* † Heb. *upon the face of the land.*

32 ¶ Moreover, concerning the ſtranger, which is [8] not of thy people Iſrael, but is come from a far country for thy great names ſake, and thy mighty hand, and thy ſtretched out arm; if they come and pray in this houſe:

[8] Job.12.20. Act.8.27.

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33 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the ſtranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Iſrael, and may know that † this houſe which I have built, is called by thy name.

† Heb. *thy name is called upon this houſe*

34 If thy people go out to war againſt their enemies by the way that thou ſhalt ſend them, and they pray unto thee towards this city which thou haſt choſen, and the houſe which I have built for thy name:

35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their ſupplication, and maintain their || cauſe.

|| Or, *right.*

36 If they ſin againſt thee, (for * *there is* no man which ſinneth not) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before *their* enemies, and † they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;

* Prov.20.9. Eccl.7.20. Jam.3.3. 1 Joh. 1. 8.

† Heb. *they that take them captives carry them away.*

37 Yet, *if* they † bethink themſelves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, ſaying, We have ſinned, we have done amiſs, and have dealt wickedly;

† Heb. *bring back to their heart.*

38 If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their ſoul, in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land which thou gaveſt unto their fathers, and *toward* the city which thou haſt choſen, and toward the houſe which I have built for thy name:

39 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their ſupplications, and maintain their || cauſe, and forgive thy people which have ſinned againſt thee.

|| Or, *right.*

40 Now, my God, let (I beſeech thee) thine eyes be open, and *let* thine ears *be* attent † unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

† Heb. *to the prayer of this place.*

41 Now therefore [9] ariſe, O LORD God, into thy [10] reſting-place, thou, [11] and the ark of thy ſtrength: let thy prieſts, O LORD God, be [12] clothed with ſalvation, and let thy ſaints rejoyce in [14] goodneſs.

[9] *Pſal.* 132. 8. Manifeſt thy ſelf here. ¶ [10] *Iſa. 66.-1.* Take poſſeſſion of this houſe which is built for thy conſtant and fixed habitation. ¶ [11] *Pſal.*78. 61. *i.e.* Thou in the Ark, whereby thou haſt manifeſted thy mighty power in the behalf of thy people, as *Joſh.*3. 15,16. and 6. 4. 1 *Sam.* 5.4,6. ¶ [12] *Iſa.*61.10. Adorn'd and encompaſs'd on every ſide with thy protection and bleſſing. ¶ [14] The manifeſtation of thy goodneſs.

42 O LORD God, [15] turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the [16] mercies of David thy ſervant.

[15] Reject not my prayer. ¶ [16] *Iſa.* 55.-3. *Act.*13.-34. Promis'd to him.

CHAP. VII.

1 *God giving teſtimony to Solomons prayer, the people worſhip him.* 4 *Solomons Sacrifice.*

NOw * when Solomon had made an end of praying, the [1] fire came down from heaven, and conſumed the burnt-offering and the ſacrifices; and the * [2] glory of the LORD filled the houſe.

3001.

* 1 King.8.54.

* Ch.5.13,14.

[1] 1 *Chron.*21.26. *Levi.*9.24. *Judg.*6.21. 1 *King.*18.38. ¶ [2] A thick Cloud, 1 *King.*8.10.

2 And the prieſts could [3] not enter into the houſe of the LORD, becauſe the glory of the LORD had filled the LORDs houſe.

[3] 1 *King.*8.11. *Rev.*15.-8.

3 And [4] when all the children of Iſrael ſaw how

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how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD [5] upon the house, they [6] bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshiped, and praised the
* 1 Chr. 16.41 Chap. 20. 21. LORD, *saying*, [7] For *he is* good, * for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[4] 1 *King.* 18.39. ¶ [5] *Exod.* 40.34. The Cloud was without the house as well as within. ¶ [6] 1 *Chron.* 29.20. ¶ [7] *ch.* 5.13. Under this passage the whole 136 Psalm is comprized, which used to be sung at all solemn Thanksgivings.

[8] 1 *King.* 8.62, 63. 4 ¶ [8] Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

* 1 Chr. 15.16. 6 * And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick [9] of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, [7] because his mercy *endureth*
† Heb. *hand.* for ever, when [10] David praised [10] by their † ministry: and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

[9] 1 *Chron.* 16.7-42. To his honour. ¶ [10] *David* made the Psalms, and the Levites sung 'em.

[11] 1 *King.* 8.64. 7 Moreover, Solomon [11] hallowed the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt-offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat.

* 1 King. 8.65. 8 ¶ * Also at the same time Solomon kept the
[12] *viz.* of the Dedication. *v.* 9. [12] feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entring in of
* Josh. 13.3. Hamath unto * the river of Egypt.

† Heb. *restraint.* 9 And in the [13] eighth day they made a † solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the [14] altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

[13] Which was the first of the following Feast of Tabernacles. ¶ [14] *i. e.* The whole house of God, and all things belonging to it, *v.* 5.

10 And * on the three and twentieth day of
[15] 1 *King.* 8.66. the seventh month he [15] sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

3012. [16] 1 *King.* 9. 1. 11 Thus Solomon [16] finished the house of the LORD, and the kings house: and all that came into Solomons heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 ¶ And the LORD [17] appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard
* Deut. 12.5. thy prayer, * and have chosen this place to my self for an house of [18] sacrifice.

[17] 1 *King.* 9.2. ¶ [18] Wherein alone Sacrifices are to be offered.

3012. [19] *ch.* 6. 26. [20] *ch.* 6.28. 13 If I [19] shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the [20] locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

† Heb. *upon whom my name is called.* 14 If my people † which are [21] called by my name, shall [22] humble themselves, and [23] pray, and seek [24] my face, and [25] turn from their wicked ways: then will I [26] hear from heaven, and will [27] forgive their sin, and will [28] heal their land.

[21] *Deut.* 28.10. *Am.* 9.12. Whom I have chosen for my people, and who own me for their Lord. ¶ [22] *Isa.* 57. 15. 1 *Pet.* 5.6. *Jam.* 4.10. ¶ [23] *Psal.* 50.15. *Matth.* 7.7. ¶ [24] My Favour, 1 *King.* 13.6. ¶ [25] *Lam.* 3.40. ¶ [26] *ch.* 6. 21. ¶ [27] 1 *King.* 8.30,34. ¶ [28] Remove Judgments.

[29] *ch.* 6. 40. 1 *King.* 8.29. † Heb. *of this place.* 15 Now mine [29] eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer † *that is made* in this place.

16 For now have I [30] chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

[30] *ch.* 6. 6.

17 And as for thee, [31] if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments:

[31] 1 *Ki.* 9. 4-9.

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, * There shall not † fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel.

* Chap. 6. 16. † Heb. *be cut off to thee.*

19 [32] But if ye turn away and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them:

[32] *Lev.* 26. 14, 33. *Deut.* 28. 15, 36, 37.

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb, and a by-word among all nations.

21 And this house which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, * Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

* Deut. 29.24. Jer. 22. 8, 9.

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other Gods, and worshiped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

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CHAP. VIII.

1 Solomons buildings. 7 The Gentiles made tributaries. 12 Solomons yearly sacrifices.

[1] 1 *King.* 9, 10. &c. See there.

1 AND it came to pass (at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house)

2 That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 3012.

3 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store-cities, which he built in Hamath.

5 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars:

6 And Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot-cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and † * all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

† Heb. *all the desire of Solomon, which he desired to build* * 1 King. 9. 1.

7 ¶ *As for* all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites which *were* not of Israel;

8 *But* of their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not; them did Solomon make to pay tribute, until this day.

9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work: but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

10 And these *were* the chief of king Solomons officers, *even* two hundred and fifty that bare rule over the people.

11 ¶ And Solomon * brought up the daughter of Pharaoh, out of the city of David, unto the house that he had built for her: [2] for he said, [3] My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places are*

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*Matth.12.42 Luke 11.31.

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4 And the meat of his table, and the ſitting of his ſervants, and the attendance of his miniſters, and their apparel, his ‖ cup-bearers alſo, and their apparel, and his aſcent by which he went up into the houſe of the LORD; there was no more ſpirit in her. *

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7 Happy *are* thy men, and happy *are* theſe thy ſervants, which ſtand continually before thee, and hear thy wiſdom.

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11 And the king made *of* the algum-trees ‖ † terriſes to the houſe of the LORD, and to the kings palace, and harps and pſalteries for ſingers. And there were none ſuch ſeen before in the land of Judah.

‖ Or, *ſtayes.* † Heb. *high-ways.*

12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her deſire, whatſoever ſhe asked, [4] beſides *that* which ſhe had brought unto the king. So ſhe turned, and went away to her own land, ſhe and her ſervants.

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13 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was ſix hundred and threeſcore and ſix talents of gold;

14 Beſides *that which* chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and ‖ governours of the country brought gold and ſilver to Solomon.

‖ Or, *captains.*

15 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: ſix hundred *ſhekels* of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred ſhields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *ſhekels* of gold went to one ſhield. And the king put them in the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon.

17 ¶ Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And *there were* ſix ſteps to the throne, with a foot-ſtool of gold, *which were* faſtned to the throne, and † ſtays on each ſide of the ſitting-place, and two lions ſtanding by the ſtays.

† Heb. *hands.*

19 And twelve lions ſtood there on the one ſide and on the other, upon the ſix ſteps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 ¶ And all the drinking veſſels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; ‖ none *were of* ſilver; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

‖ Or, there was *no ſilver* in them.

21 For the kings ſhips went to Tarſhiſh with the ſervants of Huram; every three years once came the ſhips of Tarſhiſh bringing gold and ſilver, ‖ ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

‖ Or, *elephants-teeth.*

22 And king Solomon paſſed all the kings of the earth in riches and wiſdom.

23 ¶ And all the kings of the earth ſought the preſence of Solomon, to hear his wiſdom, that God had put in his heart.

24 And

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24 And they brought every man his preſent, veſſels of ſilver, and veſſels of gold, and raiment, harneſs, and ſpices, horſes, and mules, a rate year by year.

* 1 Kings 10. 26. Chap. 1. 14.

25 ¶ And Solomon * had four thouſand [s] ſtalls for horſes and chariots, and twelve thouſand horſemen; whom he beſtowed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jeruſalem.

[s] *Viz.* Greater ſtalls; in each of which were ten leſſers; in all forty thouſand, 1 *Kings* 4. 26.

[t] 1 *Kings* 4.21. * Gen. 15.18. ‖ That is, *Euphrates.*

26 ¶ And he [t] reigned over all the Kings, * from the ‖ river even unto the land of the Philiſtines, and to the border of Egypt.

† Heb. *gave.*

27 And the king † made ſilver in Jeruſalem as ſtones, and cedar-trees made he as the ſycomore-trees, that *are* in the low plains, in abundance.

* 1 Kings 10. 28. Chap. 1. 16.

28 * And they brought unto Solomon horſes out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

* 1 Kings 11. 41. † Heb. *words.* * Chap. 12. 15. & 13. 22.

29 ¶ Now the reſt of the * acts of Solomon, firſt and laſt, *are* they not written in the † book of Nathan the prophet, and in the propheſie of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the viſions of * Iddo the ſeer againſt Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned in Jeruſalem over all Iſrael fourty years.

31 And Solomon ſlept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. X.

1 *Rehoboam refuſing the old mens counſel,* 16 *Ten tribes revolt, and he fleeth.*

[1] See on 1 *King.* 12. 1. - 19.

AND [1] Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Iſrael come to make him king.

* 1 King. 11. 40

2 And it came to paſs when Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat (who *was* in Egypt, * whither he had fled from the preſence of Solomon the king) heard *it*, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they ſent and called him: ſo Jeroboam and all Iſrael came and ſpake to Rehoboam, ſaying,

4 Thy fathers made our yoke grievous, now therefore eaſe thou ſomewhat the grievous ſervitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will ſerve thee.

5 And he ſaid unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam took counſel with the old men that had ſtood before Solomon his father, while he yet lived, ſaying, What counſel give ye *me*, to return anſwer to this people?

7 And they ſpake unto him, ſaying, If thou be kind to this people, and pleaſe them, and ſpeak good words to them, they will be thy ſervants for ever.

8 But he forſook the counſel which the old men gave him, and took counſel with the young men that were brought up with him, that ſtood before him.

9 And he ſaid unto them, What advice give ye, that we may return anſwer to this people, which have ſpoken to me, ſaying, Eaſe ſomewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

10 And the young men that were brought up with him, ſpake unto him, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou anſwer the people that ſpake unto thee, ſaying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* ſomewhat lighter for us; thus ſhalt thou ſay unto them, My little *finger* ſhall be thicker then my fathers loins.

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11 For whereas my father † put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chaſtiſed you with whips, but I *will chaſtiſe you* with ſcorpions.

† Heb. *laded.*

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, ſaying, Come again to me on the third day.

13 And the king anſwered them roughly: and king Rehoboam forſook the counſel of the old men,

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15 So the king hearkned not unto the people: for * the cauſe was of God, that the LORD might perform his word which he ſpake by the * hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat.

* 1 King. 12. 15, 24. * 1 King. 11. 29

16 ¶ And when all Iſrael *ſaw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people anſwered the king, ſaying, What portion have we in David? and *we have* none inheritance in the ſon of Jeſſe: every man to your tents, O Iſrael: *and* now, David, ſee to thine own houſe. So all Iſrael went to their tents.

17 But *as for* the children of Iſrael that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam ſent Hadoram that *was* over the tribute; and the children of Iſrael ſtoned him with ſtones, that he died. But king Rehoboam † made ſpeed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jeruſalem.

† Heb. *ſtrengthned himſelf.*

19 And Iſrael rebelled againſt the houſe of David unto this day.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Rehoboam raiſing an Army to ſubdue Iſrael, is forbidden by Shemaiah:* 18 *His wives and children.*

[1] 1 *Kings* 12. 21. - 24.

AND [1] when Rehoboam was come to Jeruſalem, he gathered of the houſe of Judah and Benjamin, an hundred and fourſcore thouſand choſen *men* which were warriours, to fight againſt Iſrael, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, ſaying,

3 Speak unto Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon king of Judah, and to all Iſrael in Judah and Benjamin, ſaying,

4 Thus ſaith the LORD, Ye ſhall not go up, nor fight againſt your brethren: return every man to his houſe, for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going againſt Jeroboam.

5 ¶ And Rehoboam dwelt in Jeruſalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.

[2] Repair'd, enlarg'd and fortified.

6 He [2] built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 And Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

8 And Gath, and Mareſhah, and Ziph,

9 And Adoraim, and Lachiſh, and Azekah,

10 And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah, and in Benjamin, fenced cities.

[3] Probably his own Sons; *v.* 23.

11 And he fortified the ſtrong holds, and put [3] captains in them, and ſtore of victual, and of oyl, and wine.

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[4] *q. d.* Beſides what he gave her in gifts of the ſame kind with thoſe which ſhe had given him (*viz.* gold, ſpices, *&c.*) he gave her alſo other things that were great rarities to her.

13 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was ſix hundred and threeſcore and ſix talents of gold;

14 Beſides *that which* chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and ‖ go-

‖ Or, *captains.* vernours of the country brought gold and ſilver to Solomon.

15 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: ſix hundred *ſhekels* of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred ſhields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *ſhekels* of gold went to one ſhield. And the king put them in the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon.

17 ¶ Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And *there were* ſix ſteps to the throne, with a foot-ſtool of gold, *which were* faſtned to the throne, and † ſtays on each ſide of the ſitting-place, and two lions ſtanding by the ſtays.

† Heb. *hands.*

19 And twelve lions ſtood there on the one ſide and on the other, upon the ſix ſteps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 ¶ And all the drinking veſſels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; ‖ none *were of* ſilver; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

‖ Or, there was *no ſilver* in them.

21 For the kings ſhips went to Tarſhiſh with the ſervants of Huram; every three years once came the ſhips of Tarſhiſh bringing gold and ſilver, ‖ ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

‖ Or, *elephants teeth.*

22 And king Solomon paſſed all the kings of the earth in riches and wiſdom.

23 ¶ And all the kings of the earth ſought the preſence of Solomon, to hear his wiſdom, that God had put in his heart.

24 And

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24 And they brought every man his preſent, veſſels of ſilver, and veſſels of gold, and raiment, harneſs, and ſpices, horſes, and mules, a rate year by year.

* 1 Kings 10. 26. Chap. 1. 14.

25 ¶ And Solomon * had four thouſand [s] ſtalls for horſes and chariots, and twelve thouſand horſemen; whom he beſtowed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jeruſalem.

[s] *Viz.* Greater ſtalls; in each of which were ten leſſer, in all forty thouſand, 1 *Kings* 4. 26.

[t] 1 *Kings* 4.21 * Gen. 15.18. ‖ That is, *Euphrates.*

26 ¶ And he [t] reigned over all the Kings, * from the ‖ river even unto the land of the Philiſtines, and to the border of Egypt.

† Heb. *gave.*

27 And the king † made ſilver in Jeruſalem as ſtones, and cedar-trees made he as the ſycomore-trees, that *are* in the low plains, in abundance.

* 1 Kings 10. 28. Chap. 1. 16.

28 * And they brought unto Solomon horſes out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

* 1 Kings 11. 41. † Heb. *words.*

29 ¶ Now the reſt of the * acts of Solomon, firſt and laſt, *are* they not written in the † book of Nathan the prophet, and in the propheſie of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the viſions of * Iddo the ſeer againſt Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat?

* Chap. 12. 15. & 13. 22.

30 And Solomon reigned in Jeruſalem over all Iſrael fourty years.

31 And Solomon ſlept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

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1 *Rehoboam refuſing the old mens counſel,* 16 *Ten tribes revolt, and he fleeth.*

[1] See on 1 *King.* 12. 1. - 19.

AND [1] Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Iſrael come to make him king.

* 1 King. 11. 40

2 And it came to paſs when Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat (who *was* in Egypt, * whither he had fled from the preſence of Solomon the king) heard *it*, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they ſent and called him: ſo Jeroboam and all Iſrael came and ſpake to Rehoboam, ſaying,

4 Thy fathers made our yoke grievous, now therefore eaſe thou ſomewhat the grievous ſervitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will ſerve thee.

5 And he ſaid unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam took counſel with the old men that had ſtood before Solomon his father, while he yet lived, ſaying, What counſel give ye *me*, to return anſwer to this people?

7 And they ſpake unto him, ſaying, If thou be kind to this people, and pleaſe them, and ſpeak good words to them, they will be thy ſervants for ever.

8 But he forſook the counſel which the old men gave him, and took counſel with the young men that were brought up with him, that ſtood before him.

9 And he ſaid unto them, What advice give ye, that we may return anſwer to this people, which have ſpoken to me, ſaying, Eaſe ſomewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

10 And the young men that were brought up with him, ſpake unto him, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou anſwer the people that ſpake unto thee, ſaying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* ſomewhat lighter for us; thus ſhalt thou ſay unto them, My little *finger* ſhall be thicker then my fathers loins.

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11 For whereas my father † put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chaſtiſed you with whips, but I *will chaſtiſe you* with ſcorpions.

† Heb. *laded.*

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, ſaying, Come again to me on the third day.

13 And the king anſwered them roughly: and king Rehoboam forſook the counſel of the old men,

14 And anſwered them after the advice of the young men, ſaying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chaſtiſed you with whips, but I *will chaſtiſe you* with ſcorpions.

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15 So the king hearkned not unto the people: for * the cauſe was of God, that the LORD might perform his word which he ſpake by the * hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat.

* 1 King. 12. 15, 24. * 1 King. 11. 29

16 ¶ And when all Iſrael *ſaw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people anſwered the king, ſaying, What portion have we in David? and *we have* none inheritance in the ſon of Jeſſe: every man to your tents, O Iſrael: *and* now, David, ſee to thine own houſe. So all Iſrael went to their tents.

17 But *as for* the children of Iſrael that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam ſent Hadoram that *was* over the tribute; and the children of Iſrael ſtoned him with ſtones, that he died. But king Rehoboam † made ſpeed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jeruſalem.

† Heb. *ſtrengthned himſelf.*

19 And Iſrael rebelled againſt the houſe of David unto this day.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Rehoboam raiſing an Army to ſubdue Iſrael, is forbidden by Shemaiah:* 18 *His wives and children.*

[1] 1 *Kings* 12. 21. - 24.

AND [1] when Rehoboam was come to Jeruſalem, he gathered of the houſe of Judah and Benjamin, an hundred and fourſcore thouſand choſen *men* which were warriours, to fight againſt Iſrael, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, ſaying,

3 Speak unto Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon king of Judah, and to all Iſrael in Judah and Benjamin, ſaying,

4 Thus ſaith the LORD, Ye ſhall not go up, nor fight againſt your brethren: return every man to his houſe, for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going againſt Jeroboam.

5 ¶ And Rehoboam dwelt in Jeruſalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.

[2] Repair'd, enlarg'd and fortified.

6 He [2] built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 And Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

8 And Gath, and Mareſhah, and Ziph,

9 And Adoraim, and Lachiſh, and Azekah,

10 And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah, and in Benjamin, fenced cities.

[3] Probably his own Sons; *v.* 23.

11 And he fortified the ſtrong holds, and put [3] captains in them, and ſtore of victual, and of oyl, and wine.

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12 And in every ſeveral city *he put* [a] ſhields and ſpears, and made them exceeding ſtrong, having Judah and Benjamin on his ſide.

[a] All kind of warlike Ammunition.

13 ¶ And the Prieſts and the Levites that *were* in all Iſrael, † reſorted to him out of all their coaſts.

† Heb. *preſented themſelves to him.*

14 (For the Levites left * their ſuburbs, and their poſſeſſion, and came to Judah and Jeruſalem: for Jeroboam and his ſons had [5] caſt them off from executing the prieſts office unto the LORD.

* Numb. 35.2.

[5] *Rev.* 13.16,17. Forbad 'em to go up to *Jeruſalem* to execute the Prieſt's office there; and entertain'd others in their ſtead for his own worſhip, *ch.* 13.9.

15 And he * ordained him prieſts for the high places, and for the [6] devils, and for the calves which he had made.)

* 1 Kin. 12.31.

[6] See on *Lev.* 17.7.

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16 And [7] after them * out of all the tribes of Iſrael, ſuch as [8] ſet their hearts to ſeek the LORD God of Iſrael, came to Jeruſalem to ſacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.

* See Ch. 15.9. & 30.11,18.

[7] After the example of thoſe *v.* 13. ¶ [8] Heartily deſir'd to ſerve him in the way of his own inſtitution.

17 So they ſtrengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon ſtrong three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

18 ¶ And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the ſon of David to wife, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab, the ſon of Jeſſe.

19 Which bare him children; Jeuſh, and Shamariah, and Zaham.

20 And after her, he took * Maachah the daughter of Abſalom, which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

* 1 Kin. 15.2. She is called *Michaiah the daughter of Uriel*, Chap. 13.2.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Abſalom, above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threeſcore concubines, and begat twenty and eight ſons, and threeſcore daughters)

22 And Rehoboam * made Abijah the ſon of Maachah the chief, *to be* ruler among his brethren: for *he thought* to make him king.

* See Deut. 21. 15,16,17.

23 And he dealt wiſely, and [9] diſperſed of all his children throughout all the countreys of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he [10] gave them victual in abundance: and he deſired † many wives.

† Heb. *A multitude of wives.*

[9] *Ch.* 21.3. *Gen.* 25.6. ¶ [10] Allow'd 'em a bountiful and princely maintenance.

CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboam forſaking God, is puniſhed by Shiſhak, 13 His reign and death.

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AND it came to paſs when Rehoboam had eſtabliſhed the kingdom, and had ſtrengthened himſelf, he [1] forſook the law of the LORD, and all Iſrael with him.

[1] 1 *Kin.* 14.22. Deut. 32.15. Prov. 2.13.

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2 And [2] it came to paſs, *that* in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shiſhak king of Egypt came up againſt Jeruſalem (becauſe they had [3] tranſgreſſed againſt the LORD)

[2] 1 *Kin.* 14. 25--28. [3] 1 *Kin.* 14. 22--24.

3 With twelve hundred chariots, and threeſcore thouſand horſemen: and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.

4 And he took the fenced cities which *pertained* to Judah, and came to Jeruſalem.

[4] 1 *Kin.* 12.22.

5 ¶ Then came [4] Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and *to* the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jeruſalem becauſe of Shiſhak, and ſaid unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD, Ye have [5] forſaken me, and [6] therefore have I alſo left you in the hand of Shiſhak.

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[5] *Verſ.* 1. [6] *ch.* 15.2.

6 Whereupon the princes of Iſrael, and the king humbled themſelves, and they ſaid, The LORD *is* righteous.

7 And when the LORD ſaw that they [7] humbled themſelves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, ſaying, They have [7] humbled themſelves, [8] *therefore* I will not deſtroy them, but I will grant them ‖ ſome deliverance, and my [9] wrath ſhall not be poured out upon Jeruſalem by the hand of Shiſhak.

‖ Or, *a little.*

[7] Feignedly; as 1 *Kings* 21.29. *Pſal.* 78.34. ¶ [8] *v.* 12. *cō.* 33. 12, 13. and 32. 26. *Exod.* 9. 27. *&c.* 1 *Kings* 21. 29. ¶ [9] All my wrath.

8 Nevertheleſs, they ſhall be his ſervants; that they may know [10] my ſervice, and the ſervice of the kingdoms of the countreys.

[10] *Deut.* 28.47, 48. *Iſa.* 26.13.

9 So Shiſhak king of Egypt came up againſt Jeruſalem, and [11] took away the treaſures of the houſe of the LORD, and the treaſures of the kings houſe, he took all: he carried away alſo the [12] ſhields of gold * which Solomon had made.

[11] 2 *Kings* 18. 14,15. [12] 1 *Kings* 10. 16,17. * Chap. 9.15.

10 In ſtead of which, king Rehoboam made ſhields of braſs, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the kings houſe.

11 And when the king entred into the houſe of the LORD, the guard came and fet them, and brought them again into the guard-chamber.

12 And when he humbled himſelf, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not deſtroy *him* altogether: ‖ and alſo in Judah things [13] went well.

‖ Or, *and yet in Judah there were good things.* See Gen. 18.24. &c. 1 Kin. 14. 13. Chap. 19.3.

[13] They began to recruit themſelves, and to recover ſome degree of their former proſperity.

13 So king Rehoboam [14] ſtrengthened himſelf in Jeruſalem, and reigned: for * Rehoboam *was* one and fourty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ſeventeen years in Jeruſalem, * the city which the LORD had choſen out of all the tribes of Iſrael, to put his name there: and his mothers name *was* Naamah an Ammoniteſs.

[14] Recover'd ſtrength again. * 1 Kin. 14.21. * Chap. 6.6.

14 And he did evil, becauſe he ‖ [15] prepared not his heart to ſeek the LORD.

‖ Or, *fixed.* [15] Setled not.

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, firſt and laſt, *are* they not written in the † book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the ſeer, [16] concerning genealogies? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

† Heb. *words.*

[16] In an hiſtorical account written by him of the Genealogies and actions of the kings of Judah.

16 And Rehoboam ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David; and * Abijah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

* 1 Kin. 14.31. *Abijam.*

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Abijah ſucceeding, maketh war againſt Jeroboam, and overcometh him.

1 NOw in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam, began Abijah to reign over Judah.

* 1 *King.* 15.1, 2.

2 He reigned three years in Jeruſalem: (his mothers name alſo *was* * Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah) and there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

* See Chap. 11.20.

3 And Abijah † ſet the battel in aray with an army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thouſand choſen men: Jeroboam alſo ſet the battel in aray againſt him with eight hundred thouſand choſen men, *being* mighty men of valour.

† Heb. *bound together.*

4 ¶ And Abijah ſtood up upon mount Zemaraim,

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maraim, which *is* in mount Ephraim, and ſaid, Hear me thou Jeroboam, and [2] all Iſrael.

[2] The chief Commander, and as many of the reſt as could hear.

5 Ought you not to know, that the LORD God of Iſrael gave the kingdom over Iſrael to David for ever, *even* to him and to his ſons by a covenant [3] of ſalt?

[3] *Numb.* 18.19. See there.

6 Yet Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, the ſervant of Solomon the ſon of David, is riſen up, and hath [4] rebelled againſt his lord.

[4] 1 *Kings* 11.26. Come to the Crown with a proud, aſpiring, rebellious diſpoſition.

7 And there are gathered unto him [5] vain men the [6] children of Belial, and have ſtrengthened themſelves againſt Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon, when Rehoboam was [7] young and [8] tenderhearted, and could not withſtand them.

[5] See on *Judges* 9. 4. ¶ [6] See on *Deut.* 13. 13. ¶ [7] Newly enter'd upon the Government, unexperienc't in State affairs, and much more in martial employments. ¶ [8] Fearful and ſoon daunted. (But herein *Abijah* forgot his duty, both to his Father, whom he falſely traduc'd, and to God, who expreſly reſtrained him from fighting with Iſrael. 1 *Kings* 12. 21.)

8 And now ye think to withſtand the kingdom [9] of the LORD, in the hand of the ſons of David; and ye *be* [10] a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves which Jeroboam [11] made you for gods.

[9] *ch.* 9.8.

[10] *Iſa.* 31.1,3.

[11] 1 *Kin.* 12.28.

9 Have ye not [12] caſt out the prieſts of the LORD the ſons of Aaron, and the Levites, and * have made you prieſts after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? ſo that whoſoever cometh † to [13] conſecrate himſelf with a young bullock and ſeven rams, *the ſame* may be a prieſt of *them that are* no gods.

* 1 Kings 12. 31.

† Heb. *to fill his hand.* See Ex. 29.1. Lev.8.2.

[12] *Chap.* 11. 13, 14. See there. ¶ [13] 1 *Kings* 13.33.

10 But as for us, the LORD *is* [14] our God, and we have not forſaken [15] him; and the prieſts which miniſter unto the LORD, *are* the ſons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* buſineſs.

[14] By outward profeſſion; for 1 *Kings* 15.3. ¶ [15] His true worſhip, (as you have done 1 *Kings* 12, 28–30.) which is openly practis'd at the Temple in *Jeruſalem.*

* Chap.2.4.

* Lev.24.6.

* Exod.27.21. Lev.24.3.

11 * And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening, burnt-ſacrifices and ſweet incenſe: the * *ſhew*-bread alſo *ſet they in order* upon the pure table, and the candleſtick of gold with the lamps thereof, * to burn every evening: for we keep the [16] charge of the LORD our God; but ye have [17] forſaken him.

[16] Thoſe Rules and Directions he has given us in charge. ¶ [17] *ch.* 12.5.

12 And behold, God himſelf *is* with us for *our* captain, and his prieſts with ſounding [18] trumpets to cry alarm againſt you: O children of Iſrael, * fight ye not againſt the LORD God of your fathers, for you ſhall [19] not proſper.

[18] *Numb.* 10.9. & 31.6.

* Acts 5. 39.

[19] *Job* 9. 4.

13 ¶ But Jeroboam cauſed an ambuſhment to come about behind them: ſo they were before Judah, and the ambuſhment *was* behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battel *was* before and behind: and they [20] cried unto the LORD, and the prieſt [21] ſounded with the trumpets.

[20] As *ch.* 14. 11. *Exod.* 14.15. 1 *Kings* 22.–32. ¶ [21] To ſtrengthen their faith in God's promiſe (*Numb.* 10.9.) and to encourage the Souldiers.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a ſhout: and as the men of Judah ſhouted, it came to paſs, that God [22] ſmote Jeroboam and all Iſrael before Abijah and Judah.

[22] With a terror which made 'em fly.

16 And the children of Iſrael fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

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17 And Abijah and his people ſlew them with a great ſlaughter: ſo there fell down ſlain of Iſrael, five hundred thouſand choſen men.

18 Thus the children of Iſrael were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, becauſe they [23] relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

[23] *Ch.* 20. 20. 2 *Kings* 18. 5. *Pſal.* 22. 4. *Dan.* 3. 28.

19 And Abijah [24] purſued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeſhanah with the towns thereof, and Ephrain with the towns thereof.

[24] *Joſh.* 10.19.

20 Neither did Jeroboam recover ſtrength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD [25] ſtrook him, and he [26] died.

[25] Not preſently, but within a year or two. ¶ [26] 1 *Sam.* 25.38. *Ez.* 24.16.

21 ¶ But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two ſons, and ſixteen daughters.

22 And the reſt of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his [27] ſayings, *are* written in the || ſtory of the prophet * Iddo.

[27] *V.* 5. Wiſe ſentences.

|| Or, *commentary.*

* Chap.12.15.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Aſa ſucceeding, deſtroyeth idolatry;* 9 *calling on God, he overcometh Zerah, and ſpoileth the Ethiopians.*

SO Abijah ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and Aſa his ſon reigned in his ſtead: in his days the land was quiet ten years. 3049.

2 And Aſa did *that which was* good and [1] right in the eyes of the LORD his God.

[1] 1 *Kin.* 15.11.

3 For he took away the altars of the ſtrange *gods*, and the [2] high places, and * brake down the † images, and cut down the groves:

[2] *Viz.* Of ſtrange gods; (for other high places were left, Chap. 15.17. 1 Kin. 15.14.

* Exod. 34.13.

† Heb. *ſtatues.*

4 And commanded Judah to ſeek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5 Alſo he took away out of all the cities of Judah, the high places and the † images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

† Heb. *ſun-images.*

6 ¶ And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had reſt, and he had no war in thoſe years; becauſe the [3] LORD had given him reſt.

[3] *ch.* 15.–15. *Pſal.* 46.9.

7 Therefore he ſaid unto Judah, Let us build theſe cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land *is* yet [4] before us; becauſe we have ſought the LORD our God, we have ſought *him*, and he hath given us reſt on every ſide: ſo they built and proſpered.

[4] In our power and quiet poſſeſſion.

8 And Aſa had an army *of men* that bare targets and ſpears, out of Judah three hundred thouſand, and out of Benjamin, that bare ſhields and drew bows, two hundred and fourſcore thouſand: all theſe *were* mighty men of valour.

9 ¶ *And there came out againſt them Zerah the Ethiopian, with an hoſt of a thouſand thouſand, and three hundred chariots, and came unto *Mareſhah. 3063.

* Chap.16.8.

* Joſh.15.44.

10 Then Aſa went out againſt him, and they ſet the battel in aray in the valley of Zephathah at Mareſhah.

11 And Aſa [5] cried unto the LORD his God, and ſaid, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with [6] many or with them that

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have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and [7] in thy name we go against this multitude: O LORD, thou *art* our God, let not ‖ man prevail against thee.

‖ Or, *mortal man.*

[5] *Ch.*13.14. See there. ¶ [6] 1 *Sam.*14.-6. ¶ [7] In confidence of thy help, and for the maintaining of thy honour, service and people.

[8] As *ch.*13.15.

12 So the LORD [8] smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves, for they were † destroyed before the LORD and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

† Heb. *broken.*

14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar, for the [9] fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities, for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

[9] *Ch.*17.10. and 20.29. *Gen.*35.5. A Terror sent by God.

15 They smote also the tents of cattel, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Asa with others make a solemn covenant with God.* 16 *He putteth down Maachah his mother for idolatry.*

AND the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded.

† Heb. *before Asa.*

2 And he went out † to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin, The LORD *is* [1] with you, while ye [2] be with him; and * if ye seek him, he will [3] be found of you; but * if ye [4] forsake him, he will [5] forsake you.

* Chap.33. 12, 13. Mat.7. 7. * Chap.24.20.

[1] *Ch.*13.12. and 32.8. 1 *Chron.*22.18. ¶ [2] *Jam.*4.8. Cleave unto him by faith and obedience. ¶ [3] *v.* 15. *Matth.* 7. 7. 1 *Chron.*28.-9. ¶ [4] 1 *Chron.*28.-9. ¶ [5] 2 *King.* 21. 14.

3 Now * for a long season [6] Israel *hath been* [7] without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without [8] law.

* Hos. 3. 4.

[6] The Nation of the Jews: Yet not wholly and universally, but in a great measure, and for the generality. ¶ [7] The tokens of his presence, and his true worship and service. ¶ [8] The knowledge thereof.

4 But * when they [9] in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

* Deut 4.29.

[9] As *Judg.*3. 9,15. and 10. 10, 16. 1 *Sam.* 7. 4. *&c.*

5 And [10] in those times *there was* [11] no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

† In our power, or and quiet possession.

[10] When they lived thus in the gross neglect and contempt of God and his Worship. ¶ [11] *Judg.*5.6.

† Heb. *beaten in pieces.*

6 And [12] nation was † destroyed of nation, and city of city: for [13] God did vex them with all adversity.

[12] One part of the people of *Israel* destroyed another. ¶ [13] *Isa.*10.5,6. *Am.*3.6.

7 Be ye strong [14] therefore, and [15] let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be [16] rewarded.

[14] *q. d.* Since God brings judgments on them that forsake him, and walk in sinful ways, go on therefore courageously and resolutely to maintain God's Worship, and to root out Idolatry as you have begun to do. ¶ [15] 2 *Sam.*2.1. *Heb.*10.12. Be not faint-hearted, or discouraged with the opposition you may meet with. ¶ [16] 1 *Cor.*15.-58.

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of [17] Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the † abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and

† Heb. *abominations.*

out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD that *was* [18] before the porch of the LORD.

Chap. 16.

[17] *Azariah* the son of *Oded*, *v.* 1. ¶ [18] *ch.* 8. 12.

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: (for they [19] fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God *was* with him)

[19] Forsook their own habitations, and came to *Judah*, as *ch.* 11.16.

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 And they offered unto the LORD † the same time, of * the [20] spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen, and seven thousand sheep.

† Heb. *in that day.*

* Chap.14. 13.

[20] *Numb.* 31. 28. *&c.* 1 *Chron.* 26. 27, 28.

12 And they entred into a [21] covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul;

[21] 1 *King.*11.4 See there.

13 That whosoever would [22] not seek the LORD God of Israel, should be put [23] to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

[22] Obstinately refus'd to own the true God, and sought to other Gods. ¶ [23] *Deut.*13.9.

14 And they [24] sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

[24] By way of confirmation of the Covenant, as *Neh.*5. 13.

15 And all Judah rejoyced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them [25] rest round about.

[25] *ch.* 14. 6.

16 ¶ And also *concerning* Maachah the ‖ mother of Asa the king, he [26] removed her from *being* queen, because she had made an † idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped *it*, and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron.

‖ That is, *grandmother*, 1 Kin. 15.2,10.

[26] 1 *Kin.* 15.13.

† Heb. *horror.*

17 But * the [27] high places were not taken away out of [28] Israel: nevertheless, the heart of Asa was [29] perfect all his days.

* Chap.14.3,5

[27] For the service of the true God. ¶ [28] *Judah.* ¶ [29] 1 *King.*3.1,2. and 15.14.

18 ¶ And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no *more* war unto the five and thirtieth year [30] of the reign of Asa. 3062.

[30] Or, *of the kingdom, i. e.* Since the division of the Kingdom of *Judah* and *Israel.*

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Asa by the aid of the Syrians diverteth Baasha from building of Ramah.* 12 *He seeketh not to God, but to the physicians.* 13 *His death and burial.*

IN the six and thirtieth year [1] of the reign of Asa, [2] Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 3064.

[1] See on *ch.* 15. 19.

[2] 1 *King.* 15. 17–22.

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD, and of the kings house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria that dwelt at † Damascus, saying,

† Heb. *Darmesek.*

3 *There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

4 And

Chap. 17.

† Heb. *which were his.*

4 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of † his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it*, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was a building, and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

* 1 King. 16. 1. Chap. 19. 21.

7 ¶ And at that time * Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria [3] escaped out of thine hand.

[3] And so reserv'd to be a Scourge to thy Kingdom and Posterity hereafter; whereas if he had joyn'd with *Baasha* against thee, thou shouldst have overthrown 'em both.

4 *ch.* 14. 9. †Heb. *in abundance.* 5 *ch.* 14. 21.

8 Were not the [4] Ethiopians and the Lubims † a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he [5] delivered them into thine hand.

‖ Or, *strongly to hold with them,* &c.

9 For the [6] eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, ‖ to [7] shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect towards him. Herein thou hast done [8] foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have [9] wars.

[6] *Prov.* 5. 21. and 15. 3. *Job* 34. 21. *Zech.* 4. 10. *Jer.* 16. 17. and 32. 19. *Heb.* 4. 13. ¶ [7] *Psal.* 18. 25, 26. and 32. 7. ¶ [8] 1 *Chron.* 21. 8. ¶ [9] 1 *King.* 15. 32.

† Heb. *crushed.*

10 Then Asa was [10] wroth with the seer, and put him in a [11] prison-house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing*. And Asa † oppressed *some* of the people the same time.

[10] *Ch.* 26. 19. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 18. 26. *Jer.* 20. 2. and 29. 26.

11 ¶ And behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding *great*: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

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13 ¶ And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

† Heb. *digged.* * Gen. 50. 2. * Chap. 21. 19.

14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres which he had † made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled * with sweet odours, and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by the Apothecaries art: and they made * a [12] very great burning for him.

[12] *Jer.* 34. 5. Burning sweet Perfumes at his Burial in great plenty; (which was an honourable Solemnity then us'd.)

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Jehoshaphat reigning well, prospereth.* 5 *He subdueth the Ammonites:* 7 *His reign:* 9 *Ahaz succeedeth him.*

* 1 Kin. 15. 24

AND * Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and [1] strengthned himself against Israel.

[1] By preparing all manner of warlike provision.

* Chap. 15. 8.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in * the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

‖ Or, *of his father, and of David.*

3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways ‖ of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;

4 But sought to the *LORD* God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after [2] the doings of Israel.

[2] Their Idolatry and other evil practices.

Chap. 18.

1 *King.* 2. 12. * 1 Sam. 10. 27. † Heb. *gave.* [4] 1 *King.* 4. 21. ‖ That is, *was encouraged.* * See 1 King. 22. 43. Chap. 20. 33.

5 Therefore the LORD [3] stablished the kingdom in his hand, and all Judah * † brought to Jehoshaphat [4] presents, and he had riches and honour in abundance.

6 And his heart ‖ was [5] lift up in the ways of the LORD: moreover, * he took away the [6] high places and groves out of Judah.

[3] He became zealous and very courageous in God's cause, his heart being lifted up above all discouragements, difficulties and fears. ¶ [6] *Viz.* Wherein Idols were worship'd. See on *ch.* 14. 3.

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7 ¶ Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, [7] to teach in the cities of Judah.

[7] To inform the people of their duty and the Kings pleasure, and to admonish them to observe the Laws of God, the practic explication and enforcement whereof he left to the Priests and Levites.

8 And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama, and Jehoram, priests.

9 And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

* Gen. 35. 5. [8] See on *ch.* 14. 14. † Heb. *war.*

10 ¶ And * the [8] fear of the LORD † fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

11 Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute-silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats.

‖ Or, *palaces.*

12 ¶ And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah ‖ castles and cities of store.

13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.

14 And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour, three hundred thousand.

† Heb. *at his hand.*

15 And † next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

16 And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself [9] unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.

[9] To fight his Battels, and to do service for his honour, and the welfare of his People.

17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield, two hundred thousand.

18 And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand, ready prepared for the war.

[10] Chief Officers. * Vers. 2.

19 [10] These waited on the king, besides * *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities, throughout all Judah.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Jehoshaphat goeth with Ahab against Ramoth-gilead.* 4 *Ahab seduced by false prophets, is slain.*

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NOW Jehoshaphat [1] had riches and honour in abundance, and * joyned affinity with Ahab.

[1] *ch.* 17. 5. * 2 Kings 8. 18.

2 * And

Chap. 18.

2 * And † after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and perswaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead.

* 1 Kings 22.2
† Heb. *at the end of years.*

3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, [a] Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.

[a] 1 *Kings* 22. 4–35. See there.

4 ¶ And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, * Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

* 1 Sam. 23. 2, 4, 9. 2 Sam. 2. 1.

5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battel, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up? for God will deliver *it* into the kings hand.

6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD † besides, that we might require of him?

† Heb. *yet*, or *more.*

7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesieth good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king of Israel called for one *of his* ‖ officers, and said, † Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.

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‖ Or, *Eunuchs.*
† Heb. *Hasten.*

9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a ‖ void place at the entring in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

‖ Or, *floor.*

10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until † they be consumed.

† Heb. *thou consume them.*

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king † with one assent: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.

† Heb. *with one mouth.*

13 And Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth, * even what my God saith that will I speak.

* Num. 22. 18, 20, 35. & 23. 12, 26. & 24. 13. 1 Kings 22. 14

14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battel, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, These have no master; let them return *therefore* every man to his house in peace.

17 (And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee *that* he would not prophesie good unto me, ‖ but evil?)

‖ Or, *but for evil.*

18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and *on* his left.

19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

20 Then there came out a * spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?

Chap. 19.
* Job 1. 6.

21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the LORD* said, Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do *even* so.

22 Now therefore behold, * the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

* Job 12. 16. Isa. 19. 14. Ezek. 14. 9.

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and * smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

* Jer. 20. 2. Mar. 14. 65. Acts 23. 2.

24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go ‖ into † an inner chamber to hide thy self.

‖ Or, *from chamber to chamber.*
† Heb. *a chamber in a chamber.*

25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governour of the city, and to Joash the kings son;

26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise my self, and will go to the battel, but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went to the battel.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel.

31 And it came to pass when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, *It is* the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him, and God moved them *to depart* from him.

32 For it came to pass, that when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again † from pursuing him.

† Heb. *from after him.*

33 And a *certain* man drew a bow † at a venture, and smote the king of Israel † between the joynts of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot-man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am † wounded.

† Heb. *in his simplicity.*
† Heb. *between the joynts and between the breast-plate.*
† Heb. *made sick.*

34 And the battel increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Jehoshaphat visiteth his kingdom:* 5 *His instructions to the judges, &c.*

AND Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house [1] in peace to Jerusalem. 3107.

[1] In safety: being miraculously deliver'd from that eminent danger he was in, *ch.* 18. 31, 32.

2 And [2] Jehu the son of [3] Hanani * the seer, went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldst thou help the ungodly, and [4] love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* [5] wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

* 1 Sam. 9. 9.

[2] 1 *Kings* 16. 1. ¶ [3] *ch.* 16. 7. ¶ [4] *Psa.* 15. 4. &

Chap. 20.

139.21. ¶ 5 God is angry with thee, and will punish thee for it.

* See Chap. 12. 12.

3 Nevertheless, there are 6 * good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast 7 prepared thine heart to seek God.

¶ 6 *Ch.*17.3.&c. ¶ 7 *ch.*12.14.*Ezr.*7.10. Sought and served God with all thy heart.

† Heb. *He returned and went out.*

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and † he went out again through the people, from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them 8 back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

8 From their corrupt, idolatrous worship, and sinful courses.

5 ¶ And he set 9 judges in the land, throughout all the 10 fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

9 *V.*8. &c. ¶ 10 To curb military insolence.

* Deut. 1. 17. * Psal. 82.1. Eccl. 5. 8. † Heb. *matter of judgment.*

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for * ye judge 11 not for man, but 12 for the LORD, * who *is* 13 with you in the † judgment.

11 Not simply in the name, or by the authority of man. ¶ 12 *Deut.* 1. - 17. For his honour, and by Commission from him. ¶ 13 *Pf.* 81.1. *Eccl.*5.8. To defend you if you judge rightly, or punish you if you do otherwise.

* Deut. 32.4. Rom. 9.14. * Deut. 10.17. Job 34.19. Acts 10.34. Rom. 2.11. Gal. 2.6. Eph. 6.9. Col. 3. 25. 1 Pet. 1.17. * Deut. 16.18.

7 Wherefore now, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed, and 14 do *it*: for * *there is* 15 no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor 16 * respect of persons, nor 17 taking of gifts.

14 That which is right. ¶ 15 (And therefore you must be like him.) ¶ 16 See on *Rom.* 2. 10. ¶ 17 *Exod.* 23. 8. *Deut.*16.19. *Prov.* 17.23.

8 ¶ Moreover, in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat * set of the 18 Levites, and *of* the 18 priests, and of the 18 chief of the fathers of Israel 19 for the judgment of the LORD, and for 20 controversies, 21 when they returned to Jerusalem.

18 Made up the great Sanhedrim of such persons. ¶ 19 In matters of Religion, which concern'd the service of God. ¶ 20 Differences between man and man about their particular rights. ¶ 21 When the causes and controversies were brought by appeal from inferiour Courts to the supream Court at *Jerusalem*.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do 22 in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and 23 with a perfect heart.

22 2 *Sam.* 23. - 3. Having your hearts possest with, and overawed and guided by the fear of the Lord. ¶ 23 Sincerely, as in God's presence.

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, 24 between blood and blood, 25 between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they 26 trespass not against the LORD, and *so* 5 wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall 27 not trespass.

24 *Deut.* 17.8. See there the kinds of murder, whether wilful or no. ¶ 25 Whether, when both plead law, this be agreeable thereto, or that. ¶ 26 Be more careful for the future. ¶ 27 Not bring guilt and wrath upon your selves and others.

11 And behold, Amariah the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of the LORD, and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all 28 the kings matters: also the Levites *shall be* officers before you. † Deal couragiously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

† Heb. *Take courage, and do.*

28 Civil controversies between King and People, or Subject and Subject.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Jehoshaphat proclaimeth a fast:* 5 *His prayer:* 22 *The overthrow of his enemies:* 31 *His reign.*

IT came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battel.

Chap. 20.

2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria, and behold, they *be* in Hazazon-tamar, which *is* En-gedi.

† Heb. *his face.*

3 And Jehoshaphat 1 feared, and 2 set † himself to seek 3 the LORD, and 4 proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

1 1 *Sam.* 7.7. Partly through humane frailty, and partly through remembrance of those judgments denounced against him, *ch.*19.2. ¶ 2 *ch.*11.16. ¶ 3 Direction and assistance from him, *Isa.*55.6. ¶ 4 *Ezra* 8.21,23.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

5 ¶ And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the 5 house of the LORD before the 6 new court,

5 2 *Kings* 19. 14. The Court of the People. ¶ 6 The Court of the Priests newly repaired.

7 1 *Chr.*29.18.

6 And said, 7 O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and * in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

* 1 Chron. 29. 12. Matth. 6.13.

† Heb. *thou.*

7 *Art* not thou 8 our God, † who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and 9 gavest it to the seed of Abraham 10 thy friend 11 for ever?

8 *Gen.* 17.7. ¶ 9 *Gen.* 15.7. ¶ 10 *Isa.* 41.8. *Jam.*2.23. (see there) *Joh.*11.11. & 15.15. ¶ 11 *Gen.*17.8. & 48.4.

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein 12 for thy name, saying,

12 1 *Kings* 5.3. See there.

9 13 If *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (14 for thy name *is* in this house) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then 15 thou wilt hear and help.

13 1 *Kings* 8. 37. &c. ¶ 14 1 *Kings* 8. 29. ¶ 15 1 *Kings* 8. 29, 30.

16 *Deut.* 2.5,9, 19. * Num. 20. 21.

10 And now behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, whom thou 16 wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but * they turned from them, and destroyed them not:

11 Behold, *I say*, *how* they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God wilt thou not 17 judge them? for we have 18 no might against this great company that cometh against us: neither know we what to do, but * our eyes *are* upon thee.

* Psal. 25.15. & 123. 1, 2. & 141.8.

17 Revenge and punish. ¶ 18 Comparatively and of ourselves.

13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their 19 little ones, their wives and their children.

19 *Deut.* 29. 11. & 31. 12. *Joel* 2. 16. *Jonah* 3. 5.

* Numb. 11. 25, 26. & 24. 2. Chap. 24. 20. 20 *Ch.* 15.1.

14 ¶ Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, * came the 20 spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation.

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, * Be not afraid, nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for 21 the battel *is* not yours, but Gods.

* Exod. 14.13, 14.

21 You shall not need to fight at all, but God will fight for you. *v.* 17, 29.

16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the † cliff of Ziz, and

† Heb. *ascent.*

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and ye shall find them at the end of the ‖ brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

‖ Or, *valley.*

17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battel*; [22] set your selves, [23] stand ye *still*, and [23] see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them, for the LORD *will be* with you.

[22] Compose your selves quietly to expect the deliverance God will vouchsafe you. ¶ [23] *Exod.*14.13.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head, with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to [24] praise the LORD God of Israel [25] with a loud voice on high.

[24] 1 *Chron.*23.5. ¶ [25] With heart and voice lifted up, in token of full assurance of victory.

20 ¶ And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood, and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; [26] Believe in the LORD your God, so shall you be [27] established; believe his [28] prophets, so shall ye prosper.

[26] *Isa.*7.9. ¶ [27] *Isa.*26.3. ¶ [28] The promises delivered us by this Prophet.

21 And when he had consulted with [29] the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and † that should praise the [30] beauty of holiness as they went out before the army, and to say, * [31] Praise the LORD; * for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

† Heb. *praisers.*
* Psal.136.1.
* 1 Chr.16.41.

[29] The chief Officers, 1 *Chron.* 13.1. ¶ [30] See on *Psal.* 29.2. ¶ [31] *ch.*7.3. See there.

22 ¶ And † when they began † to sing and to praise, * the LORD [32] set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they ‖ were smitten.

† Heb. *in the time that they, &c.*
† Heb. *in singing and praise.*
* Judg.7.22.
1 Sam. 14.20.
‖ Or, *smote one another.*

[32] Caus'd 'em to lye in wait to destroy one another, *v.*23.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them*: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped † to destroy another.

† Heb. *for the destruction.*

24 And when Judah came toward the watch-tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and † none escaped.

† Heb. there was *not an escaping.*

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stript off for themselves, more then they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil; it was so much.

26 ¶ And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of ‖ Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD. Therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

‖ That is, *blessing.*

27 Then they returned every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the † forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD [33] had made them to rejoyce over their enemies.

† Heb. *head.*

[33] *Neh.*12.43. Given 'em this occasion of rejoycing.

[34] *Neh.* 12.43.

28 And they [34] came to Jerusalem with psalteries, and harps, and trumpets, unto the house of the LORD.

* Chap.17.10.
[35] See on *ch.* 14.14.

29 And * the [35] fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countreys, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

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30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

31 ¶ * And Jehoshaphat [36] reigned over Judah. *He was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

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* 1 Kings 22. 41, &c.
[36] 1 *Kings* 22. 41–43.

32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD.

33 Howbeit, * the high-places were not taken away: for as yet the people had [37] not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

* See Chap. 17.6.

[37] *Ch.*15.17. See there. Tho' they complied outwardly with some Reformation, yet their hearts were not thorowly purg'd from their idols.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold they *are* written in the † book of Jehu the son of Hanani, * who † is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

† Heb. *words.*
* 1 Kings 16. 1,7.

35 ¶ And [38] after this * did Jehoshaphat † kind of Judah joyn himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly.

† Heb. *was made to ascend.*
* 1 Kings 22. 48,49.

[38] After so great an obligation laid upon him by God, and after he had been so sharply reprov'd and threatned by a Prophet for the same thing, *ch.*19.2.

36 And he [39] joyned himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-gaber.

[39] *Viz.* At first: but being reprov'd for it (*v.* 37.) afterwards he forbore, 1 *Kings* 22.49.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast [40] joyned thy self with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

[40] Good men may fall once and again into the same sin.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Jehoram succeedeth Jehoshaphat: 5 His wicked reign: 18 His incurable disease, infamous death, and burial.*

NOw Jehoshaphat [1] slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

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[1] 1 *Kin.*22.50.

2 And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah. All these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of [2] Israel.

[2] *Judah*, yet call'd *Israel*, because many of the ten Tribes submitted to his government.

3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver and of gold, and of precious things, with [3] fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he *was* the [4] first-born.

3112.
[3] *ch.*11.23.
[4] *Deut.* 21.17. Gen.4.7.

4 Now * when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he [5] strengthned himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *divers* also of the [6] princes of Israel.

3115.
* 2 Kings 8. 16,17.
[5] *Ch.* 12.1, 13. Took courage and hardned his heart.
¶ [6] The chief of those of the ten Tribes who out of love to God and his true Religion, had setled themselves in the Kingdom of Judah; lest they should oppose his wicked designs.

5 ¶ Jehoram *was* [7] thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

3112.
[7] 2 *Kings* 8. 17–22.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for * he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought

* Chap.22.2.

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wrought *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD.

7 Howbeit the LORD would not deſtroy the houſe of David, becauſe of * the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promiſed to give a † light to him and to [8] his ſons for ever.

* 2 Sam.7.12. 1 Kin.11.36. 2 Kings 8.19. Pſal. 132.11. &c.

† Heb. *lamp*, or *candle*.

[8] 1 *Kings* 11. 36. *Pſal.* 132. 11. *&c.* 1 *Chron.* 17.12,14.

8 ¶ In his days the Edomites revolted from under the † dominion of Judah, and made themſelves a king.

† Heb. *hand*.

* 2 Kin.8.21.

9 Then Jehoram * went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he roſe up by night, and ſmote the Edomites which compaſſed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The ſame time *alſo* did Libnah revolt from under his hand; becauſe he had [9] forſaken the LORD God of his fathers.

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[9] *ch.*13.10.

11 Moreover, he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and cauſed the inhabitants of Jeruſalem to commit [10] fornication, and [11] compelled Judah *thereto*.

3116.

[10] Idolatry, *v.*13. 2 *Kings* 9.22. See there. ¶ [11] By perſecuting Diſſenters.

12 ¶ And there came a [12] writing to him from Elijah the prophet, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD God of David thy father, Becauſe thou haſt not walked in the ways of [13] Jehoſhaphat thy father, nor in the ways of [14] Aſa king of Judah,

[12] Which *Elijah* wrote by the Spirit of Prophecy, and left to be deliver'd to him. So *Joſiah* was propheſied of by name 1 *Kings* 13.2. and *Iſaiah* propheſied of *Cyrus*, *Iſa.*45.1. ¶ [13] *ch.*20.32. ¶ [14] *ch.*14.2.

13 But haſt walked in the way of the kings of Iſrael, and haſt made Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the houſe of [15] Ahab, and alſo haſt ſlain thy brethren of thy fathers houſe, *which were* better then thy ſelf:

[15] 1 *Kings* 16. 31–33.

14 Behold, with a great † plague will the LORD ſmite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods.

† Heb. *ſtroke*.

15 And thou *ſhalt have* great ſickneſs by diſeaſe of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reaſon of the ſickneſs day by day.

16 ¶ Moreover, the LORD ſtirred up againſt Jehoram the ſpirit of the Philiſtines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians.

17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and † carried away all the ſubſtance *that was* found in the kings houſe, and his * ſons alſo and his wives; ſo that there was never a ſon left him, ſave || Jehoahaz the youngeſt of his ſons.

† Heb. *carried captive*. See Chap.22.1.

* Chap.24.7.

||Or, *Ahaziah*. Chap.22.1.or, *Azariah*. Verſ.6.

18 ¶ And after all this the LORD ſmote him in his bowels with an incurable diſeaſe.

19 And it came to paſs that in proceſs of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reaſon of his ſickneſs: ſo he died of ſore diſeaſes. And his people made [16] no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

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[16] See on *ch.* 16.14.

20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jeruſalem eight years, and departed † without being deſired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the ſepulchres of the kings.

† Heb. *without deſire*.

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CHAP. XXII.

1 *Ahaziah ſucceeding, reigneth wickedly:* 5 *He is ſlain by Jehu.* 10 *Athaliah deſtroying all the royal ſeed, ſave Joaſh, uſurpeth the kingdom.*

AND the inhabitants of Jeruſalem made * Ahaziah his youngeſt ſon king in his ſtead. For the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp, had ſlain all the * eldeſt. So Ahaziah the ſon of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

* 2 Kings 8. 24,&c. See v. 6.

* Chap.21.17.

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2 [1]Fourty and two years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jeruſalem. His mothers name alſo *was* * Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

* Chap.21.6.

[1] Heb. *A ſon of forty two years*; i.e. it was forty two years from the beginning of that Family he was of by his mothers ſide, *viz. Omri's*, (2 *Kings* 8.26.) to the beginning of his reign.

3 He alſo walked in the ways of the houſe of Ahab: for his mother was his counſeller to do wickedly.

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4 Wherefore he did evil in the ſight of the LORD, like the houſe of Ahab: for they were his counſellers after the death of his father, [2] to his deſtruction.

[2] 2*Kings* 9.27.

5 ¶ He walked alſo after their counſel, and [3] went with Jehoram the ſon of Ahab king of Iſrael to war againſt Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians ſmote Joram.

[3] 2 *Kings* 8.28.

6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel, becauſe of the wounds † which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And || Azariah the ſon of Jehoram king of Judah went down to ſee Jehoram the ſon of Ahab at Jezreel, becauſe he was ſick.

† Heb. *wherewith they wounded him*.

||Or, *Ahaziah*, verſ.1. or, *Jehoahaz*, chap. 21.17.

7 And the † deſtruction of Ahaziah * was [4] of God [5] by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram againſt Jehu the ſon of Nimſhi, whom the LORD * had anointed to cut off the houſe of Ahab.

† Heb. *treading down*.

* Judg.14.4.

[4] 1 Kin.12.15.

[5] 2 Kings 9. 21,&c.

8 And it came to paſs that when Jehu was executing judgment upon the houſe of Ahab, and * found the princes of Judah, and the ſons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that miniſtred to Ahaziah, he [6] ſlew them.

* 2 Kings 9.7.

* 2 *Kin.*10.13.

[6] 2 Kin.10.14.

9 * And he ſought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was [7] hid in Samaria) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had ſlain him, they buried him, Becauſe, ſaid they, he *is* the ſon of Jehoſhaphat, who ſought the LORD with all his heart. So the houſe of Ahaziah had no power to keep ſtill the kingdom.

* 2 Kin. 9.27.

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[7] But firſt in *Megiddo*, and then afterwards in *Samaria*, where he was taken and ſent to *Megiddo*, and put to death there, 1 *Kings* 9. 27.

10 ¶ But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah, ſaw that her ſon was dead, ſhe aroſe, and deſtroyed all the ſeed royal of the houſe of Judah.

11 But Jehoſhabeah the daughter of the king, took Joaſh the ſon of Ahaziah, and ſtole him from among the kings ſons *that were* ſlain, and put him and his nurſe in a bed-chamber. So Jehoſhabeah the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the prieſt (for ſhe was the ſiſter of Ahaziah) hid him from Athaliah, ſo that ſhe ſlew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the houſe of God ſix years, and Athaliah reigned over the land.

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CHAP. XXIII.

1 Jehoiada maketh Joash king. 12 Athaliah is slain. 16 Jehoiada restoreth the worship of God.

3126. AND in the [1] seventh year Jehoiada [2] strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

[1] *Ch.*22.12. 2 *Kings* 11.4. ¶ [2] Got as many on his side as he could.

2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

[3] See on 2 Kings 11.17. 3 And all the congregation made a [3] covenant with the king in the house of God: and he said unto them, Behold, the kings son shall reign, as the LORD hath * said of the sons of David.

* 2Sam.7.12. 1 Kings 2.4. & 9.5. Chap.6.16. & 7.18. & 21.7. 4 This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entring on the sabbath of the Priests and of the Levites, *shall be* porters of the † doors;

[4] 2 *Kings* 11.5.&c. † Heb. *thresholds.*

5 And a third part *shall be* [5] at the kings house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the LORD.

[5] At the gate that opens towards the king's house.

6 But let none come into the [6] house of the LORD, save the priests, and * they that minister of the Levites, they shall go in, for they *are* [7] holy: but all the people shall keep the [8] watch of the LORD.

* 1 Chron.23.28,29.

[6] The Court of the Priests. ¶ [7] By special Function. ¶ [8] Be upon the guard in the House of the Lord for the Security thereof.

7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand, and whosoever *else* cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be you with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go *out* on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not * the courses.

* See 1 Chr. 24.& 25.

9 Moreover, Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds, spears, and bucklers, and shields, that *had been* king Davids, which *were* in the house of God.

[9] The multitude of the Levites. †Heb. *shoulder.* † Heb. *house.* 10 And he set [9] all the people (every man having his weapon in his hand) from the right † side of the † temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

11 Then they brought out the kings son, and put upon him the crown, and * *gave him* the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, † God save the king.

* Deut.17.18. † Heb. *let the king live.*

12 ¶ Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising [10] the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD.

[10] God, for this young king.

13 And she looked, and behold, the king stood at his pillar, at the entring in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoyced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and * such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, † Treason, treason.

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* 1 Chr. 25.8. † Heb. *conspiracy.*

14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges; and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priests said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD.

15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entring of the horse-gate, by the kings house, they slew her there.

16 ¶ And Jehoiada made a [11] covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORDs people.

[11] See on 2 Sam.5.3.

17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars, and his images in pieces, and * slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

* Deut.13.9.

18 Also Jehoiada [12] appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had * distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt-offerings of the LORD, as *it is* written in the * law of Moses, with rejoycing and with singing, *as it was ordained* † by David.

* 1 Chr.24.1. * Numb.28.2. † Heb. *by the hands of David.*

[12] Restor'd 'em to the exercise of their several Services.

19 And he set the * porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none *which was* unclean in any thing should enter in.

* 1 Chron. 26.1.&c.

20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governours of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the kings house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoyced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Joash reigneth well all the days of Jehoiada. 15 Jehoiada being dead, 17 Joash falleth to idolatry: 25 He is slain.

JOash * *was* seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; his mothers name *also was* Zibeah of Beersheba.

3126. * 2 Kings 12.1.&c.

2 [1] And Joash * did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

[1] 2 Kings 12.2.&c. * See Chap. 26.5.

3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives, and he begat sons and daughters.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this, *that* Joash was minded † to repair the house of the LORD.

3147. † Heb. *to renew.*

5 And he gathered together the Priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye haste the matter: howbeit the Levites hastened *it* not.

6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, *according to the commandment* of [2] Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle [3] of witness?

3148. [2] *Exod.*30.12–14. [3] See on *Num.* 1.50.

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7 For * the [4] sons of Athaliah that wicked woman, had [5] broken up the house of God, and also all the dedicate things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim.

* Chap. 21. 17.

[4] Either, others of them before they were slain: Or, *Sons* for Son, *viz. Ahaziah.* ¶ [5] Both broken up the Treasuries, and defac'd the Temple itself.

8 And at the kings commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And they made † a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring into the LORD, the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness.

† Heb. *a voice.*

10 And all the princes, and all the people [6] rejoyced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

[6] As 1 *Chron.* 29. 9.

11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the kings office, by the hand of the Levites; and when they saw that *there was* much mony; the kings scribe, and the high priests officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered mony in abundance.

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD.

† Heb. *healing went up upon the work.*

13 So the workmen wrought, and the † work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthned it.

14 And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the mony before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, *even* vessels to minister, and ‖ to offer *withal*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver: and they [7] offered burnt-offerings in the house of the LORD continually, all the days of Jehoiada.

‖ Or, *pestils.*

[7] Perform'd such Worship as was requir'd, when the Temple was fitted for Service.

15 ¶ But Jehoiada waxed old, and was [8] full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died.

[8] 1 *Chron.* 23. 1. See there.

16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both towards [9] God and towards his house.

[9] By restoring his worship, *v.* 14.

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada, came the princes of Judah, and [10] made obeysance to the king: then the king hearkened unto them.

[10] Addressed to him in the most fawning manner.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and [11] served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

[11] Worshipt Idols in the groves.

19 Yet he [12] sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD, and they [13] testified against them: but they would not give ear.

[12] As *ch.* 36. 15. 2 *King.* 17. 13. ¶ [13] 2 *King.* 17. 13, 15. See there.

20 And the [14] spirit of God came upon † [15] Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD that ye cannot prosper? because ye have [16] forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you?

[14] *ch.* 15. 1. *Judg.* 6. 34. [15] *Mat.* 23. 35. † Heb. *clothed*, as Judg. 6. 34. [16] *ch.* 12. 5.

3164. 21 And they conspired against him, and * stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king, in the court of the house of the LORD.

* Matth. 23. 35.

22 Thus Joash the king remembred not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son: and when he died, he [17] said, The LORD look upon *it*, and [18] require *it*.

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[17] Not with a revengeful Spirit, but by special instinct. ¶ [18] *Matth.* 23. 35, 36. Punish you for it.

23 And it came to pass at the end of the year, *that* the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the [19] princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of † Damascus.

3165. † Heb. *in the revolution.* [19] *v.* 17. † Heb. *Dar-mesek.*

24 For the army of the Syrians * came with a small company of men, and the LORD [20] delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had [21] forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

* Lev. 26. 8. Deut. 32. 30. Isa. 30. 17. [20] *Lev.* 26. 37. † Heb. *to do.* † Heb. *them.*

25 And when they were departed from him (for they left him in great diseases) his own servants [21] conspired against him, for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

[21] 2 *King.* 12. 20, 21.

26 And these *are* they that conspired against him, ‖ Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of ‖ Shimrith a Moabitess.

‖ Or, *Jozachar* 2 King. 12. 21. ‖ Or, *Shomer.*

27 ¶ Now *concerning* his sons, and the greatness of * the burdens *laid* upon him, and the † repairing of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the ‖ story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

* 2 Kin. 12. 18. † Heb. *founding.* ‖ Or, *commentary.*

CHAP. XXV.

1 Amaziah beginneth to reign well, 3 He executeth justice on the traitors: 5 Having hired an army of Israelites against the Edomites, at the word of a prophet he loseth the hundred talents, and dismisseth them. 11 He overthroweth the Edomites; 17 He provoketh Joash to his overthrow: 25 His reign. 27 He is slain by conspiracy.

1 AMaziah *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3165. [1] 2 *King.* 14. 1. *&c.*

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, * but not with a perfect heart.

* See 2 King. 14. 4. v. 14.

3 ¶ Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was † established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.

† Heb. *confirmed upon him.*

4 But he slew not their children, but *did* as *it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, * The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

* Deut. 24. 16. 2 King. 14. 6. Jer. 31. 30. Ezek. 18. 20.

5 ¶ Moreover, Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbred them * from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men*, *able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

* Numb. 1. 3.

6 He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for [2] an hundred talents of silver.

[2] Thirty four thousand two hundred and eighteen pounds fifteen shillings.

7 But there came a man of God to him, saying,

Chap. 25. ing, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD *is* [1] not with Israel, *to wit,* [†] *with* all the children of Ephraim.

[1] Ch.24.20. ¶ [†] With all of the ten Tribes.

8 But if thou wilt go, do *it,* be strong for the battel: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the † army of Israel? And the man of God answered, [2] The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.

† Heb. *band.*

[2] *Prov.*10. 22.

10 Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit,* the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go † home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in † great anger.

† Heb. *to their place.*

† Heb. *heat of anger.*

11 ¶ And Amaziah strengthned himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.

12 And *other* ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they were broken all in pieces.

† Heb. *sons of the band.*

13 ¶ But the † soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battel, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

14 ¶ Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that * he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.

* See Chap.28. 23.

15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?

16 And it came to pass as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldst thou be smitten? Then the prophet [3] forbare, and said, I know that God hath † determined to [4] destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

[3] Matth.7. 6. *Prov.*9.8.

† Heb. *counselled.*

[4] *ch.*36. 16.

17 ¶ Then Amaziah king of Judah [5] took advice, and [6] sent to Joash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.

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[5] *Viz.* How he should repair the injury done to his people, *v.* 13. ¶ [6] 2 *King.*14. 8. *&c.* See there.

18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The ‖ thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife, and there passed by † a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

‖ Or, *fur-bush,* or *thorn.*

† Heb. *a beast of the field.*

19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites, and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldst thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldst fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not hear; for * it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand *of their enemies,* because they sought after the gods of Edom.

* Chap.22.7.

21 So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah.

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22 And Judah was † put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

† Heb. *smitten.*

23 And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of * Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, from the gate of Ephraim to the † corner-gate, four hundred cubits.

* See Chap.21. 17. & 22.1,6.

† Heb. *gate of it that looketh.*

24 And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels *that were* found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 ¶ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, fifteen years. 3179.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? 3194.

27 ¶ Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away † from following the LORD, they † made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

† Heb. *from after.*

† Heb. *conspired a conspiracy.*

28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in ‖ the city of Judah.

‖ That is, *the city of David,* 2 *King.*14.20.

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1 Uzziah succeedeth Amaziah: 16 He invadeth the priest's office, and is smitten with leprosie: 22 He dieth, and Jotham succeedeth him.

THen all the people of Judah took * † Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

* 2 King. 14. 21. & 15. 1.

‖ Or, *Azariah.*

2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did *that which was* [1] right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

[1] *viz.* For a time.

5 And he [2] sought God [3] in the days of Zechariah, who had [4] understanding † in the visions of God: and [5] as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

† Heb. *in the seeing of God.*

[2] Persisted in the true Religion and Worship of God. ¶ [3] As *ch.*24.2. ¶ [4] *Gen.*41.15. *Dan.*1.17. and 2.19. and 10.7. A deep insight in the Revelations that God made of his Will, whether in Scripture or otherwise. ¶ [5] *ch.* 15.2. 1 *Sam.*2.30.

6 And he went forth, and * warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities ‖ about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

* Isa.14.29.

‖ Or, *in* the country of *Ashdod.*

7 And God [6] helped him against * the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Mehunims.

[6] 1 *Chr.*5.20. * Chap.21.16.

8 And the Ammonites gave [7] gifts to Uzziah; and his name † spread abroad *even* to the entering in of Egypt: for he strengthned *himself* exceedingly.

[7] *ch.*17. 11. † Heb. *went.*

9 Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the * corner-gate, and at the valley-gate, and at the turning *of the wall,* and ‖ fortified them.

* Neh.3. 13, 19,32. Zech.14. 10.

‖ Or, *repaired.*

10 Also he built towers in the desert, and ‖ digged many wells: for he had much cattel, both

‖ Or, *cut out many cisterns.*

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both in the low-country, and in the plains: huſbandmen *alſo*, and vine-dreſſers in the mountains, and in ‖ Carmel: for he loved † husbandry.

‖ Or, *fruitful fields.*
† Heb. *ground.*

11 Moreover, Uzziah had an [1] hoſt of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account, by the hand of Jeiel the ſcribe, and Maaſeiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the kings captains.

[a] *ch.* 17. 14. 19.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour, *were* two thouſand and ſix hundred.

13 And under their hand *was* † an army, three hundred thouſand and ſeven thouſand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king againſt the enemy.

† Heb. *the power of an army.*

14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the hoſt, ſhields, and ſpears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and † ſlings *to caſt* ſtones.

† Heb *ſtones of ſlings.*

15 And he made in Jeruſalem engines invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to ſhoot arrows and great ſtones withal. And his name † ſpread far abroad: for he was marvelloufly helped till he was ſtrong.

† Heb. *went forth.*

16 ¶ But when he was ſtrong, his heart was [2] lifted up to *his* deſtruction: for he tranſgreſſed againſt the LORD his God, and *went into the temple of the LORD, to burn incenſe upon the altar of incenſe.

[2] *ch.* 25. 19.
* So 2 King. 16. 12, 13.

17 And Azariah the prieſt went in after him, and with him fourſcore prieſts of the LORD, *that were* valiant men.

18 And they [10] withſtood Uzziah the king, and ſaid unto him, [11] *It pertaineth* not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incenſe unto the LORD, but to the [12] prieſts the ſons of Aaron, *that are* conſecrated to burn incenſe: go out of the ſanctuary, for thou haſt treſpaſſed, [13] neither *ſhall it be* for thine honour [13] from the LORD God.

[10] By admonition and reproof Miniſters muſt teſtifie againſt the ſcandalous ſins of great ones, *Mat.* 14. 4. ¶ [11] *Num.* 16. 7. ¶ [12] *Exod.* 30. 7. ¶ [13] *Jam.* 4. 6. *q. d.* Expect that God will put ſome brand of diſgrace upon thee for thy preſumption.

19 Then Uzziah was [14] wroth, and *had* a cenſer in his hand, to burn incenſe: and whiie he was wroth with the prieſts, the [15] leproſie even roſe up in his forehead, before the prieſts in the houſe of the LORD, [16] from beſide the incenſe-altar.

[14] As *ch.* 16. 10. ¶ [15] As *Numb.* 12. 10. ¶ [16] As he ſtood beſides the incenſe-altar.

20 And Azariah the chief prieſt, and all the prieſts looked upon him, and behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thruſt him out from thence; yea, himſelf * haſted alſo to go out, becauſe the LORD had ſmitten him.

* As Eſth. 6. 12.

21 * And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a *† [17] ſeveral houſe *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the houſe of the LORD: and Jotham his ſon was over the kings houſe, judging the people of the land.

* 2 King. 15. 5
* Numb. 5. 2.
† Heb. *free.*
[17] *Lev.* 13. 46.

22 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Uzziah, firſt and laſt, did * Iſaiah the prophet the ſon of Amoz write.

* Iſa. 1. 1.

23 So Uzziah ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they ſaid, He *is* a leper. And Jotham his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

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CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Jotham reigning well, proſpereth: 5 He ſubdueth the Ammonites: 7 His reign. 9 Ahaz ſucceedeth him.*

1 JOtham *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem. His mothers name alſo *was* Jeruſhah the daughter of Zadok. 3246.
[1] 2 *King.* 15, 33. *&c.*

2 And he did *that which was* right in the ſight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit, he entred not into the temple of the LORD. And * the people did yet [2] corruptly. * 2 King. 15. 35

[1] By Sacrificing and burning Incenſe in High-Places, 2 *King.* 15. 35.

3 He built the high gate of the houſe of the LORD, and on the wall of ‖ Ophel he built much. ‖ Or, *the tower.*

4 Moreover, he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the foreſts he built caſtles and towers.

5 ¶ He fought alſo with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed againſt them. And the children of Ammon gave him the ſame year an [3] hundred talents of ſilver, and ten thouſand [4] meaſures of wheat, and ten thouſand of barley. † So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him both the ſecond year and the third. 3246.
† Heb. *this.*

¶ [3] Thirty four thouſand two hundred and eighteen pounds, fifteen ſhillings. ¶ [4] Each of which was a quarter and half a buſhel.

6 So Jotham became mighty, becauſe he ‖ [5] prepared his ways before the LORD his God. ‖ Or, *eſtabliſhed.*

[5] Or, *eſtabliſhed*: as he began, ſo he continued.

7 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Iſrael and Judah.

8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem.

9 ¶ And Jotham ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And Ahaz his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

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1 *Ahaz reigning wickedly, is afflicted by the Syrians: 26 He dying, Hezekiah ſucceedeth him.*

1 AHaz *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem: but he did not *that which was* right in the ſight of the LORD, like David his father. 3262.
[1] 2 *King.* 16. 1. &c.

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Iſrael, and made alſo molten images for Baalim.

3 Moreover, he ‖ burnt incenſe in the valley of the ſon of Hinnom, and burnt * [2] his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had caſt out before the children of Iſrael. ‖ Or, *offered ſacrifice.*
* Lev. 18. 21.
[2] One of his ſons, 2 *King.* 16. 3.

4 He ſacrificed alſo, and burnt incenſe in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Wherefore * the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria, and they ſmote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to † Damaſcus: and he was alſo delivered into the hand of the king of Iſrael, who ſmote him with a great ſlaughter. * Iſa. 7. 1.
† Heb. *Darmeſek.*

6 ¶ For

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3263. 6 ¶ For * Pekah the ſon of Remaliah ſlew in Judah an hundred and twenty thouſand in one day, *which were* all † valiant men; becauſe they had forſaken the LORD God of their fathers.

* 2 Kings 15. 27.

† Heb. *ſons of valour.*

7 And Zichri a mighty man of Ephraim, ſlew Maaſeiah the kings ſon, and Azrikam the governour of the houſe, and Elkanah *that was* † next to the king.

† Heb. *the ſecond to the king.*

8 And the children of Iſrael carried away captive of their brethren, two hundred thouſand women, ſons and daughters, and took alſo away much ſpoil from them, and brought the ſpoil to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whoſe name *was* Oded: and he went out before the hoſt that came to Samaria, and ſaid unto them, Behold, * becauſe the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have ſlain them [1] in a rage *that* * reacheth up unto heaven.

* Pſal. 69.26. Iſa. 10.5. & 47. 6. Ezek. 25.12, 15. & 26.2. Obad. 10. &c. Zech. 1.15.

10 And now ye purpoſe to keep under the children of Judah and Jeruſalem for bond-men, and bond-women unto you: *but are there* not with you, even with you, ſins againſt the LORD your God?

* Ezra 9. 6.

[1] *Iſa.* 47.6. *Zech.* 1. 15.

11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren; for the [4] fierce wrath of the LORD *is* upon you.

[4] *Jam.* 2. 13.

12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the ſon of Johanan, Berechiah the ſon of Meſhillemoth, and Jehizkiah the ſon of Shallum, and Amaſa the ſon of Hadlai, ſtood up againſt them that came from the war.

13 And ſaid unto them, Ye ſhall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended againſt the LORD *already*, ye intend to add *more* to our ſins and to our treſpaſs: for our treſpaſs is great, and *there is* fierce wrath againſt Iſrael.

14 So the armed men left the captives, and the ſpoil, before the princes and all the congregation.

15 And the men * which were expreſſed by name, roſe up, and took the captives, and with the ſpoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arayed them, and ſhod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and [5] anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon aſſes, and brought them to Jericho, * the city of [6] palm-trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

* Ver. 12.

* Judg. 1.16.

[5] Dreſt the wounded. ¶ [6] *Deut.* 34. 3. See there.

3264. 16 ¶ * At that time did king Ahaz ſend unto the kings of Aſſyria to help him.

* 1 King. 16.7.

17 For again the Edomites had come and ſmitten Judah, and carried away † captives.

† Heb. *a captivity.*

18 * The Philiſtines alſo had invaded the cities of the low-country, and of the ſouth of Judah, and had taken Beth-ſhemeſh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo alſo and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

* Exek. 16.27, 57.

19 For the LORD brought Judah low becauſe of Ahaz king of Iſrael; for he * made Judah [7] naked, and tranſgreſſed ſore againſt the LORD.

* Exod. 32.25.

[7] *Exod.* 32.25. Deſtitute of honour, power, wealth, and eſpecially of God's favour.

20 And * Tilgath-pilneſer king of Aſſyria came unto him, and [8] diſtreſſed him, but ſtrengthned him not.

* 2 King. 15. 29.

[8] By Taxes, free-quarter, &c.

21 For Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the houſe of the LORD, and *out* of the houſe of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Aſſyria: but he helped him not.

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22 ¶ And [9] in the time of his diſtreſs did he treſpaſs yet more againſt the LORD: this *is* [10] *that* king Ahaz.

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[9] *Hoſ.* 5. 15. ¶ [10] That monſter and reproach of mankind.

23 For * he ſacrificed unto the gods of † Damaſcus, which ſmote him: and he ſaid, Becauſe the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I ſacrifice to them, that they may help me: but they were the [11] ruine of him and of all Iſrael.

* See Chap. 25. 14.

† Heb. *Darmeſek.*

[11] *Ch.* 25.14,15

24 And Ahaz gathered together the veſſels of the houſe of God, and cut in pieces the veſſels of the houſe of God, and * ſhut up the doors of the houſe of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jeruſalem.

* See Chap. 29. 3.

25 And in every ſeveral city of Judah he made high places, ‖ to burn incenſe unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

‖ Or, *to offer.*

26 ¶ Now the reſt of his acts, and of all his ways, firſt and laſt, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Iſrael.

27 And Ahaz ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jeruſalem: but they brought him not into the ſepulchres of the kings of Iſrael: And Hezekiah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

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1 *Hezekiahs good reign.* 3 *He reſtoreth religion.* 12 *The houſe of God cleanſed.*

1 HEzekiah began to reign *when he was* five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jeruſalem: and his mothers name *was* Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.

3277. [1] 2 *Kings* 18. 1. - 3.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the ſight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

3 ¶ He, in the firſt year of his reign, in the firſt month, [2] opened the doors of the houſe of the LORD, and repaired them.

3278. [2] *Ch.* 28. 24.

4 And he brought in the [3] prieſts, and the Levites, and gathered them together into the eaſt-ſtreet.

[3] Which *Ahaz* had turn'd out of their ſervice at the Temple.

5 And ſaid unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, [4] ſanctifie now your ſelves, and [4] ſanctifie the houſe of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the [5] filthineſs out of the holy *place.*

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[4] 1 *Chron.* 15.12,14. ¶ [5] All things belonging to idolatrous worſhip, and whatſoever defil'd it.

6 For our fathers have treſpaſſed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forſaken him, and have [6] turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and † turned *their* backs.

[6] *Jer.* 2.27. *Ezek.* 8. 16.

† Heb. *given the neck.*

7 Alſo * they have ſhut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burnt incenſe, nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy *place*, unto the God of Iſrael.

* Chap. 28.24.

8 Wherefore the [7] wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jeruſalem, and he hath delivered them to [8] trouble, to [9] aſtoniſhment and to [9] hiſſing, as ye ſee with your eyes.

[7] *Chap.* 24. 18. ¶ [8] Commotions and troubles in the Kingdom, *ch.* 28.5. &c. ¶ [9] 1 *Kings* 9. 8. See there. To ſuch calamities as ſhall fill others with wonder, and make themſelves contemptible

9 For lo, our fathers have fallen by the ſword,

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ſword, and our ſons and our daughters, and our wives *are* [10] in captivity for this.

[10] *Ch.*28.5.&c.

10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make [11] a covenant with the LORD God of Iſrael, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

[11] 2 *Kings* 11. 4. See there. Pious Kings have frequently begun the Reformation of Religion with a ſolemn Covenant.

‖ Or, *be not now deceived.*

11 My ſons, ‖ be not now negligent: for the LORD hath [12] choſen you to ſtand before him, to ſerve him, and that you ſhould miniſter unto him, and ‖ burn incenſe.

‖ Or, *offer ſacrifice.*

[12] Numb. 8. 14. & 18. 2, 6. Deut. 10. 8.

12 ¶ Then the Levites aroſe, Mahath the ſon of Amaſai, and Joel the ſon of Azariah, of the ſons of the Kohathites: and of the ſons of Merari; Kiſh the ſon of Abdi, and Azariah the ſon of Jehalelel: and of the Gerſhonites; Joah the ſon of Zimmah, and Eden the ſon of Joah:

13 And of the ſons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the ſons of Aſaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

14 And of the ſons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the ſons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and ſanctified themſelves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, ‖ [13] by the words of the LORD, to cleanſe the houſe of the LORD.

‖ Or, *in the buſineſs of the* LORD.

[13] *Ch.*30. - 12. Which was grounded on the word or Law of God.

16 And the prieſts went into the [14] inner part of the houſe of the LORD, to cleanſe *it*, and brought out all the uncleanneſs that they found in the temple of the LORD, into the court of the houſe of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad [15] into the brook Kidron.

[14] The holy Place. ¶ [15] 2 *Kings* 23. 6, 12.

17 Now they began on the firſt *day* of the firſt moneth to ſanctifie, and on the eighth day of the moneth came they to the porch of the LORD: ſo they ſanctified the houſe of the LORD in eight days, and in the ſixteenth day of the firſt moneth they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and ſaid, We have cleanſed all the houſe of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the veſſels thereof, and the ſhew-bread table, with all the veſſels thereof.

19 Moreover, all the veſſels which king Ahaz in his reign did caſt away in his tranſgreſſion, have we prepared and ſanctified, and behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

20 ¶ Then Hezekiah the king roſe early, and gathered the [16] rulers of the city, and went up to the houſe of the LORD.

[16] The Repreſentative Body of the Kingdom.

21 And they brought ſeven bullocks, and ſeven rams, and ſeven lambs, and ſeven he-goats, for * a ſin-offering for [17] the kingdom, and for the [18] ſanctuary, and for [19] Judah: and he commanded the prieſts the ſons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

*Levit.4.3,14.

[17] All the Rulers and Governors. ¶ [18] For all the idolatry and uncleanneſs wherewith the Temple had been defiled. ¶ [19] The common people.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the prieſts [20] received the blood, and * [20] ſprinkled *it* on the altar: likewiſe when they had killed the rams, they ſprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed alſo the lambs, and they ſprinkled the blood upon the altar.

[20] Lev. 1. 5. *Lev.8.14,15, 19,24. Heb.9. 21.

† Heb. *near.*

23 And they brought † forth the he-goats *for* the ſin-offering, before the king and the congregation, and * [21] they [22] laid their hands upon them.

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*Lev.4.15,24.

[21] The King and Elders of the Congregation. ¶ [22] See on *Num.*27.18. To teſtifie their acknowledgment of their ſins, and that that Sacrifice was offered up in their ſtead.

24 And the prieſts killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Iſrael: for the king commanded *that* the burnt-offering and the ſin-offering *ſhould be made* for all Iſrael.

25 * And he ſet the Levites in the houſe of the LORD with cymbals, with pſalteries, and with harps, * according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the kings ſeer, and Nathan the prophet: for *ſo was* the commandment † of the LORD † by his [23] prophets.

* 1 Chron.16. 4. & 25. 6. * 1 Chron.23. 5. & 25.1. Chap. 8. 14.

† Heb. *by the hand of the* LORD.

[23] By whom God ſent direction to *David* for the ordering of all things about his Worſhip.

26 And the Levites ſtood with the inſtruments of * David, and the prieſts with the * trumpets.

† Heb. *by the hand of.* * 1 Chron.23. 5. Amos 6.5. *Num.10.10.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar: and † when the burnt-offering began, the [24] ſong of the LORD began *alſo* with the trumpets, and with the † inſtruments *ordained* by David king of Iſrael.

† Heb. *in the time.* [24] *Viz.* Pſal. 136. (as *ch.* 7. 3.)

28 And all the congregation worſhipped, and the † ſingers ſang, and the trumpeters ſounded: *and* all *this continued* until the burnt-offering was finiſhed.

† Heb. *hands of inſtruments.* † Heb. *ſong.*

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all *that were* † preſent with him, bowed themſelves and worſhipped.

† Heb. *found.*

30 Moreover, Hezekiah the king, and the princes commanded the Levites to ſing praiſe unto the LORD, with the words of David, and of Aſaph the ſeer: and they ſang praiſes with gladneſs, and they bowed their heads, and worſhipped.

31 Then Hezekiah anſwered and ſaid, Now ye have ‖ [25] conſecrated your ſelves unto the LORD, come near and bring ſacrifices, and * thank-offerings into the houſe of the LORD. And the congregation brought in ſacrifices, and thank-offerings, and as many as were of a [26] free heart, burnt-offerings.

‖ Or, *filled your hand.* * Lev. 7.12.

[25] Reconcil'd your ſelves and your Houſe to his favour, and that he is willing and ready to accept your ſacrifices. ¶ [26] Theſe offerings manifeſted a more noble and bountiful ſpirit than the other, becauſe in theſe the Offerer had no ſhare at all; which he had in the other.

32 And the number of the burnt-offerings which the congregation brought, was threeſcore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs: all theſe *were* for a burnt-offering to the LORD.

33 And the [27] conſecrated things *were* ſix hundred oxen, and three thouſand ſheep. 3278.

[27] All the offerings conſecrated to God, beſides the burnt-offerings already mentioned.

34 But the [28] prieſts were too few, ſo that they could not ſlay all the burnt-offerings: wherefore * their brethren the Levites † did help them till the work was ended, and until the *other* prieſts had ſanctified themſelves: for the Levites *were* more upright in heart to ſanctifie themſelves, then the prieſts.

[28] *Viz.* Such as were ſanctified. * Chap.35.11. † Heb. *ſtrengthned them.*

35 And alſo the burnt-offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for *every* burnt-offering. So the [29] ſervice of the houſe of the LORD was ſet in order.

[29] Both ordinary and extraordinary.

36 And Hezekiah [30] rejoyced, and all the people, that God had [31] prepared the people: for the thing was *done* ſuddenly.

[30] So 1 *Chron.* 29.9. ¶ [31] 1 *Chron.* 29. - 18. Put it into their hearts, and encourag'd 'em to go through with it.

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1 *Hezekiah proclaimeth a paſſover.* 13 *The aſſembly deſtroying the altars of idolatry, keep the feaſt fourteen days.*

AND Hezekiah ſent to all [1] Iſrael and Judah, and wrote letters alſo to [2] Ephraim and Manaſſeh, that they ſhould come to the houſe of the LORD at Jeruſalem, to keep the paſſover unto the LORD God of Iſrael.

[1] Thoſe of the ten Tribes that had remov'd their habitations into his Dominions, *ch.*11.13,16. ¶ [2] Thoſe of the ten Tribes that were not carried captive, but remain'd in their own land.

2 For the king had taken counſel, and his princes, and [3] all the congregation in Jeruſalem, to keep the paſſover in the [4] ſecond month.

[3] The great Council, who were to adviſe about ſuch Affairs. ¶ [4] *Numb.* 9. 11.

* Exod.12.6, 18. 3 For they could not keep it * [5] at that time, becauſe the prieſts had not [6] ſanctified themſelves [7] ſufficiently, neither had the people gathered themſelves together to Jeruſalem.

[5] At the ordinary ſeaſon. ¶ [6] *ch.*29.5. ¶ [7] Not enow, of 'em; or not with all the Rites appointed.

† Heb. *was right in the eyes of the king.* 4 And the thing † pleaſed the king, and all the congregation.

5 So they eſtabliſhed a decree, to make proclamation throughout all Iſrael, from Beer-ſheba even to Dan, that they ſhould come to keep the paſſover unto the LORD God of Iſrael at Jeruſalem: for they had not done *it* of a long *time in ſuch ſort* as it was written.

† Heb. *from the hand.* 6 So the poſts went with the letters † from the king and his princes throughout all Iſrael and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, ſaying, Ye children of Iſrael, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Iſaac, and Iſrael, and [8] he will return to the remnant of you, that are eſcaped out of the hand of * the kings of Aſſyria.

[8] Zech.1.3. 1 Sam.2.-30. Jer.18.8. * 2 Kings.15. 19,29.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which treſpaſſed againſt the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up [9] to deſolation, [10] as ye ſee.

[9] 2 Kin.15.29. [10] Chap.29.-8.

† Heb. *harden not your necks.* † Heb. *give the hand.* See 1 Chron. 29.24. Ezra 10.19. 8 Now † be ye not [11] ſtiff-necked as your fathers *were*, *but* † [12] yield your ſelves unto the LORD, and enter into his ſanctuary, which he hath ſanctified [13] for ever: and ſerve the LORD your God, that [14] the fierceneſs of his wrath may turn away from you.

[11] 2 *Kings* 17.14. ¶ [12] Submit to the obſervation of this Law of the Paſſover. ¶ [13] *ch.*7.10. See there. ¶ [14] *ch.*28. 11,13. and 29.-10. 2 *Kings* 23.26.

[15] 1 *Kin.*8.50. 3278. 9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *ſhall find* [15] compaſſion before them that lead them captive, ſo that they ſhall come again into this land: for the [16] LORD your God *is* [16] gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.

[16] *Exod.*34.6. 2 *Kin.* 13.23.

10 So the poſts paſſed from city to city, through the country of Ephraim and Manaſſeh, even unto Zebulun: but [17] they laughed them to ſcorn, and mocked them.

[17] Moſt of 'em.

[18] *ch.*11.16. 11 Nevertheleſs [18] divers of Aſher and Manaſſeh, and of Zebulun humbled themſelves, and came to Jeruſalem.

12 Alſo in Judah, the [19] hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, [20] by the word of the LORD.

[19] The powerful work of his Spirit. ¶ [20] *ch.* 29.15. See there.

13 ¶ And there aſſembled at Jeruſalem much people, to keep the feaſt of unleavened bread in the ſecond month, a very great congregation. Chap. 30.

14 And they aroſe, and took away the * altars that *were* in Jeruſalem, and all the altars for incenſe took they away, and caſt *them* into the brook [21] Kidron. * Chap.28.24. [21] *ch.*29.-16.

15 Then they killed the paſſover on the fourteenth *day* of the ſecond month: and the [22] prieſts and the Levites were aſhamed, and ſanctified themſelves, and brought in the burnt-offerings into the houſe of the LORD.

[22] (Who had been backward afore, (*ch.*29.34.) of which they became ſenſible by the great forwardneſs of the people.)

† Heb. *their ſtanding.* 16 And they [23] ſtood in † their place [24] after their manner, according to the law of Moſes the man of God: the prieſts ſprinkled the bloud, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites.

[23] Every one executed the Service belonging to him. ¶ [24] As they were wont to do formerly.

17 For *there were* many in the congregation that were not ſanctified: therefore the [25] Levites had the charge of the killing of the [26] paſſovers, for every one *that was* [27] not clean, [28] to ſanctifie *them* unto the LORD.

[25] *ch.*29.34. ¶ [26] The ſeveral Sacrifices belonging thereto. ¶ [27] Whereof there being ſo great a number, the Sacrifices for their cleanſing were more than the Prieſts could kill themſelves. ¶ [28] To keep the Sacrifices from being polluted; (as they would have been if unclean perſons had offer'd 'em up.)

* Verſ.11. 18 For a multitude of the people, *even* * many of Ephraim and Manaſſeh, Iſſachar, and Zebulun, had not cleanſed themſelves, yet did they eat the paſſover, otherwiſe then it was written: but Hezekiah [29] prayed for them, ſaying, The good LORD pardon every one.

[29] Obſerving ſome viſible evidence of God's diſpleaſure againſt 'em, *v.*20.

[30] *That* prepareth his heart to ſeek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he be* not *cleanſed* according to [31] the purification of the ſanctuary.

[30] That has been careful by ſelf-examination and repentance, to bring his heart into a right frame for this Ordinance. ¶ [31] Such as is requir'd of thoſe that come there.

20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and [32] healed the people.

[32] Removed the Tokens of his diſpleaſure.

† Heb. *found.* [33] 1 *Chr.*29.22. † Heb. *inſtruments of ſtrength.* 21 And the children of Iſrael *that were* † preſent at Jeruſalem, kept the feaſt of unleavened bread ſeven days with great [33] gladneſs: and the Levites, and the prieſts praiſed the LORD day by day, *ſinging* with † loud inſtruments unto the LORD.

† Heb. *to the heart of all, &c.* 22 And Hezekiah [34] ſpake † comfortably unto all the Levites, that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feaſt ſeven days, offering peace-offerings, and making [35] confeſſion to the LORD God of their fathers.

[34] *Ch.*32.-6. & 35.-2. Encourag'd 'em to a chearful and diligent attendance upon their holy Miniſtrations, by the promiſe of his favour and utmoſt care for 'em; (which he faithfully perform'd, *ch.*31.4.&c.) ¶ [35] Of God's goodneſs to 'em.

23 And the whole aſſembly took counſel to keep [36] other ſeven days: and [37] they kept *other* ſeven days with gladneſs.

[36] 1 *Kings* 8.65. ¶ [37] With Sacrifices, Prayers, Praiſes, &c.

3278. † Heb. *lifted up*, or *offered.* * Chap.35.7,8. 24 For Hezekiah king of Judah † * did give to the congregation a thouſand bullocks, and ſeven thouſand ſheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thouſand bullocks, and ten thouſand ſheep: and a great number of prieſts ſanctified themſelves.

25 And

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25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the Priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the [38] strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoyced.

[38] Proselytes.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel, *there was* not the like in Jerusalem.

27 ¶ Then the priests the Levites arose, and [39] blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to † his holy dwelling-place, *even* unto heaven.

[39] *Numb.* 6.23. † Heb. *the habitation of his holiness.*

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1 *The people forward in destroying idolatry,* 5 *in offerings and tithes.* 20 *The sincerity of Hezekiah.*

NOw when all this was finished, all Israel *that were* † present, went out to the cities of Judah, and [1] brake the † images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places, and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, † until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned every man to his possession into their own cities.

† Heb. *found.* † Heb. *statues.* † Heb. *until to make an end.*

[1] By *Hezekiah's* appointment, 2 *Kings* 18. 4.

2 ¶ And Hezekiah [2] appointed the courses of the priests, and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites, for burnt-offerings, and for peace-offerings, to minister and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

[2] Set 'em in order according to their first Institution, 1 *Chron.* 23.6. & 24.1.

3 *He appointed* also the kings portion of his substance, for the burnt-offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new-moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written * in the law of the LORD.

* Numb. 28. & 29.

4 Moreover, he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem, to give the portion of the priests, and the Levites, that they might be encouraged [3] in the law of the LORD.

[3] In the diligent study and observation of it, and instruction of the people out of it.

5 ¶ And as soon as the commandment † came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oyl, and ‖ honey, and of all the increase of the field, and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.

† Heb. *brake forth.* ‖ Or, *dates.*

6 And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of [4] holy things, *which were* consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* † by heaps.

[4] *Lev.* 27.30. *Deut.* 14.28. † Heb. *heaps heaps.*

7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh month. 3273.

8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they [5] blessed the LORD and his people Israel.

[5] 1 *Chron.* 29. 13, 14.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok, answered him, and said, * Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people, and that which is left, *is* this great store.

* Mal. 3.10.

11 ¶ Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare ‖ chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared *them*,

Chap. 32. ‖ Or, *storehouses.*

12 And brought in the offerings and the tithes, and the dedicate *things* faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei his brother *was* the next.

13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers † under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

† Heb. *at the hand.*

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, *was* over the free-will-offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the [6] most holy things.

[6] *Viz.* The remainder of the free-will offering, (*Lev.* 2. 3,10.) the sin-offering, and trespass-offering, (*Lev.* 6.18,22.) and the shew-bread, *Lev.* 24.9.

15 And † next him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in * the cities of the priests, in *their* ‖ set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small.

† Heb. *at his hand.* * Josh. 21.9. ‖ Or, *trust.*

16 [7] Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that entreth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges, according to their courses.

[7] *i. e.* They made sufficient provision, not only for those that serv'd at the Temple, but also for their Families.

17 Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites * from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses:

* 1 Chron. 23. 24,27.

18 And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for [8] in their ‖ set office they sanctified themselves in holiness.

‖ Or, *trust.*

[8] In the discharge of their Office to which they were set apart, they were careful to keep themselves from pollution, that so they might be capable of eating of these holy things.

19 Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *which were* * in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

* Lev. 25.34. Numb. 35. 2.

20 ¶ And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought *that which was* good and right and truth before the LORD his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law and in the commandments to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Sennacherib invadeth Judah.* 21 *An angel destroyeth the Assyrians.* 24 *Hezekiahs sickness, and recovery.* 32 *He dying, Manasseth succeedeth him.*

1 AFter *these* things and the [2] establishment *thereof*, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entred into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought † to win them for himself. 3291.

† Heb. *to break them up.*

[2] 2 *Kings* 18.13. *&c. Isa.* 36.1. *&c.* ¶ [2] The settlement of all things about the worship of God.

2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that † he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem;

† Heb. *his face was to war.*

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3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men, to [3] stop the waters of the fountains which *were* without the city: and they did help him.

[3] And to convey the water by pipes under ground to the City.

4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopt all the fountains, and the brook that † ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?

† Heb. *overflowed.*

3178. 5 Also * he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall *that was* broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired * [4] Millo *in* the city of David, and made ‖ darts and shields in abundance.

* Isa. 22.9.

* 2 Sam. 5.9.

[4] See on 1 *Kings* 9. 15.

‖ Or, *swords*, or *weapons.*

6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and † spake [5] comfortably to them, saying,

† Heb. *spake to their heart.*

[5] *ch.* 30.22.

7 Be strong and couragious, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for *there be* [6] mo with us, then with him.

[6] See on 2 *Kings* 6. 16.

8 With him *is* an * arm of flesh, but with us *is* the LORD our God, to help us, and to fight our battels. And the people † rested themselves [7] upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

* Jer. 17.5. 1 John 4.4.

† Heb. *leaned.*

[7] Upon God by reason of his words.

3294. 9 ¶ * After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem (but he *himself laid siege* against Lachish, and all his † power with him) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah, that *were* at Jerusalem, saying,

* 2 Kin. 18.17.

† Heb. *dominion.*

10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide ‖ in the siege in Jerusalem?

‖ Or, *in the strong hold.*

11 Doth not Hezekiah perswade you to give over your selves to dye by famine and by thirst, saying, [8] The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

[8] 2 *Kin.* 18.30.

12 [9] Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places, and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

[9] 2 *Kin.* 18.22.

13 [10] Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of *other* lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

[10] 2 *Kings* 9. 11—13.

14 Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations, that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 [11] Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor perswade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

[11] 2 *Kin.* 18.29.

16 And his servants spake yet *more* against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

17 He wrote also [12] letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.

[12] 2 *Kings* 9. 9. *&c.*

3294. 18 Then they [13] cried with a loud voice in the Jews speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them, that they might take the city.

[13] 2 *Kin.* 18.28.

19 And they spake against the god of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth *which were* the work of the hands of man.

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20 * And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

* 2 Kin. 19.15.

21 ¶ And the LORD sent an [14] angel which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria: so he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels, † slew him there with the sword.

[14] 2 *Kings* 19. 35. *&c.*

† Heb. *made him fall.*

22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every side. 2395.

23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and † presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

† Heb. *precious things.*

24 ¶ [15] In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he ‖ gave him [16] a sign.

‖ Or, *wrought a miracle for him.*

[15] 2 *Kings* 20. 1. *&c. Isa.* 38. 1. *&c.* ¶ [16] 2 *Kings* 20. 9—11. *Isa.* 38. 8. *&c.*

25 But Hezekiah rendred not again, according to the benefit *done* unto him: for his heart was [17] lifted up; therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

[17] Puft up with pride and self-conceit for his riches, *&c.*

26 Notwithstanding, Hezekiah [18] humbled himself for the † pride of his heart (*both* he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem) so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

[18] 2 *Kings* 20. 17—19.

† Heb. *the lifting up.*

27 ¶ And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of † pleasant jewels;

† Heb. *instruments of desire.*

28 Store-houses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oyl; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and coats for flocks.

29 Moreover, he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks, and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.

30 ⊙ * This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper water-course of Gihon, and brought it strait down to the west-side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

* Isa. 22.9, 11.

31 ¶ Howbeit, in *the business of* the † [19] embassadours of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him to [20] try him, that he [21] might know all *that was* in his heart.

† Heb. *interpreters.*

[19] 2 *Kings* 20. 12, 13. ¶ [20] *Gen.* 22. 1. *Job* 1. 12. and 2. 3, 6. ¶ [21] Become sensible of the remainders of corruption in himself.

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his † goodness, behold, they *are* written in * the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in * the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

† Heb. *kindnesses.*

* Isa. 36, 37, 38, 39.

* 2 Kings 18, 19, 20.

33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ‖ chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

‖ Or, *highest.*

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1 *Manasseh his wicked reign:* 11 *He is carried into Babylon:* 12 *Upon his prayer he is released:* 20 *Amon succeedeth him.* 22 *He being slain by his own servants,* 25 *Josiah succeedeth him.*

3306. 1 MAnasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and
[1] 2 *King.* 21. 1–9. five years in Jerusalem.

2 But did *that which was* evil in the sight of
* Deut.18.9. the LORD, like unto the * abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

† Heb. *he returned and built.* * 2 King.18.4 Chap.30. 14. & 31.1. & 32. 12. 3 ¶ For † he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had * broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and * made groves, and worshiped * all the host of heaven, and served them.

* Deut.16.21. * Deut.17. 3. * Deut.12.11. 1 King.8.29. & 9.3.Chap.6. 6. & 7. 16. 4 Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, * In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven, in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

* Lev.18.21. Deut.18. 10. 2 King.23.10. * 2 King.21.6. 6 And he * caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and * dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

[2] 2 King.21.7. 7 And * he set a carved image (the idol which he had made) in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, * Psal.132.14. In * this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever.

[2] 2 Sam.7. 10. 8 * Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law, and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

9 So Manasseh made Judah, and the inhabi-
[2] 1 *Kin.*14.16. *Mic.*6. 16. tants of Jerusalem [2] to err, *and* to do worse then the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh and to his people: but they would not hearken.

3327. 11 ¶ * Wherefore the LORD brought upon
* Deut.28.36. Job 36. 8. † Heb. *which were the kings.* ‖ Or, *chains.* them the captains of the host † of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh [3] among the thorns, and bound him with ‖ fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

[3] Some Thickets whither he fled to hide himself, as 1 *Sam.* 13. 6.

[4] *ch.*12. 6. 12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and [4] humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

3327. 13 And prayed unto him, and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh [5] knew that the LORD he *was* God.

[5] *Dan.*4.34. Was convinc'd by his own experience of Gods power, justice and goodness.

14 Now after this, he built a wall without the city of David, on the west-side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entring in at the fish-gate,
‖ Or, *the tower* Cha.27.3. and compassed about ‖ Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

[6] *v.* 7. 15 And he took away the strange gods, and the [6] idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them* out of the city.

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16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace-offerings, and
* Lev.7. 12. * thank-offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

[7] 1 *King.*3.2,3. & 15. 14. 17 Nevertheless, the people did sacrifice still in [7] the high places, *yet* unto the LORD their God only.

* 1 Sam.9.9. 18 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of * the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel.

19 His prayer also, and *how God* was entreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images before he was humbled; behold, they *are* written among the sayings of ‖ the seers.

‖ Or, *Hosai.*

3361. 20 ¶ So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. And Amon his son reigned in his stead.

[8] 2 *King.*21. 19–24. 21 ¶ [8] Amon *was* two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 But he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;

3363. 23 And humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himhimself; but Amon † trespassed more and more.

† Heb. *multiplied trespass.*

24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.

25 ¶ But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

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1 *Josiahs reign:* 3 *He destroyeth idolatry.* 8 *He repaireth the temple,* 29 *and causing the law to be read, reneweth the covenant with God.*

3363. [1] JOsiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

[1] 2 *King.*21.1. &c. 2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand nor to the left.

3370. 3 ¶ For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to [3] purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

3374. [2] To make it appear by the reformation of Religion which he wrought, that he was religious in good earnest. ¶ [3] 2 *King.*23.4 *&c.*

* Lev.26. 30. 2 King.23.4. ‖ Or, *sun-images.* 4 * And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the ‖ images that *were* on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images he brake in pieces, and made dust *of them,* and strowed *it* upon the † graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

† Heb. *face of the graves.*

* 2 Kin.23.20. 5 And * he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And *so did he* in the cities of Manasseh, and

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Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their ‖ mattocks, round about.

‖ Or, *mauls.*

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images † into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

† Heb. *to make powder.*

3380. 8 ¶ Now * in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, ‡ to repair the house of the LORD his God.

* 2 King. 22. 3.

‡ 2 *King.* 22. 4. Or.

9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered * the mony *that was* brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah, and Benjamin, and they returned to Jerusalem.

* See 2 King. 12. 4. &c.

10 And they put *it* in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and mend the house:

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11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they *it*, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and ‖ to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

‖ Or, *to rafter.*

12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them *were* Jahath, and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah, and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward; and *other of* the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick.

13 Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

14 ¶ And when they brought out the mony *that was* brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest * found the book of the law of the LORD, *given* † by Moses.

* 2 King. 22. 8. &c.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed † to thy servants, they do *it*.

† Heb. *to the hand of.*

17 And they have † gathered together the mony *that was* found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

† Heb. *poured out*, or *melted.*

18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read † it before the king.

† Heb. *in it.*

19 And it came to pass when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and ‖ Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the servant of the king, saying,

‖ Or, *Achbor*, 2 King. 22. 12.

21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all *that is* written in this book.

22 And Hilkiah, and *they* that the king had *appointed*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of * Tikvath, the son of ‖ Hasrah, keeper of the † wardrobe. (Now she dwelt in Jerusalem in ‖ the colledge.) And they spake to her to that *effect*.

* See 2 King. 22. 14.

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‖ Or, *Harhas.*

† Heb. *garments.*

‖ Or, *in the school*, or *in the second part.*

23 ¶ And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses *that are* written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah.

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard,

27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thy self before God, when thou hearedst his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thy self before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

29 ¶* Then the king sent, and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

* 2 King. 23. 1

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people † great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant *that was* found in the house of the LORD.

† Heb. *from the great even to small.*

31 And the king stood in his * place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant *which are* written in this book.

* 2 King. 11. 14. & 23. 3. Chap. 6. 13.

32 And he caused all *that were* † present in Jerusalem and Benjamin ‡ to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

† Heb. *found.*

‡ *Deut.* 25. 8. To engage themselves to own, maintain and persist in it, by obeying the Laws of God.

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all *that were* present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. *And* all his days they departed not † from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

† Heb. *from after.*

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Josiah keepeth a solemn passover: 20 He provoking Pharaoh-necho, is slain at Megiddon. 25 Lamentations for him.

3381. MOreover, * Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the * fourteenth *day* of the first moneth.

* 2 King. 23. 21, 22.

* Exod. 12. 6.

2 And he set the priests in their charges, and † encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD.

† *ch.* 30. 22.

3 And

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3 And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of
*1 Chron.23. 26. David king of Israel did build; *[1]it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: [2]serve now the
3381. LORD your God, and his people Israel,

[2] Be more diligent in the other parts of your service, since you are discharg'd from that.

*1 Chron. 9. 10. 4 And prepare *your selves* by the * houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to
[3] 1 Chron.24. & 25. & 26. the writing [3] of David king of Israel, and according to the writing [4] of Solomon his son.
[4] Ch.8. 14.

5 And stand in the holy *place* according to the divisions of the † families of the fathers of your
† Heb. *the house of the fathers.* brethren † the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites.
† Heb. *the sons of the people.*

6 So kill the passover, and * sanctifie your selves and prepare your brethren, that *they* may
*Chap. 29. 5, 15. & 30. 3, 15. Ezra 6. 20. do according to the word of the LORD, by the hand of Moses.

† Heb. *offered.* 7 And Josiah †* gave to the people, of the
*Chap. 30. 24. flock, lambs, and kids, all for the passover-offerings, for all *that were* present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these *were* of the kings substance.

† Heb. *offered.* 8 And his princes † gave willingly unto the people, to the priests and to the Levites: Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Jehiel [5] rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover-offerings, two thousand and six hundred *small cattel* and three hundred oxen.

[5] Who, together with the High-priest, were Rulers over the other Priests and Levites in the Temple.

9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah, and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah, and Jehiel,
† Heb. *offered.* and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, † gave unto the Levites for passover-offerings, five thousand *small cattel*: and five hundred oxen.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the kings commandment.

11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Le-
*See Chap. 29.34. vites * flayed *them*.

12 And they removed the [6] burnt-offerings, [7] that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the
*Lev. 3. 3. LORD, as *it is* written *in the book of Moses: and so *did they* with the oxen.

[6] Such Sacrifices as were to be wholly burnt, and so much of the other Sacrifices also as was to be burnt. ¶ [7] That so it might be known how much remain'd for the people to partake of according to their several Families.

[8] *Exod.*12.8,9. 13 And they [8] rosted the passover with fire, according to the ordinance: but the *other* holy *offerings* sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and
† Heb. *made them run.* in pans, and † divided *them* speedily among all the people.

14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt-offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

15 And the singers the sons of Asaph *were* in
† Heb. *station.* their † place, according to the *commandment
*1 Chron.25. 1, &c. of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun
*1 Chron. 9. 17, 18. & 26. 14. &c. the kings seer; and the porters * *waited* at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

17 And the children of Israel *that were* † present, kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

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† Heb. *found.*

18 And there was [9] no passover like to that kept in Israel, from the days of Samuel the prophet, neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel *that were* present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

[9] See on 2 *King.* 23.22.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Jo-
3394. siah, was this passover kept.

20 ¶ * After all this, when Josiah had [10] prepared the † temple, [11] Necho king of Egypt came
* 2 Kings 23. 29. Jer.46.2. up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and
† Heb. *house.* Josiah went out against him.

[10] And so might hope that God was pacified, and the foundation of a lasting happiness laid, then all on a sudden their hopes were blasted: so much are men often mistaken in their judgments about the designs of God's counsel and Providence. ¶ [11] 2 *Kings* 23. 29. *&c.*

21 But he sent embassadours to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against
† Heb. *the house of my war.* † the house wherewith I have war: [12] for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling* with God, who *is* with me, that he de-
[11] Probably by some dream. stroy thee not.

22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but * disguised himself that he might
* So 1 *Kings* 22. 30. fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho [13] from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

[13] Which Pharaoh received from the mouth of God, and acquainted him with by the command of God.

23 And the archers shot at king Josiah, and the king said to his servants, Have me away, for I am sore † wounded.

† Heb. *mad sick.*

24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he *had*; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried ‖ in *one of the* sepul-
‖ Or, *among the sepulchres.* chres of his fathers: and all Judah and Jeru-
[14] Zech.12.11. * See Mar. 9. 23. salem [14] mourned for Josiah.

25 ¶ And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah, and all the [15] * singing-men and the singing-women
[15] *Jer.*9.17. spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and behold, they *are* written in the lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his [16] goodness, according to *that which was* writ-
[16] Piety towards God and his House. ten in the law of the LORD,

27 And his deeds first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

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1 *Jehoahaz succeeding, is deposed by Pharaoh.*
5 *Jehoiakim reigning ill, is carried into Babylon.*
9 *Jehoiachin succeedeth.* 11 *Zedekiahs evil reign.*

1 THen the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in
3394. his fathers stead in Jerusalem.

[1] 2 *Kings* 23. 30. See there.

2 Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

3 And the king of Egypt † put him down at
3414. Jerusalem, and † condemned the land in an
† Heb. *removed him.* [2] hundred talents of silver, and a [3] talent of
† Heb. *mulcted.* gold.

[2] Thirty four thousand two hundred and eighteen pounds fifteen shillings sterling. ¶ [3] Five thousand four hundred seventy five pounds.

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned

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ned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

3394. 5 ¶ Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

3398. 6 * Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in ‖ fetters * to carry him to Babylon.

7 *Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 * Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and *that which was* [4] found in him, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and ‖ Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

[4] His Rebellion against the King of *Babylon*, which tho conceal'd for a time, yet was afterwards discover'd.

9 ¶ *Jehoiachin *was* eight years old when [5] he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem, and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.

[5] *i. e. Jehojachim* the Father, (for *Jehojachin* the Son was eighteen years old when he began to reign, 2 *Kings* 24. 8.)

10 And † when the year was expired, * king Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the † goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made ‖ * Zedekiah his [6] brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ¶ * Zedekiah *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* humbled not himself before [7] Jeremiah the prophet, *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD.

13 And he also [8] rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him [9] swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

[8] 2 *Kings* 24. 20. *Jer.* 52. - 3. [9] *Ezek.* 17. 16, 18, 19. To become his Tributary.

3411. 14 ¶ Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people transgressed very much, after all the abominations of the heathen, and [10] polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

[10] By prophaning God's Worship, and bringing into his House such things as he detested, as *ch.* 33. 7.

15 * And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them † by his [11] messengers, [12] rising up ‖ betimes, and sending; because he had [13] compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place:

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[11] *Hag.* 1. 13. ¶ [12] *Jer.* 25. 4. & 26. 5. & 32. 33. ¶ [13] 2 *Kings* 13. 23.

16 But * they [14] mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and [15] misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there was* no † remedy.

[14] *Ch.* 30. - 10. *Ezek.* 11. 3. & 20. 49. ¶ [15] *Matth.* 21. 34–36.

17 * Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword, in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stouped for age: he gave *them* all into his hand.

18 And all the [16] vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon.

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19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

20 And † them that had escaped from the sword, carried he away to Babylon: where they were servants to him and his sons, until the reign of the kingdom [17] of Persia:

[17] And then they were set free by *Cyrus* assoon as he came to the throne.

21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth [18] of Jeremiah, until the land * had enjoyed her [19] sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate, she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

[18] *Jer.* 25. 9, 12. & 29. 10. *Dan.* 9. 2. ¶ [19] *Lev.* 25. 2. See there. Rest from all manner of employment, by the Captivity of the Inhabitants.

22 ¶ * Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia (that the word of the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of * Jeremiah, might be accomplished) the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me, and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah: who *is there* among you of all his people? the LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

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* 2King.24.1.
‖ Or, *chains*.
* See 2 Kings 24.6. Jer. 22.18,19. & 36.30.
* 2Kin.24.13. Dan. 1.1, 2.
‖ Or, *Jeconiah*. 1 Chron.3.16. or, *Coniah*, Jer. 22. 24.
* 2 King.24.8.
† Heb. *at the return of the year*.
* Dan. 1.1, 2.
† Heb. *vessels of desire*.
‖ Or, *Mattaniah*, 2 Kings 24. 17.
* Jer. 37. 1.
[6] *i. e.* Kinsman, *viz.* his Uncle.
* 2King.24.18. Jer.52.1,&c.
[7] *Jer.*27.2,6. &c. & 37.2.
[8] 2 *Kings* 24. 20. *Jer.* 52. - 3. [9] *Ezek.* 17. 16, 18, 19. To become his Tributary.
* Jer. 25.3,4. & 35.15.
† Heb. *by the hand of his messengers*.
‖ That is, *continually and carefully*.
[10] By prophaning God's Worship, and bringing into his House such things as he detested, as *ch.* 33. 7.
[11] *Hag.* 1. 13. ¶ [12] *Jer.* 25. 4. & 26. 5. & 32. 33. ¶ [13] 2 *Kings* 13. 23.
* Jer.5.12,13.
† Heb. *healing*.
[14] *Ch.* 30. - 10. *Ezek.* 11. 3. & 20. 49. ¶ [15] *Matth.* 21. 34–36.
* 2Kings 25.1, &c.
[16] 2 *Kings* 25. 13–15.
[17] And then they were set free by *Cyrus* assoon as he came to the throne.
† Heb. *the remainder from the sword*.
* Lev. 26.34, 35, 43.
[18] *Jer.* 25. 9, 12. & 29. 10. *Dan.* 9. 2. ¶ [19] *Lev.* 25. 2. See there. Rest from all manner of employment, by the Captivity of the Inhabitants.
* Ezr. 1.1.
* Jer. 25.12, 13. & 29.10.

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The ARGUMENT.

THis Book (written, doubtleſs, by Ezra, *according to the Title of it) ſhews the Liberty granted by* Cyrus *to the Jews, after ſeventy years captivity, to return to their own Country,* ch. 1. *whereupon there return'd above forty thouſand, moſt of which were of the two Tribes, but many alſo of the Ten,* ch. 2. *and in the firſt place they reſtore the Worſhip of God: and for that end build the Altar of Burnt-offerings, that ſo they might make daily Expiation for their ſins, and Interceſſion for their wants; and alſo laid the foundation of the Temple,* ch. 3. *wherein being oppos'd by the Samaritans, and ſlanderouſly accus'd to the King of* Perſia, *they are commanded to deſiſt, (for the preſent)* ch. 4. *but afterwards being encourag'd by the Prophets* Haggai *and* Zechary, *they proceed in their former work,* ch. 5. *and obtain a new Commiſſion and Authority, and ſo proceed to the finiſhing of it,* ch. 6. *After this* Ezra *is ſent by* Artaxerxes *with a large Commiſſion to manage and govern all things for the welfare and intereſt of the Jews,* ch. 7. *who was attended with many others, and they carried great Treaſures along with 'em, and Offerings to the Temple,* ch. 8. *When they were come to* Jeruſalem *the Princes inform* Ezra *of great abuſes both among Prieſts and People, by marrying heathen, idolatrous Wives, contrary to the Law, which* Ezra *bewails in Prayer unto God,* ch. 9. *and reforms,* ch. 10.

CHAP. I.

1 *The proclamation of Cyrus for the building of the temple.* 5 *The people provide for the return.* 7 *Cyrus reſtoreth the veſſels of the temple to Sheſhbazzar.*

3468. NOw * in the [1] firſt year of [2] Cyrus king of Perſia, (that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, might be fulfilled) the LORD [3] ſtirred up the ſpirit of Cyrus king of Perſia, that he † made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* alſo in writing, ſaying,

* 2 Chr. 36. 32.

† Heb. *cauſed a voice to paſs.*

[1] *Viz.* Of his Empire or reign in *Babylon.* ¶ [2] *Iſa.* 44. 28. ¶ [3] *ch.* 6. 22. *Prov.* 16. 7. *Pſal.* 106. 46.

3468. 2 Thus ſaith Cyrus king of Perſia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he hath * [4] charged me to build him an houſe at Jeruſalem, which *is* in Judah.

* Iſa. 44. 28. & 45. 1, 13.

[4] By ſome Prophet, perhaps *Daniel*; or by ſome inward ſuggeſtion to his mind.

3 Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jeruſalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the houſe of the LORD God of Iſrael ([5] he *is* the God) which *is* in Jeruſalem.

[5] *Zech.* 2. 6, 7. *Viz.* That is willing to contribute his aſſiſtance to build this Houſe. ¶ [6] *Deut.* 32. 31. 1 *Kin.* 18. 39. *Dan.* 2. 47. and 3. 29. and 6. 26.

4 And whoſoever [7] remaineth in any place where he ſojourneth, let the [8] men of his place † help him with ſilver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beaſts, beſides the free-will-offering for the houſe of God that *is* in Jeruſalem.

† Heb. *lift him up.*

[7] For want of neceſſaries for his journey. ¶ [8] My Officers there.

5 ¶ Then roſe up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the Prieſts and the Levites, [9] with all *them* whoſe ſpirit God had raiſed to go up, to build the houſe of the LORD which *is* in Jeruſalem.

[9] *Viz.* Of other Tribes, who, having incorporated themſelves with the two Tribes, were carried away with 'em.

6 And all they that *were* about them, ‖ ſtrengthened their hands with veſſels of ſilver, with gold, with goods, and with beaſts, and with precious things, beſides all *that* was willingly offered.

‖ That is, *helped them.*

7 ¶ Alſo Cyrus the king brought forth the veſſels of the houſe of the LORD, which [10] Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jeruſalem, and had put them in the houſe of his gods:

[10] 2 *Kin.* 24. 13. & 25. 16. 2 *Chron.* 36. 7.

8 Even thoſe did Cyrus king of Perſia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treaſurer, and numbred them unto [11] Sheſhbazzar the [12] prince of Judah.

[11] *Zorobabel* (*ch.* 3. 8. with *ch.* 5. 16. and *Hag.* 1. 1.) whoſe name was chang'd, as *Daniel's* was. ¶ [12] *Hag.* 1. 1. By birth: and alſo made Captain or Governour of them that return'd.

9 And this *is* the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thouſand chargers of ſilver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty baſons of gold, ſilver baſons of a ſecond *ſort* four hundred and ten, *and* other veſſels a thouſand.

11 All the veſſels of gold and of ſilver, *were* five thouſand and four hundred. All *theſe* did Sheſhbazzar bring up with *them of* † the captivity, that were brought up from Babylon unto Jeruſalem.

† Heb. *the tranſportation.*

CHAP. II.

1 *The number that returned.* 62 *Of the prieſts which could not ſhew their pedigree.*

NOw theſe *are* the children of the [1] province that [2] went up out of the captivity, of thoſe which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jeruſalem and Judah, every one unto [3] his city;

[1] *Judea*; then made a Province. ¶ [2] Entred their names at *Babylon*, deſigning to return to *Judea*: tho' perhaps ſome of 'em alter'd their minds, or died by the way; and therefore the number of thoſe that came to *Jeruſalem* (regiſtred *Neh.* 7. 7. *&c.*) is ſometimes leſs than is ſet down here; or if they be more, then others came to *Jeruſalem* which did not enter their names at *Babylon.* ¶ [3] That City which was appointed to him by thoſe that had the management of theſe Affairs.

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2 Which came with Zerubbabel; Jeshua, Nehemiah, ‖ Seraiah, ‖ Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, ‖ Mispar, Bigvai, ‖ Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel.

‖ Or, *Azariah*, Neh.7.7.
‖ Or, *Raamiah*.
‖ Or, *Mispereth*.
‖ Or, *Nehum*.

3 The [4] children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

5 The children of Arah, * seven hundred seventy and five.

6 The children of * Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

[4] The Posterity, (and so all along.)
* See Neh. 7. 10.
* Neh. 7.11.

7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.

9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

10 The children of ‖ Bani, six hundred forty and two.

‖ Or, *Binnui*. Neh.7.15.

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11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.

12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.

14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.

16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.

‖ Or, *Hariph*, Neh.7.24.

18 The children of ‖ Jorah, an hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.

‖ Or, *Gibeon*, Neh.7.25.

20 The children of ‖ Gibbar, ninety and five.

21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three.

22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six.

23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

‖ Or, *Beth-azmaveth*, Neh.7.28.

24 The children of ‖ Azmaveth, forty and two.

25 The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.

26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

27 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.

28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.

29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.

30 The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six.

* See vers. 7.

31 The children of the other * Elam, a thousand two hundred fity and four.

32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

‖ Or, *Harid*, as it is in some copies.

33 The children of Lod, ‖ Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.

34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

* 1 Chr. 24.7.

36 ¶ The priests: the children of * Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

* 1 Chr. 24.14.

37 The children of * Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

38 The children of * Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

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* 1 Chr. 9.12.

39 The children of * Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

* 1 Chr. 24.8.

40 ¶ The Levites: the children of Jeshua, and Kadmiel, of the children of ‖ Hodaviah, seventy and four.

‖ Or, *Judah*, Chap. 3.9. called also *Hodevah*, Neh.7. 43.

41 ¶ The [5] singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.

[5] 1 *Chron.* 25. 1. *&c.*

42 ¶ The children of the [6] porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, *in* all, an hundred thirty and nine.

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[6] 1 *Chron.* 26. 1. *&c.*

43 ¶ The [7] Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

[7] See on 1 *Chron.* 9.2.

44 The children of Keros, the children of ‖ Siaha, the children of Padon,

‖ Or, *Sia*.

45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,

46 The children of Hagab, the children of ‖ Shamlai, the children of Hanan,

‖ Or, *Shalmai*.

47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,

48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,

49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,

50 The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of ‖ Nephusim.

‖ Or, *Nephishesim*.

51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

52 The children of ‖ Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

‖ Or, *Bazlith*, Neh.7.54.

53 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,

54 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

55 ¶ The children of [8] Solomons servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of ‖ Peruda,

‖ Or, *Perida*, Neh.7.57.

[8] 1 *Kings* 9.21. Such who having liv'd in *Solomon's* Family, after his death call'd themselves and their Families by his name; as esteeming it a great honour to have been servants to so great a Prince.

56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of ‖ Ami.

‖ Or, *Amon*, Neh.7.59.

58 All the * Nethinims, and the children of * Solomons servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.

* Josh. 9.21, 27. 1 Chr.9.2.
* 1 Kin. 9. 21.

59 And these *were* they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, ‖ Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not shew their fathers house, and their ‖ [9] seed, whether they *were* [10] of Israel.

‖ Or, *Addon*, Neh.7.61.
‖ Or, *pedegree*.

[9] Or, *Pedigree*, whence they descended. ¶ [10] Born Israelites, or made Proselytes.

60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.

61 ¶ And of the [11] children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai: (which took a wife of the daughters of * Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.)

* 2Sam. 17.27

[11] Who pretended themselves to be so, but could not prove it.

62 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore † were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

† Heb. *they were polluted from the priesthood.*

63 And

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63 And the ‖ [12] Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with * [13] Urim and with Thummim.

‖ Or, *governour.* * Exod. 28. 30. Numb. 27. 21.

[12] *Neh.* 8. 9. and 10. 1. ¶ [13] Which was now lost.

64 ¶ The whole congregation together, *was* [14] forty and two thousand three hundred *and* threescore.

[14] The particulars afore specified amount not to so many, but besides these, such are to be reckon'd as could not find their Genealogy, and were neither of the Tribe of *Judah*, *Benjamin*, nor *Levi*.

65 Besides their servants and their maids, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and *there were* among them two hundred [15] singing-men and singing-women.

[15] That us'd to sing at Weddings, Funerals, and other Solemnities.

66 Their horses *were* seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:

67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 ¶ And *some* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD, which *is* at Jerusalem, [16] offered freely for the house of God to set it up in [17] his place:

[16] 1 *Chron.* 29. 3, 6, 9. ¶ [17] 2 *Chron.* 3. 1.

3468. 69 They gave after their ability, unto the * 1 Chr. 26. 20. * treasure of the work, [18] threescore and one thousand drams of Gold, and [19] five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests garments.

[18] 1 *Chron.* 29. 7. Sixty four thousand and one hundred pounds. ¶ [19] Fifteen thousand pounds.

70 So the priests and the Levites, and *some* of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in [20] their cities.

[20] Those appointed 'em.

CHAP. III.

1 *The altar is set up.* 4 *The offerings frequented.* 8 *The foundation of the temple.*

AND when the [1] seventh month was come, and the children of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered themselves together, [2] as one man to Jerusalem.

[1] *Lev.* 23. 24. ¶ [2] *Zeph.* 3. 9. *Act.* 2. 1, 46.

2 Then stood up ‖ Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and ‖ Zerubbabel the son of * Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as *it is* [3] written in the law of Moses the man of God.

‖ Or, *Joshua*, Hag. 1. 1. Zech. 3. 1. ‖ Called, *Zorobabel*, Mat. 1. 12. Luk. 3. 27. * Mat. 1. 12. & Luke 3. 27. called *Salathiel*. [3] *Deut.* 12. 5, 6. *Isa.* 8. 20. * Num. 28. 3, 4.

3 And they set the altar upon his [4] bases (for [5] fear *was* upon them, because of the people of those countries) and they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto the LORD, *even* * burnt-offerings [6] morning and evening;

[4] The old Foundation. ¶ [5] Lest the people that were brought into the room of the ten Tribes (who now envied their return) should do 'em some mischief; whereupon they built the Altar, that by Sacrifices they might render God propitious to them, and secure 'em from their enemies. ¶ [6] *Exod.* 29. 38, 39, 41.

4 They kept also the feast of [7] tabernacles, * as *it is* written, and * *offered* the [8] daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the custom, † as the duty of every day required;

* Exod. 23. 16. * Num. 29. 12. &c. † Heb. *the matter of the day in his day.*

[7] *Lev.* 23. 34. *&c.* (and the other Feasts appointed to be kept that month.) ¶ [8] *Numb.* 29. 12. *&c.*

5 And afterward *offered* the continual burnt-offering, both of the new-moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD *that were* [9] consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a free-will offering unto the LORD.

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[9] Appointed by God to be kept holy.

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD: but † the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not *yet* laid.

† Heb. *the temple of the LORD was not yet founded.*

7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the ‖ carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oyl, unto them of [10] Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the sea of * [11] Joppa: according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

‖ Or, *workmen.* [10] 1 *Kin.* 5. 1, 6. [11] 1 *King.* 5. 9. * Acts 9. 36.

8 ¶ Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, [12] to set forward the work of the house of the LORD. 3469.

[11] To encourage the Workmen, and promote the work what they could.

9 Then stood Jeshua, *with* his sons, and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of ‖ Judah † together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, *with* their sons and their brethren the Levites.

‖ Or, *Hodaviah* Chap. 2. 40. † Heb. *as one.*

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph, with cymbals to praise the LORD, after the * [13] ordinance of David king of Israel.

* 1 Chr. 6. 31. & 16. 7. [13] 2 *Chron.* 25. 1. &c. * Exod. 15. 21. 2 Chron. 7. 3. * 1 Chr. 16. 41. Jer. 33. 11.

11 And * they sung together [14] by course, in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; [15] because *he is* good, * for his mercy *endureth* for ever towards Israel. And all the people [16] shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

[14] *Exod.* 15. 21. ¶ [15] See on 2 *Chron.* 5. 13. ¶ [16] *Zech.* 4. 10. *Job* 8. 7. *Neh.* 12. 43. for joy, *v.* 12. *Psal.* 5. 11. and 32. 11.

12 But many of the priests and Levites, and chief of the fathers *who were* ancient men that had seen the first house, when * the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice, and many shouted aloud for joy:

* See Hag. 2. 3.

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy, from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was [17] heard afar off. 3469.

[17] *Neh.* 12. 43

CHAP. IV.

1 *The building hindred.* 7 *The letter to Artaxerxes:* 17 *His decree.*

NOw when the * [1] adversaries of Judah and Benjamin, heard that † the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;

* See v. 7, 8, 9. * The Samaritans, *v.* 2. 10. † Heb. *the sons of the transportation.*

2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build * with you; for [3] we seek your God, as ye *do*, and we do sacrifice unto him, since the days of * Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither. 3327.

* 2 Kin. 17. 24. & 19. 37.

[1] *Esth.* 8. 17. That being mingled with them in the work, they might find the better opportunity to hinder it. ¶ [3] 2 *King.* 17. 28, 32.

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3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel said unto them, * You have † nothing to do with us, to build an house unto our God, but we our selves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as * king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

* Neh. 2. 20.
† Joh. 4. 9.
* Chap. 1. 1, 2, 3.

4 Then * the people of the land ‡ weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

* Chap. 3. 3.
‡ Did what they could to discourage and hinder 'em in the work.

3470. 5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 And in the reign of † Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

†Heb. *Ahashverosh.*

7 ¶ And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote ‖ Bishlam, Mithridath, Tabeel, and the rest of their † companions unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

‖ Or, *in peace.*
† Heb. *societies.*

8 Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the ‖ scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king, in this sort:

‖ Or, *secretary.*

9 Then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their † companions, the Dinaites, the Apharsachites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites,

† Chald. *societies.*

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest *that are* on this side the river, and † at such a time.

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† Chald. *Cheeneth.* So v. 11, 17. & Ch. 7. 12.

11 ¶ This *is* the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, *even* unto Artaxerxes the king, Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us, are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have ‖ set up the walls *thereof*, and † joyned the foundations.

‖ Or, *finished.*
† Chald. *sowed together.*

13 Be it known now unto the king, that if this city be builded, and the walls set up *again*, *then* will they not † pay toll, tribute, and custom, and *so* thou shalt endamage the ‖ revenue of the kings.

† Chald. *give.*
‖ Or, *strength.*

14 Now because † we have maintenance from *the king's* palace, and it was not meet for us to see the kings dishonour: therefore have we sent and certified the king,

† Chald. *we are salted with the salt of the palace.*

15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know, that this city *is a* [6] rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have † moved sedition † within the same [7] of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.

† Chald. *made.*
† Chald. *in the midst thereof.*

[6] *Neh.* 4. 19. and 6. 6. *Esth.* 3. 8. *Dan.* 6. 13. ¶ [7] 2 *King.* 24. 1, 20.

16 We certifie the king, that if this city be builded *again*, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.

17 ¶ *Then* sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and *to* Shimshai the scribe, and *to* the rest of their † companions that dwell in Samaria, and *unto* the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time.

† Chald. *societies.*

18 The letter which ye sent unto us, hath been plainly read before me.

19 And † I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath † made insurrection against kings, and *that* rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

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† Chald. *by me a decree is set.*
† Chald. *lifted up is self.*

20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all *countreys* beyond the river; and toll, tribute and custom was paid unto them.

21 † Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until *another* commandment shall be given from me.

† Chald. *make a decree.*

22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 ¶ Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes letter *was* read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease † by force and power.

† Chald. *by arm and power*

24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

CHAP. V.

1 Zerubbabel and Jeshua, incited by Haggai and Zechariah, set forward the building. 6 The adversaries letter to Darius.

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THen the prophets, * Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the [1] son of Iddo prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem, [2] in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them.

* Hag. 1. 1.

[1] Grandson, *Zech.* 1. 1. ¶ [2] Commanding 'em from God to return to the work of building the Temple, with promise of his favor and assistance therein.

2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to [3] build the house of God, which *is* at Jerusalem: and with them *were* the prophets of God [4] helping them.

[3] Upon the foundation laid before, *ch.* 3. 10. ¶ [4] *Eccl.* 12. 11. By their Prayers, Counsel, Encouragment, *&c. Hag.* 1. 4, 8, 13. *Zech.* 4. 7. *&c.*

3 ¶ At the same time came to them Tatnai, governour on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, [5] Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this [6] wall?

[5] *Matth.* 21. 23. ¶ [6] *Viz.* Of the Temple.

4 *[7] Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that † make this building?

* Vers. 10.
† Chald. *build.*

[7] After this manner they relate the matter to the King, *v.* 10.

5 But * the [8] eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they [9] could not cause to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then [10] they returned answer by letter concerning this *matter*.

* See Ch. 7. 6, 28.

[8] 2 *Chron.* 16. 9. The Providence, Favor and Grace. ¶ [9] *Phil.* 1. 28. ¶ [10] *Darius* and his Council. *ch.* 6. 6.

6 ¶ The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which *were* on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king:

7 They sent a letter unto him † wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace.

† Chald. *in the midst whereof.*

8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the [11] great God, which is builded with †, great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

[11] *Deut* 10. 17.
† Chald. *stones of rolling.*

9 Then

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9 Then asked we those elders, *and* said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?

10 We asked their names also, to certifie thee, that we might write the names of the men that *were* the chief of them.

3000. 11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, [12] We are the servants of the God [13] of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel [14] builded, and set up.

[12] *Psal.*119.46. *Matth.*10.32. *Heb.*4.-14 2 *Tim.*1.8. *Rom.* 10.9,10. ¶ [13] 2 *Chron.*36.23. ¶ [14] 2 *King.*6.1.

3416. 12 But after that our fathers had [15] provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he [16] gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon the Chaldean, who [17] destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

[15] *Isa.*59.2. 2 *King.*21.15. 2 *Chron.*36.16. ¶ [16] 2 *King.*24. 1,2. and 25.8. ¶ [17] 2 *Chron.*36.19.

3468. 13 But in the [18] first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, *the same* king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

[18] *ch.* 1. 8.

* Chap.1. 7,8. & 6. 5. 14 And * the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar [19] took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one* whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whom he had made ‖ governor.

[19] *Phil.*1.12. *Prov.*21.1.

‖ Or, *deputy.*

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

3485. 16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem. And since that time even until now, hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king, let there be search made in the kings treasure-house, which *is* there at Babylon, whether it be *so* that a decree was made of Cyrus the king, to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

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1 *Darius advanceth the building.* 15 *The temple is finished.* 16 *The feast of the dedication;* 19 *and of the passover.*

THen Darius the king made a decree, and [1] search was made in the house of the † rolls, where the treasures were † laid up in Babylon.

† Chald. *books.* † Chald. *made to descend.*

[1] First at *Babylon*, but not finding it there, then at *Achmetha.*

‖ Or, *Ecbatana*, or, *in a coffer.*

2 And there was found at ‖ Achmetha, in the palace that *is* in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein *was* a record thus written:

3 [2] In the first year of Cyrus the king, *the same* Cyrus the king made a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid, the [3] height thereof [4] threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof [4] threescore cubits:

[2] *Ch.*1.1. and 5. 13. ¶ [3] *viz.* Of the Porch. ¶ [4] An hundred and nine feet, six inches.

4 *With* [5] three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the [6] expenses be given out of the kings house.

[5] For the partitions of the Court, 1 *King.*6.36. ¶ [6] *ch.* 7, 20.

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5 And also let * the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be [7] restored and † brought again unto the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, *every one* to his place, and place *them* in the house of God.

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[7] *ch.*7.19. † Chald. *go.*

6 Now *therefore* Tatnai, governour beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and † your companions the Apharsachites, which *are* beyond the river, be ye [8] far from thence.

† Chald. *their societies.*

[8] *Psal.*76.10. Let 'em alone, and don't hinder 'em.

7 [9] Let the work of this house of God alone, let the governor of the Jews, and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place.

[9] *Prov.*21. 30.

8 Moreover, † I make a decree, what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews, for the building of this house of God: that of the kings goods, *even* of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be [10] not † hindred.

† Chald. *by me a decree is made.*

† Chald. *made to cease.*

[10] For want of mony and other necessaries.

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs for the burnt-offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, [11] wine, and oyl, according to the appointment of the priests which *are* at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

[11] 1 *Chr.*9. 29. & 12.40.

10 That they may offer sacrifices † of [12] sweet savors unto the God of heaven, and [13] pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

3485. † Chald. *of rest*

[12] *Gen.*8.21.

[13] 1 *Tim.*2. 2.

11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall [14] alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be † hanged thereon, and let his house be made a [15] dunghil for this.

† Chald. *destroyed.*

¶ [14] *Dan.*3.-28. ¶ [15] *Dan.*2.-5. and 3.-29.

12 And the God that hath caused his [16] name to [17] dwell there, destroy all kings and people that shall put to their hand, to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which *is* at Jerusalem: I Darius have made a decree, let it be done with speed.

[16] The manifestation of his Presence. ¶ [17] *Psal.*68. 16. and 132.13,14.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai, governour on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, [18] so they did speedily.

[18] *Esth.*6. 11.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered [19] through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo; and they builded, and finished *it*, [20] according to the † commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of * Cyrus, and * Darius, and * Artaxerxes king of Persia.

Job 5.12, 13.

† Chald. *decree.*

* Chap.5.13. & Vers.3. * Chap.4.24. * Chap.7. 1.

[19] *Ch.*5.1. See there. ¶ [20] *Isa.*44.28. *Hag.*1. 8.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 ¶ And the children of Israel, the Priests and the Levites, and the rest of † the children of the captivity, kept the [21] dedication of this house of God [22] with joy.

† Chald. *the sons of transportation.*

[21] 1 *King.*8.63. ¶ [22] As *ch.*3. 11,12. 1 *Chron.*15.28. and 29. 9. 2 *Chron.*7.10.

17 And * [23] offered at the dedication of this house of God, an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all Israel, [24] twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

* 2 Chron. 7. 5.

[23] 1 *King.*8.63. ¶ [24] *ch.*8.31. 1 *King.*8. 63. and 18. 31.

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18 And they ſet the prieſts in their [25] diviſions, and the Levites in their [26] courſes, for the ſervice of God which *is* at Jeruſalem; † as it is [27] written in the book of Moſes.

[25] 1 *Chron.* 24. 1. ¶ [26] 1 *Chron.* 23. 4. and 25. and 26. ¶ [27] *Numb.* 3. 6. *&c.* and 8. 9. *&c.*

† Chald. *according to the writing.*

19 And the children of the captivity kept the paſſover * upon the fourteenth *day* of the firſt month.

* Exod. 12. 6.

20 For the prieſts and the Levites were [28] purified together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the paſſover for all the children of the captivity, and [29] for their brethren the prieſts, and for [29] themſelves.

[28] 1 *Cor.* 5. 7. 2 *Chron.* 29. 34. ¶ [29] 2 *Chron.* 35. 14. *Heb.* 7. 27.

21 And the children of Iſrael, which were come again out of captivity, and all ſuch as had [30] ſeparated themſelves unto them from the [31] filthineſs of the heathen of the land, to ſeek the LORD God of Iſrael, [32] did eat,

[30] Who were Proſelytes, *Matth.* 23. 15. ¶ [31] *ch.* 9. 11. ¶ [32] *Exod.* 12. 48.

22 And kept the feaſt of unleavened bread ſeven days with joy: for the LORD had [33] made them joyful, and [34] turned the heart of the king of Aſſyria unto them, to ſtrengthen their hands in the work of the houſe of God, the God of Iſrael.

[33] *Gal.* 5. 22. Given 'em matter of great joy, and quickned their Spirits to rejoyce therein. ¶ [34] *ch.* 1. 1. *Prov.* 21. 1.

CHAP. VII.

1 Ezra goeth up to Jeruſalem. 11 The gracious commiſſion of Artaxerxes to him. 27 He bleſſeth God for his favour.

3537. Now after theſe things, in the reign of * Artaxerxes king of Perſia, Ezra the ſon of [1] Seraiah, the [2] ſon of Azariah, the ſon of Hilkiah,

[a] Neh. 2. 1. [1] 2 *Kings* 25. 18, 21. [2] 1 *Chron.* 6. 3–14.

2 The ſon of Shallum, the ſon of Zadok, the ſon of Ahitub,

3 The ſon of Amariah, the ſon of Azariah, the ſon of Meraioth,

4 The ſon of Zerahiah, the ſon of Uzzi, the ſon of Bukki,

5 The ſon of Abiſhua, the ſon of Phinehas, the ſon of Eleazar, the ſon of Aaron the chief prieſt.

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he *was* a * [3] ready ſcribe in the law of Moſes, which the LORD God of Iſrael had given: and the king granted him all his requeſt, * according to the [4] hand of the LORD his God upon him.

[a] V. 11, 21. [b] V. 9. Chap. 8. 22, 31.

[3] A learned and expert Doctor. ¶ [4] *ver.* 9. *Neh.* 2. 8. The favour and good Providence of God.

7 And there went up *ſome* of the children of Iſrael, and of the [5] prieſts, and * the Levites, and the ſingers, and the porters, and * the Nethinims, unto Jeruſalem, in the ſeventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

[5] *Ch.* 2. 36, &c. * See Chap. 8. 15. &c. * Chap. 2. 43.

8 And he came to Jeruſalem in the fifth month, which *was* in the ſeventh year of the king.

9 For upon the firſt *day* of the firſt month † began he to go up from Babylon, and on the firſt *day* of the fifth month, came he to Jeruſalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

† Heb. was *the foundation of the going up.*

10 For Ezra had [6] prepared his heart to [7] ſeek the law of the LORD, and to [8] do *it*, and to [9] teach in Iſrael [10] ſtatutes and judgments.

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[6] 2 *Chron.* 19. 3. Set his mind and affections upon it, and made it his chief deſign and buſineſs to ſearch and find out the true ſenſe and meaning of it, and thence to learn what ſins were to be reform'd, and what duties to be perform'd. ¶ [8] *Matth.* 7. 24. See there. ¶ [9] 1 *Tim.* 3. 2. ¶ [10] 1 *Kings* 2. 3. See there.

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11 ¶ Now this *is* the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the prieſt, the ſcribe, *even* a ſcribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his ſtatutes to Iſrael.

12 Artaxerxes [11] king of kings, Unto ‖ Ezra the prieſt, a ſcribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*, and at ſuch a time.

[11] *Ezek.* 26. 7. *Dan.* 2. 38. ‖ Or, *unto Ezra the prieſt, a perfect ſcribe of the law of the God of heaven*, peace, &c.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Iſrael, and *of* his prieſts, and Levites in my realm, which are minded of their own free will to go up to Jeruſalem, go with thee.

14 Foraſmuch as thou art ſent † of the king, and of his [12] ſeven counſellers, to enquire concerning Judah and Jeruſalem, [13] according to the law of thy God which *is* [14] in thine hand:

† Chald. *from before the king.*

[12] *Eſth.* 1. 14. ¶ [13] Whether they obſerve the rules and directions thereof. ¶ [14] Which thou now carrieſt along with thee, mak'ſt thy ſtudy, and the Interpretation whereof belongs to thee.

15 And to carry the * ſilver and gold, which the king and his counſellers have freely offered unto the God of Iſrael, [15] whoſe habitation *is* in Jeruſalem,

* Chap. 8. 25. [15] 2 *Chron.* 6. 2. See there.

16 And all the ſilver and gold that thou canſt [16] find in all the province of Babylon, with the free-will-offering of [17] the people, and of the prieſts, offering willingly for the houſe of their God, which *is* in Jeruſalem:

[16] Any way procure to be contributed by any of the Kings heathen ſubjects. ¶ [17] Of the Jews.

17 That thou mayeſt buy ſpeedily with this money, bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat-offerings, and their drink-offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the houſe of your God which *is* in Jeruſalem.

18 And whatſoever ſhall ſeem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the reſt of the ſilver and gold, that do after the will of your God.

19 The veſſels alſo that are given thee, for the ſervice of the houſe of thy God, *thoſe* deliver thou before the God of Jeruſalem.

20 And whatſoever more ſhall be needful for the houſe of thy God, which thou ſhalt have occaſion to beſtow, beſtow *it* out of the kings treaſure-houſe.

21 And I, *even* I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treaſurers which *are* beyond the river, that whatſoever Ezra the prieſt, the ſcribe of the law of the God of heaven, ſhall require of you, it be done ſpeedily;

22 Unto an [18] hundred talents of ſilver, and to an [19] hundred † meaſures of wheat, and to an [20] hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oyl, and ſalt without preſcribing *how much.*

† Chald. *cors.*

[18] Thirty four thouſand two hundred and eighteen pounds fifteen ſhillings. ¶ [19] About an hundred and ſix quarters. ¶ [20] About twelve or thirteen hogſheads.

23 † Whatſoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done, for the houſe of the God of heaven: for why ſhould there be [21] wrath againſt the realm of the king and his ſons?

† Heb. *Whatſoever is of the decree.*

[21] *Viz.* For the omiſſion of any part of his Worſhip, occaſion'd by my neglect.

24 Alſo we certifie you, that touching any of the prieſts and Levites, ſingers, porters, Nethinims, or miniſters of this houſe of God, it ſhall not

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not be lawful to impoſe toll, tribute, or cuſtom upon them.

25 And thou, Ezra, after the wiſdom of thy God, [22] that *is* in thine hand, [23] ſet magiſtrates and judges, which may judge [24] all the people that *are* beyond the river, all ſuch as know the laws of thy God; and [25] teach ye them that know *them* not.

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[22] Which God has put into thy heart, and appears in the works of thy hands. ¶ [23] *Exod.* 18. 21, 22. ¶ [24] Within the Province of *Judea*. ¶ [25] *Mal.* 2. 7. *Matth.* 13. 52. *Tit.* 1. 9. 2 *Chron.* 17. 7.

26 And whoſoever will not do the law of thy God, and the [26] law of the king, let judgment be executed ſpeedily upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or † to baniſhment, or to confiſcation of goods, or to impriſonment.

† Chald. *to rooting out.*

[26] To put in execution the laws of God.

27 ¶ [27] Bleſſed *be* the LORD God of our fathers, which hath [28] put *ſuch a thing* as this in the kings heart, to beautifie the houſe of the LORD which *is* in Jeruſalem:

[27] 1 *Chron.* 29. 10. ¶ [28] *James* 1. 17. *Prov.* 21. 1.

28 And * hath extended mercy unto me, before the king, and his counſellers, and before all the kings mighty princes: and I was [29] ſtrengthned as * the [4] hand of the LORD my God *was* upon me, and I gathered together out of Iſrael, chief men to go up with me.

* Chap. 9. 9.

* See Chap. 5. 5.

[29] 2 *Tim.* 4. 17. encouraged.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Ezra's companions from Babylon.* 15 *He ſendeth to Iddo for miniſters for the temple.* 21 *He keepeth a faſt.*

THeſe *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

2 Of the ſons of Phinehas, Gerſhom: of the ſons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the ſons of David; * Hattuſh.

* 1 Chr. 3. 22.

3 Of the ſons of Shechaniah, of the ſons of * Pharoſh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males, an hundred and fifty.

* Chap. 2. 3.

4 Of the ſons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the ſon of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the ſons of Shechaniah; the ſon of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the ſons alſo of Adin; Ebed the ſon of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the ſons of Elam; Jeſhaiah the ſon of Athaliah, and with him, ſeventy males.

8 And of the ſons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah, the ſon of Michael, and with him fourſcore males.

9 Of the ſons of Joab; Obadiah, the ſon of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the ſons of Shelomith; the ſon of Joſiphiah, and with him an hundred and threeſcore males.

11 And of the ſons of Bebai; Zechariah the ſon of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the ſons of Azgad; Johanan ‖ the ſon of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

‖ Or, *the youngeſt ſon.*

13 And of the laſt ſons of Adonikam, whoſe names *are* theſe, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threeſcore males.

14 Of the ſons alſo of Bigvai, Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them ſeventy males.

‖ Or, *Zaccur, as ſome read.*

15 ¶ And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there ‖ abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the prieſts, and found there [1] none of the ſons of Levi.

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‖ Or, *pitched.*

[1] Therefore he ſends for ſome of 'em (*v.* 16.) Who went with him, *ch.* 7. 7.

16 Then ſent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meſhullam, chief men; alſo for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, [2] men of underſtanding.

[2] *Dan.* 11. 33.

17 And I ſent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief, at the place Caſiphia, and † I told them what they ſhould ſay unto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Caſiphia, that they ſhould bring unto us miniſters for the houſe of our God.

† Heb. *I put the words in their mouth.* See 2 Sam. 14. 3, 19.

18 And by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of underſtanding, of the ſons of Mahli, the ſon of Levi, the ſon of Iſrael, and Sherebiah, with his ſons and his brethren, eighteen;

19 And Haſhabiah, and with him Jeſhaiah of the ſons of Merari, his brethren, and their ſons, twenty;

20 *Alſo of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the ſervice of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expreſſed by name.

* See Chap. 2. 43.

21 ¶ Then I [3] proclaimed a faſt there, at the river Ahava, that we might [4] afflict our ſelves before our God, to ſeek of him [5] a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our ſubſtance.

[3] 2 *Chron.* 20. 3. *Ezek.* 36. 37. ¶ [4] *Lev.* 16. 29. & 23. 29. *Iſa.* 58. 3. ¶ [5] *Pſal.* 5. 8. Direction how to govern our ſelves in our preſent circumſtances, and what courſe to take that ſhould be moſt for our advantage.

22 For * I was aſhamed to require of the king a band of ſouldiers and horſemen, to help us againſt the enemy in the way: becauſe we had ſpoken unto the king, ſaying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them [6] for good, that [7] ſeek him, but his power and his [8] wrath *is* againſt all them that [9] forſake him.

* So 1 Cor. 9. 15.

[6] *Pſal.* 73. 23, 24. ¶ [7] 1 *Chron.* 16. 10, 11. ¶ [8] *Pſal.* 90. 11. ¶ [9] 2 *Chron.* 15. 2.

23 So we faſted and beſought our God [10] for this, and he was [11] entreated of us.

[10] To protect us againſt our enemies. ¶ [11] *v.* 31. *Mat.* 7. 7.

24 ¶ Then I ſeparated twelve of the chief of the prieſts, Sherebiah, Haſhabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed unto them * the ſilver and the gold, and the veſſels, *even* the offering of the houſe of our God, which the king, and his counſellers, and his lords, and all Iſrael *there* preſent, had [12] offered.

* Chap. 7. 15, 16.

[12] *ch.* 7. 16.

26 I even weighed unto their hand, [13] ſix hundred and fifty talents of ſilver, and ſilver veſſels an [14] hundred talents, *and* of gold an [15] hundred talents:

[13] About twenty ſeven tuns, or cart loads. ¶ [14] See on *ch.* 7. 22. [15] Four hundred forty ſeven thouſand five hundred pounds ſterling.

27 Alſo twenty baſons of gold of a [16] thouſand drams; and two veſſels of † fine copper, † precious as gold.

[16] Eleven hundred pounds.

† Heb. *yellow, or ſhining braſs.*

28 And I ſaid unto them, Ye *are* [17] holy unto the LORD; the veſſels *are* [18] holy alſo; and the ſilver and the gold *are* a free-will-offering unto the LORD God of your fathers.

† Heb. *deſireable.*

[17] *Deut.* 33. 8.

[18] *Lev.* 5. 15.

29 Watch ye, and keep *them*, until ye weigh *them* before the chief of the prieſts, and the Levites,

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vites, and chief of the fathers of Israel at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

31 ¶ Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the first moneth, to go unto Jerusalem: and * the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

*Chap.7.6,28.

32 And we * came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

*Neh.2.11.

33 ¶ Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God, by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them *was* Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites:

34 By number *and* by weight of every one. And all the weight was written at that time.

35 *Also* the children of those that had been carried away which were come out of the captivity, * offered burnt-offerings unto the God of Israel, [19] twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he-goats *for* a sin-offering: all *this was* a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

*So Chap.6.17

[19] *ch.* 7.16.

36 ¶ And they delivered the kings commissions unto the kings lieutenants, and to the governours on this side the river: and they [20] furthered the people, and the house of God.

[20] *Isa.* 56.6.

CHAP. IX.

1 Ezra mourneth for the affinity of the people with strangers. 5 He prayeth unto God with confession of sins.

3538. NOw when these things were done, the [1] princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the [2] priests, and the Levites have not [3] separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to [4] their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

[1] Some that desired a reformation of these abuses. ¶ [2] *Rom.*2.18.21. *Matth.*23.2. ¶ [3] *Exod.*33.16. ¶ [4] *Deut.* 18.9. 2 *Kings* 21.2. Living after a loose and licentious manner.

2 For they have [5] taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the [6] holy seed have [7] mingled themselves with the people of *those* lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

[5] *Mal.*2.11. Against the Law, *Deut.*7.3. ¶ [6] 1 *Cor.*7.14. *Gen.* 6.2. The Posterity of *Abram*, in covenant with God. ¶ [7] By Marriages.

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment, and my mantle, and [8] pluckt off the hair of my head and of my beard, and [9] sat down [10] astonied.

[8] Cutting the hair was us'd upon occasion of great sorrow, (*Job* 1.20. *Isa.*15.2. and 22.12. *Jer.*7.29. and 16.6 and 41.5. and 48.37,38. *Ezek.*7.18. *Mich.*1.16.) and so here, Tearing it. ¶ [9] *Neh.*1.4. ¶ [10] *Psal.*143.4. Not knowing what to say or do.

4 Then were assembled unto me every one that [11] trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away, and I sat astonied until the evening sacrifice.

[11] *ch.*10.3. *Prov.* 13.13. *Isa.*66.2.

5 ¶ And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my ‖ heaviness, and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and [12] spread out my hands unto the LORD my God,

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‖ Or, *afflictions.*

[12] 1 *Kin.* 8.54

6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased [13] over *our* head, and our ‖ trespass is grown up [14] unto the heavens.

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[13] *Psal.* 38.4.

[14] 2 *Chron.*28.9. *Jon.*1.2.

‖ Or, *guiltiness*

7 Since the days of our fathers, *have* we *been* [15] in a great trespass unto this day, and for our iniquities have we, our kings, *and* our priests been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day.

[15] Under the guilt of great sins.

8 And now for [16] a † little space grace hath been *shewed* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us ‖ [17] a nail in his holy place, that our God may [18] lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

† Heb. *moment.*

‖ Or, *a pin*: That is, *a constant and sure abode.* So Isa. 22.23.

[16] Very lately. ¶ [17] Some kind of settlement in this holy land. ¶ [18] 1 *Sam.*14.27,29. *Psal.* 34.5. Afford some refreshing and comfort to us.

9 For we *were* bondmen, yet our God hath [19] not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us [20] in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving to set up the house of our God, and to † repair the desolations thereof, and to give us [21] a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

† Heb. *set up.*

[19] *Psal.* 136.23. ¶ [20] *ch.* 1.1. and 6.1. and 7.12. ¶ [21] His powerful protection and gracious Providence.

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments.

11 Which thou hast commanded † by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it † from one end to another, with their uncleanness.

† Heb. *by the hand of thy servants.*

† Heb. *from mouth to mouth*: as 2 King.21.16.

12 Now therefore * give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, * [22] nor seek their peace, or their wealth for ever: that ye may be [23] strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your children for ever.

*Deut. 23.6.

[22] *Exod.*23.32. ¶ [23] Able to defend your selves without the help of such unclean people, by depending on God alone.

13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God * hast † punished us [24] less then our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this:

* Psal. 103.10.

† Heb. *withheld beneath our iniquities.*

[24] *Job* 11.6. *Lam.* 3.22.

14 Should we [25] again break thy commandments, and joyn in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldst not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed *us*, so that *there should be* no remnant not escaping?

[25] *Job* 5.14.

15 O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* [26] righteous, for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses: for we [27] cannot stand before thee because of this.

[26] *Neh.* 9.33.

[27] *Psal.* 1.5.

CHAP. X.

1 Shechaniah encourageth Ezra to reform the strange marriages. 6 Ezra mourning, assembleth the people. 9 The people at the exhortation of Ezra, repent and promise amendment. 15 The care to perform it. 18 The names of them who had married strange wives.

NOw when Ezra had prayed, and when he had [1] confessed, weeping and casting himself

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ſelf down before the houſe of God, there aſſembled unto him out of Iſrael, a very great congregation of [2] men, and women, and children: for the people wept † very ſore.

† Heb. *a great weeping.*

[1] *Prov.* 28. 13. 1 *Joh.* 1. 9, 10. *Dan.* 9. 4. *Pſal.* 32. 5. *Hoſ.* 14. 2. ¶ [2] *Deut.* 31. 12. 2 *Chron.* 20. 13.

3538. 2 And Shechaniah the ſon of Jehiel, *one* of the ſons of Elam, anſwered and ſaid unto Ezra, We have treſpaſſed againſt our God, and have taken [3] ſtrange wives, of the people of the land: yet now there is [4] hope in Iſrael concerning this thing.

[3] *Neh.* 13. 23. ¶ [4] *Lam.* 3. 24. *Viz.* That God may be reconcil'd to us upon our repentance and Reformation (and therefore let us ſet about it.)

3 Now therefore let us make a [5] covenant with our God to † put away all the wives, and ſuch as are ‖ born of them, [6] according to the counſel of my lord, and of thoſe that [7] tremble at the [8] commandment of our God, and let it be done according to the law.

† Heb. *bring forth.*

[5] 2 *Kings* 11. 4. ¶ ‖ By declaring 'em no true freeborn members of the people of *Iſrael* (tho doubtleſs they maintain'd them.) ¶ [6] In ſuch a way as thou ſhalt think fit. ¶ [7] *ch.* 9. 4. Conſcientious perſons are fitteſt to determine Caſes of Conſcience. ¶ [8] *Deut.* 7. 2, 3. Leſt they ſhould tranſgreſs it.

4 Ariſe: for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee; we alſo *will be* with thee: be of good courage, and do *it*.

5 Then aroſe Ezra, and made the chief prieſts, the Levites, and all Iſrael [9] to ſwear, that they ſhould do according to this word: And they ſware.

[9] 2 *Chron.* 15. 14.

6 ¶ Then Ezra roſe up from before the houſe of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the ſon of Eliaſhib: and *when* he came thither, he did [10] eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned becauſe of the tranſgreſſion of them that had been carried away.

[10] *Job* 23. 12.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jeruſalem, unto all the children of the captivity, that they ſhould gather themſelves together unto Jeruſalem;

8 And that whoſoever would not come within three days, according to the counſel of the princes and the elders, all his ſubſtance ſhould be † forfeited, and himſelf [11] ſeparated from the congregation of thoſe that had been carried away.

† Heb. *devoted.*

[11] *Ch.* 7. 26. Excommunicated from the people of God, and his publick Worſhip.

9 ¶ Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themſelves together unto Jeruſalem, within three days: it *was* the ninth month, and the twentieth *day* of the month; and * all the people ſat in the ſtreet of the houſe of God, trembling becauſe of *this* matter, and for the † [12] great rain.

* See 1 Sam. 12. 18.

† Heb. *ſhowers.*

[12] Which they took as a token of God's diſpleaſure againſt 'em.

10 And Ezra the prieſt ſtood up, and ſaid unto them, ye have tranſgreſſed, and have † taken ſtrange wives to encreaſe the treſpaſs of Iſrael.

† Heb. *cauſed to dwell*, or, *brought back.*

11 Now therefore make confeſſion unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleaſure: and ſeparate your ſelves from the people of the land, and from the ſtrange wives.

12 Then all the congregation anſwered, and ſaid with a loud voice, As thou haſt ſaid, [13] ſo muſt we do.

[13] *Pſal.* 78. 57.

13 But the people are many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we are not able to ſtand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for ‖ we are many that have tranſgreſſed in this thing.

‖ Or, *we have greatly offended in this thing.*

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation ſtand, and let all them which have taken ſtrange wives in our cities, come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God ‖ for this matter be turned from us.

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‖ Or, *till this matter* be diſpatched.

15 ¶ Only Jonathan the ſon of Aſahel, and Jahaziah the ſon of Tikvah, † were employed about this *matter:* and Meſhullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

3538. † Heb. *ſtood.*

16 And the children of the captivity did ſo: and Ezra the prieſt, *with* certain chief of the fathers, after the houſe of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names were [14] ſeparated, and ſat down in the firſt day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

[14] Sequeſtred themſelves from all other buſineſs, and gave themſelves wholly to this.

17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken ſtrange wives, by the firſt day of the firſt month.

18 ¶ And among the ſons of the prieſts, there were found that had taken ſtrange wives: *namely*, of the ſons of Jeſhua the ſon of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaſeiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they * gave their hands, that they would put away their wives; and *being* guilty *they offered* a ram of the flock for their treſpaſs.

* 2 Kin. 10. 15.

20 And of the ſons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

21 And of the ſons of Harim; Maaſeiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.

22 And of the ſons of Paſhur; Elioenai, Maaſeiah, Iſhmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elaſah.

23 Alſo of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (the ſame *is* Kelita) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the ſingers alſo; Eliaſhib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover of Iſrael: of the ſons of Paroſh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchijah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the ſons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the ſons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliaſhib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the ſons alſo of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai.

29 And of the ſons of Bani; Meſhullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jaſhub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of the ſons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaſeiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manaſſeh.

31 And *of* the ſons of Harim; Eliezer, Iſhijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah.

33 Of the ſons of Haſhum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manaſſeh, *and* Shimei.

34 Of the ſons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliaſhib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaaſau,

38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

40 ‖ Machnadebai, Saſhai, Sharai,

41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joſeph.

‖ Or, *Mahnadebai*, according to ſome copies.

43 Of the ſons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

44 All theſe had taken ſtrange wives: and *ſome* of them had wives by whom they had children.

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NEHEMIAH.

The ARGUMENT.

THIS *Book was written by* Nehemiah *himself; who was constituted Governour of* Judea *by* Artaxerxes: *wherein he relates divers memorable passages during his Government, particularly, his sympathy with the people of God,* ch. 1. *His Authority to build* Jerusalem, *and Care to view the breaches,* ch. 2. *His diligence in repairing the Walls,* ch. 3. *and that notwithstanding the opposition made against it,* ch. 4. *His redress of Grievances,* ch. 5. *His finishing the Building, tho' the enemy sought by all means to hinder it,* ch. 6. *His fixing their Genealogies,* ch. 7. *Keeping a day of Thanksgiving, and the Feast of Tabernacles,* ch. 8. *and afterwards a solemn Fast; at the Close whereof they renew their Covenant with God,* ch. 9. *and Seal to it: which did consist of divers branches,* ch. 10. *His furnishing* Jerusalem *with a competent number of Inhabitants, and setling others in the Countries,* ch. 11. *His keeping the Feast of the Dedication of the Wall of* Jerusalem, *and appointing Officers about the Temple,* ch. 12. *His second return from* Persia to Jerusalem, *when he reforms many Abuses, and especially takes care for the strict Observation and Sanctification of the Sabbath,* ch. 13.

CHAP. I.

1 *Nehemiah understanding by Hanani the misery of Jerusalem, mourneth, fasteth and prayeth.* 5 *His prayer.*

3550. THE words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah, and I asked them concerning the Jews that had [1] escaped, which were [2] left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

[1] Were not carried Captives, when others were. ¶ [2] Remain'd in the Land.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province, *are* in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also *is* [3] broken down, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire.

[3] 2 *Kings* 25.10. Not yet repair'd, but still continuing in its ruins and rubbish.

4 ¶ And it came to pass when I heard these words, that I [4] sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

[4] *Isa.*47.1. *Lam.*2.10. *Ezek.*26.16. *Rom.*12.15, 1 *Cor.*12.26.

* Dan.9.4. 5 And said, I beseech thee, * O LORD God of heaven, the great and [5] terrible God, that [6] keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

[5] *Ch.*4.14. *Deut.*7.21. 1 *Chron.*17.21. *Job* 37.22. *Psal.*47.2. and 66.3,5. ¶ [6] *Exod.*20.6.

6 Let thine [7] ear now be attentive, and thine [7] eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, [8] day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned [9] against thee: both I, and my father's house have sinned.

[7] 1 *Kings* 8.29. *Psal.*34.15. ¶ [8] *Luke* 18.1. Constantly, morning and evening. ¶ [9] *Psal.*51.4.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the [10] commandments, nor the [10] statutes, nor the [10] judgments which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

[10] See on 1 *Kings* 2.3. Neither the Moral, Ceremonial, nor Judicial Laws.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, * *If* ye transgress, I will [11] scatter you abroad among the nations:

* Lev.26.39. [11] *Deut.*4.25. *&c.* 2 *Kin.*25.11. *Ezra* 9.7.

9 But *if* ye [12] turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; *though there were of you [13] cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, *yet* will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

[12] *Joel* 2.13. * Deut.30.4. [13] *Deut.*30.4.

10 Now these *are* thy servants and thy people whom thou hast [14] redeemed by thy great power, and by thy [14] strong hand.

[14] *Exod.*6.1. & 13.-9.&14.-8. & 32.11.

11 O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who [15] desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

[15] *Isa.*26.8.

CHAP. II.

Artaxerxes understanding the cause of Nehemiahs sadness, sendeth him with letters and commission to Jerusalem.

AND it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of *Artaxerxes the king, *that* wine *was* before him: and I took up the wine, and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence. 3550. * Ezra 7.1.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me, [1] Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this *is* nothing *else* but [2] sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore [3] afraid.

[1] *Gen.*40.7. ¶ [2] *Prov.*15.13. ¶ [3] Lest if he had discover'd the true ground of his sorrow, it might have been some prejudice to him.

3 And said unto the king, [4] Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the [5] place of my fathers [5] sepulchres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

¶ [4] 1 *Kings* 1.31. *Dan.*2.4. and 6.21. ¶ [5] Which by all Nations are esteem'd sacred, inviolable, and honourable.

4 Then

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4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I [6] prayed to the God of heaven.

[6] *Ch.*1.11. 1 *Sam.*1.13. *Exod.*14.15. Darted up a suddain Ejaculation to God to direct my thoughts and words, and to incline the kings heart to grant my request.

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest [7] send me unto Judah unto the city of my fathers sepulchres, that I may [8] build it.

[7] *Viz.* With Authority. ¶ [8] *Hag.*1.4. The Walls, *ch.*3. 1. *&c.*

† Heb. *wife.*

6 And the king said unto me, (the † queen also sitting by him) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him * [9] a time.

* Chap. 5.14. & 13.6.

[9] Likely some short time, after which he return'd to the King, and then was sent again a second time to be Governour.

7 Moreover, I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governours beyond the river, that they may [10] convey me over till I come into Judah;

[10] Safely conduct me through their several Territories.

8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the kings forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the [11] palace which *appertained* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the [12] good hand of my God upon me.

[11] The buildings about the Courts of the Temple.

[12] *Ezra* 7.6.

9 ¶ Then I came to the governours beyond the river, and gave them the kings letters. (Now the king had sent captains of the army, and horsemen with me)

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah [13] the servant the Ammonite, heard *of it*, it [14] grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to [15] seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

[13] Of a servile original and condition at first, (tho now advanc'd) and therefore so insolent, *Prov.* 30.22. ¶ [14] *Prov.* 27.4. *Acts* 13.45. ¶ [15] *Esth.*10.3.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there [16] three days.

[16] *Ezra* 8. 32.

12 ¶ And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me, neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

* 2 Chr. 26.9. Chap. 3.13.

13 And I went out by night, by * the gate of the valley, even before the dragon-well, and to the dung-port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain; and to the kings pool: but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass.

15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entred by the gate of the valley, and *so* returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, nor what I did, neither had I as yet told *it* to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that [17] did the work.

[17] Whom he intended to imploy in the following work.

17 ¶ Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire: come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a [18] reproach.

[18] *ch.*1.3. * Vers.8.

18 Then I told them of * the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the kings words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they [19] strengthened their hands for this good *work*.

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[19] 1 *Chron.*11.10. *Ezra* 1.6. Took courage and resolution, and fitted themselves every way for this work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian heard *it*, they [20] laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing that ye do? will ye [21] rebel against the king?

[20] *Ch.*4.1. *Job* 12.4. *Hebr.* 11. 36. As if we could never be able to finish the work we had begun. ¶ [21] *Ezra* 4.15.

20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but [22] you have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in Jerusalem.

[22] *Ezra* 4. 3.

CHAP. III.

The names and order of them that builded the wall.

THen * Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they built * the sheep-gate, they [1] sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they [1] sanctified it, unto the tower of * Hananeel. 3550.

* Chap.12.10. * Chap.12.39. * Jer.31.38.

[1] Dedicated it to God's service by Prayer, and such other Rites as were appointed, as the First-fruits of all the rest of the building.

2 And † next unto him builded * the men of Jericho: and next to them builded Zacchur the son of Imri.

† Heb. *at his hand.* * Ezra 2. 34.

3 But * the fish-gate did * the sons of Hassenaah build, who *also* laid the beams thereof, and * set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

* 2Chr.33.14. Zeph. 1.10. * Ezra 2.35. * See Chap. 6. 1. & 7.1.

4 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz: and next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel: and next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.

5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles [2] put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

[2] *Judg.*5.23.

6 Moreover, the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governour on this side the river.

8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths: next unto him also repaired Hananiah, the son of *one of* the apothecaries, and they ‖ fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.

‖ Or, *left Jerusalem unto the broad wall.*

9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the [3] ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.

[3] There were two Overseers of the Work.

10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house: and next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab repaired the ‖ other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.

† Heb. *second measure.*

12 And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the [3] ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13 * The valley-gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah, they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and

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the bars thereof, and a thouſand cubits on the wall unto * the dung-gate.

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14 But the dung-gate repaired Malchiah the ſon of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem: he built it, and ſet up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

* Chap.2.14.

15 But * the gate of the fountain repaired Shallun the ſon of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah: he built it, and covered it, and ſet up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of * the pool of Siloah by the kings garden, and unto the ſtairs that go down from the city of David.

* John 9.7.

16 After him repaired Nehemiah the ſon of Azbuk the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, unto *the place* over againſt the ſepulchres of David, and to the * pool *that was* made, and unto the houſe of the mighty.

* 2 Kin.20.20.

17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the ſon of Bani: next unto him repaired Haſhabiah the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.

18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the ſon of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.

19 And next to him repaired Ezer the ſon of Jeſhua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over againſt the going up to the armoury at the turning *of the wall*.

‖ Or, *Zaccai*.

20 After him Baruch the ſon of ‖ Zabbai, [4] earneſtly repaired the other piece, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the houſe of Eliaſhib the high prieſt.

[4] Shewing more than Ordinary Zeal therein.

21 After him repaired Meremoth the ſon of Urijah, the ſon of Koz, another piece, from the door of the houſe of Eliaſhib, even to the end of the houſe of Eliaſhib.

22 And after him repaired the prieſts, the men of the plain.

23 After him repaired Benjamin, and Haſhub, over againſt their houſe: after him repaired Azariah the ſon of Maaſeiah, the ſon of Ananiah, by his houſe.

24 After him repaired Binnui the ſon of Henadad, another piece, from the houſe of Azariah, unto the turning *of the wall*, even unto the corner.

25 Palal the ſon of Uzai, over againſt the turning *of the wall*, and the tower which lieth out from the kings high houſe, that *was* by the [5] court of the priſon: after him, Pedaiah the ſon of Paroſh.

[5] *Jer.* 32. 2. and 33. 1. and 37. 21. and 39. 15.

* Chap.2.43.
‖ Or, which *dwelt in Ophel*, repaired *unto*.

26 Moreover, * the Nethinims ‖ dwelt in * ‖ Ophel, unto *the place* over againſt the * water-gate toward the eaſt, and the tower that lieth out.

* 2Chr.27.3.
‖ Or, *the tower*.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over againſt the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

* Chap. 8.1,3. & 12.37.
* 2 Kin.11.16. Jer.31.40.

28 From above * the horſe-gate, repaired the prieſts, every one over againſt his houſe.

29 After them repaired Zadok the ſon of Immer, over againſt his houſe: after him repaired alſo Shemaiah, the ſon of Shechaniah, the keeper of the eaſt-gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah the ſon of Shelemiah, and Hanun the ſixth ſon of Zalaph, another piece, after him repaired Meſhullam the ſon of Berechiah, over againſt his chamber.

31 After him repaired Malchiah, the goldſmiths ſon, unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over againſt the gate Miph-kad, and to the ‖ going up of the corner.

‖ Or, *Zaccai*.

32 And between the going up of the corner unto the ſheep-gate, repaired the goldſmiths and the merchants.

† Heb. *corner-chamber*.

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CHAP. IV.

1 *While the enemies ſcoff, Nehemiah prayeth.* 7 *He ſetteth a watch.*

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BUt it came to paſs that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great [1] indignation, and [2] mocked the Jews.

[1] *Acts* 5.-17. [2] *ch.*2.19.

2 And he ſpake before his brethren, and the army of Samaria, and ſaid, What do theſe feeble Jews? will they † fortifie themſelves? will they [3] ſacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the ſtones out of the heaps of the rubbiſh, which are burnt?

† Heb. *leave to themſelves*.

[3] Do they intend to begin, and finiſh, and keep the Feaſt of Dedication all in a day?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* by him, and he ſaid, even that which they build, if a [4] fox go up, he ſhall even break down their ſtone-wall.

[4] *Lam.*3.-18.

4 [5] Hear, O our God, for we are † deſpiſed: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and [6] give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

† Heb. *deſpite*.

[5] *Pſal.* 123. 3. ¶ [6] Let 'em be carried Captives.

5 And [7] cover not their iniquity, and let not their ſin [8] be blotted out from before thee: for they have [9] provoked *thee* to anger before the builders.

[7] *Pſal.*32.1. ¶ [8] *Iſa.*43.25. *Pſal.* 51. 1, 9. and 109.14. *Jer.*18.23. Paſs unpardon'd. ¶ [9] In reproaching the builders of the City they have reproach'd thee, (and therefore vindicate thine own honour.)

6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joyned together unto the [10] half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

[10] *Viz.* of the height.

7 ¶ But it came to paſs *that* when Sanballat and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Aſhdodites, heard that the walls of Jeruſalem ‖ were made up, *and* that the breaches began to be ſtopped, then they were [11] very wroth.

† Heb. *aſcended*.

[11] *Gen.*3.15.

8 And conſpired [12] all of them together, to come *and* to fight againſt Jeruſalem, and † to hinder it.

[12] *Pſal.*83.3,4. 2 *Chron.* 20.1. † Heb. *to make an erreur to it.*

9 Nevertheleſs, we made our prayer unto our God, and ſet a watch againſt them day and night, becauſe of them.

10 And Judah [13] ſaid, The ſtrength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and *there is* much rubbiſh, ſo that we are [14] not able to build the wall.

[13] They began to murmur and complain that there was ſo much rubbiſh they ſhould never be able to clear it; which was enough to diſcourage 'em all; as *Num.*32.9. ¶ [14] *Num.* 13.31.

11 And our Adverſaries ſaid, They ſhall not know, neither ſee, till we come in the midſt among them, and ſlay them, and cauſe the work to ceaſe.

12 And it came to paſs that when the Jews which dwelt by them, came, they ſaid unto us [15] ten times, ‖ [16] From all places whence ye ſhall return unto us, *they will be upon you.*

‖ Or, *That from all places ye muſt return to us.*

[15] Frequently. ¶ [16] When you leave your work, and go to any of the out-places to refreſh your ſelves, they'll beſet the City, and break in upon you before you can return.

13 ¶ Therefore ſet I ‖ in the lower places behind the wall, *and* on the higher places, I even ſet the people after their families with their ſwords, their ſpears, and their bows.

† Heb. *from the lower parts of the place, &c.*

14 And

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14 And I looked, and roſe up, and ſaid unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the reſt of the people, [17] Be not ye afraid of them: [18] remember the LORD *which is* [19] great and terrible, and fight for your [20] brethren, your ſons and your daughters, your wives and your houſes.

[17] *Numb.*14.9. *Deut.*1.-21. ¶ [18] *Exod.*15.3. *Iſa.* 52. 12. ¶ [19] *ch.*1.5. ¶ [20] *Pſal.*122.8.

15 And it came to paſs, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counſel [21] to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

[21] *Job* 5. 13, 14.

16 And it came to paſs from that time forth, *that* the half of my ſervants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the ſpears, the ſhields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers *were* [22] behind all the houſe of [23] Judah.

[22] To direct and encourage 'em. ¶ [23] Who were moſt apt to be diſcourag'd, *v.*10.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with thoſe that laded, *every one* with one of his hands wrought in the work, and [24] with the other *hand* held a weapon.

[24] They had their weapons as ready at hand, as if they had held 'em in one hand.

18 For the builders, every one had his ſword girded ‖ by his ſide, and *ſo* builded: and he that ſounded the trumpet *was* by me.

‖ Heb. *on his loins.*

19 ¶ And I ſaid unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the reſt of the people, The work *is* great and large, and we are ſeparated upon the wall, one far from another.

20 In what place *therefore* ye hear the ſound of the trumpet, [25] reſort ye thither unto us: [25] our God ſhall [26] fight for us.

[25] Truſt in God does not exclude the uſe of means. ¶ [26] *Exod.*14.14. *Deut.*1.30. and 3. 22.

21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the ſpears, from the riſing of the morning, till the ſtars appeared.

22 Likewiſe at the ſame time ſaid I unto the people, Let every one with his ſervant lodge within Jeruſalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.

[27] So *ch.* 5.16. *Judg.*9.48.

23 So [27] neither I, nor my brethren, nor my ſervants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, ‖ *ſaving that* every one put them off for waſhing.

‖ Or, *every one went with his weapon* for *water.* See Judg.5.11.

CHAP. V.

1 The Jews complain of their debt, morgage, and bondage. 6 Nehemiahs reſtitution: 14 He forbeareth his own allowance, and keepeth hoſpitality.

3550. AND there was a great [1] cry of the [2] people, and of their wives, againſt their [3] brethren the Jews.

[1] *Iſa.*5.-7. ¶ [2] The poorer ſort. [3] ¶ *Jam.*2.6. *Lev.*25. 35. *Deut.*15.7,8. The richer ſort.

2 For there were that ſaid, We, our ſons, and our daughters *are* many: therefore we [4] take up corn *for them*, that we may eat and live.

[4] 2 *Kings* 4.-1. *Viz.* Upon their unreaſonable terms; whereby to ſupply our Families.

3 *Some* alſo there were that ſaid, We have morgaged our lands, vineyards, and houſes, that we might buy corn, becauſe of the dearth.

4 There were alſo that ſaid, We have borrowed money for the kings tribute, *and that upon* our lands and vineyards.

* Iſa.58.7. * Exod.21.7. [5] Contrary to *Lev.*25.39.

5 Yet now * our fleſh *is* as the fleſh of our brethren, our children as their children: and lo, we * bring into [5] bondage our ſons and our daughters, to be ſervants, and *ſome* of our daughters are brought into bondage *already*, neither *is it* in our power *to redeem them:* for other men have our lands and vineyards.

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6 ¶ And I was very [6] angry when I heard their cry, and theſe words.

[6] *Mark* 3.5.

7 Then † I conſulted with my ſelf, and I [7] rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and ſaid unto them, You exact uſury every one of his [8] brother. And I ſet a [9] great aſſembly againſt them.

† Heb. *my heart conſulted in me.*

[7] *Lev.*19.15. *Gal.*2.14. ¶ [8] Poor Brother: contrary to the Law, *Exod.* 22. 25. *Lev.* 25.35-36. ¶ [9] 1 *Tim.* 5. 20. Both of thoſe that were oppreſt, and of others free from this ſin: that before ſo many that condemned it, they might be the more humbled.

8 And I ſaid unto them, We, after our ability, have [10] redeemed our brethren the Jews, *which were* ſold unto the heathen; and will you even ſell your brethren? or ſhall they be ſold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found [11] nothing *to anſwer.*

[10] *Lev.*25.46. *&c.* Done what we can to free 'em from their bondage, either in *Babylon* or elſewhere. ¶ [11] *Matth.* 22.-12.

9 Alſo I ſaid, It *is* [12] not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk [13] in the fear of our God, [14] becauſe of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?

[12] *Prov.*16.29. and 17.26. and 18.5. and 19.2. and 24.23. *i. e.* Very bad. ¶ [13] *Gen.*42.18. ¶ [14] *Rom.*2.-24. 2 *Sam.* 12.14. *Gen.*13.7. 1 *Pet.*2.12. Becauſe they'l be apt to reproach our Religion, if we be cruel to our Brethren.

10 I likewiſe, *and* my brethren, and my ſervants, [15] might exact of them money and corn: I pray you let us leave off this uſury.

[15] *Rom.*13.7.

11 [16] Reſtore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houſes, alſo [17] the hundredth *part* of the money, and of the [18] corn, the wine, and the oyl, that ye exact of them.

[16] *Luke* 19.-8. *Lev.*6.4. ¶ [17] Which they receiv'd every month for intereſt; which is after twelve *per Cent.* for a year. ¶ [18] Whatſoever you have taken for intereſt, whether Mony, or other Commodities.

12 Then ſaid they, We will reſtore *them*, and will require nothing of them; ſo will we do as thou ſayeſt. Then I called the [19] prieſts, and took an [19] oath of them, that they ſhould do according to this promiſe.

[19] 2 *Chron.*15.12-14. *Jer.* 38. 16. The Prieſts gave the Oath, or at leaſt it was done in their preſence, for the greater ſolemnity.

13 Alſo I [20] ſhook my lap, and ſaid, So God ſhake out every man from his houſe, and from his labour, that performeth not this promiſe, even thus be he ſhaken out, and † emptied. And all the congregation ſaid, [21] Amen, and [22] praiſed the LORD. And the [23] people did according to this promiſe.

† Heb. *empty,* or *void.*

[20] *Matth.*10.-14. *Acts* 13.51. and 18.6. 1 *Kings* 11.29,30. ¶ [21] *Deut.*27.19. *Numb.*5.22. ¶ [22] 1 *Chron.*16.36. Both the Offenders, becauſe they were thereby brought to amendment; and others, becauſe the oppreſſed were relieved. ¶ [23] *Pſal.*50.14.

14 ¶ Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governour in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year, even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the King, *that is*, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the [24] bread of the governour. 3562.

[24] The Proviſion allowed for his Maintenance.

15 But the former governours that *had been* before me, were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beſide forty ſhekels of ſilver, yea even their ſervants bare rule over the people: but ſo did not I, [25] becauſe of the fear of God. 3550.

[25] *Prov.*16.-6.

16 Yea, alſo I continued [26] in the work of this

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wall, neither [27] bought we any land: and all my ſervants *were* gathered thither unto the work.

[26] In the overſight of it. ¶ [27] *Acts* 20.33. 1 *Cor.* 9. 4, 15. Did not take the advantage of their neceſſities to buy good bargains of 'em.

[28] *Rom.* 12.13. 1 *Pet.* 4.9.

17 Moreover, *there were* [28] at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beſides thoſe that came unto us from among the heathen that *are* about us.

18 Now *that* which was prepared *for me* daily, *was* one ox, *and* ſix choice ſheep; alſo fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days, ſtore of all ſorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governour, becauſe the bondage was heavy upon this people.

[29] See on *ch.* 13.14.

19 [29] Think upon me, my God, for good, *according* to all that I have done for this people.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Sanballat practiſeth to terrifie Nehemiah.* 15 *The work is finiſhed.* 17 *Secret intelligence between the enemies and the nobles of Judah.*

NOw it came to paſs, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and ‖ Geſhem the Arabian, and the reſt of our enemies heard that I had builded the wall, and *that* there was no breach left therein; (* though at that time I had not ſet up the doors upon the gates)

‖ Verſ. 6. *Gaſhmu.*

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2 That Sanballat, and Geſhem ſent unto me, ſaying, Come, let us [1] meet together in *ſome one* * 1 Chr. 8.12. *of* the villages in the plain of * Ono: but they thought to do me [2] miſchief.

[1] *Prov.* 26.24. *&c. Pſal.* 37.12. That thou mayeſt clear thy ſelf of thoſe reports that are ſpread of thee, *v.* 6. 7. ¶ [2] *Jer.* 41. 2.

3550. 3 And I ſent meſſengers unto them, ſaying, I *am* doing a great work, ſo that I cannot come down: why ſhould the work ceaſe, whilſt I leave it and come down to you?

4 Yet they ſent to me four times after this ſort; and I anſwered them after the ſame manner.

5 Then ſent Sanballat his ſervant unto me, in like manner, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand:

6 Wherein *was* written; It is [3] reported a- ‖ Or, *Geſhem.* Verſ. 2. mong the heathen, and ‖ Gaſhmu [4] ſaith it, *that* thou and the Jews think [5] to rebel: for which cauſe thou buildeſt the wall, that thou mayeſt be [6] their king, [7] according to theſe words.

[3] *Jer.* 20. 10. ¶ [4] Will juſtifie it. ¶ [5] *Ezra* 4. 16. See there. ¶ [6] *Job.* 19.12. ¶ [7] According to theſe reports.

7 And thou haſt alſo appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jeruſalem, ſaying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now ſhall it be reported to the king, according to theſe words. Come now therefore, and let us take [8] counſel together.

[8] Adviſe about it in a friendly manner, that if it be true, you may be better adviſ'd for the future; if falſe, how to prevent the ſpreading of theſe reports.

8 Then I ſent unto him, ſaying, There are no ſuch things done as thou ſayeſt, but thou [9] feigneſt them out of thine own heart.

[9] *Pſal.* 52.2.

9 For they all [10] made us afraid, ſaying, Their hands ſhall be weakened [11] from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, *O God*, ſtrengthen my hands.

[10] Attempted it, *v.* 14. ¶ [11] From making any progreſs therein.

10 Afterward I came unto the houſe of [12] Shemaiah the ſon of Delaiah, the ſon of Mehetabeel, who *was* [13] ſhut up; and he ſaid, Let us [14] meet together in the houſe of God, within the temple, and let us ſhut the doors of the temple: for they will come to ſlay thee, yea in the night will they come to ſlay thee.

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[12] Who would be accounted a Prophet, *v.* 12. ¶ [13] As pretending great danger to go abroad. ¶ [14] That if *Nehemiah* had ſhewed ſuch fear, he might diſcourage the people thereby.

11 And I ſaid, Should [15] ſuch a man as I [16] flee? and [17] who *is there* that *being* as I *am*, would go into the temple to ſave his life? I will not go in.

[15] *Prov.* 31.4. ¶ [16] And thereby diſcover a baſe, cowardly Spirit. ¶ [17] 1 *Cor.* 9.-15.

12 And lo, I perceived that God had not ſent him, but that he pronounced this [18] prophecy againſt me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

[18] Which he pretended he had from God.

13 Therefore *was* he hired, that I ſhould be afraid, and do ſo, and ſin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 * My God, [19] Think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat, according to theſe their works, and on the propheteſs Noadiah, and the reſt of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

* Chap. 13.29.

[19] *ch.* 4.4,5. See there.

15 ¶ So the wall was [20] finiſhed, in the twenty and fifth *day* of *the month* Elul, in fifty and two days.

[20] *Prov.* 21.30.

16 And it came to paſs that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen that *were* about us ſaw *theſe things*, they were much caſt down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

17 ¶ Moreover, in thoſe days the nobles of Judah † ſent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto them.

† Heb. *multiplyed their letters paſſing to Tobiah.*

18 For *there were* many in Judah ſworn unto him, becauſe he *was* the ſon in law of Shechaniah, the ſon of Arah; and his ſon Johanan had taken the daughter of Meſhullam, the ſon of Berechiah.

19 Alſo they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my ‖ words to him: *and* Tobiah ſent letters to put me in fear.

‖ Or, *matters.*

CHAP. VII.

1 *Nehemiah committeth the charge of Jeruſalem to Hanani and Hananiah.* 5 *A regiſter of the genealogy of them which came at the firſt out of Babylon,* 9 *of the people,* 39 *of the prieſts,* 43 *of the Levites,* 46 *of the Nethinims.*

NOw it came to paſs when the wall was built, and I had ſet up the doors, and the porters, and the ſingers, and the Levites were [1] appointed. 3550.

[1] *Viz.* To their ſeveral Services, according to thoſe Courſes into which *David* had diſtributed them; which were now ſummon'd from all places to the Dedication of the Wall, *ch.* 12.27.

2 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the [2] palace, charge over Jeruſalem: (for he *was* a faithful man, and [3] feared God [4] above many)

[2] *Nehemiah's* Court. ¶ [3] *ch.* 5.-15. *Exod.* 18.21. ¶ [4] 1 *King.* 18.-3. *Rom.* 15.14. *Phil.* 2. 20. Above the common pitch of piety.

3 And I ſaid unto them, Let not the gates of Jeruſalem be opened, until the ſun be hot; and while they ſtand by, let them ſhut the doors, and bar *them*: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, every one in his [5] watch, and every one *to be* [6] over againſt his houſe.

[5] That place that is appointed him to watch in. ¶ [6] That part that was neareſt his own dwelling.

4 Now the city *was* † large and great: but the

† Heb. *broad in ſpaces.*

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the people *were* few therein, and the houſes *were* 7 not builded.

7 Not in ſuch a ſubſtantial manner as they intended.

[8] 2 *Cor.* 3. 5. 5 ¶ And my God [8] put into my heart, to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy: and I found a regiſter of the genealogy of them which came up at the firſt, and found written therein,

* Ezr. 2. 1. &c. 6 *[9] Theſe *are* the children of the province
3399. that went up out of the captivity, of thoſe that
3405. had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar
3416. the king of Babylon had carried away, and came
3468. again to Jeruſalem, and to Judah, every one unto his city;

9 This is the ſame Genealogy that is ſet down *Ezra* 2. only it is expreſs'd according as the perſons were then living, which is the reaſon of that difference between 'em.

7 Who came with Zerubbabel: Jeſhua, Nehemiah, ‖ Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilſhan, Miſpereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah; the number, *I ſay*, of the men of the people of Iſrael, *was this*;

‖ Or, *Seraiah*, See Ezra 2. 2.

8 The children of Paroſh, two thouſand an hundred ſeventy and two.

9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred ſeventy and two.

10 The children of Arah, ſix hundred fifty and two.

11 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeſhua and Joab, two thouſand and eight hundred *and* eighteen.

12 The children of Elam, a thouſand two hundred fifty and four.

13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

14 The children of Zaccai, ſeven hundred and threeſcore.

‖ Or, *Bani*. 15 The children of ‖ Binnui, ſix hundred forty and eight.

16 The children of Bebai, ſix hundred twenty and eight.

17 The children of Azgad, two thouſand three hundred twenty and two.

18 The children of Adonikam, ſix hundred threeſcore and ſeven.

19 The children of Bigvai, two thouſand threeſcore and ſeven.

20 The children of Adin, ſix hundred fifty and five.

21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

22 The children of Haſhum, three hundred twenty and eight.

23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

‖ Or, *Jora*. 24 The children of ‖ Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

‖ Or, *Gibbar*. 25 The children of ‖ Gibeon, ninety and five.

26 The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred fourſcore and eight.

27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

‖ Or, *Azmaveth*. 28 The men of ‖ Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.

‖ Or, *Kirjatharim*. 29 The men of ‖ Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, ſeven hundred forty and three.

30 The men of Ramah and Gaba, ſix hundred twenty and one.

31 The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.

32 The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.

33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.

34 The children of the other *Elam, a thou- Chap. 7.
ſand two hundred fifty and four.

* See verſ. 12.

35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, ſeven hundred twenty and one.

38 The children of Senaah, three thouſand nine hundred and thirty.

39 ¶ The prieſts: the children of * Jedaiah of the houſe of Jeſhua, nine hundred ſeventy and three.

* 1 Chr. 24. 7.

40 The children of * Immer, a thouſand fifty and two.

* 1 Chr. 24. 14.

41 The children of * Paſhur, a thouſand two hundred forty and ſeven.

* See 1 Chr. 9. 12. and 24. 9.

42 The children of * Harim, a thouſand and ſeventeen.

* 1 Chr. 24. 8

43 ¶ The Levites: the children of Jeſhua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of ‖ Hodevah, ſeventy and four.

‖ Or, *Hodaviah*, Ezr. 2. 40 or, *Judah*; Ezra 3. 9.

44 ¶ The ſingers: the children of Aſaph, an hundred forty and eight.

45 ¶ The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

46 ¶ The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Haſhupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

47 The children of Keros, the children of ‖ Sia, the children of Padon,

‖ Or, *Siaha*.

48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of ‖ Shalmai,

‖ Or, *Shamlai*.

49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,

50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,

51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaſeah,

52 The children of Beſai, the children of Mehunim, the children of ‖ Nephiſheſim.

‖ Or, *Nephuſim*.

53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

54 The children of ‖ Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harſha,

‖ Or, *Bazluth*.

55 The children of Barkos, the children of Siſera, the children of Tamah,

56 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

57 ¶ The children of Solomons ſervants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of ‖ Perida,

‖ Or, *Peruda*.

58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of ‖ Amon.

‖ Or, *Ami*.

60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomons ſervants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.

61 *And theſe *were* they which went up *alſo* from Tel-melah, Tel-harſha, Cherub, ‖ Addon, and Immer: but they could not ſhew their fathers houſe, nor their ‖ ſeed, whether they *were* of Iſrael.

* Ezra 2. 59. ‖ Or, *Addan*. ‖ Or, *pedegree*.

62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, ſix hundred forty and two.

63 ¶ And of the prieſts: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai: which took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai

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zillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

‖ Or, *governour.*

65 And the ‖ Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood *up* a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66 ¶ The whole congregation together, *was* forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore.

67 Beside their man-servants and their maid-servants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing-men and singing-women.

68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:

69 *Their* camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

† Heb. *part.*

70 ¶ And † some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work: *the Tirshatha gave to the treasure, [10] a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests garments.

* Chap. 8. 9.

[10] Eleven hundred pounds sterling.

71 And *some* of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work, twenty thousand drams of Gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.

72 And *that* which the rest of the people gave, *was* twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests garments.

73 So the priests and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

CHAP. VIII.

The religious manner of reading and hearing the law.

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* Ezra 3. 1.

* Chap. 3. 26.

[a] See on Ezra 7. 6.

AND all * the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that *was* before the * water-gate, and they spake unto Ezra the [a] scribe, to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the [2] law before the congregation, both of [3] men and women, and all † that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the [4] seventh month.

† Heb. *that understood in hearing.*

[2] *Deut.* 31. 11. *Isa.* 8. 20. ¶ [3] 1 *Pet.* 4. 7. *Gal.* 4. 28. ¶ [4] *Lev.* 23. 24.

3 And he [5] read therein before the street that *was* before the water-gate, † from the morning until mid-day, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people *were* [6] *attentive* unto the book of the law.

[5] *Acts* 13. 15, 27. & 15. 21.

† Heb. *from the light.*

[6] *Luk.* 19. 48.

† Heb. *tower of wood.*

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a † pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose, and [7] beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam.

[7] *Gal.* 2. 9. To testifie their assent to what he deliver'd.

† Heb. *eyes.*

5 And Ezra [8] opened the book in the † sight of all the people, (for he was above all the people) and when he opened it, all the people [9] stood up:

[8] *Luke* 4. 17. ¶ [9] *Judg.* 3. 20. 1 *Kings* 8. 14. 2 *Chr.* 7. 6. Chap. 8.

6 And Ezra [10] blessed the LORD the great God: and all the people answered, [11] Amen, [12] amen, with [13] lifting up their hands: and they [14] bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with *their* [15] faces to the ground.

[10] *Numb.* 6. 23. ¶ [11] 1 *Chr.* 14. 16. 1 *Chron.* 16. 36. ¶ [12] *Ps.* 41. 13. and 72. 19. and 89. 52. [13] *Lam.* 3. 41. *Gen.* 14. 22. In token of cheerfulness, and that what they did was as to God. ¶ [14] *Gen.* 24. 26. *Exod.* 4. 31. and 34. 8. 1 *Chron.* 29. 20. 2 *Chron.* 29. 30. ¶ [15] 2 *Chron.* 7. 3. and 20. 18.

7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites caused the people to [16] understand the law: and the people [17] *stood* in their place.

[16] Both the words (which now few understood) and the sense, by expounding it to 'em, *v.* 8. ¶ [17] In several companies, each company by themselves, (and not running about from one to another) into which they were distributed for convenience of hearing.

8 So they read in the book, in the law of God [18] distinctly, and gave the sence, and [19] caused *them* to understand the reading.

[18] *Hab.* 2. 2. ¶ [19] *Mal.* 2. 7. By interpreting it into their own vulgar language; because they had then generally lost the understanding of the Hebrew.

‖ Or, *governour*, Chap. 10. 1.

9 ¶ And Nehemiah which *is* the † [20] Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day *is* [21] holy unto the LORD your God, [22] mourn not, nor weep: for all the people [23] wept, when they heard the words of the law.

[20] *Ezra* 2. 63. ¶ [21] *Lev.* 23. 24. Being a Festival-day, and a day of rejoycing, *Deut.* 16. 10, 11. ¶ [22] *Eccl.* 3. 4. See the contrary, *Isa.* 22. 12. ¶ [23] 2 *Kings* 22. 11, 19. *Isa.* 66. 2. *Acts* 2. 37. *Hab.* 3. 16.

* Rev. 11. 10.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, [24] eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and * [25] send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* [26] holy unto our Lord: neither be you sorry, for the [27] joy of the LORD is your strength.

[24] Feast before the Lord, as the duty of the day obliges you to do. ¶ [25] *Esth.* 9. 22. *Deut.* 16. 11, 14. ¶ [26] *Vers.* 9. Being the Feast of Trumpets, *Lev.* 23. 24. ¶ [27] *Prov.* 17. 22. That inward joy that is wrought in you by God's Spirit will carry you thorow all difficulties, and inable you to perform all Duties.

[28] *Isa.* 22. 4.

[29] *Exod.* 14. 14.

11 So the Levites [28] stilled all the people, saying, [29] Hold your peace, for the day *is* holy, neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even ‖ [30] to understand the words of the law.

‖ Or, *that they might instruct in the words of the law.*

[30] To be satisfied in some points they were ignorant of, or doubtful in.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded † by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths, in the feast of the seventh month.

15 And that they should [31] publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch [32] olive-branches, and pine-branches, and myrtle-branches, and palm-branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* [33] written.

[31] *Lev.* 23. 4. *Numb.* 10. 10. *Psal.* 81. 3. ¶ [32] *Lev.* 23. 40.

16 ¶ So the people went forth, and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and

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and in the courts of the houſe of God, and in the [33] ſtreet of the water-gate, and in the [33] ſtreet of the gate of Ephraim.

[33] In every ſtreet throughout all the City.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity, made booths, and [34] ſat under the booths: for ſince the days of Jeſhua the ſon of Nun, unto that day, had not the children of Iſrael [35] done ſo: and there was very [36] great gladneſs.

[34] *Hebr.*11.13. ¶ [35] With that ſolemnity, cheerfulneſs and devotion, *v.* 18. ¶ [36] 1 *Chron.*29.22. 2 *Chron.* 30.21,23.

* Deut.31.10. &c.

18 Alſo * day by day, from the firſt day unto the laſt day, he read in the book of the law of God: and they kept the feaſt ſeven days, and on the eighth day *was* † a ſolemn aſſembly, * according unto the manner.

† Heb. *a reſtraint.*

* Lev.23.36.

CHAP. IX.

1 *A ſolemn faſt and repentance of the people.* 4 *The Levites confeſs Gods goodneſs, and their wickedneſs.*

3551. * Chap.8.2.

NOw in the twenty and fourth day of * this month, the children of Iſrael were aſſembled with faſting, and with ſackclothes, and * earth upon them.

* Joſh.7.6. Job 2.12.

2 And * the ſeed of Iſrael ſeparated themſelves from all † [1] ſtrangers, and ſtood and [2] confeſſed their ſins, and the iniquities of [3] their fathers.

* Ezra 10. 11. Chap.13.3,30. † Heb. *ſtrange children.*

[1] *Ch.*13.3. Such as were not of their Religion. ¶ [2] *Ezr.* 10.1. ¶ [3] *ch.*1.6. *Ezra* 9.7. *Dan.* 9.8.

[4] *ch.* 8.7,8.

3 And they ſtood up in their place, and [4] read in the book of the law of the LORD their God, *one* fourth part of the day, and *another* fourth part they confeſſed, and [5] worſhipped the LORD their God.

[5] By prayer and praiſe.

4 ¶ Then ſtood up upon the ‖ [6] ſtairs of the Levites, Jeſhua and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani, and [7] cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

‖ Or, *ſcaffold.* [6] *ch.*8.4.

[7] *John* 11.43. *Acts* 7.60.

5 Then the Levites, Jeſhua and Kadmiel, Bani, Haſhabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, ſaid, Stand up *and* bleſs the LORD your God for ever and ever; and bleſſed be thy [8] glorious name, which is exalted above all bleſſing and praiſe.

[8] 1 *Chr.*29.-13. *Acts* 7.2.

* Gen.1.1. Rev.14.7. * Deut. 10.14. 1 Kings 8.27. * Gen.2.1. [9] 2 *Kin.*17.16. [10] *John.*5.17.

6 Thou, *even* thou art LORD alone, * thou haſt made heaven, * the heaven of heavens with * all [9] their hoſt, the earth and all *things* that *are* therein, the ſeas and all that *is* therein, and thou [10] preſerveſt them all, and the hoſt of heaven worſhippeth thee.

7 Thou *art* the LORD the God, who didſt [11] chooſe Abram, and broughteſt him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gaveſt him the name of [12] Abraham:

[11] *Gen.*11.31. and 12.1. *Deut.*7.6,7. and 10.15. ¶ [12] *Gen.* 17.5.

* Gen.15.6. * Gen.12.7. & 15.18.

8 And [13] foundeſt his heart * faithful before thee, and madeſt a * [14] covenant with him, to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebuſites, and the Girgaſhites, to give *it*, *I ſay*, to his ſeed, and haſt [15] performed thy words, for thou *art* righteous:

[13] Upon that Tryal thou mad'ſt of him. ¶ [14] *Gen.*17.7,8. ¶ [15] *Joſh.*21.43. *&c.* and 23.14.

* Exod.2.25. [16] *Exod.*3.7. [17] *Exod.*14.10. *&c.*

9 And * didſt [16] ſee the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardeſt [17] their cry by the Red ſea:

* Exod. 7,8,9, 10,12, and 14 Chapters.

10 And * ſhewedſt [18] ſigns and [19] wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his ſervants, and on all the people of his land: for thou kneweſt that they dealt [20] proudly againſt them: ſo didſt thou get thee a [21] name, as *it is* this day.

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[18] Viſible evidences of thy diſpleaſure. ¶ [19] *Deut.* 29. 3. Cauſing wonder in the beholders. ¶ [20] *Exod.*18.-11 and 1. 11. and 5.2,7,8. ¶ [21] *Exod.*9.16.

11 And thou didſt [22] divide the ſea before them, ſo that they went through the midſt of the ſea on the [23] dry land, and their perſecutours thou threweſt into the [24] deeps, [25] as a ſtone into the mighty waters.

[22] *Exod.*14.21. *&c.* ¶ [23] *Exod.*14.22. and 15.19. *Pſal.*66 6. *Hebr.*11.29. ¶ [24] *Exod.*14.27,28. and 15.-21. ¶ [25] *Exod.*15.10.

12 Moreover, thou leddeſt them in the day by a [26] cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they ſhould go.

[26] *Exod.*13.21. *Num.*9.15. *&c.*

13 Thou [27] cameſt down alſo upon mount Sinai, and ſpakeſt with them [28] from heaven, and gaveſt them [29] right judgments, and † true laws, good ſtatutes and commandments:

† Heb. *laws of truth.*

[27] *Exod.* 19. 9. 16, 20. ¶ [28] On high, out of the air. ¶ [29] *Pſal.*19.8-10. *Rom.*7.12.

14 And madeſt known unto them thy holy [30] ſabbath, and commandedſt them precepts, ſtatutes and laws, by the hand of Moſes thy ſervant:

[30] *Gen.* 2. 3. *Exod.* 20. 8. and 31. 14, 15. *Lev.* 23. 3.

15 And gaveſt them [31] bread from heaven, for their hunger, and broughteſt forth water for them out of the [32] rock, for their thirſt, and promiſedſt them that they ſhould * go in to poſſeſs the land, † which thou hadſt [33] ſworn to give them.

* Deut.1.8. † Heb. *Which thou hadſt lift up thine hand to give them.* Numb.14.30.

[31] *Exod.*16.14,31. 1 *Cor.*10.3,4. ¶ [32] *Exod.*17.1. *&c.* and 20.2. *Numb.*20.11. ¶ [33] *Hebr.*6.17.

16 But they and [34] our fathers dealt [35] proudly, and [36] hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

[34] *Pſal.*106.6,7. ¶ [35] *Exod.* 32.9. Sinn'd preſumptuouſly. ¶ [36] 2 *King* 17.14. See there.

17 And refuſed to obey, neither were [37] mindful of thy wonders that thou didſt among them: but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion [38] appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* † a God ready to pardon, * gracious and merciful, [39] ſlow to anger, and of great kindneſs, and [40] forſookeſt them not.

† Heb. *a God of pardons.* * Num.14.18, Pſal.86.5,15.

[37] *Pſal.* 106. 13. ¶ [38] *Numb.* 14.4. Reſolv'd ſo to do. ¶ [39] *Exod.*34.7. ¶ [40] 1 *Kings* 6. 13. and 8.-57. *Hoſ.*9.-12.

18 Yea, when they had made them [41] a molten calf, and ſaid, This *is* thy god that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations:

[41] *Exod.*32.4.

19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies, [42] forſookeſt them not in the wilderneſs: the * pillar of the cloud [43] departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to ſhew them light, and the way wherein they ſhould go.

[42] *Ezek.* 20. 17-19. *Num.14.14. 1 Cor.10.1. [43] *Exod.*13.22. and 40.38.

20 Thou gaveſt alſo thy * [44] good ſpirit, [45] to inſtruct them, and withheldeſt not thy * manna from their mouth, and gaveſt them * [46] water for their thirſt.

Iſa. 63.11. * Exod.16.15. Joſh.5.12. * Exod.17.6.

[44] *Numb.*11.25-27. *Pſal.*143.10. ¶ [45] To be a Spirit of Prophecy, *Numb.*11.27. ¶ [46] *Pſal.*78.16,20. and 105.41.

21 Yea, forty years didſt thou ſuſtain them in the wilderneſs *ſo that* they [47] lacked nothing; their [48] clothes waxed not old, and their feet [49] ſwelled not.

[47] *Deut.*2.-7. *Pſal.* 34.10. *Luke* 22. 35. ¶ [48] *Deut.* 8. 4. and 29.5. ¶ [49] *Deut.* 8.4. They were freed from all diſeaſes and diſtempers.

22 Moreover, thou gaveſt them kingdoms and nations, and didſt [50] divide them into corners: ſo they poſſeſſed the land of [51] Sihon, and the land

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† Heb. *according to their will.*

25 And they took [58] strong cities, and [59] a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, ‖ wells digged, vine-yards and olive-yards, and † fruit-trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and * became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

‖ Or, *cisterns.* † Heb. *tree of food.* *Deut.32.15.

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[83] *Deut.*32.4. *Job* 34.23. *Lam.* 1.18. *Dan.*9.7,14.

34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers kept thy law, nor hearkned unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testifie against them.

35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

36 Behold, we *are* [84] servants this day, and *for* the land that thou gavest unto our fathers, to eat the fruit thereof, and the good thereof, behold, we *are* servants in it.

[84] *Deut.*28.47, &c. 2 *Chron.* 12.8.

37 And it yieldeth much increase [85] unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattel at their pleasure, and we *are* in great [86] distress.

[85] *Ezra* 6. 8. & 7. 24. ¶ [86] *ch.* 5. 4, 5.

38 And because of [87] all this we make [88] a sure *covenant*, and write *it*; and our princes, Levites, *and* priests † seal *unto it*.

† Heb. are *at the sealing*, or, *sealed.*

[87] Our distress by reason of our sins. *v.*34–37. So 2 *Chr.* 15.12,13. & 29.10. & 34. 30, 31. *Ezra* 10. 3. ¶ [88] *Ezra* 10.3. We faithfully promise and engage our selves to future obedience.

CHAP. X.

1 *The names of them that sealed the covenant.* 29 *The points of the covenant.*

NOw † those that [1] sealed *were*, Nehemiah ‖ the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,

† Heb. *at the sealings.* ‖ Or, *the governour.*

[1] In their own names and the names of the rest.

* See Chap. 12. 1–21.

2 * Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* the [2] priests.

[2] The chief Fathers among 'em.

9 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;
10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu,
14 The chief of the people; * Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,
15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,
18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

* See Ezra 2. 3, &c. Chap. 7. 8, &c.

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23 Hoſhea, Hananiah, Haſhub,
24 Halloheſh, Pileha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Haſhabnah, Maaſeiah,
26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,
27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

*Ezra 2. 28 ¶ *And the reſt of the [3] people, the prieſts, the Levites, the porters, the ſingers, the Nethinims, and all they that had [4] ſeparated themſelves from the people of the lands, [5] unto the law of God, their wives, their ſons and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having underſtanding:

[3] The inferior ſort; who agreed to what their heads (*v.* 14.) had done in their names. ¶ [4] 2 *Cor.* 6. 17. ¶ [5] To the obſervation of it.

*Pſal. 119. 106 †Heb. *by the hand of.* 29 They [6] clave to their brethren, their nobles, and * [7] entred into a curſe and into an [8] oath, to walk in Gods law, which was [9] given †by Moſes the ſervant of God, and to obſerve and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his ſtatutes:

[6] Agreed to the Covenant which their chiefs had ſeal'd. ¶ [7] Bound themſelves by an imprecation to ſtand to the Covenant. ¶ [8] 2 *Chron.* 15. 12. See there. An Oath bound with a curſe upon themſelves in caſe they violated it. ¶ [9] *Joh.* 1. 17.

[10] *Deut.* 7. 3. *Exod.* 34. 16. 30 And that we would [10] not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our ſons:

31 And *if* the people of the land bring ware, or any victuals on the ſabbath-day to ſell, *that* we would [11] not buy it of them on the [12] ſabbath, or on the [13] holy-day: and *that* we would [14] leave the ſeventh year, and the [15] exaction of †every debt.

†Heb. *every hand.*

[11] *Ch.* 13. 17. *Exod.* 20. 10. *Lev.* 23. 3. *Deut.* 5. 12. *Jer.* 17. 21. ¶ [12] *ch.* 13. 16. ¶ [13] *Exod.* 12. 16. *Lev.* 16. 29. & 23. 21, 35. ¶ [14] *Exod.* 23. 11. *Lev.* 25. 4. *Deut.* 15. 2. ¶ [15] *ch.* 5. 7. *Deut.* 15. 1. &c.

32 Alſo we made ordinances for us, to charge our ſelves yearly with the third part of a ſhekel, for the ſervice of the houſe of our God.

*Levit. 24. 5, &c. 2 Chron. 2. 4. *See Numb. 28, & 29. [16] For the ſacrifices. 33 For * the ſhew-bread, and for the continual meat-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, * of the ſabbaths, of the new-moons, for the ſet feaſts, and for the [16] holy *things*, and for the ſin-offerings, to make an atonement for Iſrael, and *for* all the work of the houſe of our God.

34 And we caſt the [17] lots among the prieſts, the Levites, and the people, for the * [18] wood-offering, to [19] bring *it* into the houſe of our God, after the houſes of our fathers, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, * as *it is* [20] written in the law:

*Chap. 13. 31. *Lev. 16. 12.

[17] To determine the time and order wherein each of 'em ſhould take the care of the buſineſs. ¶ [18] *Lev.* 6. 12. 1 *Sam.* 2. 15. 2 *Chron.* 35. 13. *Iſa.* 40. 16. ¶ [19] To be cleft and brought to the dore of the Prieſt's Court by the *Nethinims*. *Joſh.* 9. 27. 1 *Chron.* 9. 2. ¶ [20] *Num.* 28 & 29.

[21] *Exod.* 23. 19. & 34. 26. Lev. 19. 23. 35 And to bring the [21] firſt-fruits of our ground, and the firſt-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the houſe of the LORD:

36 Alſo the [22] firſt-born of our ſons and of our cattel, (as *it is* written in * the law) and the firſtlings of our [23] herds, and of our flocks, to bring to the houſe of our God, unto the prieſts that miniſter in the houſe of our God

*Lev. 27. 27. Numb. 18. 15, 16.

[22] The price for 'em. *Exod.* 13. 2, 13. ¶ [23] *Deut.* 12. 6.

*Lev. 23. 17. Numb. 15. 19. & 18. 12, &c. Deut. 18. 4. & 26. 2. *Levit. 27. 30. 37 * And *that* we ſhould bring the firſt-fruits of our [24] dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oyl, unto the prieſts, to the [25] chambers of the houſe of our God, and * the [26] tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the ſame Levites might have the tithes, in all the cities of our tillage.

[24] *Num.* 15. 20, 21. ¶ [25] 1 *Chron.* 9. 26. 2 *Chron.* 31. 11. &c. ¶ [26] *Num.* 18. 24. &c.

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38 And the [27] prieſt the ſon of Aaron, ſhall [28] be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites ſhall bring up the [29] tithe of the tithes unto the houſe of our God, to the chambers, into the treaſure-houſe.

[27] Some Prieſt, or Prieſts appointed to this Work, (that neither the people might wrong the Levites, nor the Levites the Prieſts.) ¶ [28] *Num.* 18. 28. ¶ [29] *Numb.* 18. 26.

*Deut. 12. 6, 11. 39 For the children of Iſrael, and the children of Levi, * ſhall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oyl, unto the chambers, where *are* the veſſels of the ſanctuary, and the prieſts that miniſter, and the porters, and the ſingers: and [30] we will not forſake the houſe of our God.

[30] *Heb.* 10. 25. We do here ſolemnly declare and engage our ſelves, that we will not fail to frequent the Temple to ſerve the Lord there, nor leave it deſtitute of any neceſſary proviſion for the ſervice there to be performed.

CHAP. XI.

1 The rulers, voluntary men, and the tenth man choſen by lot, dwell at Jeruſalem. 3 A catalogue of their names.

3551. AND the [1] rulers of the people dwelt at Jeruſalem: the reſt of the people alſo [2] caſt lots, to bring one of ten, to [3] dwell in Jeruſalem the [4] holy city, and nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities.

[1] *Pſal.* 122. 5. The members of the Sanhedrim, and other Magiſtrates. ¶ [2] *ch.* 10.-34. *Jud.* 20. 9. 1 *Chron.* 6.-61. & 24. 5. *Act.* 1. 24-26. ¶ [3] (Which they were not ſo free to do, being tempted by the pleaſures and profits of the Country to dwell there, or for fear of a ſiege in the City.) ¶ [4] *v.* 18. *Iſa.* 48. 2. & 52. 1. *Matth.* 4. 5. & 27. 53.

2 And the people [5] bleſſed all the men, that willingly offered themſelves to dwell at Jeruſalem.

[5] Commended 'em for it, and pray'd God to bleſs and proſper 'em.

3 ¶ Now theſe *are* the chief of the province that dwelt in Jeruſalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his poſſeſſion in their cities, *to wit*, [6] Iſrael, the prieſts, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the [7] children of Solomons ſervants.

[6] The generality of the people of *Iſrael*, whether of *Judah*, or any other Tribe. ¶ [7] See on *Ezr.* 2. 55.

[8] 1 *Chron.* 9. 3. &c. 4 And at [8] Jeruſalem dwelt *certain* of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin: of the children of Judah; Athaiah the ſon of Uzziah, the ſon of Zechariah, the ſon of Amariah, the ſon of Shephatiah, the ſon of Mahalaleel, of the children of * Perez;

*Gen. 38. 29.

[9] 1 *Chron.* 9. 5. 5 And [9] Maaſeiah the ſon of Baruch, the ſon of Col-hozeh, the ſon of Hazaiah, the ſon of Adaiah, the ſon of Joiarib, the ſon of Zechariah, the ſon of Shiloni.

6 All the ſons of Perez that dwelt at Jeruſalem, *were* [10] four hundred threeſcore and eight valiant men.

[10] Theſe came to dwell there by lot; beſides two hundred twenty two, that came to dwell there of their own accord; both which together make up the ſum of ſix hundred and ninety, 1 *Chron.* 9. 6.

7 And theſe *are* the ſons of Benjamin; Sallu the ſon of Meſhullam, the ſon of Joed, the ſon of Pedaiah, the ſon of Kolaiah, the ſon of Maaſeiah, the ſon of Ithiel, the ſon of Jeſaiah.

8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the ſon of Zichri *was* their overſeer: and Judah the ſon of Senuah, *was* ſecond over the city.

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* Dan. 9.14.

[83] *Deut.*32. 4. *Job* 34.23. *Lam.* 1.18. *Dan.*9.7,14.

34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers kept thy law, nor hearkned unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testifie against them.

35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

36 Behold, we *are* [84] servants this day, and *for* the land that thou gavest unto our fathers, to eat the fruit thereof, and the good thereof, behold, we *are* servants in it.

[84] *Deut.*28.47. &c. 2 *Chron.* 12.8.

37 And it yieldeth much increase [85] unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattel at their pleasure, and we *are* in great [86] distress.

[85] *Ezra* 6. 8. & 7. 24. ¶ [86] *ch.* 5. 4, 5.

38 And because of [87] all this we make [88] a sure *covenant*, and write *it*; and our princes, Levites, *and* priests † seal *unto it*.

† Heb. are *at the sealing*, or, *sealed.*

[87] Our distress by reason of our sins. *v.*34–37. So 2 *Chr.* 15.12,13. & 29.10. & 34. 30, 31. *Ezra* 10. 3. ¶ [88] *Ezra* 10.3. We faithfully promise and engage our selves to future obedience.

CHAP. X.

1 *The names of them that sealed the covenant.* 29 *The points of the covenant.*

NOw † those that [1] sealed *were*, Nehemiah ‖ the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,

† Heb. *at the sealings.* ‖ Or, *the governour.*

[1] In their own names and the names of the rest.

2 * Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

* See Chap.12. 1–21.

3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* the [2] priests.

[2] The chief Fathers among 'em.

9 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;
10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu,
14 The chief of the people; * Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,

* See Ezra 2. 3,&c. Chap.7. 8, &c.

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,
18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

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23 Hoſhea, Hananiah, Haſhub,
24 Halloheſh, Pileha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Haſhabnah, Maaſeiah,
26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,
27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

*Ezra 2. 28 ¶ *And the reſt of the [3] people, the prieſts, the Levites, the porters, the ſingers, the Nethinims, and all they that had [4] ſeparated themſelves from the people of the lands, [5] unto the law of God, their wives, their ſons and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having underſtanding:

[3] The inferior ſort; who agreed to what their heads (*v.* 14.) had done in their names. ¶ [4] 2 *Cor.* 6. 17. ¶ [5] To the obſervation of it.

*Pſal. 119. 106 29 They [6] clave to their brethren, their nobles, and * [7] entred into a curſe and into an [8] oath, †Heb. *by the hand of.* to walk in Gods law, which was [9] given †by Moſes the ſervant of God, and to obſerve and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his ſtatutes:

[6] Agreed to the Covenant which their chiefs had ſeal'd. ¶ [7] Bound themſelves by an imprecation to ſtand to the Covenant. ¶ [8] 2 *Chron.* 15.12. See there. An Oath bound with a curſe upon themſelves in caſe they violated it. ¶ [9] *Joh.* 1. 17.

[10] *Deut.* 7.3. *Exod.* 34.16. 30 And that we would [10] not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our ſons:

31 And *if* the people of the land bring ware, or any victuals on the ſabbath-day to ſell, *that* we would [11] not buy it of them on the [12] ſabbath, or on the [13] holy-day: and *that* we would [14] leave the ſeventh year, and the [15] exaction of †Heb. *every hand.* † every debt.

[11] *Ch.* 13.17. *Exod.* 20.10. *Lev.* 23.3. *Deut.* 5.12. *Jer.* 17. 21. ¶ [12] *ch.* 13.16. ¶ [13] *Exod.* 12.16. *Lev.* 16.29. & 23. 21,35. ¶ [14] *Exod.* 23.11. *Lev.* 25.4. *Deut.* 15.2. ¶ [15] *ch.* 5. 7. *Deut.* 15. 1. &c.

32 Alſo we made ordinances for us, to charge our ſelves yearly with the third part of a ſhekel, for the ſervice of the houſe of our God.

* Levit. 24.5, &c. 2 Chron. 2.4. * See Numb. 28, & 29. [16] For the ſacrifices. 33 For * the ſhew-bread, and for the continual meat-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, * of the ſabbaths, of the new-moons, for the ſet feaſts, and for the [16] holy *things*, and for the ſin-offerings, to make an atonement for Iſrael, and *for* all the work of the houſe of our God.

34 And we caſt the [17] lots among the prieſts, the Levites, and the people, for the * [18] wood-of- * Chap. 13. 31. fering, to [19] bring *it* into the houſe of our God, after the houſes of our fathers, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of the * Lev. 16. 12. LORD our God, * as *it is* [20] written in the law:

[17] To determine the time and order wherein each of 'em ſhould take the care of the buſineſs. ¶ [18] *Lev.* 6. 12. 1 *Sam.* 2. 15. 2 *Chron.* 35.13. *Iſa.* 40.16. ¶ [19] To be cleft and brought to the dore of the Prieſt's Court by the *Nethinims*. *Joſh.* 9.27. 1 *Chron.* 9.2. ¶ [20] *Num.* 28 & 29.

[21] *Exod.* 23.19. & 34.26. Lev. 19.23. 35 And to bring the [21] firſt-fruits of our ground, and the firſt-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the houſe of the LORD:

36 Alſo the [22] firſt-born of our ſons and of our cattel, (as *it is* written in * the law) and the * Lev. 27.27. Numb. 18.15, 16. firſtlings of our [23] herds, and of our flocks, to bring to the houſe of our God, unto the prieſts that miniſter in the houſe of our God

[22] The price for 'em. *Exod.* 13.2,13. ¶ [23] *Deut.* 12.6.

* Lev. 23.17. Numb. 15.19. & 18.12, &c. Deut. 18.4. & 26. 2. * Levit. 27.30. 37 * And *that* we ſhould bring the firſt-fruits of our [24] dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oyl, unto the prieſts, to the [25] chambers of the houſe of our God, and * the [26] tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the ſame Levites might have the tithes, in all the cities of our tillage.

[24] *Num.* 15. 20,21. ¶ [25] 1 *Chron.* 9. 26. 2 *Chron.* 31. 11. &c. ¶ [26] *Num.* 18.24. &c.

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38 And the [27] prieſt the ſon of Aaron, ſhall [28] be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites ſhall bring up the [29] tithe of the tithes unto the houſe of our God, to the chambers, into the treaſure-houſe.

[27] Some Prieſt, or Prieſts appointed to this Work, (that neither the people might wrong the Levites, nor the Levites the Prieſts.) ¶ [28] *Num.* 18.28. ¶ [29] *Numb.* 18.26.

* Deut. 12.6, 11. 39 For the children of Iſrael, and the children of Levi, * ſhall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oyl, unto the chambers, where *are* the veſſels of the ſanctuary, and the prieſts that miniſter, and the porters, and the ſingers: and [30] we will not forſake the houſe of our God.

[30] *Heb.* 10.25. We do here ſolemnly declare and engage our ſelves, that we will not fail to frequent the Temple to ſerve the Lord there, nor leave it deſtitute of any neceſſary proviſion for the ſervice there to be performed.

CHAP. XI.

1 The rulers, voluntary men, and the tenth man choſen by lot, dwell at Jeruſalem. 3 A catalogue of their names.

AND the [1] rulers of the people dwelt at Jeruſalem: the reſt of the people alſo [2] caſt lots, to bring one of ten, to [3] dwell in Jeruſalem the [4] holy city, and nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities. 3551.

[1] *Pſal.* 122.5. The members of the Sanhedrim, and other Magiſtrates. ¶ [2] *ch.* 10.-34. *Jud.* 20.9. 1 *Chron.* 6.-61. & 24.5. *Act.* 1. 24-26. ¶ [3] (Which they were not ſo free to do, being tempted by the pleaſures and profits of the Country to dwell there, or for fear of a ſiege in the City.) ¶ [4] *v.* 18. *Iſa.* 48.2. & 52.1. *Matth.* 4.5. & 27. 53.

2 And the people [5] bleſſed all the men, that willingly offered themſelves to dwell at Jeruſalem.

[5] Commended 'em for it, and pray'd God to bleſs and proſper 'em.

3 ¶ Now theſe *are* the chief of the province that dwelt in Jeruſalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his poſſeſſion in their cities, *to wit*, [6] Iſrael, the prieſts, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the [7] children of Solomons ſervants.

[6] The generality of the people of *Iſrael*, whether of *Judah*, or any other Tribe. ¶ [7] See on *Ezr.* 2.55.

1 *Chron.* 9.3. &c. 4 And at [8] Jeruſalem dwelt *certain* of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin: of the children of Judah; Athaiah the ſon of Uzziah, the ſon of Zechariah, the ſon of Amariah, the ſon of Shephatiah, the ſon of Mahalaleel, of the children of * Perez; * Gen. 38.29.

1 *Chron.* 9.5. 5 And [9] Maaſeiah the ſon of Baruch, the ſon of Col-hozeh, the ſon of Hazaiah, the ſon of Adaiah, the ſon of Joiarib, the ſon of Zechariah, the ſon of Shiloni.

6 All the ſons of Perez that dwelt at Jeruſalem, *were* [10] four hundred threeſcore and eight valiant men.

[10] Theſe came to dwell there by lot; beſides two hundred twenty two, that came to dwell there of their own accord; both which together make up the ſum of ſix hundred and ninety, 1 *Chron.* 9.6.

7 And theſe *are* the ſons of Benjamin; Sallu the ſon of Meſhullam, the ſon of Joed, the ſon of Pedaiah, the ſon of Kolaiah, the ſon of Maaſeiah, the ſon of Ithiel, the ſon of Jeſaiah.

8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the ſon of Zichri *was* their overſeer: and Judah the ſon of Senuah, *was* ſecond over the city.

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10 * Of the prieſts: Jedaiah the ſon of Joiarib, Jachin.

* 1 Chron. 9. 10, &c.

11 Seraiah the ſon of Hilkiah, the ſon of Meſhullam, the ſon of Zadok, the ſon of Meraioth, the ſon of Ahitub, *was* the [11] ruler of the houſe of God.

[11] *Numb.* 3.32. 1 *Chron.* 11.11. See there. 2 *Chron.* 19.11. & 31.13.

12 And their brethren that did the work of the houſe, *were* eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the ſon of Jeroham, the ſon of Pelaliah, the ſon of Amzi, the ſon of Zechariah, the ſon of Paſhur, the ſon of Malchiah,

13 And his brethren chief of the fathers, two hundred fourty and two: and Amaſhai, the ſon of Azareel, the ſon of Ahaſai, the ſon of Meſhillemoth, the ſon of Immer,

14 And their brethren mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overſeer *was* Zabdiel ‖ the ſon of *one of* the great men.

‖ Or, *the ſon of Haggedolim.*

15 Alſo of the Levites: Shemaiah the ſon of Haſhub, the ſon of Azrikam, the ſon of Haſhabiah, the ſon of Bunni.

16 And Shabbethai, and Jozabad of the chief of the Levites, † *had* the overſight of * the outward buſineſs of the houſe of God.

† Heb. were over.

* 1 Chr. 26. 29.

17 And Mattaniah the ſon of Micha, the ſon of Zabdi, the ſon of Aſaph, *was* the principal to begin the thankſgiving [12] in prayer: and Bakbukiah the ſecond among his brethren, and Abda the ſon of Shammua, the ſon of Galal, the ſon of Jeduthun.

[12] *Ch.* 12.8. In the publick and ſolemn prayers and praiſes, joyned with the Morning and Evening Sacrifice, at which the Singers were preſent, and prais'd God with Pſalms or Hymns, which theſe men began.

18 All the Levites in the holy city, *were* two hundred fourſcore and four.

19 Moreover, the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept † the gates, *were* an hundred ſeventy and two.

† Heb. *at the gates.*

20 ¶ And the reſidue of Iſrael, of the prieſts, *and* the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

* See Chap. 3. 26.

21 * But the Nethinims dwelt in ‖ Ophel: and Ziah, and Giſpa *were* over the Nethinims.

‖ Or, *the tower.*

22 The overſeer alſo of the Levites at Jeruſalem, *was* Uzzi the ſon of Bani, the ſon of Haſhabiah, the ſon of Mattaniah, the ſon of Micha: of the ſons of Aſaph, the ſingers *were* over the buſineſs of the houſe of God.

* See Ezr. 6.8, 9. & 7.20, &c.

23 For * *it was* the [13] kings commandment concerning them, that ‖ a certain portion ſhould be for the ſingers, due for every day.

[13] *Ch.* 2.-8.

‖ Or, *a ſure ordinance.*

24 And Pethahiah the ſon of Meſhezabeel, of the children of * Zerah the ſon of Judah, *was* [14] at the kings hand in all matters concerning the people.

* Gen. 38. 30.

[14] Appointed by the King in his name and ſted to determine civil cauſes between man and man according to the Law.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, *ſome* of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjatharba and *in* the villages thereof, and at Dibon and *in* the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel and *in* the villages thereof,

26 And at Jeſhua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-phelet,

27 And at Hazar-ſhual, and at Beerſheba and *in* the villages thereof,

28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah and in the villages thereof,

29 And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, at Lachiſh and the fields thereof, at Azekah and *in* the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-ſheba, unto the valley of Hinnom.

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31 The children alſo of Benjamin ‖ from Geba, *dwelt* ‖ at Michmaſh, and Aija, and Beth-el, and *in* their villages,

‖ Or, *of Geba.*

‖ Or, *to Michmaſh.*

32 *And* at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, and Ono, * the valley of craftſmen.

* 1 Chr. 4.14.

36 And of the Levites, *were* diviſions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The prieſts which came up with Zerubbabel.*
10 *The ſucceſſion of high prieſts.*

NOw theſe *are* the * [1] prieſts and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel, and Jeſhua: * Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, 3468.

* Ezra 2. 1.

* See Chap. 10. 2–8.

[1] The heads of the twenty four Courſes, or of ſo many of 'em as remain'd, and were not extinct.

2 Amariah, ‖ Malluch, Hattuſh,

‖ Or, *Melicu*, v. 14.

3 ‖ Shechaniah, ‖ Rehum, ‖ Meremoth,

‖ Or, *Shebaniah*, v. 14.

4 Iddo, ‖ Ginnetho, * Abijah,

‖ Or, *Harim*. v. 15.

5 ‖ Miamin, ‖ Maadiah, Bilgah,

‖ Or, *Meraioth*, v. 15.

6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

‖ Or, *Ginnethon*, v. 16.

7 ‖ Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. Theſe *were* the chief of the prieſts, and of their brethren in the days of * Jeſhua.

* Luke 1.5.

8 Moreover the Levites: Jeſhua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, *which was* [2] over ‖ the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

‖ Or, *Miniamin*, v. 17.

‖ Or, *Moadiah*, v. 17.

9 Alſo Bakbukiah, and Unni, their brethren, *were* [3] over againſt them in the watches.

‖ Or, *Sallai*, v. 20.

* Ezra 3. 2. Hag. 1.1. Zech. 3.1.

[3] Stood in their ranks one againſt another, and performed that Duty which belonged to 'em, carefully watching and obſerving their turns.

[2] *Ch.* 11.17.

10 ¶ And Jeſhua begat Joiakim, Joiakim alſo begat Eliaſhib, and Eliaſhib begat Joiada.

‖ That is, *the pſalms of thankſgiving.*

11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat [4] Jaddua.

[4] This man was High-Prieſt when *Alexander* the Great came towards *Jeruſalem* after the Conqueſt of *Tyre*; and he met him in his Prieſtly Robes, with ſuch Glory as amaz'd that Monarch, and made him forbear doing any hoſtile Act againſt the City or Temple; yea, mov'd him to confirm their priviledges to 'em. *Joſeph. Ant. l.* 11. *ch.* 8.

12 And in the days of Joiakim were prieſts, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 Of Ezra, Meſhullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joſeph;

15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meſhullam;

17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 Of Bilgah, Shammuah; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai: of Jedaiah, Uzzi:

20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 Of Hilkiah, Haſhabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

22 ¶ The Levites in the days of Eliaſhib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, *were* recorded chief of the fathers: alſo the prieſts, to the reign of Darius the Perſian.

23 The ſons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, *were* written in the book of the * chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the ſon of Eliaſhib.

* 1 Chr. 9.14. &c.

24 And

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24 And the chief of the Levites: Haſhabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeſhua the ſon of Kadmiel, with their brethren over againſt them, to praiſe *and* to give thanks * according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over againſt ward.

* 1 Chron. 24. & 25. & 26.

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25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meſhullam, Talmon, Akkub, *were* porters keeping the ward at the || threſholds of the gates.

|| Or, *treaſuries*, or *aſſemblies*.

26 Theſe *were* in the days of Joiakim the ſon of Jeſhua, the ſon of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governour, and of Ezra the prieſt, the ſcribe.

* Deut. 20. 5. Pſal. 30. tit.

27 ¶ And [5] at * the dedication of the wall of Jeruſalem, they ſought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jeruſalem, to keep the dedication with gladneſs, both with thankſgivings, and with ſinging *with* cymbals, pſalteries, and with harps.

[5] The Wall being of great conſequence for the ſafeguard both of the City, Temple and People, and God having exceedingly bleſt 'em in building it, they conſecrated it to God for his defence thereof.

28 And the ſons of the ſingers gathered themſelves together, both out of the plain countrey round about Jeruſalem, and from the villages of Netophathi,

29 Alſo from the houſe of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba, and Azmaveth: for the ſingers had builded them villages round about Jeruſalem.

30 And the prieſts and the Levites purified themſelves, and [6] purified the people, and the † gates, and the † wall.

[6] *Exod.* 19. 10. *Numb.* 19. 7, 9. *Ezr.* 6. 20, 21. Partly by ſprinkling the water of Purification upon 'em, (*Numb.* 8.) and alſo by ſolemn Prayers and Sacrifices. ¶ † Whereby they were in a ſpecial manner recommended to God's cuſtody and protection.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies *of them that gave* thanks, *whereof* * *one* went on the right hand upon the wall toward * the dung-gate:

* See v. 38.

* Chap. 2. 13. & 3. 13.

32 And after them went Hoſhaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,

33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meſhullam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

* Numb. 10. 2.

35 And *certain* of the prieſts ſons * with trumpets; *namely*, Zechariah the ſon of Jonathan, the ſon of Shemaiah, the ſon of Mattaniah, the ſon of Michaiah, the ſon of Zaccur, the ſon of Aſaph;

36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the muſical inſtruments [7] of David the man of God, and Ezra the ſcribe before them.

[7] 1 *Chr.* 16. 42.

* Chap. 2. 14. & 3. 15.

* Ch. 3. 15.

* Chap. 3. 26. & 8. 1, 3, 16.

37 And at * the fountain-gate, which was over againſt them, they went up by * the ſtairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the houſe of David, even unto * the water-gate eaſt-ward.

38 And the other *company of them that gave* thanks, went over againſt *them*, and I after them; and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond * the tower of the furnaces even unto * the broad wall.

* Chap. 3. 11.

* Ch. 3. 8.

* 2 Kin. 14. 13.

* Chap. 3. 6.

* Chap. 3. 3.

* Chap. 3. 1.

* Chap. 3. 31.

39 And from above * the gate of Ephraim, and above * the old gate, and above * the fiſh-gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and * the tower of Meah, even unto the ſheep-gate: and they ſtood ſtill in * the priſon-gate.

40 So ſtood the two *companies of them that gave* thanks in the houſe of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

41 And the prieſts; Eliakim, Maaſeiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah with trumpets;

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42 And Maaſeiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the ſingers † ſang loud, with Jezrahiah *their* overſeer.

† Heb. *made their voice to be heard.*

43 Alſo that day they offered [8] great ſacrifices, and rejoyced: for [9] God had made them rejoyce with great joy: the [10] wives alſo and the children rejoyced: ſo that the joy of Jeruſalem was heard even [11] afar off.

[8] 1 *Chron.* 29. 21. ¶ [9] 2 *Chron.* 20. 27. ¶ [10] *Exod.* 15. 21. ¶ [11] *Ezra* 3. 13.

44 ¶ And at that time were ſome appointed over the [12] chambers for the treaſures, for the offerings, for the firſt-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions || [13] of the law for the prieſts and Levites: † for Judah rejoyced for the prieſts and for the Levites † that waited.

|| That is, *appointed by the law.*

† Heb. *for the joy of Judah.*

† Heb. *that ſtood.*

[12] *Ch.* 10. 37. 2 *Chron.* 31. 11, 12. ¶ [13] Appointed by the Law.

45 And both the ſingers and the porters kept the [14] ward of their God, and the [15] ward of the purification, * according to the commandment of David *and* of Solomon his ſon.

* 1 Chron. 25. & 26.

[14] That charge and buſineſs which God had preſcribed to 'em. ¶ [15] Taking care that no unclean perſon or thing might enter into the Courts or Houſe of the Lord, 2 *Chron.* 23. 19.

46 For in the days of David * and Aſaph of old [16] *there were* chief of the ſingers, and [17] ſongs of praiſe and thanksgiving unto God.

* 1 Chron. 25. 1. &c.

[16] *Ch.* 11. 17. Some appointed to overſee the reſt, and to ſee all things done in a due manner. ¶ [17] To ſet 'em to fit Tunes.

47 And all Iſrael in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah gave the portions of the ſingers and the porters, every day his portion: and they || ſanctified *holy things* unto the Levites; * and the Levites [18] ſanctified *them* unto the children of Aaron.

|| That is, *ſet apart.*

* Num. 18. 26.

[18] Set apart the tenth part of 'em for the Prieſts.

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Upon the reading of the law, ſeparation is made from the mixed multitude.

ON that day † they read in the book of Moſes in the † audience of the people; and therein was found [1] written, that the [2] Ammonite and the Moabite ſhould not come into the congregation of God for ever.

† Heb. *there was read.*

† Heb. *ears.*

[1] *Deut.* 23. 3. ¶ [2] See on *Deut.* 23. 3, 4. So long as they retain'd their idolatrous opinions and practices, ſhould not be incorporated into the Commonwealth of *Iſrael*, nor joyn'd in marriage with any Iſraelite.

2 Becauſe they [3] met not the children of Iſrael with bread and with water, but * [4] hired Balaam againſt them, that he ſhould curſe them: howbeit our God [5] turned the curſe into a bleſſing.

* Joſh. 24. 9.

[3] *Matth.* 25. 42, 43. ¶ [4] *Numb.* 22. 5. *&c.* ¶ [5] *Gen.* 32. 6. with 33. 4. &c. and 50. 20. *Phil.* 1. 12. *Pſal.* 109. 28.

3 Now it came to paſs when they had heard the law, that they ſeparated from Iſrael all the [6] mixed multitude.

[6] *ch.* 9. 2. See there.

4 ¶ And before this, Eliaſhib the prieſt, † having the overſight of the [7] chamber of the houſe of our God, *was* allied unto Tobiah:

† Heb. *being ſet over.*

[7] All the Chambers about the Temple.

5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincenſe, and the veſſels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oyl, († which was

† Heb. *the commandment of the Levites:*

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commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the fingers, and the porters) and the [8] offerings of the priests.

[8] *Numb.*18.26.

6 But in all this *time* was [9] not I at Jerusalem: for in the [10] two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon, came I unto the king, and † after certain days ‖ obtained I leave of the king:

[9] *Exod.* 32. 1. 2 *Chron.*24.17.
[10] *ch.* 5. 14.
† Heb. *at the end of days.*
‖ Or, *I earnestly requested.*

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and [11] understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

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[11] 1 *Cor.*1.11.

8 And it grieved me sore, therefore I [12] cast forth all the houshold-stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.

[12] *Mat.*21. 12.

9 Then I commanded, and they [13] cleansed the chambers; and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat-offering and the frankincense.

[13] *Numb.*19.9. By casting out the Houshold-stuff of *Tobiah*, and perhaps sprinkling 'em with the water of Purification.

10 ¶ And I perceived that the [14] portions of the Levites had not been given *them:* for the Levites and the singers that did the [15] work, were fled every one to [16] his field.

[14] *Ch.*10.37. *Mal.*3.8. ¶ [15] 1 *Tim.*5.17. ¶ [16] *Numb.*35.2.

11 Then [17] contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God [18] forsaken? And I gathered [19] them together, and [20] set them in their † place.

†Heb. *standing*

[17] *V.* 17,25. Sharply reprov'd those Priests to whom the management of these things was committed, for neglect of their duty, and breach of their late solemn promise. ¶ [18] *ch.*10-39. *viz.* By the Levites; for want of maintenance, so that the service of God in the Temple is neglected. ¶ [19] The Levites that were fled to their fields, *v.*10. ¶ [20] Restored 'em to the exercise of their Office.

12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn, and the new wine, and the oyl, unto the ‖ treasuries.

‖ Or, *storehouses.*

13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and † next to them *was* Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted [21] faithful, and † their office *was* [21] to distribute unto their brethren.

†Heb. *at their hand.*
† Heb. it was *upon them.*
[21] *ch.* 7. 2. 1 *Cor.*4.2.

14 [22] Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my † good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the ‖ offices thereof.

† Heb. *kindnesses.*
‖ Or, *observations.*

[22] *V.* 29,31. *ch.* 5. 19. *Heb.* 6. 10. Graciously accept of these my sincere endeavours for thy honour and service, and deal with me accordingly.

15 ¶ In those days saw I in Judah *some* [23] treading wine-presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* [24] burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I [25] testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals.

[23] Contrary to *Exod* 20.10. & 34.21. ¶ [24] *Jer.*17.21. ¶ [25] Persisted against the action, and threatned to punish 'em for it.

16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17 * Then I [17] contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that [26] ye do, and profane the sabbath-day.

* V. 11.

[26] 1 *Tim.*5.-22. Which you countenance and connive at, by not punishing and restraining it.

18 [27] Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all [28] this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

[27] *Jer.* 17. 21. *&c.* ¶ [28] *Jer.* 17. 27. 2 *Chron.* 36. 21.

19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem * began to be dark † before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, * *that* there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath-day.

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* Lev.27. 32.

* Jer.17. 21.

† Hereby it appears that the Sabbath did not begin till after it was dark; and by *Joh.* 20.1. it appears that the first day of the Week was begun (and consequently the Sabbath was ended) while it was dark, and was not ended in the Evening, *v.* 19. Therefore the Sabbath did begin and end at Midnight, (for in the dark time of the night there can be no other bounds fixt for it.)

20 So the merchants, and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye † about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the sabbath.

† Heb. *before the wall.*

22 And I commanded the [29] Levites that * they should [30] cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the [31] gates, to sanctifie the sabbath-day. * Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and [32] spare me according to the ‖ greatness of thy mercy.

* Chap.12.30.

* V.14,31.

‖ Or, *multitude*

[29] Whom he counted fittest to trust with this affair. ¶ [30] 1 *Chron.*15.22. ¶ [31] *viz.* Of the City, *v.* 19. ¶ [32] He pleads no merit.

23 ¶ In those days also saw I Jews *that* had † [33] married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab:

† Heb. *had made to dwell* with them.

[33] *Neh.* 10.30. *Ezr.* 10.2.

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and † could not speak in the Jews language, but according to the language † of each people.

† Heb. *they discerned not to speak.*
† Heb. *of people and people.*

25 And I [17] contended with them, and ‖ [34] cursed them, and [35] smote certain of them, and [36] pluckt off their hair, and made them [37] swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for your selves.

‖ Or, *reviled.*

[34] *Ch.* 9.13. Caused 'em to be excommunicated and cast out of the Societies, and priviledges of God's people. ¶ [35] *Deut.* 25. 2. Caused 'em to be beaten with stripes. ¶ [36] *Isa.*50. 6. ¶ [37] *ch.*10.29,30.

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by [38] these things? yet * among many nations was there no king [39] like him, who was [40] beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless, even him did outlandish women [41] cause to sin.

* 2 Chr.1. 12.

[38] Marrying strange Wives, and yielding to their idolatrous courses. ¶ [39] 1 *King.*3. 12,13. ¶ [40] 2 *Sam.* 12. 25. ¶ [41] 1 *King.*11.4. *&c.*

27 Shall we then [42] hearken unto you, to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God, in marrying strange wives?

[42] Justifie your action by permitting, or not punishing it?

28 And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him [43] from me.

[43] From my presence and Court, and from the City and Temple, and all the priviledges of the Priesthood, and from the whole Congregation and Church of *Israel*, whereof I am a Member.

29 * [22] Remember them, O my God, † because they have [44] defiled the priesthood, and * the [45] covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

* Chap.6.14.
† Heb. *for the defilings.*
* Mal.2. 4,11, 12.

[44] *Lev.*21.6,7. *viz.* By these unlawful marriages. ¶ [45] *Mal.* 2. 4. Made with *Aaron* and his Posterity, *Lev.*8.35. and 21.1. *&c.*

30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers and * appointed the [46] wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business:

* Ch.12.1. &c.
[46] The several charges and duties.

31 And for the [47] wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the first-fruits. * [22] Remember me, O my God, for good.

[47] *ch.* 10.34. See there.
[48] *ch.* 5. 19.
* Vers. 14,22.

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The ARGUMENT.

THis Book is thought to be written by Mordecai, who bore a principal part in the Hiſtory thereof. It contains an illuſtrious inſtance of God's ſingular care and watchfulneſs over his Church in her greateſt ſtraits and difficulties, and how he diſpoſes of all Affairs and Events ſo as may moſt conduce to his own Glory, and the welfare of his Church and People. The advancement of Eſther firſt, and Mordecai afterwards, with the ſeveral paſſages leading thereto, and variety of contingent circumſtances attending thereon, and all in order to the defeating of Haman's curſed Deſign of extirpating the whole Nation of the Jews (and conſequently, of the Church of God) is very wonderful and affecting to conſider; and ſhews us how God can ſnare the Wicked in the work of his own hands, and tumble them into the Pit that they have digged for others, Pſal. 7. 14–16. and 9. 15, 16.

CHAP. I.

1 *Ahaſuerus maketh royal feaſts.* 10 *Vaſhti ſent for, refuſeth to come.*

3485. NOw it came to paſs in the days of Ahaſuerus, (this *is* Ahaſuerus which reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, *over* an [1] hundred and ſeven and twenty provinces)

[1] *Pſal.*37.35. & 17.14.

2 *That* in thoſe days when the king Ahaſuerus [2] ſat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shuſhan the palace.

[2] Was eſtabliſh'd in the peaceable poſſeſſion of it (as 2 *Sam.* 7. 1.)

3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feaſt unto all his princes, and his [3] ſervants the [4] power of Perſia and Media, the [5] nobles and princes of the provinces *being* before him.

[3] 1 *King.* 9. 22. Courtiers and Officers about his perſon. ¶ [4] Military Commanders. ¶ [5] *Luke* 14. 13.

4 When he ſhewed the riches of his glorious kingdom, and the [6] honour of his excellent majeſty, many days, *even* an hundred and fourſcore days.

[6] Whatſoever about his own perſon might advance his honor and ſplendor.

3486. † Heb. *found.* 5 And when theſe days were expired, the king made a feaſt unto all the people *that were* † preſent in Shuſhan the palace, both unto great and ſmall, ſeven days, in the court of the garden of the kings palace;

‖ Or, *violet.* 6 *Where were* white, green, and ‖ blue *hangings*, faſtened with cords of fine linen and purple, to ſilver rings and pillars of marble: the [7] beds *were of* gold, and ſilver, upon a pavement ‖ of red, and blue, and white, and black marble.

‖ Or, *of porphyre, & marble, and alabaſter, and ſtone of blue colour.*

[7] Whereupon they ſate while they were eating, *ch.* 7. 8. *Am.*6.4. *Joh.*13.23.

7 And they gave *them* drink in veſſels of gold, (the veſſels being divers one from another) and † [8] royal wine in [9] abundance, † according to the ſtate of the king.

† Heb. *wine of the kingdom.* † Heb. *according to the hand of the king.*

[8] Provided for the Kings own drinking. ¶ [9] *Joh.*2.6–10.

8 And the drinking *was* according to the law, none did compel: for ſo the king had appointed to all the officers of his houſe, that they ſhould do according to every mans pleaſure.

9 Alſo Vaſhti the queen made a feaſt for the women *in* the royal houſe which *belonged* to king Ahaſuerus.

10 ¶ On the ſeventh day, when the heart of the king was [10] merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, * Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar and Carcas, the ſeven ‖ chamberlains that ſerved in the preſence of Ahaſuerus the king,

[10] 2*Sam.*13.28 *Eccl.*10. 19. * Chap.7.9. ‖ Or, *Eunuchs.*

11 To bring Vaſhti the queen before the king, with the crown-royal, [11] to ſhew the people and the princes her beauty: for ſhe *was* † fair to look on.

[11] *Prov.*20.1. † Heb. *good of countenance.*

12 But the queen Vaſhti [12] refuſed to come at the kings commandment † by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger [13] burned in him.

[12] *Col.* 3. 18. † Heb. *which was by the hand of* his *euunchs.* [13] *Gen.*49.7. *Exod.*32.19.

13 ¶ Then the king ſaid to the [14] wiſe men, which [15] knew the times, (for ſo *was* the kings [16] manner towards all that knew law and judgment:

[14] *Ch.*6.13. *Gen.*41.8. *Dan.*2.12. *Matth.*2.1. *viz.* in State-affairs. ¶ [15] 1 *Chron.* 12. 32. cou'd diſcern which were the fitteſt and moſt proper ſeaſons for all Affairs. ¶ [16] *viz.* To adviſe with prudent perſons.

14 And the [17] next unto him *was* Carſhena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarſhiſh, Meres, Marſena, *and* Memucan, the [18] ſeven princes of Perſia and Media, which [19] ſaw the kings face, *and* which ſat the firſt in the kingdom)

[17] Of his Cabinet Council, whoſe advice he did moſt rely on ¶ [18] *Ezra* 7. 14. ¶ [19] 2 *King.* 25.19. Had free acceſs into his Preſence upon all occaſions.

15 † What ſhall we do unto the queen Vaſhti, according to law, becauſe ſhe hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahaſuerus, by the chamberlains?

† Heb. *What ſhall we do.*

16 And Memucan anſwered before the king and the princes, Vaſhti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but alſo to all the princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the provinces of the king Ahaſuerus.

17 For *this* deed of the queen ſhall come abroad unto all women, ſo that they ſhall deſpiſe their husbands in their eyes, when it ſhall be reported, The king Ahaſuerus commanded Vaſhti the queen to be brought in before him, but ſhe came not.

18 *Likewiſe* ſhall the ladies of Perſia and Media ſay this day unto all the kings princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus *ſhall*

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there arise too much [20] contempt and [21] wrath.
[20] Of Wives towards their Husbands. ¶ [21] Of Husbands against their Wives.

† Heb. *be good with the king.* † Heb. *from before him.*

19 If it † please the king, let there go a royal commandment † from him, and let it be written among the [22] laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it † be not altered, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal estate unto † another that is [23] better than she.

[22] *Dan.*6.8,15. † Heb. *pass not away.* Chap.8.8. † Heb. *her companion.* [23] More deserving.

20 And when the kings decree which he shall make, shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great) all the wives shall give to their husbands [24] honour, both to great and small.

[24] *Eph.* 5.33.

† Heb. *was good in the eyes of the king.*

21 And the saying † pleased the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

22 For he sent letters into all the kings provinces, * into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should [25] bear rule in his own house, and that † *it* should be published according to the language † of every people.

*Chap. 8.9.

[25] *Eph.*5.22. † Heb. *one should publish it.* † Heb. *of his people.*

CHAP. II.

1 *Out of the choice of virgins, a queen is to be chosen.*
17 *Esther is elected.*

AFter these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he [1] remembred Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

[1] *Viz.* With grief and shame, that in his wine and rage he had so severely punish'd, and irrevocably rejected so beautiful and desirable a person, and that upon so small a provocation.

2 Then said the kings servants, that ministred unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king.

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, † unto the custody of ‖ Hege the kings chamberlain, keeper of the women, and let their things for [2] purification be given *them:*

† Heb. *unto the hand.* ‖ Or, *Hegai*, verſ.8. [2] By Perfumes, &c. *v.* 12. [3] 1 *Sam.*2.8.

4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be [3] queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.

5 ¶ *Now* in Shushan the palace, there was a certain Jew, whose name *was* Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite:

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6 Who had been carried away from Jerusalem, with the captivity which had been carried away with ‖ [4] Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

‖ Or, *Jehoiachin*, 2 Kings 24.6. [4] 2 *Kings* 24. 15. *Jer.*24.1.

7 And he † brought up Hadassah († that *is* Esther) * his uncles daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid *was* † fair and beautiful: whom Mordecai (when her father and mother were dead) took for his own daughter.

† Heb. *nourished.* * Verſ.15. † Heb. *fair of form and good of countenance.*

[5] Her name being chang'd by the King after he had married her, as was usual, *Dan.*1.7.

8 ¶ So it came to pass, when the kings commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the kings house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden [6] pleased him, and she obtained [7] kindness of him, and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with † such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the kings house, and he † preferred her and her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women.

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† Heb. *her portions.* † Heb. *changed.*

[6] *Gen.*39.4,21. ¶ [7] *Dan.* 1. 9. *Neh.* 2.-8. *Psal.* 106.46. *Prov.*16.7. 1 *Kings* 8.50.

10 * Esther had not shewed her people, nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her, that she should [8] not shew *it.*

* Verſ.20. [8] Because the Jews were a despis'd people.

11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the womens house, to know † how Esther did, and what should become of her.

† Heb. *the peace of Esther.*

12 ¶ Now when every maids turn was come, to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, six months with oyl of myrrhe, and six months with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women)

13 Then thus came *every* maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her, to go with her out of the house of the women, unto the kings house.

14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the kings chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

15 ¶ Now when the turn of Esther, * the daughter of Abihail, the uncle of Mordecai (who had taken her for his daughter) was come to go in unto the king, she [9] required nothing, but what Hegai the kings chamberlain, the keeper of the women appointed: and Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

3419. * Verſ.7. [9] *Psal.*131.1.

16 So Hester was [10] taken unto king Ahasuerus, into his house royal, in the tenth month (which *is* the month Tebeth) in the seventh year of his reign.

[10] *Pſ.* 113.7,8.

17 And the king [11] loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and ‖ favour † in his sight, more then all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

[11] *Prov.*21.1. ‖ Or, *kindness.* † Heb. *before him.*

18 Then the king made a great [12] feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esthers feast, and he made a † [13] release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

† Heb. *rest.*

[12] *Gen.*29.22. ¶ [13] Of such Taxes as were due to him.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the [14] second time, then Mordecai sat in the kings gate.

[14] For the choice of another to please him.

20 * Esther had not *yet* shewed her kindred, nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

* Verſ.10.

21 ¶ * In those days (while Mordecai sate in the kings gate) two of the kings chamberlains, ‖ Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the † [15] door, were [16] wroth, and sought to [17] lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

* See Esth.12.1. ‖ Or, *Bigthana*, Chap.6.2. † Heb. *threshold.*

[15] *Viz.* Of his Presence-chamber. ¶ [16] Exceedingly offended with the King. ¶ [17] 1 *Sam.*24.6. and 26.9.

22 And the thing was [18] known to Mordecai, who told *it* unto Esther the queen, and Esther certified the king *thereof*, in Mordecai's name.

[18] *Eccl.*10.20.

23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both

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[19] *Gen.*40.19. *Deut.*21.22. *Joſh.* 8. 29. ¶ [20] *ch.* 6. 1,2.

CHAP. III.

Haman advanced by the king, and deſpiſed by Mordecai, ſeeketh revenge upon all the Jews.

[1] *Pſal.*12.8. *Mal.*3.15. *Prov.*29.2. * See Eſth.16.10.

AFter theſe things did king Ahaſuerus [1] promote Haman the ſon of Hammedatha * the Agagite, and advanced him, and ſet his ſeat above all the princes that *were* with him.

2 And all the kings ſervants that *were* in the kings gate, [2] bowed, and [3] reverenced Haman; for the king had ſo commanded concerning him: but Mordecai *[3] bowed not, nor did *him* reverence.

* Eſth. 13.14.

[2] Gave him a kind of Divine honour; ſuch as the Perſian Kings us'd to aſſume. ¶ [3] Becauſe ſuch worſhip was due only to God, and becauſe he was a curſed Amalekite, *Exod.* 17.14. *Deut.*25.19. 1 *Sam.*15.3.

[4] *Exod.*1.17. * Verſ.2.

3 Then the kings ſervants, which *were* in the kings gate, ſaid unto Mordecai, Why [4] tranſgreſſeſt thou the * kings commandment?

4 Now it came to paſs, when they ſpake daily unto him, and he [5] hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to ſee whether Mordecai his [6] matters would ſtand; for he had [7] told them that he *was* a [8] Jew.

[5] *Prov.*19.27. ¶ [6] Whether he'd perſiſt in his refuſal, and this carriage would be endur'd. ¶ [7] *Ezek.* 22. 9. ¶ [8] And therefore might not give divine honour to any but God.

[9] *ch.*1.12. *Dan.* 3.19.

5 And when Haman ſaw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman [9] full of wrath.

6 And he thought ſcorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had ſhewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman ſought to deſtroy all the Jews, that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahaſuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai.

3494. 7 ¶ In the firſt month (that *is* the month Niſan) in the twelfth year of king Ahaſuerus, * Chap.9.24. * they caſt Pur, that *is*, [10] the lot, before Haman, from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth *month*, that *is* the month Adar.

[10] *Ezek.*21.21. To find out a lucky time to accompliſh his deſign.

3495. 8 ¶ And Haman ſaid unto king Ahaſuerus, There is a certain people ſcattered abroad, and diſperſed among the people, in all the provinces * Acts 16. 20. of thy kingdom, and * their laws *are* diverſe [11] See on *Ezra* 4.15. from all people, [11] neither keep they the kings laws; therefore it *is* not † for the [12] kings profit [12] *Exod.*1.10. † Heb. *meet*, or *equal.* to ſuffer them.

9 If it pleaſe the king, let it be written † that they may be deſtroyed: and I will † pay [13] ten thouſand talents of ſilver to the hands of thoſe that have the charge of the buſineſs, to bring *it* into the kings treaſuries. † Heb. *to deſtroy them.* † Heb. *weigh.*

[13] In quantity about four hundred and eighteen Tuns or Cart-loads.

[14] *ch.*8.8. *Gen.*41.42. [15] *ch.*7.6. ‖ Or, *oppreſſor.*

10 And the king took his [14] ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the ſon of Hammedatha the Agagite, the [15] Jews † enemy.

11 And the king ſaid unto Haman, The ſilver *is* given to thee, the people alſo, to do with them [16] as it ſeemeth good to thee.

[16] *John* 19.10. *Pſal.*73.7. *Jer.*18.23. * Chap.8.9. ‖ Or, *ſecretaries.*

12 * Then were the kings ‖ ſcribes called on the thirteenth day of the firſt month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the kings lieutenants, and to the governours that *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province * according to the writing thereof, and *to* every people after their language; [17] in the name of king Ahaſuerus was it written, and [18] ſealed with the kings ring.

Chap. 4. * Chap.1.22. & 8.9. [17] 1 *Kin.* 21.8. [18] *ch.*8.8. *Dan.* 6.8,12,15.

13 And the letters were ſent [19] by poſts into all the kings provinces, to deſtroy, to kill, and to cauſe to periſh [20] all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, * in one day, *even* upon * the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, (which *is* the month Adar) and * *to take* the ſpoil of them for a prey.

* Chap.8.12. &c. * 2 Macc.15. 36. * Chap.8.11.

[19] 2 *Chron.*30.6. ¶ [20] *Pſal.*83.4.1 *Sam.*22.18. *Mat.* 2.16.

14 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province, was publiſhed unto all people, that they ſhould be ready againſt that day.

15 The poſts went out, being haſtened by the kings commandment, and the decree was given in Shuſhan the palace: and the king and Haman ſat down to [21] drink, but * the [22] city Shuſhan was perplexed. * See Ch.8.15.

[21] *John* 16.-20. *Rev.*11.10. *Gen.* 37.25. ¶ [22] The Jews and their friends there.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Mordecai and the Jews mourn.* 15 *Eſther appointeth a faſt.*

WHen Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai [1] rent his clothes, and put on [1] ſackcloth with [2] aſhes, and went out into the midſt of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry: 3495.

[1] See on 1 *Kings* 21.27. ¶ [2] *Joſh.*6.7. *Job* 2.8. *Iſa.* 58.5. *Jon.*3.6.

2 And came even before the kings gate: for none *might* enter into the kings gate clothed with ſackcloth.

3 And in every province whitherſoever the kings commandment, and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and faſting, and weeping, and wailing, and † many lay in ſackcloth and aſhes. † Heb. *ſackcloth and aſhes were laid under many.* Iſa. 58.5. Dan.9.3.

4 ¶ So Eſthers maids, and her † chamberlains came and [3] told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly [4] grieved, and ſhe ſent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his ſackcloth from him: but he received *it* not. †Heb. *eunuchs.*

[3] *Mordecai*'s clothing and crying. ¶ [4] For that calamity which ſeem'd (by his clothes and carriage) to have befaln *Mordecai.*

5 Then called Eſther for Hatach, *one* of the kings chamberlains, whom he had † appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it *was*, and why it *was.* †Heb. *ſet before her.*

6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai, unto the ſtreet of the city, which *was* before the kings gate.

7 And Mordecai told him of all that had [5] happened unto him, and of the ſum of the money that Haman had promiſed to pay to the kings treaſuries for the Jews, to deſtroy them.

[5] His refuſal to bow to *Haman*, and what follow'd thereon.

8 Alſo he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree, that was given at Shuſhan to deſtroy them, to ſhew *it* unto Eſther, and to [6] declare *it* unto her, and to [7] charge her that ſhe ſhould go in unto the king, to make ſupplication unto him, and to make requeſt before him for her people.

[6] Make known the cauſe thereof, and the fearful event that might follow. ¶ [7] 1 *Theſſ.*5.27. 2 *Tim.*4.1.

9 And Hatach came and told Eſther the words of Mordecai.

10 ¶ Again Eſther ſpake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;

11 All

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11 All the kings ſervants, and the people of the kings provinces do know, that whoſoever, whether man or woman, ſhall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, * *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except ſuch * to whom the king ſhall hold out the golden ſceptre, that he may [8] live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king, theſe thirty days.

* Dan.2.9.
* Chap.5.2. & 8.4.
[8] Not be put to death.

12 And they told to Mordecai Eſthers words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to anſwer Eſther, Think not with thy ſelf that thou ſhalt eſcape in the kings houſe more then all the Jews.

14 For if thou altogether holdeſt thy peace at this time, *then* ſhall there † enlargement and deliverance ariſe to the Jews [9] from another place, but thou and thy fathers houſe ſhall be [10] deſtroyed: and who knoweth, whether thou art come to the kingdom for *ſuch* a time as this?

†Heb. *reſpiration.*
[9] Gen.22.8.
[10] Judg.5.23.

15 ¶ Then Eſther bade *them* return Mordecai *this anſwer*,

16 Go, gather together all the Jews *that are* † preſent in Shuſhan, and [11] faſt ye for me, and neither [12] eat nor drink * three days, [12] night or day: [13] I alſo and my maidens will faſt likewiſe, and ſo will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law; and [14] if I periſh, I periſh.

† Heb. *found.*
* See Ch. 5.1.

[11] *Act.* 12.5. ¶ [12] Make no ſet meals, neither at noon nor night, and take nothing but only what neceſſity requires. ¶ [13] *Joſh.* 24.15. ¶ [14] *Gen.*43.-14. God's will be done.

17 So Mordecai † went his way, and did according to all that Eſther had commanded him.

† Heb. *paſſed.*

CHAP. V.

Eſther adventuring on the kings favour, obtaineth the grace of the golden ſceptre, and inviteth the king and Haman to a Banquet.

NOw it came to paſs * on the third day, that Eſther put on *her* [1] royal *apparel*, and ſtood in * the inner court of the kings houſe, over againſt the kings houſe: and the king ſat upon his royal throne in the royal houſe, over againſt the gate of the houſe.

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* See Ch.4.16.
[1] 1 *Pet.* 3.3,5.
* See Ch.6.4.

2 And it was ſo when the king ſaw Eſther the queen ſtanding in the court, *that* ſhe * [2] obtained favour in his ſight: and * the king held out to Eſther the golden ſceptre that *was* in his hand: ſo Heſter drew near, and touched the top of the ſceptre.

* See Eſth. 15.7.
[2] *Prov.*21.1. *Acts* 10.-4. *Pſal.*116.1.
* Chap.8.4.

3 Then ſaid the king unto her, [3] What wilt thou, queen Eſther? and what *is* thy requeſt? it ſhall be even given thee, [4] to the half of the kingdom,

[3] 1 *Kings* 2.20. *Zech.* 1.-13. So Chriſt, *Joh.* 16.24. ¶ [4] *v.* 6. *ch.*7.2. *Mark* 6.23.

4 And Eſther [5] anſwered, If *it ſeem* good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

[5] *Prov.*29.11.

5 Then the king ſaid, Cauſe Haman to make haſte, that he may do as Eſther hath ſaid. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Eſther had prepared.

6 ¶ * And the king ſaid unto Eſther at the banquet of wine, * What *is* thy petition? and it ſhall be granted thee: and what *is* thy requeſt? even to the half of the kingdom it ſhall be performed.

* Chap.7.2.
* Chap.9.12.

7 Then anſwered Eſther, and ſaid, My petition, and my requeſt *is*;

8 If I have found favour in the ſight of the king, and if it pleaſe the king to grant my petition, and † to perform my requeſt, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I ſhall prepare for them, and I will do [6] to morrow as the king hath ſaid.

† Heb. *to do.*

[6] God by his Providence ſo order'd it, that it ſhould be put off till the next day, for that which is mention'd *c.*6.1.&c.

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9 ¶ Then went Haman forth that day, [7] joyful, and with a glad heart: but when Haman ſaw Mordecai in the kings gate, that he ſtood not up, [8] nor moved for him, he was [9] full of indignation againſt Mordecai.

[7] *Luke* 6.-25. *Am.* 6.13. ¶ [8] *Matth.* 10.26. *Pſal.* 15.4. ¶ [9] *ch.*3.5.

10 ⊙ Nevertheleſs, Haman [10] refrained himſelf, and when he came home, he ſent and † called for his friends, and [11] Zereſh his wife.

† Heb. *cauſed to come.*

[10] 2 *Sam.*13.22. ¶ [11] Who ſeems to be a prudent Woman (*ch.* 6.13.) and therefore he adviſ'd with her in his weighty affairs.

11 And Haman told them of the [12] glory of his riches, and the [13] multitude of his children, and all *the things* wherein the king had [14] promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and ſervants of the king.

[12] *Dan.*4.30.
[13] *ch.*9.10.
[14] *ch.*3.1.

12 Haman ſaid moreover, Yea, Eſther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that ſhe had prepared, but my ſelf; and to [15] morrow am I invited unto her alſo with the king.

[15] *Prov.*27.1.

13 Yet all this [16] availeth me nothing, ſo long as I ſee Mordecai the Jew ſitting at the kings gate.

[16] One bitter ingredient ſpoils the delight and pleaſure of many ſweet ones, *Eccl.*10.1. 1 *Kings* 21.4.

14 ¶ Then ſaid [17] Zereſh his wife, and all his [18] friends unto him, Let a † gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow ſpeak thou unto the king, that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleaſed Haman, and he cauſed * the gallows to be made.

[17] *Mark* 6.24.
[18] 2 *Sam.*13.3, &c.
† Heb. *tree.*
* Chap.7.10.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Ahaſuerus rewardeth Mordecai.* 11 *Haman doth him the honour.*

1 ON that night † could not the king ſleep, and he commanded to bring * the book of the records of the [2] chronicles; and they were read before the king.

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† Heb. *the kings ſleep fled away.*
* See Ch. 5.1.
[1] *Gen.*22.14. 1 *Sam.*23.26. *Pſal.*46.1. ¶ [2] *ch.* 2.23.

2 And it was [3] found written, that Mordecai [4] had told of || Bigthana and Tereſh, two of the kings chamberlains, the keepers of the † door, who ſought to lay hand on king Ahaſuerus.

|| Or, *Bigthan.* Chap.2.21.
† Heb. *threſhold.*
[3] God ſo diſpoſing it that they ſhould turn to that place. ¶ [4] *ch.*2.21.

3 And the king ſaid, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then ſaid the kings ſervants that miniſtred unto him, There is nothing done for him.

4 ¶ And the king ſaid, Who *is* in the court? (Now Haman was come into * the outward court of the kings houſe, to ſpeak unto the king, to [5] hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him)

* See Ch. 5.1.
[5] *ch.*3.6. & 7.9. *Pſal.*2.4.

5 And the kings ſervants ſaid unto him, Behold, Haman ſtandeth in the court. And the king ſaid, Let him come in.

6 So Haman came in, and the king ſaid unto him, What ſhall be done unto the man † whom the king delighteth to honour? (Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more then to my ſelf?)

† Heb. *in whoſe honour the king delighteth.*
† Heb. *in whoſe honour the king delighteth.*

7 And Haman anſwered the king, For the man † whom the king delighteth to honour,

† Heb. *let them bring the royal apparel.*

8 † Let the royal apparel be brought

† which

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† Heb. *wherewith the king clotheth himſelf.*

† which the king *uſeth* to wear, and the [6] horſe that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is ſet upon his head:

9 And let this apparel and horſe be delivered to the hand of one of the kings moſt noble princes, that they may aray the man *withall* whom the king deligheth to honour, and † bring him on [7] horſeback through the ſtreet of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus ſhall it be done to the man whom the king deligheth to honour.

[6] *1 Kin.* 1.33.

† Heb. *cauſe him to ride.*

[7] *Gen.*41.43.

10 Then the king ſaid to Haman,[8] Make haſte, *and* take the apparel, and the horſe, as thou haſt ſaid, and do even ſo to Mordecai the Jew, that ſitteth at the kings gate: † let nothing fail of all that thou haſt ſpoken.

[8] *Job* 5.13. *Mich.*7.8.

† Heb. *ſuffer not a whit to fall.*

11 [9] Then took Haman the apparel and the horſe, and [10] arayed Mordecai, and brought him on horſeback through the ſtreet of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus ſhall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

[9] *Ezra* 6.13. ¶ [10] *Luke* 1.51,52. *Pſal.*71.20,21. and 33. 18, 19.

12 ¶ And Mordecai [11] came again to the kings gate: but Haman haſted to his houſe, mourning, and having his [12] head covered.

[11] *Pſal.* 131.1.

[12] *2Sam.*15.30. *Jer.*14.4.

13 And Haman told Zereſh his wife and all his friends, every *thing* that had befallen him. Then ſaid his [13] wiſe men, and Zereſh his wife unto him, If Mordecai *be* of the ſeed of the Jews, before whom thou haſt begun to fall, thou ſhalt [14] not prevail againſt him, but ſhalt ſurely [15] fall before him.

[13] *Ch.*1.13. See there. ¶ [14] *Zech.*12.3. ¶ [15] *Dan.*6.4. *&c. Amos* 8. 14. 1 *Sam.*5.3.

14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, came the kings chamberlains, and haſted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Eſther had prepared.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Eſther ſueth for her own life, and for her peoples.* 7 *The king cauſeth Haman to be hanged on his own gallows.*

3495. So the king and Haman came † to banquet with Eſther the queen.

*Heb. *to drink.*

2 And the king ſaid again to Eſther, on the ſecond day, * at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Eſther? and it ſhall be granted thee: and what *is* thy requeſt? and it ſhall be performed *even* to the half of the kingdom.

* Chap.5.6.

3 Then Eſther the queen anſwered and ſaid, If I have found favour in thy ſight, O king, and if it pleaſe the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and [1] my people at my requeſt.

[1] *2 Sam.*20.19.

4 For we are [2] ſold, I and my people, † to be [3] deſtroyed, to be ſlain, and to periſh: but if we had been ſold for bond-men and bond-women, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the kings damage.

[2] *ch.*3.9,11.

[3] *ch.*3.13.

† Heb. *that they ſhould deſtroy and kill, and cauſe to periſh.*

5 ¶ Then the king Ahaſuerus anſwered and ſaid unto Eſther the queen, Who is he? and where is he † that durſt preſume in his heart to do ſo?

† Heb. *whoſe heart hath filled him.*

6 And Eſther ſaid, † The [4] adverſary and enemy *is* this [4] wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid || before the king and the queen.

† Heb. *the man adverſary.*

[4] *Pſ.*139.21, 22.

|| Or, *at the preſence of.*

7 ¶ And the king ariſing from the banquet of wine in his [5] wrath, *went* into the palace-garden; and Haman ſtood up to make requeſt for his life to Eſther the queen: for he ſaw that there was [6] evil determined againſt him by the king.

[5] *Pſal.*62.9.

[6] *Prov.* 16.14.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace-garden, into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen [7] upon the bed whereon Eſther *was.* Then ſaid the king, Will he force the queen alſo † before me in the houſe? As the word went out of the kings mouth, they [8] covered Hamans face.

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† Heb. *with me.*

[7] *Ch.*1.6. Proſtrating himſelf at her feet, to beg mercy; as *ch.*8.3. ¶ [8] *Job* 9.24. *Iſa.* 22.17. Becauſe they look'd upon him as a condemn'd perſon, whoſe ſight was offenſive to the King.

9 And * Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, ſaid before the king, Behold alſo the † gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordicai, who had [9] ſpoken good for the king, ſtandeth in the houſe of Haman. Then the king ſaid, Hang him thereon.

* Chap.1.10.

† Heb. *tree.*

[9] *ch.*9.22,23.

10 So they [10] hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the kings wrath [11] pacified.

[10] *Ch.*9.25. *Pſal.*7.15,16. and 9.15,16. and 35. 8. and 73. 19. *Prov.*11.6. *Dan.*6.7,24. He did eat the firſt-fruits of that Tree, which himſelf planted. ¶ [11] *Ezek.*16.-63. *Zech.*6.-8.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Mordecai is advanced.* 7 *Ahaſuerus granteth to the Jews to defend themſelves.* 15 *Mordecai's honour, and the Jews joy.*

3495. ON that day did the king Ahaſuerus give the [1] houſe of Haman the Jews enemy, unto Eſther the queen: and Mordecai [2] came before the king; for Eſther had told [3] what he *was* unto her.

[1] *Pſal.* 37.35,36. *Job* 27.16,17. *Prov.* 13.22. & 20. 21. With all his goods and eſtate. ¶ [2] *ch.* 1. 14. ¶ [3] *ch.*2.7.

2 And the king took off his [4] ring which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Eſther ſet Mordecai over the houſe of Haman.

[4] *ch.* 3.10.

3 ¶ And Eſther ſpake yet again before the king, and [5] fell down at his feet † and beſought him [6] with tears, to put away the [7] miſchief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had deviſed againſt the Jews.

† Heb. *and ſhe wept and beſought him.*

[5] 1 *Sam.* 25.24. 2 *Kings* 4.37. *Matth.*18.29. ¶ [6] *Neh.* 1. 4. *Heb.*5.7. ¶ [7] *ch.*3.13. & 7.4.

4 Then * the king held out the golden ſceptre toward Eſther. So Eſther aroſe, and ſtood before the King,

* Chap.4.11. & 5.2.

5 And ſaid, If it pleaſe the king, and if I have found favour in his ſight, and the thing *ſeem* right before the king, and I *be* pleaſing in his eyes; let it be written to reverſe † the letters deviſed by Haman the ſon of Hammedatha the Agagite, || which he wrote to [8] deſtroy the Jews which *are* in all the kings provinces:

† Heb. *the device.*

|| Or, *who wrote.*

[8] *ch.* 3.13.

6 For how can I † endure to ſee the [9] evil that ſhall come unto my people? or how can I endure to ſee the [9] deſtruction of my kindred?

† Heb. *be able that I may ſee.*

[9] *Amos* 6.-6. *Neh.*2.3.

7 ¶ Then the king Ahaſuerus ſaid unto Eſther the queen, and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Eſther the houſe of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, becauſe he laid his hand upon the Jews.

8 Write ye alſo for the Jews, as it liketh you, [10] in the kings name, and [10] ſeal *it* with the kings ring: for the [11] writing which is written in the kings name, and ſealed with the kings ring, * [12] may no man reverſe.

* Dan.6.8,12, 15.

[10] *Ch.* 3. 12. ¶ [11] The former Letters. ¶ [12] *Ch.*1.19.

9 * Then were the kings ſcribes called at that time in the third month (that *is* the month Sivan) on the three and twentieth *day* thereof, and it was written (according to all that Mordecai commanded) unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces

* Chap.3.12.

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vinces which *are* * from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and ſeven provinces, * unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

* Chap. 1.1.
* Chap.1.22. & 3.12.

10 And he wrote in the king Ahaſuerus name, and ſealed *it* with the kings ring, and ſent letters by poſts on horſeback, *and* riders on mules, camels, *and* young [13] dromedaries:

[13] *Jer.*2.23.

11 Wherein the king granted the Jews, which *were* in every city, to gather themſelves together, and to [14] ſtand for their life, to deſtroy, to ſlay, and to cauſe to periſh all the power of the people and province, that would aſſault them, *both* little ones, and women, and * *to take* the ſpoil of them for a prey:

[14] *Pſal.* 94.16.

* See Chap. 9. 10,15,16.

12 * Upon one day, in all the provinces of king Ahaſuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar.

* Chap.3.13, &c. & 9. 1.

13 The copy of the writing, for a commandment to be given in every province, *was* † publiſhed unto all people, and that the Jews ſhould be ready againſt that day, to avenge themſelves on their enemies.

† Heb. *revealed.*

14 *So* the poſts that rode upon mules *and* camels went out, being haſtned, and preſſed on by the kings commandment; and the decree was given at Shuſhan the palace.

15 ¶ And Mordecai went out from the preſence of the king, in royal apparel of ‖ blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of [15] fine linen, and purple; and the city of Shuſhan [16] rejoyced and was glad:

‖ Or, *violet.*

[15] *Matth.* 11. 8. ¶ [16] *ch.* 3.-15. *Pſal.* 30. 11. *Prov.*29.2.

16 The Jews had [17] light and gladneſs, and joy, and [18] honour.

[17] *Pſal.* 97.11. 2 *Sam.* 22.29. *Job* 18.5,6. ¶ [18] *Iſa.*43.4.

17 And in every province, and in every city, whitherſoever the kings commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladneſs, [19] a feaſt and [19] a good day: and many of the people of the land [20] became Jews; for the [21] fear of the Jews fell upon them.

[19] *Ch.*9.17. A time of feaſting and rejoycing. ¶ [20] *Pſal.* 18.43,44. ¶ [21] *Gen.*35.5. *Exod.*23.27. 1 *Sam.*18.29. *Mark* 11. 18.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The Jews ſlay their enemies, with the ten ſons of Haman.* 12 *Ahaſuerus granteth another day of ſlaughter,* 20 *The days of Purim made feſtival.*

* Chap.8.12. 3496.

NOw * in the twelfth month (that *is* the month Adar) on the thirteenth day of the ſame, when the kings commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews [1] hoped to have power over them, (though it was [2] turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them)

[1] *Ch.* 3. 7. *Job* 11.20. ¶ [2] *Pſal.*7.16. & 30.11.& 126.5.

‖ *Ch.* 8.11.

2 The Jews [3] gathered themſelves together in their cities, throughout all the provinces of the king Ahaſuerus, to lay hand on ſuch as [4] ſought their hurt; and no man could withſtand them: for the [5] fear of them fell upon all people.

[4] *Joſh.*11.20.
[5] *ch.*8.17.

3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and † officers of the king, helped the Jews: becauſe the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

† Heb. *thoſe which did the buſineſs that* belonged *to the king.*

4 For Mordecai *was* great in the kings houſe, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed [6] greater and greater.

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[6] 2 *Sam.*3. 1. *Pſal.* 1.3,4. & 37. 37,38. & 99. 7,9,10,12. *Prov.*4.18.

5 Thus the Jews [7] ſmote all their enemies with the ſtroke of the ſword, and ſlaughter and deſtruction, and did † what they would unto thoſe that hated them.

[7] 2 *Theſ.*1.6.

† Heb. *according to their will.*

6 And in Shuſhan the palace the Jews ſlew and deſtroyed five hundred men.

7 And Parſhandatha, and Dalphon, and Aſpatha,

8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

9 And Parmaſhta, and Ariſai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,

10 The ten ſons of Haman the ſon of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, [8] ſlew they; * but on the ſpoil [9] laid they not their hand.

* See Chap. 8. 11.

[8] *Exod.*17.14, 16. *Deut.*25.17,19. 1 *Sam.*15.3. *Job* 27.14. *Pſal.* 21.10. They being Captains of companies that roſe againſt the Jews. ¶ [9] *V.*-15,16. *Col.*4.5. 1 *Cor.*10.32. *Rom.* 12.-17. *Phil.*4.8. *Gen.*14.23. That it might not ſeem to be done out of covetouſneſs, but ſelf-preſervation.

11 On that day, the number of thoſe that were ſlain in Shuſhan the palace, † was brought before the king.

† Heb. *came.*

12 ¶ And the king ſaid unto Eſther the queen, The Jews have ſlain and deſtroyed five hundred men in Shuſhan the palace, and the ten ſons of Haman; what have they done in the reſt of the kings provinces? now * what *is* thy petition? and it ſhall be granted thee: or what *is* thy requeſt [10] further? and it ſhall be done.

* Chap.5.6. & 7.2.

[10] Love never thinks it can do enough for the perſon beloved.

13 Then ſaid Eſther, If it pleaſe the king, let it be granted to the Jews which *are* in Shuſhan, to do to morrow alſo according unto this days decree, and † let Hamans ten ſons be hanged upon the gallows.

† Heb. *let men hang.*

14 And the king commanded it ſo to be done; and the decree was given at Shuſhan, and they hanged Hamans ten ſons.

15 For the Jews that *were* in Shuſhan, gathered themſelves together on the fourteenth day alſo of the month Adar, and ſlew three hundred men at Shuſhan; * but on the prey they laid not their hand.

* v.10.

16 But the other Jews that *were* in the kings provinces, gathered themſelves together, and ſtood for their lives, and had reſt from their enemies, and ſlew of their foes ſeventy and five thouſand; but they laid not their hands on the prey.

17 On the thirteenth day of the month Adar, and on the fourteenth day † of the ſame, reſted they, and made it a day of [11] feaſting and gladneſs.

† Heb. *in it.*
[11] *Neh.*8.10.

18 But the Jews that *were* at Shuſhan, aſſembled together on the thirteenth *day* thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of the ſame they reſted, and made it a day of feaſting and gladneſs.

19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar, * *a day of* gladneſs, and feaſting, and [12] a good day, and of [13] ſending portions one to another.

* Deut.16.11, 14.
[12] See on *ch.* 18. 17.
[13] Neh. 8.10, 12.

20 ¶ And Mordecai wrote [14] theſe things, and ſent letters unto all the Jews that *were* in all the provinces of the king Ahaſuerus, *both* nigh and far,

[14] The Hiſtories of this memorable deliverance.

21 To ſtabliſh *this* among them, that they ſhould [15] keep * the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the ſame yearly:

[15] *Rom.*12. 15. *Exod.* 13. 3.
* See 2 Macc. 15.36.

22 As the days wherein the Jews reſted from their

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their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from ſorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they ſhould make them days of feaſting and joy, and of * ſending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

*Neh.8.10.

23 And the Jews [16] undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them.

[16] *Viz.* For themſelves and their Poſterity, to keep two days of feaſting, as they did when they were firſt deliver'd.

24 Becauſe Haman the ſon of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had deviſed againſt the Jews to deſtroy them, and had caſt [17] Pur (that *is*, the lot) to † conſume them, and to deſtroy them:

[17] *ch.*3.7.
† Heb. *cruſh.*

25 But †* when *Eſther* came before the king, he commanded by letters, that his wicked device which he deviſed againſt the Jews, ſhould return upon his own head, and that he and his ſons ſhould be hanged on the gallows.

† Heb. *when ſhe came.*
*Chap.7.5.&c. & 8.3.&c. Verſ.13,14.

26 Wherefore they called theſe days Purim, after the name of || Pur: therefore for all the words of * this letter, and *of that* which they had ſeen concerning this matter, and which had [18] come unto them,

|| That is, *lot*
*Verſ.20.
[18] *Viz.* By reſpect.

27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their ſeed, and upon all ſuch as joyned themſelves unto them, ſo as it ſhould not † fail, that they would keep theſe two days, according to their writing, and according to their *appointed* time every year:

† Heb. *paſs.*

28 And that theſe days *ſhould be* [19] remembred, and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that theſe days of Purim ſhould not † fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them † periſh from their ſeed.

[19] *Pſal.* 103.2. *Exod.*12.17.
† Heb. *paſs.*
† Heb. *be ended.*

29 Then Eſther the queen the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all † authority, to confirm this [20] ſecond letter of Purim.

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† Heb. *ſtrength*

[20] Written probably at the return of the ſecond year.

30 And he ſent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and ſeven provinces of the kingdom of Ahaſuerus, *with* [21] words of peace and truth:

[21] True wiſhes of their proſperity.

31 To confirm theſe days of Purim in their times *appointed*, according as Mordecai the Jew, and Eſther the queen had enjoyned them, and as they had decreed † for themſelves and for their ſeed, [22] the matters of the faſtings and their cry.

† Heb. *for their ſouls.*

[22] Concerning the eminent danger they were in, which was prevented by their faſting and earneſt prayer.

32 And the decree of Eſther confirmed theſe matters of Purim, and it was written in the book.

CHAP. X.

1 *Ahaſuerus his greatneſs:* 3 *Mordecai's advancement.*

AND the king Ahaſuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and *upon* the iſles of the ſea. 3496.

2 And all the acts of his power, and of his might, and the declaration of the greatneſs of Mordecai, whereunto the king † advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Perſia?

† Heb. *made him great.*

3 For Mordecai the Jew *was* next unto king Ahaſuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, [1] ſeeking the wealth of his people, and ſpeaking peace to all his ſeed.

[1] *Neh.*2.10.

JOB.

The ARGUMENT.

*THis Book is divided by the Spirit of God (*James 5. 11.*) into* the Patience of Job, and the End of the Lord, *or iſſue that God gave thereto; both which were very remarkable, and render it a kind of divine Tragi-comedy, where many griefs and miſeries determine and iſſue ſweetly in greater joy and mercy. His Patience relates to his Sufferings, which were as liable to exception as any we read of, and cloath'd with as many aggravating circumſtances; he being wounded deeper by what was left (his Wife) than by what was loſt, and his Comforters proving more cruel than his Plunderers; as ſeeking to rob him of, or at leaſt perſwade him out of his Innocency, and the teſtimony of a good Conſcience, (the beſt brazen-wall, and armour of ſteel in ſuch caſes:) ſo that, as never any was under a warmer Sun of outward Proſperity, ſo neither was ever any in a hotter fire of outward Affliction than* Job, *his Furnace being heated ſeven times hotter than uſual.*

The bulk of the Book is taken up with a Diſpute between him and his three Friends, manag'd with much eagerneſs and vehemency on both ſides.

His Friends, obſerving ſome impatient Expreſſions, and conſidering his ſevere Afflictions, charge him with Hypocriſy; and maintain, That God puniſhes, or afflicts only ſuch as are wicked: but yet, tho their Opinion in ſome things was unſound, and their Application as to Job's *caſe, ungrounded, yet their expreſſions are orthodox, and partly true, tho' not univerſally true: They taught truth in all they ſpeak, but not the whole truth. As for example, That God afflicts for ſin, and ſeverely puniſhes wicked men in this life, is true frequently, but not univerſally: for ſome Afflictions are meerly for Trial (as* Job's *was) and ſome wicked men proſper all their days: Hence it comes to paſs, that there's no one ſentence conſider'd ſingly by it ſelf, that is contrary to other Scripture.*

The Sum and Subſtance of all their Diſcourſes may be reduc'd to this one Syllogiſm, He that is afflicted, and greatly afflicted, and continues long under his affliction, is certainly either a great open Sinner, or a notorious Hypocrite. But ſo it is with thee, Job: *therefore thou art ſuch a one.*

Job *denies the major: and tho' he knew himſelf to be a Sinner, yet he ſtifly denies that he was an Hy-*

Chap. 1. pocrite. *He readily grants that God was righteous in all his dealings with him: but he flatly denies that theſe dealings of God with him would prove him unrighteous. He diſclaims his own righteouſneſs in point of Juſtification, yet he juſtifies himſelf in point of Uprightneſs and Sincerity. Particularly* Chap. 1.

Eliphaz's *Opinion ſeems to be this, That all the outward evils that befal man, are the fruit of his own ſin, and of God's Juſtice. Thus he ſpeaks expreſly* ch.4.8. *and applies it to* Job, ch.22.5,6.

Bildad *ſpeaks next, whoſe Opinion is not ſo rigid; he grants that Afflictions may befal a righteous perſon: but then they are of no long continuance. To this purpoſe he ſpeaks* ch.8.5,6,20,21.

Zophar *the third Opponent differs from the two former, and holds, That the reaſon of all thoſe afflictions which befal the children of men, is to be reſolv'd into the abſolute will and pleaſure of God which is unſearchable. Thus he delivers his mind* ch. 11.7,8,12. *yet condemns* Job *as well as the other,* ch.20.29.

Job *on the contrary maintains, That God diſpenſes outward Proſperity and Adverſity indifferently to good and bad; and therefore no certain judgment can be formed of a man's ſpiritual eſtate upon the view of his temporal. This he lays down poſitively* ch.9.22,23.

This Diſpute reaches from ch. 2. *to the end of* ch. 31.

Then comes Elihu *as an Umpire and Moderator between 'em; and he condemns both;* Job, *for his too paſſionate complaints of God's ſeverity, which was an interpretative juſtifying himſelf rather than God,* ch.32.2. *and* 34.35. *and* 35.16. *His three Friends, becauſe they had condemned* Job, *and yet had not anſwered his Allegations,* ch.32.3.

In his Diſcourſe he diſtinguiſhes of perſons that are under the afflicting hand of God: ſome are truly righteous and keep cloſe to God in ways of piety; theſe receive many Bleſſings from the bountiful hand of God, ch.36.7. *Others, tho' righteous, yet have been guilty of foul miſcarriages: theſe being humbled by their afflictions, are uſually reſtor'd to a proſperous ſtate in this life,* ch.36.9--11. *But ſome being altogether wicked and incorrigible, abide under wrath for ever,* ch. 36.13,14.

Then he Diſcourſes concerning the wonderful works of God in nature; the Rain, Thunder, Snow, Winds, &c. ch.36. *and* 37. *whence he infers, That if man can't give a ſatisfying account of thoſe works, much leſs is he able to fathom the depth of God's purpoſes in all the works of his Providence,* ch.37.23,24.

Then in the laſt place God himſelf enters the Stage, and takes up the ſame Argument which Elihu *had ſo much inſiſted on before, concerning his mighty and admirable works of Creation and Providence, thereby to convince him how ignorant and weak he was in himſelf, how altogether unable to contend with God, and therefore how raſh he had been in not ſubmitting more quietly to him: and withal ſhews him, as his infinite Power and Wiſdom, ſo his infinite Goodneſs and tender Compaſſions in providing for all ſorts of living Creatures, and therefore would much more be watchful over and reſpectful to Man.*

Hereupon Job *was convinc'd of his miſcarriage, and condemns and humbles himſelf; and then God juſtifies him (comparatively, to his two Friends) and ſets the Crown of Victory upon his Head, repairs all his loſſes, and ſo brought him off that tragical Stage with far greater honour than he entred upon it. And this was* The End of the Lord, *both in regard of his Loſſes, and of his Accuſations: whence we ſhould be encouraged to ſuffer patiently when viſited, conſidering that* the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercies, *James* 5.11. *and That tho'* many *and grievous* are the Afflictions of the righteous, yet the Lord delivers 'em out of all, *Pſal.*34.19.

The time wherein theſe things were tranſacted moſt probably was before Moſes, *(for which Mr.* Pool *gives ſeveral Reaſons, in his Argument before this Book.) But who was the Relater and Penman thereof is wholly uncertain; whether* Job *himſelf, as ſome think: or* Elihu *(as ſome gather from* ch. 32.15, 16.) *or* Moſes, *as others conjecture. Neither is it needful for us to know, ſince God thought fit to conceal it.*

CHAP. I.

1 *The holineſs, riches, and religious care of Job for his children:* 6 *Satan appearing before God, by calumniation obtaineth leave to tempt him.*

2400. THere was a man in the land of Uz, whoſe name *was* [1] Job, and that man was [2] perfect and [3] upright, and one that [4] feared God, and [5] eſchewed evil.

[1] *Ezek.*14.14. *Jam.*5.11. ¶ [2] *v.* 8. *ch.*2.3. *Gen.*6.9. and 17.1. Sincere, without guile, *Pſal.*18.23. and 32.2. *Joh.*1.47. ¶ [3] Juſt in all his dealings with men, *Pſal.* 15. 2. *Iſa.* 26.7. ¶ [4] 1 *Kings* 18.12. *Neh.*5.15. and 7.2. *Acts* 10.2. ¶ [5] *Pſ.* 34.14. and 37.27. *Iſa.*1.16. 1 *Pet.* 3.11.

[6] *Pſ.* 128.3,4. 2 And there were born unto him [6] ſeven ſons and [6] three daughters.

‖ Or, *cattel.* 3 His ‖ [7] ſubſtance alſo was ſeven thouſand ſheep, and three thouſand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred ſhe-aſſes, and a very great ‖ houſhold; ſo that this man was the [8] greateſt of all the † men of the eaſt.

‖ Or, *husbandry.* † Heb. *ſons.*

[7] *Matth.*6.33. His Wealth, (which conſiſted moſt in cattel in thoſe days.) ¶ [8] One of the richeſt.

[9] *Pſal.*133.1. 4 And his ſons went and [9] feaſted in *their* houſes, every one his day, and ſent and called for their three ſiſters, to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was ſo, when the days of *their* feaſting were gone about, that Job ſent and [10] ſanctified them, and roſe up early in the [11] morning, and offered [12] burnt-offerings *according* to the number of them all: for Job ſaid, [13] It may be that my ſons have ſinned and *[14] curſed God in their hearts. Thus did Job † [15] continually. * 1 Kings 21. 10.13. † Heb. *all the days.*

[10] *Exod.*19.10,14,15. 1 *Sam.*16.5. *Joh.*11.55. *Neh.*12.30. Requir'd 'em (by meſſengers) to prepare themſelves (by waſhing and ſuch rites as were then in uſe; as alſo by Prayer, Repentance, *&c.*) to joyn with him in offering Sacrifices for 'em. ¶ [11] *Pſal.*5.3. and 63.1. *Rom.* 12, 11. ¶ [12] See on *Lev.*1.9. ¶ [13] 2 *Cor.* 11.2. ¶ [14] *Matth.* 15. 19. Some way diſhonour'd God by neglecting to give him the praiſe and glory of his mercies. ¶ [15] *Gal.*6.9. After each courſe.

6 ¶ Now * there was a day, when the [16] ſons of God [17] came to preſent themſelves before the LORD, and † [18] Satan came alſo † among them. * Chap.2.1. † Heb. *the adverſary.*

[16] *ch.*38.7. *Dan.*5.25,28. The good Angels. ¶ [17] 1 *Kings* 22.19,21. Appear'd before God in a ſpecial manner, for ſome ſpecial end. A parabolical repreſentation of God's Providence in the government of the world. ¶ [18] 1 *Chron.* 21.1. *Zech.* 3. 1. *Rev.* 12. 10. The Arch-enemy of God's people was ready at hand to get leave to do ſome miſchief. Rev.12.9,10. 1 Chron.21.1. † Heb. *in the midſt of them.*

7 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, † Whence comeſt thou? Then Satan anſwered the LORD, and ſaid, [19] From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

[19] *Zech.*1.10,11. and 6.7. 2 *Kings* 5.25. 1 *Pet.* 5.8. To find advantage to tempt men.

8 And

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8 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Haſt thou † [20] conſidered [21] my ſervant Job, that *there* is none [22] like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and eſchewеth evil?

† Heb. *ſet thy heart on.*

[20] *Luke* 22. 31. ¶ [21] *Numb.* 12. 6, 7. *Deut.* 34. 5. *Pſal.* 78. 70. and 89. 20. *Iſa.* 42. 1. *Matth.* 12. 18. *Rom.* 1. 1. *Rev.* 1. 1. One of eminent piety. ¶ [22] Equal to him.

9 Then Satan anſwered the LORD, and ſaid, Doth Job fear God for [23] nought?

[23] Without reward, and out of pure love and reſpect to thee: *q. d.* Haſt not thou abundantly rewarded him for all his ſeeming piety? And therefore no wonder if he ſeem ſo religious.

10 Haſt not thou made an [24] hedge about him, and about his houſe, and about all that he hath on every ſide? thou haſt [25] bleſſed the work of his hands, and his ‖ ſubſtance is encreaſed in the land.

‖ Or, *cattel.*

[24] *Pſal.* 80. 12, 13. and 5. 12. and 34. 7. *Iſa.* 5. 2, 5. ¶ [25] *Pſal.* 90. 17.

11 * But [26] put forth thine hand now, and [27] touch all that he hath, † and he will [28] curſe thee to thy face.

* Chap. 2. 5. & 19. 21.

† Heb. *if he curſe thee not.*

[26] *Iſa.* 5. 25. *Ezek.* 25. 7, 13, 16. ¶ [27] *Gen.* 26. 11. *Ruth* 9. 2. *Pſal.* 105. 15. *Zech.* 2. 8. Take away or deſtroy. ¶ [28] *Iſa.* 8. 21. *Rev.* 16. 21.

12 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* [29] in thy † power, only upon [30] himſelf put not forth thine hand. So Satan [31] went forth from the preſence of the LORD.

† Heb. *hand.*

[29] *Matth.* 8. 31. *Job.* 19. 11. ¶ [30] 1 *Cor.* 10. 13. *Iſa.* 27. 8 His Perſon. ¶ [31] Haſted to execute his miſchievous deſigns againſt *Job*, according to God's permiſſion.

13 ¶ And there was a day when his ſons and his daughters *were* [32] eating and drinking wine in their eldeſt brothers houſe:

[32] *v.* 4. *Luke* 21. 34. *Eccl.* 9. 12.

14 And there came a meſſenger unto Job, and ſaid, The oxen were plowing, and the aſſes feeding beſide them:

15 And the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and took them away, yea, they have ſlain the ſervants with the edge of the ſword, and I only am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

16 [33] While he *was* yet ſpeaking, there came alſo another, and ſaid, ‖ [34] The fire of God is fallen [35] from heaven, and hath burnt up the ſheep, and the ſervants, and conſumed them, and I only am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

‖ Or, *a great fire.*

[33] Without any intermiſſion to compoſe, or arm himſelf by meditation, or the like. ¶ [34] *Gen.* 19. 24. *Numb.* 11. 1. 1 *King.* 18. 38. Lightning. ¶ [35] Out of the Air, (where the Devil is the Prince, *Eph.* 2. 2.)

17 While he *was* yet ſpeaking, there came alſo another, and ſaid, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and † fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and ſlain the ſervants with the edge of the ſword, and I only am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

† Heb. *ruſhed.*

18 While he *was* yet ſpeaking, there came alſo another, and ſaid, Thy ſons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldeſt brothers houſe:

19 And behold, there came a great [36] wind † from the wilderneſs, and ſmote [37] the four corners of the houſe, and it [38] fell upon the [39] young men, and they are dead, and I only am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

† Heb. *from aſide*, &c.

[36] A Whirlwind. ¶ [37] *Dan.* 7. 2. ¶ [38] *Matth.* 7. 27. ¶ [39] 2 *Sam.* 13. 32. His Sons. *Eccl.* 9. 1, 2. *Job* 9. 3. *Luke* 13. 1, 2. *Act.* 28. 3.

20 Then Job aroſe, and [40] rent his ‖ mantle, and [41] ſhaved his head, and [42] fell down upon the ground, and worſhipped.

‖ Or, *robe.*

[40] See on *Gen.* 37. 34. ¶ [41] See on *Lev.* 9. 3. ¶ [42] 1 *Pet.* 5. 6. See on *Deut.* 9. 18.

21 And ſaid, [43] Naked came I [44] out of my mothers womb, and [45] naked ſhall I return [46] thither: the LORD [47] gave, and the [48] LORD hath taken away; [49] bleſſed be the name of the LORD.

[43] *Eccl.* 5. 15. 1 *Tim.* 6. 7. Deſtitute of all worldly helps and ſupports. ¶ [44] Into the world. ¶ [45] *Pſal.* 49. 17. ¶ [46] Out of the world; or, into the earth, the common womb, or receptacle and repoſitory for all the dead, *Gen.* 3. 19. *Eccl.* 12. 7. ¶ [47] *Gen.* 33. 5, 11. *Joſh.* 24. 3, 4. ¶ [48] *Iſa.* 42. 24. *Am.* 3. 6. 2 *Sam.* 16. 10. *Gen.* 45. 5. 1 *King.* 12. 15. *Mat.* 20. 15. He overlooks all ſecondary cauſes, and owns God in all. ¶ [49] *Iſa.* 24. 15. *q. d.* I acknowledg him to be both juſt and good in all his ways, and bleſs him for all, whether giving or taking, 1 *Theſſ.* 5. 18. *Pſal.* 34. 1.

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22 In all [50] this Job [51] ſinned not, nor ‖ charged God [52] fooliſhly.

‖ Or, *attributed folly to God.*

[50] *Viz.* That has hitherto paſs'd from him. ¶ [51] In reſpect of the matter of which he did. ¶ [52] With any thing unbecoming his Juſtice, Goodneſs, Holineſs, Wiſdom, or the like; but heartily approved of his proceedings in all.

CHAP. II.

1 *Satan appearing again before God, obtaineth further leave to tempt Job: 7 He ſmiteth him with ſore boils. 9 Job reproveth his wife for moving him to curſe God.*

AGain there was a [1] day, when the ſons of God came to preſent themſelves before the LORD, and Satan came alſo among them [2] to preſent himſelf before the LORD. 2400.

[1] See on *ch.* 1. 6. ¶ [2] To get his Commiſſion enlarged.

2 * And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, From whence comeſt thou? And Satan anſwered the LORD, and ſaid, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

* Chap. 1. 7.

3 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Haſt thou conſidered my ſervant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, * a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and eſchewеth evil? and [3] ſtill he holdeth faſt his integrity, although thou movedſt me againſt him * to † deſtroy him [4] without cauſe.

* Chap. 1. 1, 8.

* Chap. 9. 17.

† Heb. *ſwallow him up.*

[3] *q. d.* Notwithſtanding his ſore Trials, he continues ſtill as dutiful to me, and fearful of ſin as ever. ¶ [4] Which thou hadſt no reaſon at all to do.

4 And Satan anſwered the LORD, and ſaid, [5] Skin for skin, yea all that a man hath will he give for his life.

[5] *Eſth.* 7. 4. *i. e.* The skins of all his Cattel, (which was a principal part of their Wealth in thoſe days, *ch.* 1. 3. *Gen.* 24. 39. and 30. 43.) for his own skin, or to ſave his own life; (and ſo the parts of both Propoſitions anſwer one another exactly.)

5 But [6] put forth thine hand now, and [6] touch his bone and his fleſh, and he will curſe thee to thy face.

[6] *Ch.* 1. 11. Afflict him in his Body, ſo as it may reach his Bones as well as his Fleſh.

6 * And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Behold, he *is* in thine hand, ‖ but ſave his life.

* Chap. 1. 12.

‖ Or, *only.*

7 ¶ So went [7] Satan forth from the preſence of the LORD, and ſmote Job with ſore [8] boils, [9] from the ſole of his foot unto his crown.

[7] See on *ch.* 1. 12. ¶ [8] *Exod.* 9. 9. *Deut.* 28. 27. full of anguiſh. ¶ [9] *Iſa.* 1. 6. So that he could be eaſie in no poſture.

8 And he took him a [10] potſheard to ſcrape himſelf withal; and he * ſat down among the [11] aſhes.

* Matth. 11. 21.

[10] His fingers being ſore, and there being none that would endure to come near him, *ch.* 19. 14, 17. *Pſal.* 142. 4. ¶ [11] Like a ſorrowful diſconſolate perſon, *ch.* 42. 6. *Iſa.* 61. 3. *Jon.* 3. 6.

9 ¶ Then ſaid his [12] wife unto him, Doſt thou ſtill retain thine integrity? [13] curſe God and die.

[12] *Gen.* 3. 6. ¶ [13] *ch.* 1. 11. *q. d.* Caſt off thy reverence

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of the divine Majesty, and spare not to reproach that God, who has dealt so hardly with thee, tho thou dye for it.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the [14] foolish women speaketh: what? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not [15] receive evil? [16] In all this did not Job sin with [17] his lips.

[14] 2 *Sam.*13.13. *Matth.* 16. 23. Like a wicked, ignorant Heathen. ¶ [15] *Job.*18.11. *Heb.* 12. 9. Take afflictions patiently, yea thankfully. ¶ [16] Notwithstanding all these Trials. See on *ch.*1.22. ¶ [17] *Jam.*3. 2.

11 ¶ Now when Jobs three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an
* Chap.42.11. appointment together to come * to [18] mourn with him, and to comfort him.

[18] *Nah.* 3. 7. *Isa.*51.19. *Rom.* 12. 15. *Heb.* 13. 3.

12 And when they lift up their eyes afar off, and [19] knew him not, they [20] lifted up their voice and wept, and they [21] rent every one his mantle, and
* Neh.9. 1. Lam. 2. 10. Ezek.27. 30. * [22] sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

[19] *Lam.*4. 7, 8. ¶ [20] *Gen.* 50. 10,11. 2 *Sam.* 18. 33. ¶ [21] See on *Gen.*37.34. ¶ [22] *Josh.*7.6. See there.

13 So they [23] sat down with him upon the ground [24] seven days and seven nights, and none [25] spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his* grief was [26] very great.

[23] *Isa.* 47.1. *Lam.*2.10. *Neh.*1.4. ¶ [24] The greatest part of that time. ¶ [25] *Psal.*77.-4. *Lam.*3. 28. and 2. 10. *viz.* by way of argument and dispute; (as they did afterwards.) ¶ [26] (And that therefore he was uncapable of discourse, or of any benefit by it, *Exod.*6.9. *Isa.*22.4.)

CHAP. III.

1 *Job curseth the day and services of his birth.*
13 *The ease of death.*

2400. 1 AFter this [2] opened Job his mouth, and [3] cursed his day.

[1] *q.d.* Tho hitherto *Job* had manifested much patience and submission under his Trials, and bridled his passions, yet now at length he gave too much vent to 'em, in bitter complaints of his Birth-day. ¶ [2] *ch.*2.-10. *Psal.* 106.33. ¶ [3] Thereby to shew how much he abhorr'd his Life, and how unhappy a thing he thought it that ever he was born.

† Heb. *answered.* 2 And Job † spake, and said,

* Ch.10.18,19 Jer. 15. 10. 3 * Let the day [4] perish wherein I was born, and the night *in which* it was said, There is a man-child conceived.

[4] *Jer.*20. 14. Be taken no notice of, as if there were no such day.

5 *Exod.*10.-22 6 *Deut.*11. 12. 4 Let that day be [5] darkness, let not God [6] regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

‖ Or, *challenge* ‖ Or, *let them terrifie it as those* who have *a bitter day*, Amos 8. 10. 5 Let darkness and the [7] shadow of death ‖ stain it, let a cloud dwell upon it, ‖ let the blackness of the day [8] terrifie it.

[7] *Ch.* 10.21,22. and 24. 17. and 38.17. *Psal.*23.4 & 44.19. *Isa.* 9. 2. *Matth.* 4.-16. Such a dismal darkness as in the place of the dead. ¶ [8] Cause terror to all.

6 *As for* that night, let [9] darkness seise upon it, let it not ‖ be joyned unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

‖ Or, *rejoyce among the days.*

[9] *Act.* 27. 20. Constant and extraordinary darkness, without the least glimmering of light.

7 Lo, Let that night be [10] solitary, let [11] no joyful voice come therein.

[10] Void of meetings for mirth or any business. ¶ [11] *Isa.* 13. 21.

8 Let them curse it that [12] curse the day, who are [13] ready to raise up ‖ their mourning.

‖ Or, *a leviathan.*

[12] Who in their funeral Songs and doleful Ditties curse the day of such a one's death, or wherein such and such sad accidents befel 'em. ¶ [13] Who make a trade of mourning, and are so artificial at it, that they have tears at command, and can raise their passions to the highest pitch upon any occasion.

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9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark, let it look for light, but *have* none, neither let it see the † dawning of the day:

† Heb. *eyelids of the morning*, Ch. 41. 18.

10 Because it [14] shut not up the doors of my *mothers* womb, nor [15] hid sorrow from mine eyes.

[14] *Gen.*20.17,18. and 29. 31,32. and 30. 22. Hindred not my Mother from conceiving me. ¶ [15] Kept me from the sense of those bitter sorrows I now groan under.

11 * Why died I not [16] from the womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

* Ch.10. 18.

[16] *Ch.* 10. 18. As soon as I had life in the Womb.

12 Why did the [17] knees [18] prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

[17] *Gen.*30.3. Of the Midwife. ¶ [18] From falling on the ground and dying there. *Ezek.*16.-5.

13 For now should I have [19] lien still and been quiet, I should have slept; then had I been at rest;

[19] *Isa.* 57. 2.

14 [20] With kings and counsellors of the earth, which * built [21] desolate places for themselves.

* Chap.15.28.

[20] *q. d.* I had been equal in condition with the most renowned Monarchs. ¶ [21] Of *magnificent Sepulchres*, as *Ezek.* 26. 20.

15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

16 Or as an hidden [22] untimely birth I had [23] not been; as infants *which* never saw light.

[22] *Psal.*58.8. ¶ [23] *viz.* In the land of the living.

17 [24] There the [25] wicked cease *from* troubling: and there the † [26] weary be at rest.

† Heb. *wearied in strength.*

[24] In death. ¶ [25] Restless, and unquiet Oppressors, *Isa.*57. 20. ¶ [26] Such as are tired out by the oppression of others.

18 *There* the prisoners rest together, * they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

* Chap9.3. 7.

19 [27] The small and [27] great are there, and the servant *is* free from his master.

[27] Rich and poor (*Jer.* 5.4,5. *Psal.*49.2.) are in the same place or state.

20 [29] Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the [30] bitter *in* soul?

[29] *q. d.* Since death affords a remedy for all miseries, why is it denied to me? ¶ [30] Inwardly disquieted by reason of their extream sufferings.

21 Which † [31] long for death, but it *cometh* not, and dig for it more then for hid treasures?

† Heb. *wait.* [31] *Rev.*9. 6.

22 Which rejoyce exceedingly, *and* are glad when they can [32] find the grave?

[32] See death approaching.

23 *Why is light given* to a man whose [33] way is hid, and * whom God hath [34] hedged in?

* Chap.19.8. [33] *Isa.*40.27. *viz.* Of deliverance out of misery. ¶ [34] *ch.* Lam. 3. 7. 1. 10. and 12.-14. and 19.8. *Lam.* 3. 7, 9. *Hos.* 2.6. Involved in such difficulties that he can't possibly get out.

24 For [35] my sighing cometh before † I eat, and my [36] rorings are [37] poured out like the waters.

† Heb. *my meat.* [35] *Ch.* 7.19. *Psal.*102.9. My extremity is such, that I can't enjoy one moment of ease. ¶ [36] *Psal.*32.3. Grievous complaints. ¶ [37] *Psal.*22.14. and 119.136. *Am.*5.24.

25 [38] For † the [39] thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

† Heb. *I feared a fear, and it came upon me.* [38] *q. d.* I may well be weary of life, and repent that ever I was born, because— ¶ [39] I was always very fearful of a change, considering the uncertainty of all things here below; and accordingly it is come to pass.

26 [40] I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet: yet trouble came.

[40] *q. d.* In my greatest prosperity I did not live secure, as wicked men use to do, nor promise my self the continuance of it, but rather was in continual expectation of trouble, yet I sped never the better for it.

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CHAP. IV.

1 *Eliphaz reproveth Job for want of religion.* 7 *He teacheth Gods judgments to be, not for the righteous, but for the wicked.* 12 *His fearful vision to humble the excellencies of creatures before God.*

2400. THen Eliphaz the Temanite [1] answered and said,

[1] His scope is to maintain, that God proportions Corrections according to mens sins; and therefore *Job* being so grievously punish'd, must needs be a grievous Sinner.

† Heb. *a word.* † Heb. *refrain from words?*

2 *If* we essay † to commune with thee, [2] wilt thou be grieved? but who can † with-hold himself from speaking?

[2] 2 *Tim.* 4.3. *q. d.* It's very like thou mayst be vext at it, but it should not be so.

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast [3] strengthened the weak hands.

[3] *Isa.*35.3,4. *Heb.*12.12. *Exek.* 7. 17. Encouraged 'em to bear their troubles patiently, and to go on in the ways of piety.

[4] Fainting. * Isa. 35. 3. [5] *Psal.*109.24. *Dan.*5.-6. † Heb. *bowing.* Heb.12.12.

4 Thy words have upholden him that was [4] falling, and thou * hast strengthened the [5] † feeble knees.

5 [6] But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it [7] toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

[6] *q. d.* But now thou canst not learn the same Lesson thou didst teach others; for now, that affliction is come, thou canst not bear it patiently. ¶ [7] *ch.*1. 11. To the quick.

6 [8] *Is* not *this* thy [9] fear, thy [10] confidence, thy [11] hope, and the [12] uprightness of thy ways?

[8] *q. d.* Now it appears plainly that all thy pretences to piety were but meerly hypocritical. ¶ [9] *ch.* 1. 1. *viz.* Of God, *i. e.* thy Piety and Religion. ¶ [10] Trust in God, *Prov.* 3.26. ¶ [11] *ch.*17.15. Of freedom from evil, and enjoyment of good. ¶ [12] 2 *King.* 20. 3. Thy just dealing with men, (which thou hast been so much commended for, *ch.*1.1.)

7 [13] Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* [14] perished being [15] innocent? or where were [16] the righteous cut off?

[13] Give one instance hereof now if thou canst. ¶ [14] Was so totally ruin'd and miserably afflicted as thou art. ¶ [15] Not guilty of some heinous crime or other. ¶ [16] Who live justly.

* Psal. 7. 14. Gal.6.7,8.

8 [17] Even as I have seen * they that [18] plow iniquity, and [18] sow wickedness, reap the [19] same.

[17] *q. d.* As thou hast never seen an innocent person thus dealt with, so on the contrary I have seen many wicked men thus cut off. ¶ [18] *Hos.* 10. 13. *Prov.* 3. 29. and 6. 18. Make a trade of it to contrive and execute their wicked designs. ¶ [19] The just reward of their wickedness, *Prov.* 22. 8. *Jer.*4.18. *Gal.*6.8. (and so dost thou, O *Job.*)

‖ That is, *by his anger*, as Isa. 30. 33. See Exod. 15.8. Chap.1. 19. & 15.30. Isa.11.4 2 Thess.2.8.

9 [20] By the blast of God they perish, and ‖ by the [20] breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

[20] 2 *King.* 19. 7. By some secret Judgment.

* Psal.58.6.

10 [21] The roring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and * the teeth of the young lions are broken.

[21] *q. d.* And not only such wicked men as are weak, but the strongest, stoutest, and fiercest, with all their Dependents, are destroyed by God.

11 [22] The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lions whelps are [23] scattered abroad.

[22] *Psal.* 34.10. Cruel Oppressors are destroyed some way or other. ¶ [23] To seek food, but can find none.

† Heb. *by stealth.*

12 [24] Now a thing was † [25] secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a [26] little † thereof.

[24] What before he endeavoured to prove by his own observation, now he proves by a vision. ¶ [25] *Psal.* 62. 11. By a vision in the night, *v.* 13. ¶ [26] 1 *Cor.* 13. 12. He speaks modestly of himself. ¶ † Of the Will and Word of God, (in this Vision.)

13 [27] In thoughts from the visions of the [28] night, when [29] deep sleep falleth on men.

[27] *Dan.* 2.29. and 4. 5. ¶ [28] *ch.* 33.15. *Dan.*2.19. *Numb.* 22.19,20. As I lay awake in the night. ¶ [29] *Gen.* 2. 21. *Jon.* 1. 5.

† Heb. *met me.* † Heb. *the multitude of my bones.*

14 [30] Fear † came upon me, and trembling which made † all my bones to shake.

[30] *Ch.*7.14. *Isa.* 6. 5. *Dan.* 10. 8. *Hab.* 3. 16. *Rev.* 1. 17.

[31] An Angel in a visible shape.

15 Then [31] a spirit passed before my face, the hair of my flesh stood up.

‖ Or, *I heard a still voice.*

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the [32] form thereof: an image *was* before mine eyes, ‖ *there was* [33] silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*,

[32] *Viz.* Exactly and distinctly. ¶ [33] *Hab.* 2. 20.

* Chap.9.2.

17 *Shall [34] mortal man be more just then God? shall a man be more pure then his maker?

¶ [34] *Ch.* 14. 1. *q. d.* Thou art ready to accuse God of dealing hardly with thee, and punishing thee more than thou deservest, but that's impossible.

* Chap.15.15. & 25.5. 2 Pet. 2. 4. ‖ Or, *nor in his angels* in whom *he put light.*

18 Behold, [35] he * put no trust in his servants; ‖ and his angels [16] he charged with folly.

[35] He could not trust the Angels (his special, domestick servants, *Psal.*103.21. and 104.4.) with the keeping of themselves, as if they were able to stand by their own power, but was feign to bestow confirming Grace upon 'em, without which they'd have fallen, as their fellows did ¶ [36] He discern'd folly and vanity in the Angelical Nature, when he first made 'em, as being but Creatures, and so subject to fall from God into sin; (and if they come infinitely short of God's perfections, how impious and absurd is it to think, that Man is more just and pure than God? as thou seemest to surmise.)

[37] 2 *Cor.*5.1. ¶ [38] *ch.*10.9. and 13. 12. and 33.6. Frail mutable Bodies. ¶ [39] Original was from the dust, *Eccl.*12. 7. *Gen.*3.-19. ¶ [40] Sooner than a Moth.

19 How much less *on* them that dwell in [37] houses of [38] clay, whose [39] foundation *is* in the dust, *which* are crushed [40] before the moth?

† Heb. *beaten in pieces.*

20 [41] They are † destroyed from morning to evening: they perish [42] for ever [43] without any regarding *it.*

[41] *Psal.*90.5,6. All the day long they are continually decaying and drawing on towards death and corruption. ¶ [42] Never to return into this world again, *ch.* 14. 14. and 16. 22. *Psal.*39.13. ¶ [43] And this is a thing of course, which few or none lay to heart, so as to repent and reform.

21 Doth not their [44] excellency *which is* in them, [45] go away? they die, even [46] without wisdom.

[44] *Cen.*49. 3. Whatsoever is esteemed excellent in 'em. ¶ [45] *Psal.*39.11. and 49.-14. Not survive 'em, but dye and perish with 'em. ¶ [46] *ch.* 36. -12. *Psal.*49. 20. Tho they are Masters of never so much wisdom in their life time, yet in death it all vanishes, together with their other excellencies.

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CHAP. V.

1 *The harm of inconsideration.* 3 *The end of the wicked is misery.* 6 *God is to be regarded in affliction.* 17 *The happy end of God's correction.*

2400. CAll now, if there be any that will [1] answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou ‖ [2] turn?

‖ Or, *look.*

[1] Furnish thee with an instance of a godly man punish'd as thou art. ¶ [2] To find an instance among 'em of one so afflicted.

‖ Or, *indignation.*

2 [3] For [4] wrath killeth the [5] foolish man, and ‖ [6] envy slayeth the silly one.

[3] *q. d.* I am sure thou canst not; for God punishes only the wicked. ¶ [4] God's wrath. ¶ [5] *Psal.* 107.17. *Prov.* 1. 32. and 8.5. and 9. 13. The wicked, who is void of true spiritual Wisdom. ¶ [6] Or, *Jealousie*; or, *Indignation*, i.e. the wrath of God who is a jealous God.

* Psal.37.35.

3 * I have seen the foolish [7] taking root: but suddenly [8] I cursed his habitation.

[7] Flourishing, *Psal.* 37.35. ¶ [8] I judged him unhappy, and saw a Curse hanging over all that belong'd to him; (and this will be thy portion.)

4 His children are [9] far from safety, and they

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are [10] cruſhed in the gate, neither *is there* any to [11] deliver *them.*

[9] *Pſal.*119.155. Expos'd to great dangers and calamities. ¶ [10] *Pſal.*109.7. Oppreſs'd in their Law-ſuits, and ruin'd thereby. ¶ [11] *Pſal.* 109.12.

5 Whoſe harveſt the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even [12] out of the thorns, and [13] the robber ſwalloweth up their ſubſtance.

[12] Notwithſtanding any means the owner may uſe to ſecure it, or any danger the Robber may incur to get it. ¶ [13] *ch.*18.9. He reflects upon *Job* in theſe paſſages.

‖ Or, *iniquity.*

6 Although ‖ affliction cometh not [14] forth of the duſt, neither doth trouble ſpring [15] out of the ground:

[14] By chance, or only from ſecondary Cauſes, (and therefore God is to be own'd in it, and ſought unto, *v.* 8.) ¶ [15] Of its ſelf, without any concurrence of man's labor.

‖ Or, *labor.* † Heb. *the ſons of the burning coal lift up to fly.*

7 Yet man is born unto ‖ trouble, as † the ſparks flie upwards.

8 [16] I would [17] ſeek unto God, and unto God would I [18] commit my cauſe.

[16] *q. d.* Since every man has a portion of trouble, (*v.* 7.) and they come not by chance, (*v.* 6.) therefore inſtead of complaining, thou ſhouldſt ſeek unto God for relief; and if I were in thy caſe, I'd do ſo. ¶ [17] *Pſal* 9.10. and 34.4. ¶ [18] *Pſal.*37.5. Refer my ſelf to his providence, and hope for relief from him.

† Heb. there is *no ſearch.* † Heb. *till* there be *no number.*

9 Which doeth [19] great things, and † [20] unſearchable; marvellous things † without number.

[19] *Ch.*9.10. *Pſal.*72.-18. and 40.5. and 86.10. (and therefore is able to help thee, if thou ſeekeſt to him, or to puniſh thee far worſe, if thou continueſt to provoke him; and alſo is not to be ſo boldly expoſtulated with.) ¶ [20] *Pſal.* 145.-3. *Rom.*11.33.

† Heb. *out-places.*

10 Who [21] giveth rain upon the earth, and ſendeth waters upon the † fields:

[21] *Ch.*28.26. *Jer.*5.24. and 10.13. *Am.*5.8. *Act.*14.17.

11 [22] To ſet up on high thoſe that be low; that thoſe which [23] mourn may be exalted to ſafety.

[22] 1 *Sam.*2.7. *Pſal.* 113.7. *q. d.* To ſupply thoſe that in their neceſſities humbly depend on him. ¶ [23] *viz.* By reaſon of their wants.

12 He [24] diſappointeth the devices of the crafty, ſo that their hands [25] cannot perform ‖ their enterpriſe.

‖ Or, *and thing*

[24] *Pſal.*33.10. *Neh.*4.15. *Iſa.*14.24,25. *Gen.*50.20. *Eſth.* 9.24, 25. So it comes to paſs many times. ¶ [25] *Pſal.* 76.5. *Iſa.*8.10.

13 He taketh the wiſe in their own craftineſs: and the counſel of the [27] froward is [28] carried headlong.

[26] 1 *Cor.*3.19. See there. *Pſal.*7.15,16. and 9.15,16. and 35.7,8. and 141.10. ¶ [27] Deceitful perſons, who turn themſelves every way for advantage. ¶ [28] Tumbled down, and miſcarries through their own raſhneſs.

‖ Or, *run into.*

14 They ‖ [29] meet with darkneſs in the daytime, and [30] grope in the noon-day as in the night.

[29] *Iſa.*19.3,13,14. and 59.10. *Am.* 8.9. Are ſo beſotted, that they run into groſs miſtakes in the plaineſt caſes, and are puzled to find out things moſt clear. ¶ [30] *ch.* 12.25. *Deut.*28.29.

15 But he ſaveth the [31] poor from the ſword, from [32] their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

[31] *Pſal.*72.4. Him that humbles himſelf, and ſeeks to God. ¶ [32] The reproaches of thoſe crafty ones, *v.* 12.

16 So the poor hath [33] hope, and [34] iniquity ſtoppeth her mouth.

[33] Great cauſe to hope in God's mercy for deliverance, by this experience he has had of his goodneſs to him. ¶ [34] *Pſal.*107.42. r *Sam.*2.9. wicked men are confounded, and have nothing to ſay at ſuch diſpenſations.

17 [35] Behold, [36] happy *is* the man whom God [37] correcteth: therefore [38] deſpiſe not thou the chaſtening of the [39] Almighty.

[35] *q. d.* 'Tis indeed matter of admiration that men in affliction ſhould be happy, but ſo it is. Here's another argument to ſubmit to God's hand, by reaſon of the benefit that may be gain'd by affliction. ¶ [36] *Pſal.*94.12. and 119.67,71. *Jam.* 1. 12. and 5.11. *Rev.*3.19. ¶ [37] By affliction brings to repentance and holineſs, *Heb.*12.-10. *Jer.* 31. 18, 19. ¶ [38] *Prov.*3.11, 12. *Heb.*12.5,6. Count it not a uſeleſs, unprofitable event, but eſteem highly of it as a great priviledg, and an excellent means of happineſs, and improve it accordingly. ¶ [39] Who is able to turn afflictions to our good, *Rom.* 8.28.

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18 For he [40] maketh ſore, and [41] bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

[40] *Deut.*32.39. 1 *Sam.* 2.6. *Hoſ.* 6.1. ¶ [41] *Iſa.*30.-26. *Pſal.* 147.3. *Ezek.*34.4.

19 He ſhall [42] deliver thee in ſix troubles: yea, in ſeven there ſhall no evil [43] touch thee.

¶ [42] *Pſal.*34.19. and 91.7. *Prov.* 24. 16. Keep thee from thoſe troubles that fall on others (2 *Pet.*2.7. *Rev.* 3.10.) if thou ſeek to him, *v.* 8. ¶ [43] So as to undo or deſtroy thee.

20 In [44] famine he ſhall redeem thee from death; and in war, from the † power of the ſword.

† Heb. *hands.*

[44] *Pſal.*33.19. and 34.10. and 37.-19. *Prov.* 10.3. *Hab.* 3.17, 18.

21 Thou ſhalt be [45] hid ‖ from the [46] ſcourge of the tongue: neither ſhalt thou be afraid of deſtruction when it [47] cometh.

‖ Or, *when the tongue ſcourgeth.*

[45] *Pſal.*31.20. ¶ [46] *Prov.*14.3. ¶ [47] *viz.* Upon others.

22 At deſtruction and famine thou ſhalt [48] laugh; * neither ſhalt thou be afraid of the beaſts of the earth.

* Iſa. 11.9. & 35.9. & 65.25. Ezek.34.25.

[48] Rejoyce that thou art ſecured from 'em, when others are deſtroyed thereby.

23 For thou *ſhalt be* [49] in league * with the ſtones of the field: and the [50] beaſts of the field ſhall be at peace with thee.

* Pſal.91.12.

[49] Free from any miſchief by 'em. ¶ [50] *Hoſ.* 2, 18.

24 And thou ſhalt [51] know that ‖ thy tabernacle *ſhall be* in peace; and thou ſhalt [52] viſit thy habitation, and ſhalt not ‖ ſin.

‖ Or, *peace is thy tabernacle* ‖ Or, *err.*

[51] Find by experience that thy habitation, and all that belongs to it, ſhall be ſafe. ¶ [52] Manage thy domeſtick Affairs with care and diligence, and ſo as to keep thy ſelf and them free from enormous ſins.

25 Thou ſhalt know alſo that thy ſeed *ſhall be* ‖ [53] great, and thine offſpring as the graſs of the earth.

‖ Or, *much.*

[53] *Pſal.*128.-3,6. Numerous and proſperous.

26 Thou ſhalt come to *thy* grave in a [54] full age, like as a ſhock of corn † cometh in, in its ſeaſon.

[54] *Gen.*25.8. *Pſal.*102.24. *Deut.*34.7. † Heb. *aſcendeth.*

27 Lo this, we have [55] ſearched it, ſo it *is*; [56] hear it, and [57] know thou *it* for thy † good.

† Heb. *ſelf,*

[55] *Pſal.*111.2. Examin'd the truth of what has been deliver'd. ¶ [56] *Iſa.* 55.3. *Pſal.* 81.11, 13. So as to practiſe accordingly. ¶ [57] *Prov.* 9.12. Apply it to thy ſelf.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Job ſheweth that his complaints are not cauſleſs.* 8 *He wiſheth for death, wherein he is aſſured of comfort.* 14 *He reproveth his friends of unkindneſs.*

BUt Job anſwered and ſaid,

2 Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity † laid in the balances together. 2400.

† Heb. *lifted up.*

3 For now it would be [1] heavier then the ſand of the ſea: therefore ‖ my words are [2] ſwallowed up.

‖ That is, *I want words to expreſs my grief.*

[1] *Prov.*27.3. (No wonder then if I complain.) ¶ [2] *viz.* By my grief, which drowns 'em, that I cannot ſpeak, (*Pſal.* 77.4.) and ſtops my mouth that I am not able to utter what I would ſay.

4 For the [3] arrows of the almighty *are* within me, [4] the poiſon whereof drinketh up my ſpirit: the [5] terrors of God do ſet themſelves in array againſt me.

[3] *Deut.*

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[3] *Deut.*32.33. *Psal.*38.2. Grievous pains in my body, and impressions of Gods wrath on my conscience, which wound my spirit inwardly. ¶ [4] The violence and extremity thereof by degrees waste my life. ¶ [5] *Psal.*88.15,16. Those terrible judgments he has laid upon me.

†Heb.*at grass.* 5 [6] Doth the wild ass bray, † when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder?

[6] *q. d.* Even nature it self prompts the bruit beasts to betray some kind of discontent and mourning when there's cause for it, and why should not I have the same liberty?

6 [7]Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there *any* taste in the white of an egg?

[7] *q.d.* Your discourses want the seasoning of wisdom, reason, experience, *&c.* and therefore are ungrateful; nay they are full of reproaches, and therefore are distastful and bitter to me.

7 [8] The things *that* my soul refused to touch, *are* as my sorrowful meat.

[8] Those grievous afflictions which I was afraid but to taste of, I am feign now to suffer in a high degree.

† Heb. *my expectation.* 8 O that I might have my request! and that God would grant *me* † the thing that I long for!

[9] 1 *Kin.*19.4. *Jon.*4.3. 9 Even that it would please God to [9] destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off.

10 [10] Then should I yet have comfort, yea, [11] I would harden my self in sorrow; [12] let him not spare, [13] for I have not concealed the words

*Lev.10.2. Isa.57.15. of *the [14] holy One.

[10] *q. d.* The thoughts of my approaching death would comfort me in all my sorrows. ¶ [11] I'd resolutely and undauntedly endure any sorrow in order to my end. ¶ [12] I'd not intreat him to spare me, but would be content that he should afflict me as much as he pleases. ¶ [13] *Psal.*40.9, 10. and 119.13. *Acts* 20.20,27. *q. d.* I am not afraid of death, because I have not smother'd any light, nor refus'd any counsel, but have endeavour'd to commend and communicate 'em to others. ¶ [14] 1 *Sam.*2.2. *Hos.*11.9. *Hab.*3.3.

11 [15] What *is* my strength, that I should hope? and [16] what *is* mine end, that I should [17] prolong my life?

[15] *q. d.* My strength is almost quite spent, so that I can have little hope to hold out, much less to recover out of this condition. ¶ [16] What evil can there be in my end? ¶ [17] Desire it; *q. d.* I see little hope of life, and have but little comfort in it to desire it, nor any hurt in death that I should fear it.

12 [18] *Is* my strength the strength of stones?

†Heb. *brasen.* or *is* my flesh † of brass?

[18] *Psal.*103.14,15. I am utterly unable to endure these miseries any longer.

13 [19] *Is* not my help in me? and is [20] wisdom driven quite from me?

[19] *q. d.* Tho' outward helps are gone, and you censure me for an Hypocrite, (*ch.*4.6.) yet I have something within (the testimony of a good conscience) to help at a dead lift, which will support me under all, *Isa.*6.13. *Gal.*6.4. ¶ [20] Don't I know my own condition, and the nature and degree of my sufferings better than you? Am not I best able to judge whether I have integrity or no?

†Heb. *melteth.* 14 To him that † is afflicted [21] pity *should be shewed* from his friend; but [22] he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

[21] 2 *Cor.*11.29. (Not censures and reproaches.) ¶ [22] His Friend, who does not pity him, but condemns him when he should comfort him, thereby shews that he has no true fear of God in him.

15 My brethren have [23] dealt deceitfully as a

*Jer.15.18. brook, *and* * as the stream of brooks they pass away:

[23] *Psal.*38.11. and 88.18. Promising comfort and support, but failing me in my greatest need: (as Brooks that are full of water in Winter, but when Summer comes they fail, the Traveller that seeks to 'em for refreshment.)

16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, *and* wherein the snow is hid:

†Heb. *are cut off.* † Heb. *in the heat thereof.* † Heb. *extinguished.* 17 What time they wax warm they † vanish, † when it is hot, they are † consumed out of their place.

18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.

19 The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.

20 They were [24] confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed.

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21 [25] For now ‖ ye are † [26] nothing; ye see *my* casting down, and are [27] afraid.

[24] *Jer.*14.3. ‖ Or, *are like to them.* Heb. *to it.* † Heb. *not.*

[25] *q. d.* It appears you are deceitful, (*v.*15.) by your dealing with me now, in my adversity, when I stand in need of your help. ¶ [26] Afford me no comfort at all. ¶ [27] *Psal.* 38.11. and 88.18. *Viz.* Lest I should prove a burden to you, (and therefore you turn strangers to me.)

22 [28] Did I say, Bring unto me? or give a reward for me of your substance?

[28] *q. d.* Methinks you might afford me a few comfortable words, seeing I neither am, nor desire to be, any other ways beholding to you.

23 Or deliver me from the enemies hand? or redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

24 [29] Teach me, and I will [30] hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

[29] *q.d.* If you can convince me of any error I shall submit. ¶ [30] *James* 1.19. Complain no more of my sorrows, but hear you silently, and heed you diligently.

25 [31] How forcible are right words! but [32] what doth your arguing reprove?

[31] *Eccl.*12.10. Solid Arguments have a marvellous power to convince and perswade men. ¶ [32] Your words prove nothing at all.

26 [33] Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which *are* as wind?

[33] Do you think you have nothing to answer or reprove, but a company of idle words?

27 Yea, ye † [34] overwhelm the fatherless, and you [35] dig *a pit* for your friend.

† Heb. *cause to fall upon.*

[34] Oppress me, a helpless person, with your bitter censures and calumnies, and so add misery to my misery. ¶ [35] *Isa.*29.11. *Jer.*18.20. Design mischief against me.

28 Now therefore [36] be content, [37] look upon me, for [38] *it is* † evident unto you, if I lie.

† Heb. *before your face.*

[36] Be not so rash to condemn me, but deal more kindly with me now at length, than you have done hitherto. ¶ [37] Consider me well, both what I am, and what I have said, and what my condition is. ¶ [38] You'l easily find it out if I speak false, or maintain a bad cause.

29 [39] * Return, I pray you, [40] let it not be iniquity; yea, [41] return again, [42] my righteousness *is* ‖ in it.

* Chap.17.10. ‖ That is, *in this matter.*

[39] Bethink your selves of the wrong you have done me, and repent of it. ¶ [40] Let me not be charged with sin and hypocrisie for what I have said. ¶ [41] Think again and better of it. ¶ [42] I doubt not but upon further consideration the righteousness of my cause and person will fully appear to you.

30 [43] Is there iniquity in my tongue? [44] cannot my † taste discern perverse things?

† Heb. *palate.*

[43] Have I spoken any thing that is untrue? ¶ [44] *Heb.* 5. 14. *q. d.* I am not so stupid but that I can discern falshood from truth, either in my own words or yours.

CHAP. VII.

1 Job excuseth his desire of death. 12 He complaineth of his own restlessness, and Gods watchfulness.

IS *there* not ‖ an [1] appointed time to man upon earth? *are not* his days also like the days of an [2] hireling?

2400. ‖ Or, *a warfare*

[1] *Ch.*14.5,14. ¶ [2] *ch.*14.6. *Isa.*16.14. Who has a set time for his painful service, and longs till night comes to put an end to it; so may I desire death.

2 As a servant † earnestly desireth the [3] shadow, and as an hireling looketh for [4] *the reward* of his work:

† Heb. *gapeth after.*

[3] *Isa.*16.3. and 25.4,5. and 32.2. Some place of refreshing. ¶ [4] For the night, when he may be freed from his labour, and receive his reward.

3 [5] So am I made to possess * months of [6] vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

* See Ch.29.2.

[5] *q. d.* As they endure much toil and hardship, so——— ¶ [6] *Psal.*39.5. Void of that comfort I expected.

4 When I lie down, [7] I say, When shall I arise,

[7] Deut.28.67.

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rise, and † the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

† Heb. *the evening be measured.*

5 My flesh is clothed with [8] worms and [9] clods of dust, my skin is broken, and become [10] loathsom.

[8] Which bred in his sores, *ch.*17.14. ¶ [9] Scabs. ¶ [10] *ch.* 17. 14.

* Chap.9.25. & 17.11. Psal. 90. 6. & 102.11. Jam.4. 14.

6 * My days are [11] swifter then a weavers shuttle, and are spent [12] without hope.

[11] *Ch.*9.25. and 16.22. and 17.11. *Psal.*90.6. and 102.11. and 103.15. and 144.4. *Isa.* 38. 12. and 40.6. *James* 4. 14. (And therefore there's little likelyhood that I should live to enjoy any more good days in this world.) ¶ [12] *Viz.* Of recovering my prosperity, (as you made me believe, *ch.*5.24.)

* Psal. 89.47. † Heb. *not return to see,* that is, *to enjoy.*

7 O remember that * my life *is* [13] wind: [14] mine eye shall † no more see good.

[13] *Psal.*78.39. *James* 4.14. Quickly gone; (and therefore deal with me as such a frail, weak creature.) ¶ [14] *q.d.* When I am dead I shall no more return to my former possessions and worldly prosperity.

* Chap.20.9.

8 * The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me [15] no *more:* thine eyes *are* [16] upon me and ‖ I *am* not.

‖ That is, *I can live no longer.*

[15] *Viz.* In this mortal state. ¶ [16] To destroy me.

9 *As* the cloud is consumed, and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave, shall come up [17] no *more.*

[17] *Psal.*103.16. *Viz.* To live again in this world, *v.* 10. *ch.*14.-10. and 16.22. *Psal.*39.-13. 2 *Sam.*12.23. and 14.14. *Isa.*38.11.

* Chap.20.9. Psal.103.16.

10 He shall return no more to his house, * neither shall his place know him any more.

11 [18] Therefore I will not refrain my [19] mouth, I will speak in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

[18] *q. d.* Since there's no hope that my condition should be better in this world, therefore I'l give some vent to the extremity of my sorrow by my complaints. ¶ [19] From complaining.

12 *Am* I a [20] sea, or a [20] whale, that thou settest a [21] watch over me?

[20] So unruly that nothing but such strong chains of affliction can tame or rule me? ¶ [21] To keep me from escaping out of my troubles.

* Ch.9. 27,28.

13 *When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint:

14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and [22] terrifiest me through [22] visions.

[22] *Deut.* 28.34.

15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, *and* death rather then my † life.

† Heb. *bones.*

16 [23] I lothe *it*, I would not live alway: [24] let me alone, for * my days *are* [25] vanity.

* Psal.62.9.

[23] *Ch.* 10. 1. ¶ [24] *ch.* 10. 20. and 14. 6. *Psal.* 39.10,13. Either give over afflicting me, or else cease from preserving my miserable life. ¶ [25] (And therefore need not be made more miserable, or fading than they are of themselves.)

17 What *is* man, that thou shouldest [26] magnifie him? and that thou shouldest [26] set thine heart upon him?

[26] 1 *Sam.*24.14. *Psal.*144.3. *Hebr.*2.6. Value him so highly as to be at the cost of disciplining and correcting him.

18 And *that* thou shouldest [27] visit him every morning, *and* [27] try him every moment?

[27] Deal so kindly with him, (*Psal.* 8.-4.) as to spare him, and make further trial of him; rather put an end to my life: for poor, base man is not worthy of this great honour, that thou shouldest concern or busie thy self so much about him.

19 [28] How long wilt thou not [28] depart from me, nor let me alone [29] till I swallow down my spittle?

[28] *q. d.* Since thou art so favourable to the generality of mankind, why wilt thou not be so to me, and withdraw thy afflicting hand from me? ¶ [29] *ch.* 9.18. *i. e.* So long as that I may have time to spit.

* Psal.32.6. * Psal.21.12. Lam.3.12.

20 [30] I have sinned, what shall I do unto thee, * O thou preserver of men? why * hast thou set me as a [31] mark against thee, so that I am a burden to my self?

[30] *q. d.* I confess my self a sinner, and therefore obnoxious to thy justice; but what shall I do to appease thy wrath, and regain thy favour? ¶ [31] For thee to shoot all thy arrows at, *ch.*16.-12.

21 And why dost thou not [32] pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for [33] now shall I sleep in the dust, and thou shalt seek me in the morning, *but* I *shall* [34] not *be.*

[32] Remove the punishment (as thou dost to others.) ¶ [33] *q. d.* If thou dost not come speedily to help me, it will be too late. ¶ [34] *v.*8.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Bildad sheweth Gods justice, in dealing with men according to their works. 8 He alledgeth antiquity to prove the certain destruction of the hypocrite. 20 He applyeth Gods just dealing to Job.

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THen answered [1] Bildad the Shuhite, and said, 2400.

[1] *Bildad* endeavours to defend *Eliphaz*'s speech, and to shew that both *Job* and his children were punish'd for their wickedness; and that suddain destruction will come upon all hypocrites, unless they repent, and thon they may expect happiness.

2 [2] How long wilt thou speak [3] these *things?* and *how long shall* the words of thy mouth *be like* a [4] strong wind.

[2] *Ch.*7.19. ¶ [3] *ch.*7.19,20,21. So dishonourable to God, and unprofitable to man. ¶ [4] Violent and bruitishly impetuous, not sparing even God himself.

3 Doth God [5] pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

[5] *Ch.*34.17. *Gen.*18.25. *Deut.*32.1. 2 *Chron.* 19.7. *Rom.* 3. 5,6. *Dan.*9.14. (As thy words seem to imply.)

4 If thy children have [6] sinned against him, and he have cast them away † for their transgression:

[6] In some heinous manner. † Heb. *in the hand of their transgression.*

5 * [7] If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;

* Chap.5.8.

[7] *Ch.*11.13. and 22.23. *q.d.* Tho' 'tis true, they are destroy'd, yet thou art still in a capacity of mercy, if thou seekest to him for it; and therefore cease those causless and unthankful complaints.

6 If thou *wert* [8] pure and [8] upright; surely now he would [9] awake for thee, and make the habitation [10] of thy righteousness prosperous.

[8] Of a sincere heart and blameless life, as thou pretendest and wouldst be thought to be, (tho' the contrary appears now by God's dealings with thee.) ¶ [9] Bestir himself to help thee. ¶ [10] Wherein thou dost exercise the duties of righteousness both to God and Man.

7 Though thy beginning was [11] small, yet thy latter end should greatly [12] increase.

[11] *Zech.*4.10. [12] *Mat.* 13.12.

8 For [13] enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thy self to the search of their fathers.

[13] *Deut.* 4.32. *Rom.*15.4.

9 (For * we *are but of* yesterday, and [14] know † nothing, because our days upon earth *are* a [15] shadow)

* Gen.47.9. Chap. 7.6. † Heb. *not.*

[14] *Viz.* In comparison of our Forefathers, (and therefore can't teach you our selves, but must send you to the former Ages for instruction.) ¶ [15] 1 *Chron.*29.15. *Psal.*144.4. and 102.11. and 39.5,6. And so can't get any stock or store of knowledg in so short a time as we live.

10 Shall not they [16] teach thee, *and* tell thee, and utter words [17] out of their heart?

[16] *Heb.*11.-4. ¶ [17] *Matth.* 12. 35. and 13.52. Sincerely, what they think, *viz.* That God never punish'd any but for sin, nor rejected a penitent person.

11 Can the rush grow up [18] without mire? can the flag grow [18] without water?

[18] Neither can wicked men flourish long for want of true piety, and God's favor that follows thereon.

12 Whilst it *is* yet in his greenness, *and* not cut down, it [19] withereth before any other herb.

¶ [19] For want of moisture; so the prosperity of the wicked soon decays for want of God's blessing.

13 So *are* the [20] paths of all that [21] forget God, and the [22] hypocrites [23] hope shall [24] perish.

[20] The

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[20] The flouriſhing condition. ¶ [21] *Pſal.*9.17. and 10. 4 & 50.22. *Deut.*8.14,19. *Tit.* 1. 16. ¶ [22] (And ſuch an one art thou.) ¶ [23] *viz.* That his proſperity would continue. ¶ [24] *ch.*11.-20. and 18.14. *Prov.*10.-28.

14 Whoſe [25] hope ſhall be cut off, and whoſe
† Heb. *houſe.* [25] truſt *ſhall be* a [26] ſpiders † web.

[25] His Wealth, Friends, and all thoſe things wherein he places his hope and confidence for the continuance of his proſperity, ſhall ſuddenly be taken away from him, *Pſal.*52. 7. ¶ [26] *Iſa.*59.5,6.

* Ch. 27.18. 15 * He ſhall [27] lean upon his houſe, but it ſhall not ſtand: he ſhall [28] hold it faſt, but it ſhall not endure.

[27] *Iſa.*36.6. Truſt to the multitude of his Children and Servants, and his great Wealth. ¶ [28] Be very confident of its continuance.

16 He *is* green [29] before the ſun, and his [30] branch ſhooteth forth in his garden.

[29] By the benefit of the ſun-beams; ſo Hypocrites may flouriſh for a while by the favor of God. ¶ [30] His Children and Wealth increaſe in the place of his abode.

17 [31] His roots are wrapped about the heap, *and* [32] ſeeth the place of ſtones.

[31] All things ſeem to conſpire to ſecure his happineſs. ¶ [32] He ſtretches himſelf to the utmoſt bounds of his capacity.

* Chap.7.10. Pſal.37. 36. 18 [33] If he deſtroy him from his place, * then [34] *it* ſhall deny him, *ſaying*, I have not ſeen thee.

[33] But for all that, when the time comes that God will deſtroy and root him out. ¶ [34] His memory ſhall be quite blotted out.

19 Behold, [35] this *is* the joy of his way, and [36] out of the earth ſhall others grow.

[35] This is the iſſue of the flouriſhing eſtate of the wicked. ¶ [36] *Pſal.*113.7. 1 *Sam.*2.8. Others ſhall riſe from a mean to a flouriſhing condition as he did.

† Heb. *take the ungodly by the hand.* 20 [37] Behold, God will not [38] caſt away a perfect *man*, neither will he † [39] help the evil-doers:

[37] *Bildad* hence concludes, that the ſtate of the godly is happy; and of the wicked, helpleſs. ¶ [38] Deny 'em his help, and ſuffer them to be utterly loſt. ¶ [39] Deliver out of trouble: (and therefore it hence appears that thou art not a perfect man, but an evil-doer.)

†Heb. *ſhouting for joy.* 21 [40] Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with † rejoycing.

[40] *q. d.* But yet if for the future thou doſt repent and reform, he'l reſtore thee to thy former proſperity, and follow thee with good, till he give thee abundant matter of rejoycing, *Pſal.*65.13.

22 They that hate thee ſhall be [41] clothed with ſhame, and the dwelling-place of the wicked
† Heb. *not be.* ſhall † come to [42] nought.

[41] *Pſal.*132. 18. Diſappointed of their expectation to ſee thee deſtroyed. ¶ [42] *v.*18.

CHAP. IX.

1 Job acknowledgeth Gods juſtice, ſheweth there is no contending with him. 22 Mans innocency is not to be condemned by afflictions.

2400. THen Job anſwered and ſaid,

2 [1] I know *it is* ſo of a truth: but how
‖ Or, *before God.* ſhould man [2] be juſt ‖ with God?

[1] *q. d.* I acknowledge that God does uſually bleſs the godly, and puniſh the wicked; but none can be godly or righteous in your ſenſe. ¶ [2] *ch.* 4. 17. *Pſal.* 143. 2. Be juſtified or clear himſelf in God's account, (who will over-power him, *v.* 3. *&c.*)

3 [3] If he will contend with him, he cannot anſwer him one of a thouſand.

[3] If God will call man to a ſtrict account, he ſhall not have leave to vindicate himſelf in one point of a thouſand.

* Chap.36.5. 4 * *He is* wiſe in heart, and [4] mighty in ſtrength: who hath [5] hardened *himſelf* againſt him, and hath proſpered?

[4] Too polite and powerful for me to deal with, *v.*32, 33. [5] *Mal.*3.13. Been ſo bold and reſolute as to contend with him, and come off well.

5 Which [6] removeth the mountains, and

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[7] they know not: which overturneth them in his Chap. 9.
[8] anger.

[6] *Pſal.*46.2. *Nah.*1.5. *viz.* By earthquakes. ¶ [7] Ere they are aware of it. ¶ [8] *viz.* With the ſinful inhabitants thereof.

6 Which ſhaketh the [9] earth out of her place, and the [10] pillars thereof tremble.

[9] *Am.*9.5. Some parts of it, by earthquakes and the like. ¶ [10] *Pſal.*75.-3. 1 *Sam.*2.-8. The loweſts parts of the earth which hold up the reſt.

7 Which [11] commandeth the ſun, and it [12] riſeth not: and [13] ſealeth up the ſtars.

[11] *Pſal.*135.6. *Dan.*4.35. ¶ [12] Shines not out clearly, as at other times, by reaſon of fogs and miſts; ſo that it is as if it did not riſe, *Joel* 2.2. *Am.*4.13. and 5.8. and 8.9. ¶ [13] Hides them from our ſight, *ch.* 3.4-6. *Ezek.* 32.7. *Act.*27.20. *Iſa.*13. 10.

* Gen. 1. 6. Pſal. 104.2,3. †Heb. *heights.* 8 * Which alone [14] ſpreadeth out the heavens, and [15] treadeth upon the † waves of the ſea.

[14] Overſpreads the Air with Clouds. ¶ [15] Stills tempeſts, *Matth.*14.26.

* Chap.38.31. &c. Amos 5.8. †Heb. *Aſh, Ceſil, and Cimah.* 9 * Which [16] maketh † Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the ſouth.

[16] Governs all the motions of the Stars according to the ſeveral ſeaſons of the year.

[17] *ch.*5.9. See there. 10 [17] Which doeth great things paſt finding out, yea, and wonders without number.

* Chap.5.9. Pſal.71.15. 11 * Lo he [18] goeth by me, and I [19] ſee *him* not: he [18] paſſeth on alſo, but I [19] perceive him not.

[18] *Viz.* In his providential diſpenſations. ¶ [19] I can't find him out to plead with him.

† Heb. *turn him away?* Chap.11. 10. 12 Behold, he [20] taketh away, who can † [21] hinder him? who will [22] ſay unto him, What doeſt thou?

[20] *Viz.* Any thing, or all that a man has; (and therefore I have no hopes of any fair hearing from him:) He thought not himſelf ſo great a Sinner as to be made ſuch an extraordinary example of God's Wrath by ſuch unparallell'd Judgments. ¶ [21] *ch.*23.13. and 34.29. ¶ [22] *Rom.* 9. 20. *Iſa.*45.9. 2 *Sam.*16.-10.

†Heb. *helpers of pride*, or *ſtrength.* 13 *If* God will not withdraw his [23] anger, the † [24] proud helpers do ſtoup under him.

[23] The effects thereof, in puniſhments and judgments. ¶ [24] They that are ſo highly conceited of themſelves, that they'll undertake to defend him whom God intends to deſtroy, *Iſa.*30.7.

14 [25] How much leſs ſhall I anſwer him, *and* [26] chooſe out my words *to reaſon* with him?

[25] How much leſs than thoſe who are ſo ſtrong and ſtrongly befriended, can I hope for leave to anſwer him, and plead for my ſelf. ¶ [26] Yea, tho' I ſhould do it in the ſofteſt and moſt perſwaſive Language, yet I have no hopes to move him thereby.

15 Whom, though I were [27] righteous, *yet* [28] would I not anſwer, *but* [29] I would make ſupplication to my judge.

[27] Had a juſt Cauſe to defend. ¶ [28] I durſt not do it, being terrifyed by his Majeſty. ¶ [29] Or, *I muſt make, q.d* So great is his power and authority over me, that I muſt be forc'd to ſtoop to him, or periſh.

16 [30] If I had called, and he had anſwered me; *yet* would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

[30] *q. d.* Tho, 'tis true, formerly he has heard and anſwered me, yet I have no hopes that he'll do it again, becauſe he deals ſo ſeverely with me now, *v.* 17.

* Chap.2.3. & 34.6. 17 For he breaketh me [31] with a tempeſt, and multiplieth my wounds * [32] without cauſe.

[31] *Pſal.*83.15. *Jer.*23.19. *Ezek.*13.13. Unexpectedly, violently, and irrecoverably. ¶ [32] Without any extraordinary guilt, which ſhould procure ſuch puniſhments.

18 He will not ſuffer me [33] to take my breath, but filleth me with [34] bitterneſs.

[33] *Ch.* 7.-19. ¶ [34] Bitter troubles, *ch.* 3.-20. 1 *Sam.*15. -32. 2 *Sam.*2.26.

19 If *I* [35] *ſpeak* of ſtrength, lo, *he is* ſtrong: and if of [36] judgment, who ſhall [37] ſet me a time *to plead?*

[35] Go about to make uſe of ſtrength, he is ſtrongeſt of all. ¶ [36] A Courſe of Law. ¶ [37] Appoint time and place for

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trial between us, and oblige him to ſtand to it, *v.* 32, 33. (and therefore I muſt be content to ſit down by the loſs.)

20 [38] If I juſtifie my ſelf, mine own mouth ſhall condemn me: [39] *if I ſay*, I *am* perfect, it ſhall alſo [40] prove me perverſe.

[38] Or, *Tho I be juſt, viz.* comparatively, and not guilty of ſuch heinous ſins as to deſerve theſe puniſhments, he'd ſo over-awe me, that I ſhould be forc'd to condemn my ſelf. ¶ [39] Or, *Tho' I be perfect, i. e.* Upright. ¶ [40] He can make me pronounce my ſelf a very ungodly man.

21 *Though* I *were* [41] perfect, *yet* would I not [42] know my ſoul: I would [43] deſpiſe my life.

[41] Innocent from ſuch great Crimes as may deſerve ſuch exemplary judgments. ¶ [42] Believe my own heart, ſo as to inſiſt upon my innocency. ¶ [43] Caſt it away rather than contend with him whoſe greatneſs would affright me.

22 This *is* [44] one *thing*, therefore I ſaid *it*; * he deſtroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

* Eccl. 9. 2, 3.

[44] *viz.* Wherein I diſſent from you.

23 [45] If the ſcourge ſlay ſuddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

[45] *q. d.* When troubles come abroad in the world, God is ſo far from exempting or upholding good men, that he takes pleaſure to ſee 'em fall among the reſt. This is one of the moſt irreverent paſſages of any that dropp'd from him.

24 [46] The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: [47] he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; [48] if not, where, *and* who *is* he?

[46] *q. d.* And as he deſtroys the righteous, (*v.* 23.) ſo he proſpers the wicked. ¶ [47] He blinds 'em that they can't diſcern right from wrong. ¶ [48] If it been't ſo as I ſay, where is any one elſe that could do ſo? certainly none elſe could manage the affairs of the World after this manner, but he.

25 [49] Now my days are ſwifter then a poſt: they flee away, they ſee no good.

[49] *q. d.* I'll give you an inſtance of God's deſtroying the perfect, (*v.* 22.) in my ſelf, whom theſe troubles will ſoon make an end of.

[50] 1 *Cor.* 7. 31.

26 They are [50] paſſed away as the †‖ ſwift ſhips: [51] as the eagle *that* haſteth to the prey.

† Heb. *ſhips of deſire.*

‖ Or, *ſhips of Ebeh.*

[51] *Hab.* 1.-8.

27 If I ſay, [52] I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heavineſs, and comfort *my ſelf*:

[52] I'll think no more of my ſorrows to complain of 'em.

28 [53] I am afraid of all my ſorrows, [54] I know that thou wilt not [55] hold me innocent.

[53] *q. d.* Yet I can't thruſt 'em out of my mind, but they'l be preſſing in upon me, and the very thoughts thereof are terrible to me. ¶ [54] I have found it too by experience, and have no reaſon to think it will be otherwiſe. ¶ [55] Free me from trouble.

29 [56] *If* I be wicked, why then [56] labour I in vain?

[56] If I muſt be condemned as a wicked man, ſay I what I can for my ſelf, then it's in vain for me to endeavour to clear my ſelf, and maintain my own innocency.

* Jer. 2. 22.

30 * If I [58] waſh my ſelf with ſnow-water, and make my [59] hands never ſo clean;

[58] Clear my ſelf from all imputations, and fully prove my innocence. ¶ [59] *Sam.* 4. 8. *Pſal.* 18. 20.

31 Yet ſhalt thou [60] plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes ſhall ‖ abhor me.

‖ Or, *make me to be abhorred.*

[60] Load me with the moſt noiſom Afflictions.

* Eccl. 6. 10. Iſa. 45. 9. Jer. 49. 19. Rom. 9. 20.

32 * [61] For *he is* [62] not a man as I *am*, *that* I ſhould [63] anſwer him, *and* we ſhould come together in judgment.

[61] *q. d.* I can have no hope to be righted before God, becauſe he is ſo much above me. ¶ [62] *Numb.* 23. 19. ¶ [63] *viz.* in a judicial way.

* 1 Sam. 2. 25. v. 19.

† Heb. *one that ſhould argue.*

‖ Or, *Umpire.*

33 * Neither is there † any ‖ days-man betwixt us, *that* might [64] lay his hand upon us both.

[64] Have power over us to oblige us both to ſtand to his award.

* Chap. 13. 20. & 33. 7.

34 * Let him take his rod away from me, and let not [65] his fear terrifie me.

[65] The dread of his great Power and Majeſty.

† Heb. *I am not ſo with my ſelf.*

35 [66] *Then* would I ſpeak, and not fear him; but † [67] *it is* not ſo with me.

[66] This plainly implies, that he thought if he had liberty to ſpeak freely, he could fully clear himſelf, and prove that God dealt too hardly with him. ¶ [67] For I am daunted, and kept under with ſorrows and fears.

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CHAP. X.

1 *Job taking liberty of complaint, expoſtulateth with God about his afflictions.* 18 *He complaineth of life, and craveth a little eaſe before death.*

MY ſoul is [1] ‖ weary of my life, I will [2] leave my complaint upon my ſelf, I will [3] ſpeak in the bitterneſs of my ſoul. 2400.

‖ Or, *cut off while I live.*

[1] *Ch.* 7. 16. 1 *King.* 19.-4. ¶ [2] *ch.* 7. 11. Let looſe the reins to my imbitter'd Spirit, and venture the iſſue. ¶ [3] *Pſal.* 32. 3-5.

2 I will ſay unto God, Do not [4] condemn me; ſhew me [5] wherefore thou contendeſt with me.

[4] Deal with me as a wicked wretch, and ſuch an one as my Friends take me to be; but acquit me from this cenſure, by withdrawing thy hand, or ſhewing me— ¶ [5] For what great ſin it is that I ſhould be ſo heavily afflicted more than others.

3 *Is it* [6] good unto thee, that thou ſhouldeſt [7] oppreſs? that thou ſhouldeſt [8] deſpiſe the † [9] work of thine hands? and [10] ſhine upon the counſel of the wicked?

† Heb. *labor.*

[6] Pleaſing and delightful, or juſt and equal. ¶ [7] Bring ſuch loſſes and pains upon me. ¶ [8] Deal with me as if I were not worth regarding. ¶ [9] *v.* 8. *Eph.* 2. 10. *Pſal.* 138. -8. and 145. 9. ¶ [10] Seem to favor their deſigns and undertakings.

4 [11] Haſt thou eyes of fleſh? or ſeeſt thou as man ſeeth?

[11] 1 *Sam.* 16. 7. *Rev.* 1.-14. *q. d.* Thou doſt not judge as man does, only by the outſide, but ſeeſt my heart, that I am not wicked, (*v.* 7.) therefore why doſt thou thus afflict me?

5 *Are* [12] thy days as the days of man? *are* thy years as mans days,

† [12] 2 *Pet.* 3. 8. *q. d.* Thou art mortal and ſhort-liv'd, and therefore needſt not heap puniſhments upon me in this ſudden and ſevere manner, as if thou ſhouldſt not have time to try me, and revenge thy ſelf upon me for my iniquity.

6 That thou [13] enquireſt after mine iniquity, and [13] ſearcheſt after my ſin?

[13] *Ch.* 14. 16. *Jer.* 50. 20. Wouldſt compel me to accuſe my ſelf, by tormenting me thus continually.

7 † Thou knoweſt that I am not [14] wicked, and *there is* none that can deliver out of thine hand.

† Heb. It is *upon thy knowledge.*

[14] *Pſal.* 26. 1, 2. and 139. 1, 2. (Why then doſt thou deal with me as ſuch?) and yet if thou wilt do ſo, there's none can help me, *Deut.* 32.-39. *Joh.* 10.-29.

8 Thine hands † have [15] made me and faſhioned me together [16] round about; yet thou doſt [17] deſtroy me.

† Heb. *took pains about me*

[15] *Pſal.* 119. 73. and 139. 14, 15. *Iſa.* 43.-7. ¶ [16] At once, and wholly. ¶ [17] *viz.* Cauſleſly (which is ſtrange and unuſual, *Iſa.* 64. 8, 9. *Jon.* 4. 10.)

9 Remember, I beſeech thee, that * thou haſt made me [18] as the clay, and wilt thou [19] bring me into duſt again?

* Gen. 2. 7. & 3. 19.

[18] *Iſa.* 45. 9. and 64. 8. *Jer.* 18. 6. As the Potter ſhapes the Clay, ſo thou haſt wonderfully faſhion'd me, *Pſal.* 139. 14. 15. ¶ [19] *Pſal.* 90. 3.

10 Haſt thou not poured me out as milk, and [20] cruddled me like cheeſe?

[20] *Pſal.* 139. 14.-16. Thickned the ſoft matter, and liquid ſubſtance whereof I was made, and brought it to a conſiſtence.

11 Thou haſt [21] clothed me with ſkin and fleſh, and haſt † [22] fenced me with bones and ſinews.

† Heb. *hedged.*

[21] 2 *Cor.* 5. 4. ¶ [22] Secured my inward parts.

12 Thou haſt granted me [23] life and favour, and thy [24] viſitation hath preſerved my ſpirit.

[23] *Gen.* 2. 7. ¶ [24] Thy good Providence and Care of me has kept my life from deadly dangers.

13 [25] And theſe *things* haſt thou hid in thine heart: [26] I know that this *is* with thee.

[25] *q. d.*

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[25] *q. d.* And yet for all this that thou haſt done ſo much for me, thou hadſt all this while a ſecret purpoſe to afflict me. ¶ [26] I find it by experience that this is thy purpoſe.

14 If I [27] ſin, then thou [28] markeſt me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

[27] Never ſo little. ¶ [28] *Pſal.*139.1. Takeſt all occaſions againſt me.

* Chap.9.20. 15 If I be wicked, [29] wo unto me; and * *if* I be righteous, *yet* [30] will I not lift up my head: [31] *I am* full of confuſion, therefore [32] ſee thou mine affliction.

[29] *Iſa.*3.11. I ſhall ſmart ſufficiently for it. ¶ [30] I ſhall take little joy or comfort in it. Be I bad or good, I muſt be afflicted. ¶ [31] I know not what to think of my condition. ¶ [32] *Exod.*3. 7. *Pſal.*25.18. and 119. 153. Conſider how it is with me, and thou ſhalt find my caſe altogether as bad as I repreſent it.

16 For it increaſeth: thou [33] hunteſt me as a fierce lion; and again thou [34] ſheweſt thy ſelf marvellous upon me.

[33] *Iſa.*38.13. *Lam.*3.10. Followeſt me cloſe with plagues, as a lyon hunts his prey. ¶ [34] *Deut.*28.59. Proceedeſt after an extraordinary and unuſual manner with me, ſo that every one may well wonder at it, *Numb.*16.29,30.

‖ That is, *plagues.* 17 Thou [35] reneweſt thy ‖ witneſſes againſt me, and increaſeſt thine indignation upon me; [36] changes and war *are* againſt me.

[35] *Ch.*16.8. Bringeſt freſh plagues upon me; as witneſſes of thy diſpleaſure againſt me. ¶ [36] *Pſal.* 73. 14. Divers afflictions and multitudes of troubles aſſault me.

[37] *ch.*3.11. *Numb.*14.2,3. 18 [37] Wherefore then haſt thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghoſt, and no eye had ſeen me!

19 I ſhould have [38] been as though I had not been, I ſhould have been carried from the womb to the [39] grave.

[38] *Viz.* As free from theſe calamities. ¶ [39] Without feeling the leaſt ſorrow for one moment.

* See Chap. 7. 16.& 8.9. [40] *Pſal.*39.13. 20 * *Are* not my days few? [40] ceaſe *then, and* let me alone, that I may take comfort a little:

21 Before I go *whence* I ſhall [41] not return, *even* to the land of darkneſs, and [42] the ſhadow of death;

[41] *Ch.* 7. 9, 10. See there. ¶ [42] See on *chap.* 3. 5.

22 A land of darkneſs, as darkneſs *it ſelf, and* of the ſhadow of death, without any [43] order, and [44] *where* the light *is* as darkneſs.

[43] Diſtinction between day and night, ſummer and winter, rich and poor, labour and reſt, *ch.*3.14,15, 18, 19. ¶ [44] Where there's nothing but perpetual and uninterrupted darkneſs.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Zophar reproveth Job for juſtifying himſelf.* 5 *Gods wiſdom is unſearchable.* 11 *The aſſured bleſſing of repentance.*

2400. THen anſwered Zophar the Naamathite, and ſaid,

2 Should not the [1] multitude of words be anſwered? and ſhould † a man full of talk be [2] juſtified?

† Heb. *a man of lips.*

[1] *Acts* 17.18. *James* 1. 19. *Prov.* 10. 19. ¶ [2] Acquitted from the crimes he is charg'd with, and be counted righteous, meerly becauſe of his multitude of words.

‖ Or, *devices.* 3 Should [3] thy ‖ lies make men hold their peace? and when thou [4] mockeſt, ſhall no man make thee [5] aſhamed?

[3] Thy falſe opinions and aſſertions, both concerning thy own innocency, (*ch.* 10.7.) and the counſels and ways of God. ¶ [4] Speak'ſt in ſuch a ſcornful manner both of God, (*ch.*10.3.) and of the reproofs and admonitions of thy friends, *ch.*6.14,15,25,26. ¶ [5] By confuting thy lies and ſcoffs.

4 For thou haſt ſaid, [6] My doctrine *is* pure, and I am [7] clean in thine eyes.

[6] What I maintain concerning God and his Providence, in the afflictions of the righteous, and proſperity of the wicked, (*ch.*6.10. and 9.22.) is free from error. ¶ [7] *ch.* 10. 7. Free from ſin, (but he miſtakes him, and perverts his Words.)

5 But, O that God would [8] ſpeak, and open his lips againſt thee;

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[8] According to thy deſire, *ch.*9.35. * Ezra 9.13.

6 And that he would ſhew thee the [9] ſecrets of wiſdom, [10] that *they are* double to that which is! know therefore that * God exacteth of thee [11] *leſs* then thine iniquity *deſerveth.*

[9] The methods of his Providence and wiſe diſpoſal of things, which thou art unacquainted with. ¶ [10] That thou haſt deſerved far more than he has laid upon thee. ¶ [11] *Ezr.* 9.13. *Lam.* 3.22.

7 Canſt thou by ſearching find out [12] God? canſt thou [13] find out the Almighty [13] unto perfection?

[12] *Eccl.*3.-11. *Rom.*11.33. The ſecrets of his Providence, (*v.*6.) and the reaſons of his proceedings. ¶ [13] *ch.* 26. 14. 1 *Cor.*2.9. *Eph.*3.18,19. Throughly underſtand what he aims at in afflicting thee.

† Heb. *the heights of heaven.* 8 [14] *It is* † high as heaven, what canſt thou [15] do? deeper then hell, what canſt thou know?

[14] The unſearchable wiſdom of God's Judgments, and the reaſons why he proceeds ſo ſeverely with thee. ¶ [15] *Viz.* To find it out.

9 The meaſure thereof *is* longer then the earth, and broader then the ſea.

* Chap. 12.14. Rev.3 7. ‖ Or, *make a change.* † Heb. *turn him away.* Chap.9.12. 10 * If he ‖ [16] cut off, and [17] ſhut up, or [18] gather together, then [19] who can † hinder him?

[16] Deſtroy a perſon or family. ¶ [17] *Deut.*32.-39. Deliver into the enemies hand, *Pſal.*31.8. ¶ [18] Bring 'em back again after they are ſcattered abroad. ¶ [19] *ch.*9.4,12. Whatever he does, 'tis not fit that men ſhould queſtion his proceedings.

11 For he ſeeth [20] vain men: he ſeeth [21] wickedneſs alſo; will he not then [22] conſider *it?*

[20] *Pſal.*32.9. How void of knowledge they are, and that the beſt are guilty of much vanity and folly, (and therefore he ſees ſufficient reaſon for his ſeverity againſt 'em.) ¶ [21] Enough to deſerve whatever he lays upon us. ¶ [22] Take notice of it to puniſh us for it.

† Heb. *empty.* 12 For † [23] vain man would be wiſe, though man be born *like* a [25] wild aſſes colt.

[23] *Pſal.*73.22. and 92.6. *Eccl.*3.-18. Void of all true wiſdom, and ſolid knowledge and judgment of the things of God, would feign be counted ſo; (and therefore will take upon him to cenſure God's proceedings.) ¶ [25] Dull and ſtupid in the higheſt degree.

* Chap. 5.8. & 22.21. 13 * If thou [26] prepare thine heart, and [27] ſtretch out thine hands towards him;

[26] 2 *Chron.* 12.14. and 19.-3. *Viz.* By ſincere repentance; and then pray for pardon and grace, (which is thy buſineſs now; and not to quarrel with thy Maker or his Works, *ch.* 5.8. and 22.21.) ¶ [27] *Pſal.*88.9.

14 [28] If iniquity *be* in thine hand, [29] put it far away, and let not wickedneſs dwell [30] in thy tabernacles.

[28] 1 *Tim.*2.8. If thou alloweſt thy ſelf in any ſinful practices. ¶ [29] *James* 4.8. ¶ [30] Either in thy ſelf, or family.

* Chap. 22.26, See Gen. 4. 5,6. 15 For then ſhalt thou * [31] lift up thy face without ſpot, yea, thou ſhalt be [32] ſtedfaſt, and ſhalt not fear:

[31] *Ch.*10.15. Come into his Preſence with boldneſs and confidence, 1 *John* 3.21. ¶ [32] Eſtabliſht in a ſafe condition, and have a compoſed mind, through the aſſurance of God's favour.

16 Becauſe thou ſhalt [33] forget *thy* miſery, *and* remember *it* [34] as waters *that* paſs away:

[33] *Gen.*41.51. *Iſa.*54.4. and 65.-16. *John* 16.21. Have no ſad remembrance of thy former calamities, by reaſon of thy uninterrupted proſperity. ¶ [34] No more than men do waters that are gone and paſt.

† Heb. *ariſe above the noon-day.* 17 And *thine* [35] age ſhall † be clearer then [36] the noon-day; thou ſhalt [37] ſhine forth, thou ſhalt be [38] as the morning.

[35] The remainder of thy days ſhall be full of proſperity. ¶ [36] *Pſal.*37.6. and 112. 4. ¶ [37] *Phil.* 2.-15. Appear honourable to others, and full of comfort to thy ſelf. ¶ [38] *Iſa.* 58.8. Encreaſing daily.

18 And [39] thou ſhalt be ſecure becauſe there is [40] hope; yea, thou ſhalt [41] dig *about thee, and* thou ſhalt take thy [42] reſt in [43] ſafety.

[39] Thy mind ſhall be quiet and free from terrours. ¶ [40] A well-grounded confidence of God's love and favour.

¶ [41] In-

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¶ 41 Intrench and fortifie thy ſelf for thy ſecurity. ¶ 42 *Pſ.* 127.2. ¶ 43 *Lev.*26.6. *Pſal.*3.5. and 4.8. *Prov.*3.24.

19 Alſo thou ſhalt lie down, and none ſhall make *thee* afraid; yea, many ſhall † 44 make ſuit unto thee.

† Heb. *intreat thy face.* Pſal. 45. 12.

44 Deſire thy favour and friendſhip, becauſe of thy eminent felicity, *Gen.*26.26. *&c.*

20 But the eyes of the wicked ſhall 45 fail, and † they ſhall 46 not eſcape, and their hope *ſhall be as* || 47 the giving up of the ghoſt.

† Heb. *flight ſhall periſh from them.* || Or, *a puff of breath.*

45 *Ch.*31.16. *Jer.*14.-6. *Lam.*4.17. *Pſal.* 69. 3. Never enjoy that deliverance they look for. ¶ 46 *Amos* 2. 14. *Viz.* The miſeries they feel, or fear. ¶ 47 *ch.*8.13,14. and 18.14. Shall leave 'em in as deſperate a condition, as a dying man is in; (and this will be thy portion, if thou doſt not repent.)

CHAP. XII.

1 *Job maintaineth himſelf againſt his friends that reprove him.* 7 *He acknowledgeth the general doctrine of Gods omnipotence.*

2400. AND Job anſwered and ſaid,

2 No doubt but ye *are* the 1 people, and 2 wiſdom ſhall die with you.

1 *Ch.*11.12. *Prov.*28.11. 1 *Cor.*4.10. The only wiſe men in the world, and I know nothing. ¶ 2 All the knowledge of divine things which is in the world.

3 But I have † 3 underſtanding as well as you; † I *am* 4 not inferiour to you: yea, † 5 who knoweth not ſuch things as theſe?

† Heb. *an heart.* † Heb. *I fall not lower then you.* † Heb. *with whom* are *not.*

3 Ability to judge of theſe matters. ¶ 4 *Ch.* 13.2. 2 *Cor.* 11. 5. Much beyond you. ¶ 5 Even the meaneſt underſtand that God is infinite in Wiſdom, Power and Juſtice, (but that's not the queſtion between us.)

4 6 I am *as* one mocked of his neighbour, 7 who calleth upon God, and he 8 anſwereth him: the juſt upright *man is* 9 laughed to ſcorn.

6 *Ch.*16.10. and 17. 6. and 21. 3. and 30. 1. *q. d.* And it appears that God ſometimes heavily afflicts good men by your dealings with me, whom he ſuffers to be derided by you. ¶ 7 And yet you make profeſſion of Religion too. ¶ 8 Makes him proſper in his evil way; (and ſo encourages him to deride others.) ¶ 9 *Prov.*14.-2.

5 He that is 10 ready to ſlip with *his* feet, *is as* a lamp 11 deſpiſed 12 in the thought of him that is at eaſe.

10 *Deut.*32.35. *Pſal.*38.16,17. and 94. 18. *Jer.* 13. 16. In ſuch a low condition, that he is ready to periſh. ¶ 11 Spent to the very ſnuff. ¶ 12 In the opinion of ſuch as are in a plentiful condition, *Pſal.*123.4. *Luke* 12.19.

6 13 The tabernacles of robbers 14 proſper, and they that provoke God are 15 ſecure; into whoſe hand God bringeth *abundantly.*

13 All they have in, or about their dwellings. ¶ 14 *ch.* 21. 7. *Pſal.*17.10. and 37. 1,35. and 73.12. and 92.7. *Jer.* 5. -28. and 12.1. *Hab.*1.3,4. *Zech.*11.5. *Mal.* 3. 15. (Contrary to thy aſſertion, *ch.* 11.20.) ¶ 15 Moſt confident of the continuance of their proſperity.

7 But 16 ask now the beaſts, and they ſhall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they ſhall tell thee:

16 Enquire how things are carried among the Beaſts, (*Prov.* 6.6. *Iſa.*1.3. *Jer.*8.7.) and they'll all tell thee that he is a God of incomprehenſible wiſdom and might.

8 Or ſpeak to the earth, and it ſhall teach thee; and the fiſhes of the ſea ſhall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all theſe, that the hand of the LORD hath 17 wrought this?

17 Has by his Divine Power and Providence diſpoſed of all things that concern 'em.

18 *Numb.*16.22. *Dan.*5.-23. *Act.* 17.25. || Or, *life.* † Heb. *fleſh of man.*

10 18 In whoſe hand *is* the || ſoul of every living thing, and the breath of all † mankind.

11 * Doth not 19 the ear try words? and the † mouth 20 taſt his meat?

* Chap.34.3. † Heb. *palate.* Chap.6. 30.

19 *Ch.*34. 3. The Underſtanding judge of the truth of what is ſpoken, (and therefore don't rathly condemn me, or my Doctrine without a due tryal.) ¶ 20 *ch.* 6.-30.

12 21 With the ancient *is* wiſdom; and in length of days, underſtanding.

21 *Ch.* 8. 8. and 32. 27. *q. d.* Much more may they who have lived to a great Age, attain the knowledge of Divine Truths.

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13 With || him *is* 22 wiſdom and ſtrength, he hath counſel and underſtanding.

|| That is, *God.*

22 *Ch.*9.4. and 36.5. *Dan.*2.-20. *Jam.*1.5. (tho' old men (*v.*12.) ſhould want it.)

14 Behold, * he 23 breaketh down, and it 24 cannot be built again: he * 25 ſhutteth † up a man, and there can be no 26 opening.

* Chap.11.12. * Iſa.22.22. Rev.3.7. † Heb. *upon.*

23 Deſtroys Cities, Families, Perſons, *&c.* Here he gives inſtances of God's great wiſdom and power. ¶ 24 *Mal.*1. -4. *viz.* If God intends they ſhall be utterly deſtroyed. ¶ 25 *viz.* In priſon, or by ſome Diſeaſe, (*Gen.*20.18.) or in ſtraits. ¶ 26 *Iſa.*22.22. *Rev.*3.7. *viz.* Unleſs he pleaſe.

15 Behold, he 27 with-holdeth the waters, and they dry up: alſo he ſendeth them out, and they 28 overturn the earth.

27 *Gen.*8.2. 1 *King.*17. 1. *&c. Nah.*1. 4. ¶ 28 *Gen.*7.11. *&c.*

16 * With him *is* ſtrength and wiſdom: the deceived and the deceiver *are* 29 his.

* Verſ. 13.

29 *Ezek.*14.9. 2 *Theſſ.* 2.11. Under the Conduct of his Providence, (1 *King.*22.22. *Iſa.*19.14. *Ezek.*14. 9. *Matth.*24. 24. *Rev.*20.3.8.) So as to order the ſin of the one, and the ſuffering of the other to his own Glory.

17 He leadeth counſellers away 30 ſpoiled, and maketh the judges 31 fools.

30 2 *Sam.*15.31. and 17.14,23. *Iſa.*19.12,13. 1 *Cor.* 1. 19. *viz.* Of their Wiſdom; ſo that they give deſtructive Counſels. ¶ 31 So that they paſs wrong judgments.

18 32 He looſeth the bond of kings, and 33 girdeth their loyns with a girdle.

32 *Pſal.*2.3. *Dan.*2.21. He deprives Kings of that Majeſty and Authority which ſhould keep their people in awe. ¶ 33 *Pſal.*66.11. Brings them into a ſervile condition, or into Priſon.

19 He leadeth princes away ſpoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

20 * He removeth away the † ſpeech of the truſty, and 35 taketh away the underſtanding of the aged.

* Chap.32.9. † Heb. *lip of the faithful.*

34 Eloquence or faculty of ſpeaking well, (*Iſa.*3.-3.) from thoſe that are intruſted, or fit to be intruſted with the management of publick affairs. ¶. 35 *Iſa.*3. 2-4.

21 He 36 poureth 37 contempt upon princes, and || weakneth the ſtrength of the mighty.

36 *Pſ.*107.-40. 37 *Act.*12.23.

22 38 He diſcovereth deep things out of darkneſs, and 39 bringeth out to light the 40 ſhadow of death.

*Dan.*2. 21. || Or, *looſeth the girdle of the ſtrong.*

38 There's nothing ſo ſecret but he brings it to light one time or other. ¶ 39 2 *King.*6.11,12. *Dan.* 2. 22. *Matth.* 10. 26. 1 *Cor.*2.10. and 4. 5. ¶ 40 The obſcureſt things.

23 He 41 increaſeth the nations, and deſtroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and † ſtraitneth them *again.*

† Heb. *leadeth in.*

41 *Viz.* In number, wealth, and honor, *Deut.*28.4,11. *Pſal.* 107. 38.

24 He taketh away the 42 heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and cauſeth them to 44 wander 45 in a wilderneſs *where there is* no way.

42 *Rom.*1.21. The underſtanding of the moſt eminent for Wiſdom. ¶ 44 *Pſal.*107.4,40. *Gen.* 20.13. *Iſa.*63.17. ¶ 45 In a confus'd condition that they know not which way to turn.

25 46 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to † 47 ſtagger like *a* drunken *man.*

† Heb. *wander*

46 *Gen.*19.11. *Iſa.*59.10. They ſeek for ways to help themſelves and their people out of trouble, but can find none. ¶ 47 *Pſal.*107.27. *Iſa.*19.14. and 24. 20. Uncertain in their counſels, and doubtful what courſe to take.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Job reproveth his friends of partiality.* 14 *He profeſſeth his confidence in God,* 20 *and intreateth to know his own ſins, and God's purpoſe in afflicting him.*

LO, 1 mine eye hath ſeen all *this,* 1 mine ear hath heard and underſtood it. 2400.

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[1] I know by my own obſervation and experience all that I have ſpoken concerning God's Power and Wiſdom; (ſo that I need not your tedious and impertinent diſcourſes about 'em.)

[2] *ch.*12. 3. See there.

2 [2] What ye know, *the ſame* do I know alſo: I *am* not inferiour unto you.

* Chap.23.3. & 31. 35.

3 * Surely I would [3] ſpeak to the Almighty, and I deſire to [4] reaſon with God.

[3] Plead with God in a judiciary way, (as *Pſal.*51.4.) ¶ [4] Bring reaſons to clear my innocency, and anſwer his objections againſt it.

4 [5] But ye *are* forgers of lies, ye *are* all [6] phyſicians [7] of no value.

[5] *q. d.* My integrity is ſuch, that I dare undertake to clear my ſelf before God; but as for you, you are Authors of falſe Doctrin, *viz.* That great afflictions are peculiar to hypocrites and wicked men. ¶ [6] *ch.*16.-2. ¶ [7] *ch.* 6. 21. Unskilful and unfaithful, preſcribing bad remedies, and miſapplying good ones.

5 O that you would altogether hold your

[8] *Prov.*17. 28. peace, and it ſhould be your [8] wiſdom.

6 Hear now my reaſoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

* Chap.17.5. & 32. 21. & 36.4.

7 * Will you [9] ſpeak wickedly for [10] God? and [11] talk deceitfully for him?

[9] Utter falſhood, by charging me with hypocriſie, and maintaining that God never afflicts the righteous. ¶ [10] On his behalf; to clear his Juſtice in laying ſo great plagues upon me. ¶ [11] Maintain that which in your own Conſciences you know is not true, *viz.* That I am an Hypocrite.

8 Will ye [12] accept his perſon? will ye [13] contend for God?

[12] *Job.*16.-2. Paſs a wrong Sentence out of ſome ſiniſter reſpect, and not according to the merits of the cauſe. ¶ [13] Wrangle with me, and quarrel at my Speeches that you may gratifie him, or defend his right

9 Is it [14] good that he ſhould [15] ſearch you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye *ſo* [16] mock him?

[14] For your advantage. ¶ [15] Narrowly examine your hearts and diſcourſes, and whether your ſpeeches proceed from true Zeal for God, or from your own prejudices and paſſions, and a deſire to curry favor with him. ¶ [16] Think by your pretences of Piety to deceive him.

[17] Puniſh. 10 He will ſurely [17] reprove you, if ye do ſecretly accept perſons.

11 Shall not his [18] excellency make you [19] afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

[18] *Ch.*31-23. His glorious Majeſty, whereby he is exalted above Men and Angels, ¶ [19] *viz.* To deal unjuſtly, by accepting perſons, or to ſpeak raſhly or falſely of his ways and counſels.

12 [20] Your remembrances *are* like unto aſhes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

[20] Whatſoever may ſeem to be memorable or conſiderable in you, is of no value, in compariſon God's Excellency, *v.*11.

† Heb. *be ſilent from me.* 13 † Hold your peace, [21] let me alone that I may ſpeak, and let [22] come on me what *will*.

[21] *Ch.*7.16. ¶ [22] *viz.* By way of puniſhment for my ſpeaking.

* Chap.18.4. 14 [23] Wherefore * [24] do I take my fleſh in my teeth, and [25] put my life in mine hand?

[23] For what extraordinary ſin. Here he comes to ſet out the greatneſs of his grief, ¶ [24] *Eccl.*4.5. *Iſa.*9.20. and 49.26. Am I forc'd by my ſharp pains, even to tear my very fleſh with my teeth. ¶ [25] *Judg.*12.3. 1 *Sam.*19. 5. and 28. 21. *Pſal.*119.109. To go in continual danger of my life, by reaſon of my heavy afflictions.

† Heb. *prove*, or, *argue.* 15 [26] Though he ſlay me, yet will I truſt in him: [27] but I will † maintain mine own ways before him.

[26] *Pſal.*23. 4. *Prov.* 14.-32. *q. d.* Tho you go about to drive me to deſpair by reaſon of the great Judgments God has laid upon me; and tho he ſhould multiply them till he make an end of me, yet I'll not caſt off my confidence in him, *Rom.*8.38,39. ¶ [27] And yet on the other ſide I'll not ceaſe to juſtifie the ſincerity of my heart, and uprightneſs of my ways.

16 He alſo *ſhall be* my [28] ſalvation: [29] for an hypocrite ſhall not come before him.

[28] To preſerve me in thoſe miſeries, or deliver me from 'em; or however, to ſave me eternally hereafter. ¶ [29] *q. d.* It appears that I am no hypocrite, becauſe I dare appeal to him, and plead my Cauſe before his Judgment-ſeat, *Pſal.*1.5. *Matth.*25.46.

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[30] *v.*6. *Iſa.*55.3

17 [30] Hear diligently my ſpeech, and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have [31] ordered *my* cauſe; I know that I ſhall be [32] juſtified.

[31] Digeſted what I have to ſay for my ſelf. ¶ [32] Acquitted from the Crime I am charged withal, *viz.* Hypocriſie, and declared a righteous perſon.

19 [33] Who *is* he *that* will plead with me? for now if I [34] hold my tongue, I ſhall [35] give up the ghoſt.

[33] *Rom.*8.33. ¶ [34] Have not liberty to vindicate my ſelf. ¶ [35] *Ch* 7.11. and 32.20. *Jer.*20.9. *q. d.* I am ſo full, and my paſſion and impatience for a trial is ſo great, that if it have not vent, it will make an end of me.

20 Only do not two *things* unto me: then will I [36] not hide my ſelf from thee.

[36] Come boldly into thy preſence to plead for my ſelf.

21 [37] Withdraw thine hand far from me: and [37] let not thy dread make me afraid.

[37] *Ch.*9.34. (See there.) and 33. 7. Suſpend my plagues for a while.

22 Then call thou, and I will anſwer: or [38] let me ſpeak, and anſwer thou me.

[38] Suffer me to make what objections I can againſt thy dealings with me.

23 [39] How many *are* mine [40] iniquities and ſins? [41] make me to know my tranſgreſſion and my ſin.

[39] *Pſal.*19.12. ¶ [40] Thoſe heinous ſins which require ſo many and great puniſhments (as they make me believe.) Let me know 'em, or let my plagues be taken away. ¶ [41] Or if there be any one particular more heinous ſin for which I am thus afflicted, ſhew it me.

24 *[42] Wherefore hideſt thou thy face, and *[43] holdeſt me for thine enemy?

* Deut.32. 20. Pſal.13. 1.

[42] *Iſa.*8.17. *q. d.* What cauſe have I given thee to withdraw thy love and favor which ſometimes I enjoyed? *ch.* 29. 2,3. ¶ [43] *ch.* 16. 9. and 19.11. and 33.10. *Lam.* 3.10. Dealſt with me as if I were thy enemy.

* Deut.32.42, Ruth 1. 21. Chap.16. 9 & 19.11. & 33.10. Lam.2.5.

25 *[44] Wilt thou [45] break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou purſue the dry ſtubble?

* Iſa. 42. 3.

[44] 1 *Sam.* 24. 14. Canſt thou find in thy heart to do it? ¶ [45] *Matth.*12.20.

26 [46] For thou writeſt bitter things againſt me, and [47] makeſt me to poſſeſs the iniquities of my youth.

[46] *q. d.* Yet I am afraid thou wilt do ſo, becauſe thou haſt adjuged me to ſuch ſharp and ſevere afflictions. ¶ [47] Bringſt to my remembrance (by theſe heavy afflictions) my youthful ſins, (*ch.*20.11. *Pſal.*25.7.) as if they were not pardoned, and that thou now puniſh me for 'em.

† Heb. *obſerveſt* † Heb. *roots.*

27 Thou [48] putteſt my feet alſo in the ſtocks, and † lookeſt narrowly unto all my [49] paths; thou [50] ſetteſt a print upon the † heels of my feet.

[48] *Ch.*33.11. Compaſſeſt me about with thy judgments, that I can't poſſibly eſcape. ¶ [49] To find matter, therein to condemn me. ¶ [50] Followeſt me ſo cloſe that thou treadſt upon my heels, and leavſt the print of thy footſteeps upon 'em.

[51] This poor frail Carcaſe of mine.

28 And [51] he, as a rotten thing, conſumeth, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Job intreateth God for favor, by the ſhortneſs of life, and certainty of death.* 7 *Though life once loſt be irrecoverable, yet he waiteth for his change.* 16 *By ſin the creature is ſubject to corruption.*

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† Heb. *ſhort of days.*

MAn *that* [1] *is* born of a woman, *is* † of [2] few days, and [3] full of trouble.

[1] Has his Original from ſuch a poor, weak, frail creature, (1 *Pet.*3.7.) from whence he derives infirmity, corruption, guilt, and the curſe. ¶ [2] *Gen.*47.9. *Pſal.*90.5,6,9. and 102. 11. and 103.15. and 144.4. *Jam.*4.14. (and therefore needs no violent hand to cut him off.) ¶ [3] *ch.*7.1. *& Eccl.*2. 23. (and therefore is the fitter object of pity.)

2 *He

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Jam. 1.10,11. 1 Pet. 1.24.

2 * He cometh forth like a [4] flower, and [5] is cut down: he [6] fleeth alſo as a [7] ſhadow, and continueth not.

[4] *Pſal.*103.15. *Iſa.*40.6. 1 *Pet.*1.24. Makes a fair ſhow for a while. ¶ [5] Preſently tends towards death. ¶ [6] *ch.* 9.25. ¶ [7] *ch.*8.9. See there.

3 And doſt thou [8] open thine eyes upon ſuch an one, and [9] bringeſt me into judgment with thee?

[8] *Ch.*7.17,18. Obſerve all his ways to find ſome occaſion to puniſh him: this is below thee. ¶ [9] *Pſal.*143.2. Dealſt with me in ſtrict juſtice.

† Heb. *who will give.*

4 † [10] Who can bring a clean *thing* out of [11] an unclean? not one.

[10] *Ch.* 25.4. *Matth.* 7.16–18. *q. d.* This is the common caſe of all, to be ſinful and corrupt: and I am no worſe in this reſpect than others; why then ſhould I be puniſht more than others? ¶ [11] *Gen.*5.3. *Pſal.* 51.5. *Joh.* 3.6. *Rom.*5.12. *Eph.*2.3. One defil'd with Original ſin.

5 Seeing his days *are* [12] determined, the number of his months *are* [13] with thee, thou haſt appointed his bounds that he [14] cannot paſs.

[12] *Ch.*7.1. *Pſal.*89.46,47. ¶ [13] In thy decree ¶ [14] (Therefore let me alone, to enjoy ſome time of reſt and refreſhing here, *v.*6.)

* Chap.10.20. Pſal.39.13. † Heb. *ceaſe.*

6 * [15] Turn from him that he may † [16] reſt, till he [17] ſhall accompliſh, as an [18] hireling, his day.

[15] *Ch.* 7.19. Meddle not with me. ¶ [16] *Iſa.* 57.2. *viz.* From his troubles. ¶ [17] Have finiſht his courſe. ¶ [18] *Ch.* 7.1,2.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will ſprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not ceaſe.

8 Though the root thereof [19] wax old in the earth, and the [20] ſtock thereof die in the ground:

[19] Begins to wither and decay. ¶ [20] The body of the tree lies like dead upon the top of the ground.

[21] Any moiſture that comes near it. † Heb. *is weakned*, or *cut off.*

9 *Yet* through the [21] ſcent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth, and † [22] walteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghoſt, and [23] where *is* he?

[22] Conſumes in the grave. ¶ [23] *Ch.* 7. 7–10. See there *v.* 15.

11 *As* the [24] waters fail from the ſea, and the floud decayeth and drieth up:

[24] Thoſe waters which overflowing the banks run upon the land.

* Iſa.66.22. Acts 3. 21. Rom. 8.20. 2 Pet.3.7,10, 11.Rev.20.11 & 21.1.

12 So man lieth [25] down, and [26] riſeth not * [27] till the heavens *be* [28] no more, they ſhall not awake, nor be raiſed out of their [29] ſleep.

[25] *Viz.* In the grave. ¶ [26] *Viz.* To live in the World as he did before, (and therefore let me enjoy a little eaſe and comfort while I am here, *v.* 6.) ¶ [27] *q. d.* Yet I don't deny the Reſurrection at the end of the World, when they ſhall awake, (theſe words are to be joyn'd to the following.) ¶ [28] *Viz.* As they are now, *Pſal.*102.26. *Iſa.*65.17. ¶ [29] *Ch.* 3.13. *Dan.*12.2. From death to life.

13 O that thou wouldeſt [30] hide me in the grave, that thou wouldeſt [30] keep me ſecret, [31] until thy wrath be paſt, that thou wouldeſt appoint me [32] a ſet time, and [33] remember me:

[30] *Viz.* From thoſe ſore pains and miſeries which purſue me ſo cloſe. ¶ [31] Till the Reſurrection, when all theſe tokens of thy diſpleaſure ſhall be removed. ¶ [32] How long I ſhall lye in the grave. ¶ [33] To raiſe me up again at that time, (which I wiſh may come quickly.)

14 If a man die, [34] ſhall he live *again?* all the days of my [35] appointed time will I wait, till my [36] change come.

[34] *q. d.* What an admirable and glorious Work, and ſweet refreſhing conſideration is this of the Reſurrection, amidſt all our troubles here in this World! ¶ [35] For me to lye in the grave, *v.* 13. ¶ [36] 1 *Cor.* 15.42–44, 51–54. *Phil.* 3.21. *viz.* At the Reſurrection.

15 Thou ſhalt [37] call, and I [38] will anſwer thee: thou wilt [39] have a deſire to the [40] work of thine hands.

[37] Raiſe me out of the grave by the voice of Chriſt (*Joh.* 5.28,29.) or the Archangel, 1 *Theſ.*4.16. ¶ [38] I ſhall be raiſed and come up ſuddenly; as a Servant at his Maſter's call. ¶ [39] Be willing to ſee me again after ſo long a time.

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* Jer. 32.19.

16 [41] For now * thou [42] numbreſt my ſteps, doſt thou not [43] watch over my ſin?

[40] *Ch.*10.3,8. ¶ [41] *q.d.* Tho it ſhall be ſo well with me then, yet now 'tis otherwiſe. Here begins another fit of Impatience. ¶ [42] *Ch.*13.27. & 31.4. & 34.21. *Pſal.* 56.6. & 139.2–4. *Pſal.*5.21. Keepſt an exact account of every ſin I commit, to puniſh me for it. ¶ [43] To take advantage againſt me to puniſh me for every one of 'em.

* Deut.32.34. Hoſ.13.12.

17 My tranſgreſſion * [44] *is* ſealed up in a bag, and thou ſeweſt up mine iniquity.

[44] Keepſt it faſt and ſafe that it may never be forgotten, nor go unpuniſht.

† Heb. *fadeth.*

18 And ſurely the mountain falling, † cometh to nought: and the rock is removed out of his place.

† Heb. *overflowеth.*

19 The waters wear the ſtones: thou † waſheſt away the things which grow *out* of the duſt of the earth, [45] and thou deſtroyeſt the hope of man.

[45] So thou depriveſt me of all hope of ever returning into this World again.

20 Thou [46] prevaileſt for ever againſt him, and he [47] paſſeth: thou changeſt his [48] countenance, and ſendeſt him away.

[46] Takſt away his life. ¶ [47] *Viz.* Out of this World, by death. ¶ [48] That lively look he had before, and makſt him pale, and gaſtly.

* Eccl.9.5. Iſa.63.16.

21 [49] His ſons come to honour, and * he [50] knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.

[49] Yea by reaſon of his dolor, even while he is yet alive thou canſt make him to be as good as dead, and regardleſs of the concerns of others. ¶ [50] Being in a dying, languiſhing condition.

22 But his [51] fleſh upon him ſhall have pain, and his [51] ſoul within him ſhall mourn.

[51] He feels pain in his Body, and bitter grief in his Soul. (Seeing therefore the ſtate of man upon Earth is ſo vain and unhappy every way, Lord give me ſome comfort to ſweeten my life, or take away my life from me.)

CHAP. XV.

1 *Eliphaz reproveth Job of impiety in juſtifying himſelf.* 17 *He proveth by tradition the unquietneſs of wicked men.*

THen anſwered Eliphaz the Temanite, and ſaid, 2400.

† Heb. *knowledge of wind.*

2 [1] Should a wiſe man utter † vain knowledge, and [3] fill his belly with the eaſt-wind?

[1] Should one who counts himſelf ſo wiſe as thou doſt (*ch.*13.2.) utter words that are really empty of any ſubſtantial Truth, tho they have a ſhew of knowledg and wiſdom. ¶ [3] Satisfie his own mind and conſcience with pernicious fancies.

3 Should he reaſon with [4] unprofitable talk? or with ſpeeches wherewith he can do no good?

[4] *Col.*4. 6. *Matth.* 12.36,37. Weak arguments, unable to prove any thing in queſtion.

† Heb. *makeſt void.* ‖ Or, *ſpeech.*

4 Yea, thou † caſteſt off [5] fear, and [6] reſtraineſt ‖ prayer before God.

[5] *Viz.* Of God; as appears by thy bold and preſumptuous ſpeeches to him, ¶ [6] Inſtead of humbling thy ſelf before God, and craving pardon, thou juſtifieſt thy ſelf, and condemneſt God.

† Heb. *teacheth.*

5 [7] For thy mouth † uttereth thine iniquity, and thou [8] chooſeſt the tongue of the crafty.

[7] *q. d.* And this is evident by thy words, which blazon abroad that wickedneſs that is in thy heart, *Matth.* 12. 34. ¶ [8] Coverſt thy impious principles and opinions with fair pretences of piety and reſpect to God.

6 Thine own mouth [9] condemneth thee, and [10] not I: yea, thine own lips teſtifie againſt thee.

[9] *Matth.*26 65. *Luke* 19.22. *viz.* Of impiety. ¶ [10] *Joh.* 5.45. Not only I.

* Pſal.90.2. Prov. 8.25.

7 *Art* thou the [11] firſt man *that* was born? or waſt thou * made [11] before the hills?

[11] That thou thinkſt ſo highly of thy ſelf.

8 [12] Haſt

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8 [12] Haſt thou heard the ſecret of God? and doſt thou [13] reſtrain wiſdom to thy ſelf?

[12] *Jer.*23.18. *Rom.*11.33. Has God made thee of his Privy Council, and acquainted thee with all his ſecret counſels whereby he governs the World, that thou paſſeſt ſo bold a cenſure on all his deſigns and actions? ¶ [13] *Ch.*12.2.

9 What knoweſt thou that we know not? *what* underſtandeſt thou, which *is* not in us?

* Chap.32.6,7. 10 * With us *are* both the gray-headed, and very aged men, much elder then thy [14] father.

[14] (And therefore they ſhould know more than thou, by thy own argument.)

11 [15] *Are* the conſolations of God ſmall with thee? [16] Is there any ſecret thing with thee?

[15] Are the promiſes made by us in God's Name to thee, (*ch.*5.19. *&c.* & 11.13. *&c.*) ſuch deſpiſeable things as not worthy to be regarded in compariſon of thy own fancies? ¶ [16] 1 *Kings* 22.24. Doſt thou know any better way of comfort?

12 [17] Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thine eyes [18] wink at,

[17] Why doſt thou ſuffer thy ſelf to be tranſported by the pride and luſts of thy heart, to uſe ſuch unworthy and unbecoming expreſſions concerning God and his Providence? ¶ [18] By way of contempt and ſcorn at God and us.

13 That thou [19] turneſt thy ſpirit againſt God, and letteſt [20] ſuch words go out of thy mouth?

[19] Speakſt as bitterly againſt God, as if thy heart was utterly turn'd againſt him. ¶ [20] As thoſe *ch.*7.-20. & 9.30. & 13.26.

* 2 Chro.6.36. 14* [21] What *is* man, that he ſhould be [22] clean? and *he which is* born of a woman, that he ſhould be [22] righteous?

[21] *Ch.*14.4. 1 *King.*8.46. *Pſal.*14.3. *Prov.*20.9. 1 *Joh.*1.8. ¶ [22] Innocent before God, (as thou maintainſt thy ſelf to be, *ch.* 11. 4.)

15 [23] Behold, he putteth no truſt in his [24] ſaints; yea, the [25] heavens are not [26] clean in his ſight.

[23] *Ch.*4.18. See there. ¶ [24] Angels, *Deut.*32.2. ¶ [25] The Stars: the furniture or inhabitants of the heavens. ¶ [26] *Ch.* 25.5. *viz.* Simply, perfectly and comparatively to God.

* Pſal.53.3. * Chap.34.7. Prov.19.28. 16 * How much more abominable and [27] filthy *is* man, * which drinketh iniquity [28] like water?

[27] *Pſal.*14.3. ¶ [28] *Pſal.*14.4. Readily, greedily, delightfully, (but *Job* did not ſo, and therefore they ſhould not have applied it to him.)

17 I will [29] ſhew thee, hear me, and that *which* I have ſeen, I will declare,

[29] *Viz.* That wicked men are thus ſharply handled, *ch.*4. 7. & 8.13.

* Chap.8.8. 18 Which wiſe men have told * from their fathers, and have not hid *it:*

19 [30] Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no ſtranger [31] paſſed among them.

[30] *q. d.* Theſe wiſe men and their fathers were perſons of great authority, power and wealth in the places of their abode. ¶ [31] *Joel* 3.-17. *viz.* In a hoſtile way.

20 [32] The wicked man travelleth with pain all *his* days, and [33] the number of years is hidden to the oppreſſour.

[32] *q. d.* O *Job*, thou feelſt that in thy ſelf which I have told thee before, and now tell thee again, that a wicked man is in continual diſtreſs and ſorrow. [33] He knows not how long he ſhall live, and enjoy his proſperous eſtate, and ſo is in continual fear of a change.

†Heb. *a ſound of fears.* 21 † [34] A dreadful ſound *is* in his ears; [35] in proſperity the deſtroyer ſhall come upon him.

[34] *Lev.*26.36. His fears make him perpetually thinking of dangers, as if the noiſe of 'em were always in his ears. [35] 1 *Theſ.*5.3.

22 [36] He believeth not that he ſhall return out of darkneſs, and he is [37] waited for of the ſword.

[36] 2 *Kings* 6.33. *Matth.*27.5. If he fall into trouble he deſpairs of deliverance. ¶ [37] Inſtead of being delivered from this, a further evil, even utter deſtruction is ready to ſeiſe him.

* Pſal.59.15. * Chap.18.12. 23 He * [38] wandreth abroad for bread, *ſaying*, Where *is it?* he knoweth that * [39] the day of darkneſs is ready at his hand.

[38] *Pſal.*109.10. ¶ [39] Inevitable miſery is coming upon him.

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24 [40] Trouble and anguiſh ſhall make him afraid; they ſhall prevail againſt him, as a king [41] ready to the battel.

[40] The troubles he feels ſhall make him fear that more and greater are coming on him. ¶ [41] Who with irreſiſtible power aſſaults his enemy.

25 For he [42] ſtretcheth out his hand againſt God, and ſtrengtheneth himſelf againſt the Almighty.

[42] Deſperately oppoſes God in all things.

26 [43] He runneth upon him, *even* on *his* neck, upon the thick boſſes of his bucklers:

[43] The wicked man is not afraid to ſin in the moſt preſumptuous manner, even under the plain tokens of God's powerful wrath.

27 Becauſe [44] he covereth his face with his fatneſs, and [45] maketh collops of fat on *his* flanks.

[44] *Deut.*32.15. *Pſal.*7.10. & 78.31. *Jer.*46.21. He is grown rich, powerful and ſucceſful. ¶ [45] His only care is to pamper and pleaſe himſelf.

28 [46] And he dwelleth in deſolate cities, *and* in houſes which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

[46] Or, *Yet, q. d.* tho he liv'd a while in ſuch eaſe and plenty, yet it ſhall not always continue, for he is driven out of his own poſſeſſions, and forc't to fly unto deſolate places for ſafety and habitation.

29 He ſhall not [47] be rich, neither ſhall his ſubſtance continue, neither ſhall he [48] prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

[47] Not continue to be rich. ¶ [48] Not long continue in that compleat ſtate and glory which he has.

30 He ſhall [49] not depart out of darkneſs, [50] the flame ſhall dry up his branches, and * [51] by the breath of his mouth ſhall he go away. * Chap.4.9.

[49] Never get out of trouble. ¶ [50] The fire of God's wrath ſhall bring his flouriſhing eſtate to nothing. ¶ [51] 2 *Theſ.* 2.8. *Iſa.*11.4. By ſome judgment denounc'd by God againſt him in his anger, and ſent on him.

31 Let not [52] him that is deceived, truſt [53] in vanity: for [54] vanity ſhall be his recompence.

[52] Any wicked man that thinks it ſhall be well with him, (wherein he is commonly miſtaken.) ¶ [53] In the vain and deceitful things of this World, *Prov.*11.4. ¶ [54] He ſhall meet with nothing but diſappointment, diſſatisfaction and the loſs of all his imaginary felicity. He ſhall exchange one vanity for another: a pleaſing vanity for a vexatious one.

32 [55] It ſhall be ‖ accompliſhed [56] before his time, and his [57] branch ſhall not be green. ‖ Or, *cut off.*

[55] His own eyes ſhall ſee the vanity of his confidence. ¶ [56] *Ch.* 22.16. *Pſal.* 55.-23. *Eccl.*7.17. ¶ [57] His life, or children or eſtate ſhall not continue to flouriſh.

33 [58] He ſhall ſhake off his unripe grape as the vine, and ſhall caſt off his flower as the olive.

[58] 1 *Kings* 21.21. His wealth and poſſeſſions ſhall be blaſted by the hand of God, and never come to maturity.

34 [59] For the [60] congregation of hypocrites *ſhall be* deſolate, and [61] fire ſhall conſume the tabernacles [62] of bribery.

[59] *q. d.* They ſhall be thus ſuddenly and utterly deſtroy'd, becauſe they are but hypocrites and guilty of bribery. ¶ [60] Their whole ſtock and family ſhall be utterly deſtroy'd. ¶ [61] Some eminent and terrible judgment of God. ¶ [62] Which they have built up by ſecret fraud and injuſtice.

35 [63] They conceive miſchief, and bring forth ‖ vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit. ‖ Or, *iniquity*

[63] *Pſal.*7.14. *Iſa.*59.-4. *Hoſ.*10.13. They plot miſchief in their minds againſt others, but in the iſſue it uſually brings miſchief upon themſelves.

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CHAP. XVI.

1 *Job reproveth his friends of unmercifulneſs.* 7 *He ſheweth the pitifulneſs of his caſe.* 17 *He maintaineth his innocence.*

2400. THen Job anſwered and ſaid,
2 I have heard many ſuch things: ‖ [1] miſerable comforters *are* ye all.
‖ Or, *troubleſome.*
[1] *Ch.*13.4. *Phil.* 1.16. *q. d.* You have done nothing but thunder out threatnings againſt me, to drive me to deſpair, inſtead of comforting me, as you pretend, *ch.*15.11.

† Heb. *words of wind.* 3 [2] Shall † vain words have an end, or what emboldeneth thee that thou [3] anſwereſt?
[2] *q. d.* When wilt thou make an end of ſuch idle, impertinent diſcourſe? ¶ [3] *Viz.* So cenſoriouſly, ſcornfully and peremptorily.

4 I alſo could [4] ſpeak as ye *do:* if your ſoul were [5] in my ſouls ſtead, I could heap up words againſt you, and [6] ſhake mine head at you.
[4] 1 *Pet.*3.9. ¶ [5] In diſtreſs, as I am. ¶ [6] 2 *Kings* 19.21. *Pſal.*22.7. and 44.14. *Jer.*18.16. *Lam.*2.15. Deſpiſe and mock you.

5 *But* I would [7] ſtrengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips ſhould aſſwage *your grief.*
[7] *Ch.*4.4. *Pſal.*27.14. *Iſa.*35.3,4. 2 *Cor.*1.4. *Gal.*6.1. Miniſter comfort to you.

† Heb. *What goeth from me?* 6 Though I [8] ſpeak, my grief is not aſſwaged: and *though* I forbear, † what am I eaſed?
[8] Complain of my troubles, or defend my innocency.

7 But now [9] he hath made me weary: thou haſt [10] made deſolate all my company.
[9] *Pſal.*88.15. God has made my life weariſom to me with manifold afflictions. ¶ [10] Brought my whole family to ruin.

8 And thou haſt [11] filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a [12] witneſs *againſt me:* and my leanneſs riſing up in me, [12] beareth witneſs to my face.
[11] *Prov.*17.22. Made me lean, by my pains and ſorrows. ¶ [12] *ch.*10.17 *Viz.* How exceeding grievous my miſeries are.

* Chap. 10. 16,17. 9 * [13] He teareth *me* in his wrath, who hateth me: he [14] gnaſheth upon me with his teeth; * Chap.13.24. * mine enemy [15] ſharpeneth his eyes upon me.
[13] *Pſal.* 7.2. and 50. 22. *Hoſ.* 5. 14. *q. d.* My friends, tho' they pretend kindneſs, yet have dealt moſt unkindly with me. ¶ [14] Shews his ſpite at me, *Pſal.* 37. 12. *Lam.* 2. 16. ¶ [15] Makes 'em to ſparkle for anger.

10 [16] They have [17] gaped upon me with their mouth, they have [18] ſmitten me upon the cheek reprochfully, they have [19] gathered themſelves together againſt me,
[16] My friends, the inſtruments of God's anger. ¶ [17] Either to devour me, (as *Pſal.*22.13.) or to deride me, as *Pſal.* 35.21. ¶ [18] 2 *Cor.*11.20, 21. 1 *Kings* 22. 24. *Mich.* 5. 1. *Lam.*3.30. Treated me with the greateſt ſcorn and contempt imaginable. ¶ [19] *Pſal.* 35.15. Combin'd to grieve me.

* Chap.1.15, 17. † Heb. *ſhut me up.* 11 God * hath † [20] delivered me to the [21] ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the [21] wicked.
[20] *John* 19. 11. ¶ [21] The Chaldeans and Sabeans, *ch.* 1. 15, 17.

12 I was [22] at eaſe, but he hath broken me aſunder: he hath alſo taken *me* by my neck, and [23] ſhaken me to pieces, and [24] ſet me up for his mark.
[22] *Ch.* 12.5. In a happy condition, free from trouble. ¶ [23] Shattered all my happineſs, never to be made whole again. ¶ [24] *ch.*7.30. Laid all ſorts of Judgments upon me.

13 [25] His archers compaſs me round about, he [26] cleaveth my reins aſunder, and doth not ſpare; he [26] poureth out my gall upon the ground.
[25] His Plagues and Judgments. ¶ [26] Torments me with exquiſite inward pains, and terrours of conſcience.

14 He [27] breaketh me with breach upon breach, he [28] runneth upon me like a giant.
[27] Heaps plague upon plague upon me. ¶ [28] Aſſaults me with mighty power and fury.

15 I have [29] ſewed ſackcloth [30] upon my skin, and * [31] defiled my horn in the duſt.
[29] Humbled my ſelf deeply, 1 *Kings* 21. 27. *Jon.* 3. 5. ¶ [30] Next my body; as 2 *Kings* 6.30. ¶ [31] *Pſal.* 7.5. Abaſed my ſelf in the loweſt degree, and laid aſide whatſoever was excellent and eminent in me, *Pſal.* 75.4,10. 1 *Sam.* 2.10.

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16 My face is [32] foul with weeping, and on my eye-lids *is* the [33] ſhadow of death:
[32] *Lam.*2.11. ¶ [33] *Pſal.*38.10. *Lam.*5.17. *i. e.* I look like a dying man.

17 Not for *any* [34] injuſtice in mine hands: alſo [35] my prayer *is* pure.
[34] Extraordinary ſin I have been guilty of. ¶ [35] 1 *Tim.* 2.8. I have worſhip'd God aright, in the ſincerity of my heart.

18 [36] O earth, [37] cover not thou my bloud, and * let my [38] cry have no place. * Chap.27.9. Pſal.66.18,19.
[36] *Deut.*32.1. *Iſa.*1.2. ¶ [37] *Gen.* 4. 11. *Iſa.* 26. 21. *Ezek.* 34.7. If I have been guilty of bloodſhed or any injury to men, conceal it not, but diſcloſe it. ¶ [38] My prayer for mercy find no acceptance.

19 Alſo now, behold, [39] my witneſs *is* in heaven, and my record *is* † on high. † Heb. *in the high places.*
[39] *Rom.*1.9. See there. *Viz.* Of my ſincerity and innocence.

20 My friends † [40] ſcorn me: *but* mine eye † Heb. are *my ſcorners.* poureth out *tears* unto God.
[40] As an hypocrite: and therefore I appeal to God.

21 * O that one [41] might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleadeth* for his ‖ neighbour! * Chap.31 35. Eccl.6.10. Iſa.45.9. Rom.9.20.

22 [42] When † a few years are come, then I ſhall go the way *whence* I ſhall [43] not return. [41] *ch.*9.34, 35. & 13.3,22.
[42] *q. d.* My troubles will ſoon make an end of me, and therefore I wiſh that God would clear me quickly, or elſe it will be too late. ¶ [43] *ch.*7.9,10. ‖ Or, *friend.* † Heb. *years of number.*

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Job appealeth from men to God.* 6 *The unmerciful dealing of men with the afflicted, may aſtoniſh, but not diſcourage the righteous.*

2400. MY ‖ breath [1] is corrupt, my days are extinct, the [2] graves *are ready* for me. ‖ Or, *ſpirit is ſpent.*
[1] Stinks as in dying perſons. ¶ [2] *Pſal.*88.3,5. 2 *Tim.*4.6.

2 *Are there* not [3] mockers with me? and [4] doth not mine eye † continue in their provocation? † Heb. *lodge.*
[3] *Ch.*16.20. and 21.3. Who mock at my innocence, and deride me as a wicked man; (and therefore I muſt appeal to God.) ¶ [4] 1 *Sam.*1.7. My thoughts are continually poring upon their provocations.

3 [5] Lay down now, put me in a ſurety with thee; who *is* he *that* * [6] will ſtrike hands with me? * Prov. 6.1. & 17.18. & 22.26.
[5] Appoint ſome body like my ſelf, who may plead with me in thy ſtead. ¶ [6] Dare contend with me.

4 [7] For thou haſt [8] hid their heart from underſtanding: therefore ſhalt thou not exalt *them.*
[7] *q. d.* I appeal to thee, becauſe they are unfit to be my Judges. ¶ [8] *Matth.*11.25. and 13.11. Depriv'd theſe my friends of common reaſon, or elſe they would not argue as they do.

5 He that [9] ſpeaketh flattery to *his* friends, even the eyes of his [10] children ſhall fail.
[9] Flatters wicked men becauſe of their proſperity, as if God lov'd 'em. ¶ [10] 1 *Kings* 11.12. and 21.29.

6 [11] He hath made me alſo a [12] by-word of the people, and ‖ aforetime I was [13] as a tabret. ‖ Or, *before them.*
[11] 2 *Sam.*16.10. Here he falls upon his old Theme of aggravating his miſeries. ¶ [12] *ch.*30.9. *Deut.* 28.37. *Pſal.*44. 13,14. and 31.11. ¶ [13] The People's delight and darling, and matter of their praiſe.

7 Mine eye alſo is [14] dim by reaſon of ſorrow, and all my ‖ members *are* as a [15] ſhadow. ‖ Or, *thoughts*
[14] *Ch.*16.16. *Pſal.*6.7. and 31.9. ¶ [15] Shrunk to nothing, and become a meer Anatomy, or Ghoſt.

8 Upright *men* ſhall be aſtonied [16] at this, and the [17] innocent ſhall ſtir up himſelf againſt the hypocrite.
[16] At God's dealings thus with me. ¶ [17] They that are free from hypocriſie and reigning ſin, will be induc'd hereby to ſet themſelves more eagerly againſt all hypocritical perſons.

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9 The righteous alſo ſhall [18] hold on his way, and he that hath [19] clean hands ſhall † be [20] ſtronger and ſtronger.

† Heb. *add ſtrength.*

[18] *Viz.* Notwithſtanding this ſcandal of my ſufferings, and all other diſcouragements he may meet withal. ¶ [19] *Pſal.* 24.4. *Gen.*20.-5. Is free from groſs open ſin. ¶ [20] 2 *Sam.* 3.-1. *Iſa.*40.31. *Pſal.*84.7. More confirm'd in piety.

10 But as for you all, do you [21] return, and come now: for [22] I cannot find *one* wiſe *man* among you.

[21] *Viz.* To a further arguing the point between us, and learn now of me. ¶ [22] 1 *Cor.*6.5. You are all miſtaken, and ſhew your ſelves ignorant of the ways of God.

11 [23] My days are paſt, my [23] purpoſes are broken off, *even* the † thoughts of my heart.

† Heb. *poſſeſſions.*

[23] *Ch.*7.6. and 9.25. I find I am but a dying man, (whatever hopes you give me of recovering my former proſperity) and all my deſigns are at an end.

12 [24] They change the night into day: [25] the light *is* † ſhort, becauſe of darkneſs.

† Heb. *near.*

[24] My pains which lye upon me without intermiſſion keep me awake in the night, as if it were day, *ch.* 7. 3, 4, 13. ¶ [25] If I have any eaſe or comfort in the day it is ſoon gone, and I enjoy little benefit by it.

13 If I [26] wait, the grave *is* mine [27] houſe: I have [28] made my bed in the darkneſs.

[26] Hope for a better time, as you promiſe me, *ch.*8.6. and 11.15–17. ¶ [27] Which I muſt look for, and nothing elſe. ¶ [28] *Iſa.*57.2. Prepar'd for death.

† Heb. *cried,* or *called.*

14 [29] I have † ſaid to corruption, [30] Thou *art* my father: to the worm, *Thou art* my [31] mother, and my [31] ſiſter.

[29] I am ſure I ſhall ſhortly putrifie in the grave. ¶ [30] Thou ſhalt turn me into thy own likeneſs. ¶ [31] Akin to me, and continually with me.

15 And where *is* now [32] my hope? as for my [33] hope, who ſhall ſee it?

[32] My future proſperity, wherewith you ſeek to flatter and delude me. ¶ [33] The happineſs you'd have me expect.

16 [34] They ſhall go down to the bars of the pit, when *our* * reſt together *is* in the duſt.

* Chap.3.17, 18,19.

[34] My hopes (*v.*15.) and thoughts of proſperity, (*v.* 11.) ſhall vaniſh away as things buried in the innermoſt parts of the grave, when both you and I and my hopes and all ſhall be lodg'd together in the grave.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Bildad reproveth Job of preſumption and impatience.* 5 *The calamities of the wicked.*

2400. THen anſwered Bildad the Shuhite, and ſaid,

2 How long *will it be ere* you [1] make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will ſpeak.

[1] Ceaſe thy vain cavilling and contradicting.

3 Wherefore are we counted [2] as beaſts, *and* reputed vile in your ſight?

[2] *ch.* 12.7. & 17.4,10.

4 [3] He teareth † himſelf in his anger: ſhall the earth be [4] forſaken for thee? and ſhall [5] the rock be removed out of his place?

† Heb. *his ſoul.*

[3] *Job* rages and torments himſelf through impatience, *ch.* 13.14. [4] ¶ *Viz.* Of God's Providence, ſo as to let all things fall out by chance to good and bad, and all to prevent thy complaints and clamour? ¶ [5] God's counſels and methods in governing the world.

5 [6] Yea the light of the wicked ſhall be put out, and the ſpark of his fire ſhall not ſhine.

[6] *q. d.* Nay, aſſure your ſelf that tho' the wicked may proſper for a while, yet it ſhall not long continue.

6 [7] The light ſhall be dark in his tabernacle, and [8] his ‖ candle ſhall be put out with him.

‖ Or, *lamp.*

[7] The honour of his houſe and family ſhall be turn'd into miſery. ¶ [8] *Prov.*13.-9. His glory ſhall come to an end with himſelf.

7 [9] The ſteps of his ſtrength ſhall be ſtraitned, and his [10] own counſel ſhall caſt him down.

[9] His bold attempts, and reſolved endeavours ſhall meet with unremoveable difficulties, *Prov.*4.12. ¶ [10] *ch.*5.12,13. *Eſth.*3.9.

* Chap.22.10. 8 For * he is [11] caſt into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a [12] ſnare.

[11] *Prov.*5.22. Brings himſelf into inextricable difficulties. ¶ [12] In perpetual danger.

9 The grin ſhall take *him* by the heel, *and* the [13] robber ſhall prevail againſt him.

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[13] *ch.*5.5.

10 [14] The ſnare *is* † laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

† Heb. *hidden.*

[14] He is always in danger of hidden miſchief, which he neither foreſees, nor fears.

11 [15] Terrours ſhall make him afraid on every ſide, and ſhall † [16] drive him to his feet.

† Heb. *ſcatter.*

[15] *Ch.*6.4. and 15.21. *Jer.* 6.25. and 20.-3. and 46.-5. and 49.29. ¶ [16] Make him run from place to place for ſafety.

12 His ſtrength ſhall be [17] hunger-bitten, and [18] deſtruction *ſhall be* ready at his ſide.

[17] *Ch.*15.23. 1 *Sam.*2.5,36. Shall decay for want of food. ¶ [18] *Prov.*1.27.

13 It ſhall devour the † [19] ſtrength of his ſkin: *even* the [20] firſt-born of death ſhall devour his ſtrength.

† Heb. *bars.*

[19] His fleſh and bones. ¶ [20] A moſt remarkable and terrible kind of death.

14 [21] His confidence ſhall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and [22] it ſhall bring him to the king of terrours.

[21] *Ch.*8.14. and 11.20. *Pſal.* 112.10. *Prov.* 10. 28. Whatſoever about his houſe he truſted in in his proſperity. ¶ [22] The loſs of his confidence.

15 [23] It ſhall dwell in his tabernacle, becauſe *it is* [24] none of his: [25] brimſtone ſhall be ſcattered upon his habitation.

[23] Terrour and deſpair, or deſtruction, *v.* 12. ¶ [24] Being gotten unjuſtly. ¶ [25] *Gen.*19.24. *Pſal.* 11.6. *Iſa.* 13.19. and 34.9. Some exemplary Judgment ſhall befall him.

16 * [26] His roots ſhall be dried up beneath, and above ſhall his [27] branch be cut off.

* Chap.29.19. Iſa.5.24. Amos 2.9. Mal.4.1.

[26] Both himſelf and all his Poſterity. ¶ [27] Outward pomp.

17 [28] His remembrance ſhall periſh from the earth, and he ſhall have no name in the ſtreet.

[28] *Prov.*10.-7. *Pſal.*109.13.

18 † He ſhall be [29] driven [30] from light into darkneſs, and chaſed out of the world.

† Heb. *they ſhall drive him*

[29] *Luke* 12.20.

19 He ſhall neither have [31] ſon nor nephew among his people, nor [32] any remaining in his dwellings.

[30] From life to death.

[31] *Jer.* 22.30. *Iſa.* 14.22. ¶ [32] *Viz.* Of his family or kindred.

20 They that [33] come after *him* ſhall be aſtonied [34] at his day, as [35] they that ‖ went before † were affrighted.

‖ Or, *lived with him.*

† Heb. *laid hold on horror.*

[33] That hear by others the relation of his fearful fall. ¶ [34] *Pſal.*37.13. and 137.7. *Ezek.* 21. 25. *Obad.* 12. At the ſuddenneſs and dreadfulneſs of his deſtruction, falling out on a certain day. ¶ [35] Such as lived at the ſame time, and ſaw this terrible deſtruction.

21 Surely [36] ſuch *are* the dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the place *of him that* [37] knoweth not God.

[36] Such dreadful deſtruction ſhall befall them. ¶ [37] *Exod.* 5.2. *Judg.*2.10. 1 *Sam.*2.12. *Pſal.*79.6. 2 *Theſſ.* 1.8. *Tit.* 1.16. Does not acknowledge, ſerve nor fear God, (and none elſe: and therefore don't deceive thy ſelf, *Job*, ſince by thy preſent condition it's evident what thou haſt been; and therefore repent or expect ruin.)

CHAP. XIX.

¶ *Job complaining of his friends cruelty, ſheweth there is miſery enough in him to feed their cruelty:* 21, 28 *He craveth pity:* 25 *He believeth the reſurrection.*

THen Job anſwered and ſaid,

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2 [1] How long will ye [2] vex my ſoul, and break me in pieces with [3] words?

[1] *Ch.* 18. 2. ¶ [2] 1 *Sam.* 1. 6. *Pſal.* 42. 10. 2 *Pet.* 2.8. ¶ [3] Weak arguments, but ſtrong reproaches.

3 Theſe * [4] ten times have ye reproached me: you are not aſhamed *that* you ‖ [5] make your ſelves ſtrange to me.

* Gen.31.7. Lev.26.26.

‖ Or, *harden your ſelves againſt me.*

[4] You have frequently diſgraced and ſpoken contemptibly of me. ¶ [5] Deal with me as if you had not known my former piety and integrity.

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4 And be it indeed *that* I have [6] erred, mine errour remaineth with my self.

[6] Mistaken in what I have said, or been guilty of some sin of ignorance and infirmity, I've smarted sufficiently for it, and therefore deserve your pity.

5 If indeed ye will [7] magnifie *your selves* against me, [7] and plead against me my reproach:

[7] *Psal.*38.16. Insult over me for my error, and bring my misery as an argument to reproach me for a wicked man.

6 Know now that God hath [8] overthrown me, and hath [9] compassed me with his net.

[8] *Psal.*44.11. (And therefore you should not add to my affliction, but rather pity me.) ¶ [9] *Ch.*18.8,9.

‖ Or, *violence.*

7 Behold, I cry out of ‖ [10] wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but *there is* no [11] judgment.

[10] *Jer.*20.8. *Hab.*1.2. That I am thus heavily afflicted by God and derided by men. ¶ [11] *Psal.*22.2. *Lam.*3.8. *Heb.*1.2. Passed for me all this while.

* Chap.3.23.

8 * He hath [12] fenced up my way that I [13] cannot pass, and he hath [14] set darkness in my paths.

[12] *Lam.*3.7. ¶ [13] Can find no way out of my troubles. ¶ [14] Perplex me that I can't tell what course to take.

9 He hath stript me of my [15] glory, and taken the [15] crown *from* my head.

[15] *Ch.*29.7,14,20. *Gen.*31.1. *Psal.*49.16,17. *Isa.*61.6. and 66.11. *Hos.*9.11. All my comforts and ornaments.

10 He hath destroyed me [16] on every side, and I am [17] gone: and mine [18] hope hath he removed like a [19] tree.

[16] To all intents and purposes. ¶ [17] But a dead man in a manner. ¶ [18] *Viz.* Of any more comfort in this world ¶ [19] *Ch.*24.20. Pluck'd up by the roots, *ch.*18.16.

11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as *one of* his [20] enemies.

[20] *ch.*33.8,10. & 13.24. *Lam.*2.5.

12 His [21] troups come together, and * [22] raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

* Chap.30.12.

[21] *Psal.*34.19. Multitudes of troubles. ¶ [22] Make batteries from whence to assault me.

13 He hath [23] put my brethren [23] far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.

[23] *Psal.*31.11. and 38.11. and 69.8. and 88.8,18. Alienated their hearts from me.

14 My kinsfolk have [24] failed, and my [25] familiar friends have forgotten me.

[24] Refus'd to do the offices of love and kindness to me. ¶ [25] *Prov.*18.24. *Mich.*7.5.

15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an aliant in their sight.

16 I called my servant, and he gave *me* no answer: I entreated him with my mouth.

17 [26] My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the [27] childrens *sake* of † mine own body.

†Heb. *my belly.*

[26] *Ch.*17.1. My wife regards my complaints and cries no more than if she were a meer stranger to me. ¶ [27] Those pledges of mutual love and kindness.

‖ Or, *the wicked.*

18 Yea, ‖ [28] young children despised me; I [29] arose, and they spake against me.

[28] *Ch.*30.1. 2 *Kings* 2.23. ¶ [29] To go away from 'em, or reprove 'em.

† Heb. *the men of my secret.*

19 All † my [30] inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved, are turned against me.

[30] *Psal.*41.9. & 55.13,14,24.

20 [31] My bone cleaveth to my skin, ‖ [32] and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin [33] of my teeth.

‖ Or, *as.*

[31] *Psal.*102.5, *Lam.* 4.8. I am worn to skin and bone. ¶ [32] As it was wont to cleave to my flesh, (which now is all gone.) ¶ [33] I have nothing left but the skin that covers the gums at the roots of my teeth.

[34] *Col.*3.12. *Hebr.*13.3.

21 [34] Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends, for the hand of God hath touched me.

22 Why do ye persecute me [35] as God, and are not satisfied with [36] my flesh?

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[35] *Psal.*69.26. As if you were in his stead to do with me what you please. ¶ [36] My bodily pains, (but you wound my spirit also.)

† Heb. *who will give,* &c.

23 † Oh that [37] my words were now written, oh that they were [38] printed in a book!

[37] All my foregoing discourses to vindicate my integrity. ¶ [38] Written in a large and lasting hand, (as Laws and Records use to be) for the vindicating my sincerity to after-ages, and the encouragement of all sincere persons under afflictions.

[39] *Jer.* 17.1.

24 That they were graven with an [39] iron pen and lead, in the rock for ever!

25 [40] For [41] I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall [42] stand at the latter *day* upon the earth.

¶ [40] *q. d.* I am willing to have my cause publish'd, and to submit it to any trial, because—— ¶ [41] *Rom.*8.38. I am assured (by faith) that Christ, who is of our kindred by his Incarnation, and redeems us by his Passion, is the ever living God, who will one day own me, and vindicate my cause. ¶ [42] *Dan.*12.1. Appear in glory to judge the world. (See on *John* 5.22.) at the day of the general Resurrection and Judgment: This glorious profession of his faith in the Messia and the Resurrection, did so refresh and cheer up his spirits, that he uses no such impatient expressions afterwards, as he did before.

‖ Or, *after I shall awake, though this* body *be destroyed, yet out of my flesh shall I see God.*

26 ‖ And *though* [43] after my skin, *worms* destroy this *body*, yet [44] in my flesh shall [45] I see [46] God:

[43] After they have devour'd my skin. ¶ [44] *Phil.* 3.21. In the same body I now have, (only chang'd 1 *Cor.*15.42.&c.) ¶ [45] *Psal.*16.11. and 17.15. *Matth.*5.8. 1 *Cor.* 13.12. 1 *John* 3.2. ¶ [46] Christ in his humane Nature, who is God.

† Heb. *a stranger.* † Heb. *in my bosom.*

27 Whom I shall see [47] for my self and mine eyes shall behold, and [48] not † another: *though* my reins be consumed † within me.

¶ [47] For my own good, and to my singular comfort. ¶ [48] My own body shall be restor'd to me, and not another body bestow'd on me, tho' now my case seems desperate, because God is pleas'd thus extremely to afflict me both within and without.

28 [49] But ye should say, Why [50] persecute we him, ‖ seeing the [51] root of the matter is found in me?

‖ Or, *and* what *root of matter is found in me?*

[49] *q. d.* Seeing this is my case, and my faith and hope in God— ¶ [50] *v.*22. *Gal.*4.29. Revile a godly man, so deeply afflicted by God already. ¶ [51] A Principle of true Piety (which you ought to cherish) tho' I have many failings.

29 [52] Be ye afraid of the sword: for [53] wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the sword, that ye may [54] know *there is* a judgment.

[52] *q. d.* Instead of threatning me, look to your selves, lest the Judgments of God seize upon you. ¶ [53] Your wrath against me will pull down God's wrath upon your selves if you persist in it. ¶ [54] Consider (so as to save your selves from it) that there is a day of reckoning a coming, (*Psal.*58.11.) when God will call you to account for all these carriages towards me, *Matth.*7.1. *Rom.*14.4. *James* 4.11. (And therefore don't flatter your selves with hopes of impunity.)

CHAP. XX.

Zophar sheweth the state and portion of the wicked.

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THen answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

† Heb. *my haste is in me.*

2 [1] Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for *this* † I [2] make haste.

[1] *q. d.* Because of thy contumelious words and threatnings (which I have fully weighed) I have bethought my self what to answer. ¶ [2] *Gal.*4.18.

3 I have heard the [3] check of my reproch, and the [4] spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

[3] 2 *Tim.* 4.3. Such reproofs as tend to my disgrace. ¶ [4] My soul, which enables me to understand what thou hast said.

4 Knowest thou *not* this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

* Psal.37.35, 36.

5 * That the triumphing of the wicked *is* † short,

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† short, and the joy of the hypocrite *but* for a moment?

† Heb. *from near.*

[5] *Dan.*4.31. *Act.*12.22,23. *Job* having convinc't 'em that wicked men do many times prosper in the world, they now maintain that it's but for a while.

6 Though his excellency [6] mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the † clouds:

† Heb. *cloud.*

[6] *Gen.*11.4. *Isa.*14.13,14. *Psal.*37. 35,36. *Matth.*11.23. Be advanc'd to the highest pitch of outward prosperity and glory.

7 *Yet* he shall perish for ever, like his own [7] dung: they which have seen him shall say, [8] Where *is* he?

[7] *Ps.*83.10.1 *King.*14.10.2 *Kings* 9.37. ¶ [8] *Isa.*14.16,17.

8 [9] He shall flie away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

[9] All his former honour and happiness is but like the joy of a dream, *Psal.*73.20. *Isa.*29.7,8.

[10] *Ch.*7.8,10. See there. * Vers.8. 18. Psal.37. 36. & 103. 16.

9 * [10] The eye also *which* saw him, shall *see him* no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

‖ Or, *the poor shall oppress his children.*

10 ‖ His children shall seek to [11] please the poor, and [12] his hands * shall restore their goods.

[11] Pacifie and satisfie 'em for the wrong his father did 'em. ¶ [12] The hands of the wicked Oppressor.

* Vers.18. * Psal.25.7. [13] *Prov.*9.17.

11 His bones are full *of* * *the* [13] *sin* of his youth, which shall [14] lie down with him in the dust.

[13] *Ch.*13.26. Those pains and distempers, which are the fruit of his youthful sins. ¶ [14] *Ezek.*24.13. Pursue him to the death.

[15] *Prov.*9.17.

12 Though wickedness be [15] sweet in his mouth, *though* he hide it under his tongue;

† Heb. *in the midst of his palate.*

13 *Though* he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still † within his mouth:

14 *Yet* his meat in his bowels is [16] turned, [17] *it is* the gall of asps within him.

[16] Become bitter and unwholsom. ¶ [17] It will be very painful and destructive to him at last.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall [18] vomit them up again: God shall [19] cast them out of his belly.

[18] *Prov.* 23. 8. *Matth.*27.3,4. Be forc't to restore 'em with great shame and torment, *v.*10. ¶ [19] So torment and fill him with trouble and anguish of mind, that he shall be sick of 'em.

16 [20] He shall suck the poyson of asps: the vipers [21] tongue shall slay him.

[20] *Prov.*23.32. That which he has been so eager in getting, shall prove but poyson to kill him. ¶ [21] Where the poyson lies.

* Psal.36. 9. ‖ Or, *streaming brooks.*

17 He shall [22] not * see the rivers, ‖ the flouds, the brooks of honey and butter.

[22] *Jer.* 17. 6. Not enjoy the least comfort and content in all his plenty.

†Heb. *the substance of his exchange.*

18 [23] That which he laboured for, shall he restore, and shall not [24] swallow *it* down: according to † *his* [25] substance *shall* the restitution *be*, and he shall not rejoyce *therein.*

[23] His own goods, which he got honestly, (as well as the goods of others.) ¶ [24] Be soon deprived of all. ¶ [25] To the utmost of his estate.

† Heb. *crushed.*

19 Because he hath † oppressed *and* hath [26] forsaken the poor; *because* he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not:

[26] *Jam.*2.13. *Matth.*25.35,36. Refus'd to do him right.

* Eccles.3. 13, 14. † Heb. *know.*

20 * Surely he shall not † feel [27] quietness in his belly, he shall [28] not save of that which he desired.

[27] No peace nor satisfaction in his mind in all his gains. ¶ [28] *Luke* 12.20. Be deprived of all his desirable things.

‖ Or, *be none left for his meat.*

21 There shall ‖ none of his meat be [29] left; therefore shall [30] no man look for his goods.

[29] *Luke* 16.24. *Jer.* 17. 11. & 22.19. ¶ [30] He shall have no Goods left for any one to look after.

‖ Or, *troublesom.*

22 [31] In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the ‖ wicked shall come upon him.

[31] In the heighth of his prosperity and abundance, he shall be reduc'd to an indigent condition.

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23 *When* he is [32] about to fill his belly, *God* shall cast the [33] fury of his wrath upon him, and shall [34] rain *it* upon him while he is [35] eating.

[32] Thinks to satisfie and content himself in the enjoyment of what he has gotten. ¶ [33] Some extraordinary judgment. ¶ [34] *Psal.*11.6. *Gen.*19.24. ¶ [35] *ch.*1. 18,19. *Num.* 11.33. *Psal.*78. 30,31.

* Isa.24.18. Jer.48. 43. Am.5. 19.

24 * [36] He shall flee from the iron weapon, *and* the bow of steel shall strike him through.

[36] While he seeks to escape one danger, another shall overtake him, *Isa.*24.18. *Jer.*48.44. *Am.*5. 19.

* Chap.16.13.

25 [37] It is drawn and cometh out of the body; yea, * the glistering sword cometh out of his gall; [38] terrors *are* upon him.

[37] *Deut.*32.41. He is mortally wounded by these judgments. ¶ [38] *ch.*18.11. Horrors of Conscience; because he can't live, and dare not die.

26 [39] All darkness *shall be* hid in his secret places: [40] a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with [41] him that is left in his tabernacle.

[39] All kind of grievous calamities shall seise upon him where-ever he thinks to hide himself. ¶ [40] Some heavy judgment that comes no man knows how. ¶ [41] His Posterity or Family, who shall inherit his Curse.

27 [42] The heaven shall reveal his iniquity: and [43] the earth shall rise up against him.

[41] God by some remarkable Judgment shall discover his notorious wickedness. ¶ [43] *Isa.* 26. 21. All Creatures upon earth shall conspire with God to destroy him.

28 [44] The increase of his house shall depart, *and his goods* shall flow away in the day [45] of his wrath.

[44] His Estate got by the labor of his Family, shall be taken away by some accident or other. *2 King.*20.17. ¶ [44] When God shall manifest his wrath against him, *v.* 23.

[46] *ch.*18. 21. & 27. 13. † Heb. *of his decree from God.*

29 [46] This *is* the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage † appointed unto him by God.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Job sheweth that even in the judgment of man, he hath reason to be grieved.* 7 *Sometimes the wicked do so prosper, that they despise God:* 16 *Sometimes their destruction is manifest.* 26 *The happy and unhappy are alike in death.*

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BUt Job answered and said,

2 Hear diligently my speech, and [1] let this be your consolations.

[1] Let your patient hearing of me be instead of those comforts you pretend to give me.

3 Suffer me that I may speak, and after that I have spoken, [2] mock on.

[2] *Ch.*16.10. & 17.2. *viz.* If thou shalt then find cause, and think fit so to do.

† Heb. *shortned*

4 As for me, *is* my complaint [3] to man? [3] and if *it were so*, why should not my spirit be † troubled?

[3] 2 *King.*6. 26,27. *q. d.* I find it's in vain to complain to you, (and therefore I'll turn my complaint to God;) for if I were to be tried by you, I should then have cause of trouble.

† Heb. *look unto me.* * Chap.29.9. & 40.4. Psal.39.9.

5 † [4] Mark me, and [4] be astonished, and * [5] lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth.

[4] Consider my former upright life, and present miserable state, and you can't but be astonish'd at the mysterious course of Divine Providence, that such vile Wretches should live in such heighth of prosperity, and that I should be so sorely plagued as I have been. ¶ [5] *Judg.* 18. 19. See there. You'l see so much cause of pity and silence, that you'l be ashamed to speak any more so harshly against me.

6 Even when I [6] remember, I am afraid, and [7] trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

[6] *Viz.* What I have felt my self, and observed concerning others, *v.*7. &c. ¶ [7] *Psal.*119.120. *Hab.*3. 16. *viz.* At these unaccountable ways of God's proceedings.

* Psal.17. 10. & 73.3, 12. Jer.12.1. Hab.1.16.

7 * [8] Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

[8] *Or.*

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[8] *Ch.*12. 6. See there. *q. d.* The contrary to what thou saist, (*ch.*20. 5.) is evident; for we see daily examples of wicked men's living a great while, even till they come to old Age, and that in great prosperity.

8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

† Heb. *peace.*
[9] *Psal.*73.5.

9 Their houses *are* † safe from fear, neither *is* the [9] rod of God upon them.

10 Their bull gendreth and faileth not, their cow calveth and casteth not her calf.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoyce at the sound of the organ.

* Chap.36.11.
‖ Or, *mirth.*

13 They * spend their days in ‖ [10] wealth, and [11] in a moment go down to the grave.

[10] In the enjoyment of the good things of this life ¶ [11] *Matth.*24.39. *Luke* 12.19. Die very easily, without any sense of pain, *Psal.*73.4.

14 [12] Therefore they say unto God, [13] Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

[12] Their prosperity produces impiety. ¶ [13] *ch.* 22. 17. *Luke* 19.14.

15 [14] What *is* the almighty, that we should serve him? and [15] what profit should we have if we pray unto him?

[14] *Exod.*5.2. We see no such extraordinary excellency in him to deserve such respect and observance. ¶ [15] *ch.*35.3. *Mal.*3.14.

16 [16] Lo, their good *is* not in their hand: * the [17] counsel of the wicked is far from me.

* Chap.22.18.
[16] *q. d.* Tho they thus condemn God as if they had no need of him, yet it's not in their own power to establish themselves in their flourishing condition. ¶ [17] *Psal.*1. 1. *Gen.*49.6. *Prov.*1.10. *q. d.* and therefore whatever you think, I abhor such thoughts and courses.

‖ Or, *lamp.*

17 [18] How oft is the ‖ [19] candle of the wicked put out? and *how oft* cometh their destruction upon them? *God* [20] distributeth sorrows in his anger.

[18] *Ch.*18.5,6,12. *q. d.* Tho, 'tis true, wicked men sometimes flourish all their days (*v.* 7–13.) yet I acknowledge that frequently 'tis otherwise. ¶ [19] *ch.*18.6. Whatsoever affords any comfort to 'em. ¶ [20] *Luke* 12.46. Punishes 'em according to their desert.

18 They are as [21] stubble before the wind, and as [21] chaff that that the storm † carrieth away.

† Heb. *stealeth*
[21] *Psal.* 1. 4. *Isa.* 17. 13. and 29. 5. *Hos.* 13. 3.

‖ That is, *the punishment of his iniquity.*
* Exod.20.5.

19 God layeth up ‖ his [22] iniquity * for his children: he [23] rewardeth him, and he shall [24] know *it*,

[22] The punishment of it. ¶ [23] Punishes him in punishing his Children. ¶ [24] Live to see their destruction.

20 [25] His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall [26] drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

[25] He shall sensibly feel himself sinking and perishing. ¶ [26] *Psal.*75.8. *Jer.*25.15. *Rev.*14.10.

21 For [27] what pleasure *hath* he in his house after him, when the number of his months is [28] cut off in the midst?

[27] *q. d.* And tho his Family should flourish when he is gon, yet that will be nothing to him, since he is cut off in his prime. ¶ [28] *Isa.*38.12. *Psal.*55.25.

22 Shall *any* teach God [29] knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are [30] high.

[29] *Isa.*40.13, and 45.9. *Rom.*11.34. 1 *Cor.*2. 16. *viz.* How to govern the World, and when to prosper, or when to punish ungodly men. ¶ [30] *ch.*34.17–19. *Gen.*18.25. *Eccl.*5.8.

† Heb. *in his very perfection* or, *in the strength of his perfection.*

23 [31] One dieth † in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

[31] Any one, or other, whither good or bad: *q. d.* God dispenses these outward things indifferently to all alike, whether good or bad, *Eccl.*9.2.

‖ Or, *milk-pails*

24 His ‖ breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

25 And [31] another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

26 They shall lie down [32] alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

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[32] So that none can tell who is good, or who is bad, by any of these events.

27 Behold, I know your [33] thoughts, and the [33] devices *which* ye wrongfully imagine against me.

[33] What you think and will say in your own defence.

28 For ye say, [34] Where *is* the house of the prince? and where *are* † the dwelling-places of the wicked?

† Heb. *the tent of the tabernacles.*
[34] *q. d.* It's apparent that great judgments, even in this life, do sooner or later befall all wicked men, tho never so great.

29 [35] Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their [36] tokens?

[35] Here *Job* replies to their question in the former verse, *q. d.* Every traveller and passenger could inform you that wicked men flourish many times, and live and die in peace. ¶ [36] Those remarks they have set upon, and observations they have made, about these things.

30 That the wicked is [37] reserved to the day of destruction; they shall be brought forth to the day of † wrath.

† Heb. *wraths.*
[37] *Prov.*16. 4. 2 *Pet.*2.9. Preserved from common calamities here, to be punish'd in the other world.

31 [38] Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him *what* he hath done?

[38] *Gal.*2.11. *John* 14.4. None dare tell him of his faults to his Face, his power is so great, nor punish him for his wicked actions.

† Heb. *graves.*
† Heb. *watch in the heap.*

32 Yet shall he be [39] brought to the † grave, and shall † remain in the tomb.

[39] *Viz.* In an honourable manner: The pomp of his death shall be suitable to the glory of his life; and so wicked men may have a kind of happiness in death too, as well as in life.

33 [40] The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and [41] every man shall draw after him, as *there are* innumerable before him.

[40] He sleeps as quietly in his Grave as the best of men do, *ch.*3.17,18. & 24.24. ¶ [41] All men, whether good or bad, by little and little, follow him to the grave, as if drawn by him, or his example.

† Heb. *transgression.*

34 How then comfort ye me [42] in vain, [43] seeing in your answers there remaineth † falshood?

[42] With vain hopes of recovering my former prosperity, if I repent. ¶ [43] *Viz.* Since it appears by common experience, that good men are often in great trouble, while bad thrive and prosper in the world.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Eliphaz sheweth that mans goodness profiteth not God. 5 He excuseth Job of divers sins. 21 He exhorteth him to repentance, with promises of mercy.

THen Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, 2400.

‖ Or, *if he may be profitable, and doth his good success depend thereon?*

2 [1] Can a man be profitable unto God, ‖ as he that is [2] wise may be profitable unto [3] himself?

[1] *Ch.*35. 7. *Psal.*16.2. *Luke* 17.10. *q. d.* Suppose thou art as righteous and upright as thou pretendest, yet God is not obliged to thee for't; and therefore may without injury afflict thee. ¶ [2] Godly. ¶ [3] *Prov.*9.12. *Deut.*10. 13.

3 *Is it* any [4] pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or *is it* gain *to him*, [5] that thou makest thy ways perfect?

[4] 1 *Sam.*15.22. Any Addition of joy, and comfort to him, without which he could not be happy. ¶ [5] That thy life is free from blemish, (as thou pretendest, but falsely.)

4 Will he [6] reprove thee for fear of thee? will he [7] enter with thee into judgment?

[6] Punish thee, (*Psal.*39.11.) lest thou shouldst grow too powerful for him? No; but as thy goodness cannot profit him, so neither can thy wickedness hurt him. ¶ [7] Condemn thee for fear of thee?

5 *Is* not thy [8] wickedness great? and thine iniquities † infinite?

[8] (And therefore thou needst not wonder at thy sufferings.,

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ings. ¶ † Without end, *q. d.* Thou wouldſt have made no end of ſinning, if God had not thus puniſh'd thee.

*Ex.22.26,27. Deut.24. 10. &c.

† Heb. *the the clothes of the naked.*

6 For thou haſt * taken a [9] pledge from thy brother [10] for nought, and [11] ſtripped † the naked of their clothing.

[9] *Ezek.* 18. 16. *Exod.* 22. 26. ¶ [10] Without juſt cauſe. ¶ [11] *ch.*31.19. Stript 'em and made 'em naked.

7 Thou haſt [12] not given water to the weary to drink, and thou haſt [13] with-holden bread from the hungry.

[12] *Prov.* 3.27. and 25.21. *Jam.* 2. 15,16. *Iſa.* 58. 7.

† Heb. *man of arm.*

†Heb *eminent*, or *accepted for countenance.*

8 But *as for* the † mighty man, he [13] had the earth, and the † [13] honourable man dwelt in it.

[13] Enjoyed his poſſeſſions quietly, and thou durſt not meddle with him, but haſt been overkind to ſuch.

9 Thou haſt ſent widows away [14] empty, and [15] the arms of the fatherleſs have been broken.

[14] Spoil'd 'em of their goods. ¶ [15] *ch.*31. 21. Thou haſt deprived them of all theis ſupports and comforts.

*Chap.18.8,9, 10. and 19.6.

10 Therefore * [16] ſnares *are* round about thee, and ſudden [17] fear troubleth thee;

[16] Dangers. ¶ [17] 1 *Sam.* 28. 20. *viz.* Of ſome terrible judgments.

11 Or [18] darkneſs *that* thou canſt not ſee, and abundance of [19] waters cover thee.

[18] Trouble, *Iſa.*8.22. ¶ [19] *Pſal.*36.2.and 18.16.and 69.1. *Iſa.*43.2. Troubles.

†Heb. *head.*

12 *Is* not God in the [20] height of heaven? and behold the † height of the ſtars, how high they [21] are.

[20] *Pſal.* 115. 3. ¶ [21] Yet God is higher.

‖ Or, *what.*

13 And thou [22] ſayeſt, ‖ How doth God [23] know? can he judge through the dark cloud?

[22] Seemeſt to infer from thence. ¶ [23] *Pſal.*73.11. & 10. 11. and 94. 7. *Zeph.*1.-12. *viz.* What is done here on earth.

14 [24] Thick clouds *are* a covering to him that he ſeeth not, and he [25] walketh in the circuit of heaven.

[24] *Pſal.*139.12. ¶ [25] Concerns himſelf only with the affairs and pleaſures there.

15 Haſt thou marked the [26] old way which wicked men have trodden?

[26] The wicked lives of men living in ancient times before the Flood.

* Chap.15.32. Pſal.55. 23. & 102. 24. Eccl. 7. 17.

† Heb. *a ſtoud was poured upon their foundation.*

16 Which * were cut down [27] out of time, †[28] whoſe foundation was overflown with a ſtoud.

[27] Unſeaſonably before their time, (according to the courſe of nature) was come; (and therefore tho God be in Heaven, yet he both ſees and puniſhes men for their ſins.) ¶ [28] The earth upon which they ſtood, and all their wealth which they reſted upon.

[29] *ch.*21. 14, 15. See there.

‖ Or, *to them.*

17 Which ſaid unto God, [29] Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do ‖ for them?

18 Yet he [30] filled their houſes with good *things:* but the [31] counſel of the wicked is far from me.

[30] *Act.*14.17. *Pſal.*17.14. ¶ [31] *ch.*21. 16. See there.

19 The righteous ſee [32] *it*, and are [33] glad: and the innocent [34] laugh them to ſcorn.

[32] The deſtruction of ſuch wicked men. ¶ [33] *Pſal.* 58. 10. & 107. 42. *Rev.* 19.1-3. Becauſe thereby the honour, Juſtice, and Holineſs of God are vindicated. ¶ [34] Deride their folly for taking ſuch courſes which iſſue in deſtruction.

‖ Or, *eſtate.*

‖ Or, *their excellency.*

20 Whereas [35] our ‖ ſubſtance is not cut down, but ‖ the remnant of [36] them the fire conſumeth.

[35] The Eſtates of us who are godly, and ſuch others, 2 *Pet.*2.7. ¶ [36] Such wicked men that are like the men of the old world.

‖ That is, *God.*

21 [37] Acquaint [38] now thy ſelf with ‖ him, and [39] be at peace: thereby [40] good ſhall come unto thee.

[37] *q. d.* Tho hitherto thou haſt been a Stranger to God in a manner, yet labor to get ſome true knowledg of him, and to walk accordingly. ¶ [38] Now that thou heateſt what miſchief has befaln ungodly men for want of acquaintance with him. ¶ [39] Make thy peace with him, by true repentance, *Matth.*5.25. ¶ [40] *Matth.* 6. 33. 1 *Tim.* 4. 8. All manner of good.

22 [41] Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in [42] thine heart.

[41] *q. d.* And in order to this acquaintance be willing to learn ſuch revelations of his Will, as he is pleaſed to make. ¶ [42] *Pſal.*119.11. *Prov.*4.21. *Matth.*13.19. *Luke* 2.19.51.

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23 * If thou [43] return to the Almighty, thou ſhalt be [44] built up; thou ſhalt put away [45] iniquity far from thy tabernacle.

[43] *Ch.*8.5,6.and 11.13.*viz.* By true Repentance. ¶ [44] *Pſal.* 28.-5. Advanc'd to thy former proſperity again. ¶ [45] That puniſhment thy ſins have brought upon thee.

* 1 Chr. 1.15.

‖ Or, *on the duſt.*

24 Then ſhalt thou * lay up gold ‖ as [46] duſt, and the *gold* of [47] Ophir as the ſtones of the brooks.

[46] 2 *Chron.*1.15. ¶ [47] 1 *King.*9.27,28. & 10.11. & 22. 48.

[48] To ſecure thy wealth.

‖ Or, *gold.*

† Heb. *ſilver of ſtrength.*

25 Yea, the Almighty ſhall be thy ‖ [48] defence, and thou ſhalt have † plenty of ſilver.

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[49] When thou haſt reformed thy ways, *v.* 23. ¶ [50] *ch.* 27. 10. *Pſal.*37.4. See there. Inward content and ſatisfaction in the enjoyment of his love and favor. ¶ [51] *ch.* 11. 15. 1 *John* 3.21. *viz.* With confidence and comfort.

26 For [49] then ſhalt thou have thy [50] delight in the Almighty, and * ſhalt [51] lift up thy face unto God.

27 Thou ſhalt make thy prayer unto him, and he ſhall [52] hear thee, and thou ſhalt [53] pay thy vows.

[52] *Iſa.*58.9 ¶ [53] *Pſal.* 66. 13, 14. Obtain thoſe bleſſings for which thou didſt make vows to God, and ſo be oblig'd to pay 'em.

28 Thou ſhalt alſo decree a thing, and it ſhall be eſtabliſhed unto thee: and the [54] light ſhall ſhine upon thy ways.

[54] Direction, ſucceſs and comfort ſhall attend all thy proceedings.

† Heb. *him that hath low eyes.*

29 [55] When *men* are caſt down, then thou ſhalt ſay, *There is* lifting up: and he ſhall [56] ſave the † humble perſon.

[55] When others are deſtroyed, thou ſhalt be confident it ſhall fare otherwiſe with thee, and all godly perſons. ¶ [56] *Jam.*4.6. 1 *Pet.*5.-5. Deliver 'em out of their miſery, and make 'em flouriſh.

‖ Or, *The innocent ſhall deliver the iſland.*

30 ‖ He ſhall [57] deliver the iſland of the innocent: and it is delivered by the [58] pureneſs of thine hands.

[57] *Viz.* Upon thy requeſt, *ch.*42. 8. *Jer.* 5. 1. *Gen.* 18. 32. *Exod.*32.11,14. ¶ [58] By thy prayers proceeding from a pure heart and conſcience, attended with a holy life, 1 *Tim.*2.8.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Job longeth to appear before God, 6 in confidence of his mercy. 8 God who is inviſible, obſerveth our ways. 11 Jobs innocency. 13 Gods decree is immutable.

THen Job anſwered and ſaid,

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2 [1] Even to day *is* my complaint bitter: [2] my † ſtroke is heavier then my groning.

† Heb. *hand.*

[1] *q. d.* Notwithſtanding all your promiſes and pretended conſolations, yet I have as much cauſe to complain bitterly, even till this preſent moment, as ever I had. ¶ [2] My ſufferings exceed my complaints and expreſſions.

3 [3] O that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even* to [4] his ſeat!

[3] *Ch.*9. 35. and 16. 21. and 17. 3. [4] ¶ His Judgment-ſeat, to plead my cauſe before him, (not upon terms of ſtrict Juſtice, but of grace and mercy.)

4 I would [5] order *my* cauſe before him, and [5] fill my mouth with [5] arguments.

[5] *Ch.*13.3,18. Orderly declare the things which concern and prove the right of my cauſe, and produce arguments to maintain my innocency, (and conſequently that I am hardly dealt withal.)

5 I would know the words *which* he would anſwer me, and underſtand what he would ſay unto me.

* Iſa.27.4,5.

6 * Will he [6] plead againſt me with *his* great power? No, but he would [8] put *ſtrength* in me.

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[6] Oppreſs me with his Sovereign and abſolute Power? ¶ [7] *Ch.*13.21. *Iſa.*57.16. ¶ [8] Enable me to plead my cauſe, and would paſs ſentence according to that Clemency he uſes towards his Children.

7 [9] There the [10] righteous might diſpute with him; ſo ſhould I be delivered for ever [11] from my judge.

[9] *Heb.*10.22. At the Throne of grace, *Heb.*4.16. ¶ [10] Such as I am. ¶ [11] From his condemning ſentence, (being acquitted by him.)

* Chap.9.11. 8 * Behold, I go forward, but [12] he *is* not *there*; and backward, but I [13] cannot perceive him:

[12] *Act.*17.27. He'l not appear to me there, that I might reaſon my caſe with him. ¶ [13] 1 *Tim.*6.16.

[14] More evidently. [15] *Pſal.*44.24. 9 On the left hand where he doth [14] work, but I cannot behold *him:* he [15] hideth himſelf on the right hand, that I cannot ſee *him.*

† Heb. that is *with me.* * Pſal.17.3. 10 But he knoweth the [16] way † that I take; *when* * he hath [17] tried me, I ſhall come forth [18] as gold.

[16] What the courſe of my life has been. ¶ [17] *Viz.* In a judicial way, and heard what I can ſay for my ſelf. ¶ [18] *Pſal.* 66.10. Free, tho not from all ſin, yet from ſuch groſs ſins as my friends charge me withal.

11 My foot hath [19] held his ſteps, his way have I kept, and [20] not declined.

[19] *Eph.*5.1. Reſolv'd to continue in 'em. ¶ [20] *Pſal.*18.21. & 44.17,18. Rev.2.10.

12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips, I have † [21] eſteemed the words of his mouth, more then my ‖ neceſſary *food.*

† Heb. *hid*, or, *laid up.* ‖ Or, *appointed portion.*

[21] *Ch.* 22.22. *Pſal.* 119.11,72. *Joh.*4.32. More earneſtly deſir'd, more diligently ſought, more heartily delighted in, more highly priz'd, more carefully ſtor'd up in my heart.

13 [22] But he *is* in one *mind*, and [23] who can turn him? and *what* his ſoul deſireth, even *that* he [24] doeth.

[22] *q.d.* Notwithſtanding all theſe evidences of my ſincere Piety, and all my Prayers to him, yet he continues ſtill the ſame reſolution and method of afflicting me. ¶ [23] *ch.*9.12, 13. & 11.10. *Rom.*9.19. ¶ [24] *Pſal.*115.3.

14 For he performeth [25] *the thing that is* appointed for me: and [26] many ſuch things *are* with him.

[25] 1 *Theſ.*3.3. All thoſe Plagues he has determin'd to lay on me. ¶ [26] There are many examples of God's proceedings with men in a way of abſolute Sovereignty; and his Counſels and Providences, tho always juſt, yet are often ſecret, and we can't diſcern the reaſonableneſs and equity of 'em.

15 [27] Therefore am I troubled at [28] his preſence: when I [29] conſider, I am afraid of him.

[27] In conſideration of his glorious Majeſty, and Sovereign and irreſiſtible Power. ¶ [28] The tokens of his anger. ¶ [29] *Viz.* All his hard dealings with me.

* Pſal.22.14. 16 For God * maketh my heart [30] ſoft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

[30] 1 *Sam.* 28.20. Unable to bear more, being weakned with fear and aſtoniſhment.

17 Becauſe I was not cut off before [31] the darkneſs, *neither* hath he covered the darkneſs from my face.

[31] Theſe afflictions came upon me, *Iſa.* 57.1.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Wickedneſs goeth often unpuniſhed. 17 There is a ſecret judgment for the wicked.

2400. * Acts 1.7. 1 WHy, [2] ſeeing * times are not hidden from the Almighty, [3] do they that know him, not ſee his days?

[1] *q. d.* If it be ſo as you ſay, that God always puniſhes the wicked, in this World. ¶ [2] *Pſal.* 31.15. Seeing God knows the exact time of every man's continuance in this World, and departure out of it, ſo that they can't ſteal out of it without his privity, and ſo eſcape his juſtice. ¶ [3] *Pſal.* 36.10. How comes it to paſs that they who are beſt acquainted with his proceedings, (as being the moſt diligent obſervers of 'em, *Amos* 3.7. *Pſal.*107.42,43.) can't always diſcern the time when (*Iſa.*2.12.) and manner how he executes vengeance upon ungodly men in this World? (which yet they would certainly do, if it were ſo: and therefore your Poſition is not true.)

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2 *Some* [4] remove the land-marks; they violently take away flocks, and ‖ feed *thereof.*

[4] *Deut.*19.14. & 27.17. *Prov.*22.28. & 23.10. *Hoſ.*5.10.

‖ Or, *feed* them.

3 They drive away the [5] aſs of the fatherleſs, they * take the widows ox for a pledge.

[5] 1 *Sam.*12.3. * Chap. 22.6. Deut.24.6,10, 12,17.

4 [6] They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth [7] hide themſelves together.

[6] They make the needy forſake the common road, for fear of meeting with 'em. ¶ [7] *Prov.* 28.28. & 30.14. As afraid to appear in their preſence.

5 Behold, *as* wild aſſes in the deſert, go they forth to their [8] work, riſing [9] betimes for a prey: [10] the wilderneſs *yieldeth* food for them *and* for *their* children.

[8] *Viz.* Of oppreſſion. ¶ [9] *Prov.*4.16. ¶ [10] By their rapine and violence they maintain themſelves and their families, even in the moſt deſert places.

6 [11] They reap *every one* his † corn in the field: and † they gather the vintage of [12] the wicked.

† Heb. *mingled corn*, or *dredge.* † Heb. *the wicked gather the vintage.*

[11] Theſe oppreſſors reap other folks corn, which they claim as their own. ¶ [12] Such as are as bad as themſelves, (and ſo God puniſhes one wicked man by another.)

7 They cauſe the [13] naked to lodge without clothing, that *they have* no covering in the cold.

[13] *ch.*22.6. See there.

8 They are wet with the ſhowers of the mountains, and * [14] embrace the rock for want of a ſhelter.

* Lam. 4.5.

[14] Are glad to run into caves, and lye upon ſtones.

9 They [15] pluck the fatherleſs from the breaſt, and take a pledge of the poor.

[15] That the mother, being a ſlave, may go to her work.

10 They cauſe *him* to go naked without clothing, and they take away the ſheaf *from* the hungry.

11 [16] *Which* make oyl within their walls, *and* tread *their* wine-preſſes, and [17] ſuffer thirſt.

[16] Theſe Oppreſſors make the poor labouring man to toil hard for 'em, and yet abridge him of his wages, and ſuffer him not ſo much as to taſte of his own labors, (which yet was allowed to Beaſts, *Deut.* 25.4.) ¶ [17] Not being permitted to drink a little of the wine which they make.

12 [18] Men grone from out of the city, and the ſoul of the [19] wounded crieth out: yet God [20] layeth not folly *to them.*

[18] Such of the Citizens as are oppreſſed by 'em. ¶ [19] Whom they have mortally wounded. ¶ [20] *Pſal.* 50.21. *Eccl.* 8.11. *Mal.*2.17. Puniſhes 'em not for their wickedneſs.

13 They are of thoſe that [21] rebel againſt the light, they [22] know not the ways thereof, [23] nor abide in the paths thereof.

[21] Sin impudently in the face of the Sun, and againſt the light of Nature, Conſcience, and divine Revelation. ¶ [22] Approve not, delight not in, nor will walk in thoſe ways to which by this light they are directed. ¶ [23] If they ſtumble on a good action they quickly give it over, and are not conſtant in it.

14 * The murderer riſing [24] with the light, killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is [25] as a thief.

* Pſal. 10.8.

[24] *Mic.*2.1. Aſſoon as ever the light peeps. ¶ [25] Plaies the very thief indeed.

15 The eye alſo of the adulterer waiteth for the [26] twilight, * ſaying, No eye ſhall ſee me: and † diſguiſeth *his* face.

[26] *Prov.*7.9. * Pſal.10.11. † Heb. *ſetteth his face in ſecret.*

16 In the dark they dig through houſes, *which* they had marked for themſelves in the daytime: * [27] they know not the light.

* Joh.3.20.

[27] Theſe thieves and robbers love not, but abhor, the light, *v.* 17.

17 For the morning *is* to them even as the [28] ſhadow of death: if *one* know *them*, *they are in* the terrours of the ſhadow of death.

[28] Terrible and hateful. See on *ch.* 3.5.

18 [29] He *is* ſwift as the waters, [30] their portion is curſed in the earth: [31] he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

[29] He

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[39] He quickly passes away with all his glory. ¶ [30] His Habitation and Estate which he left behind him. ¶ [31] He shall no more see or enjoy his vineyards, or other pleasant places or things.

†Heb. *violently take.*

19 Drought and heat †consume the snow-waters: [32] *so doth* the grave *those which* have sinned.

[32] *Psal.*58.8. & 68.2. So notorious sinners, though they live and flourish for a season, yet at last shall meet with a sad, and oftentimes with a violent and sudden death.

20 [33] The womb shall forget him, the worm shall feed sweetly on him, he shall be no more [34] remembred, and [35] wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

[33] His mother shall be asham'd to own her relation to him. ¶ [34] *viz.* With honor, (but only with infamy, *Prov.*10.7.) ¶ [35] The wicked oppressor shall be utterly and irrecoverably destroy'd, as a tree pull'd up by the roots which will never grow again.

21 He evil entreateth the barren *that* beareth not: and [36] doeth not good to the widow.

[36] Affords her no help, advice, or comfort in her distress.

22 He [37] draweth also the mighty with his power: [38] he riseth up, ‖ and no *man* is sure of life.

‖ Or, *he trusteth not* his own *life.*

[37] Forces him to comply with him. ¶ [38] When he sets himself against any man and resolves to destroy him.

23 *Though* it be given him *to be* in safety, [39] whereon he resteth; yet [40] his eyes *are* upon their ways.

[39] Or, *and he rests secure.* ¶ [40] *Psal.*11.4. God sees all his wickedness, and will in due time call him to account for it.

24 They are exalted [41] for a little while, but †are gone and brought [42] low, [43] they are †taken out of the way as all *other*, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

†Heb. *are not.* †Heb. *closed up.*

[41] *Psal.*37.2. & 39.5. Only for that small time they live upon earth, (and therefore this is no reproach to God's Providence, who has time enough to reckon with 'em hereafter.) ¶ [42] Into the grave. ¶ [43] They can no more prevent the stroke of death, than the meanest.

25 And [44] if *it be* not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

[44] If this be not a Truth that I have maintain'd, *viz.* that God many times prospers the wicked and afflicts the righteous, let any one confute me if he can, and shew the invalidity of my arguments.

CHAP. XXV.

Bildad sheweth that man cannot be justified before God.

2400. THen answered Bildad the Shuhite and said,

2 [1] Dominion and [2] fear *are* with him, [3] he maketh peace in his high places.

[1] *Matth.*28.18. The supreme Authority over all things in Heaven and Earth. ¶ [2] *Jer.*10.7. *Rev.*6.16. Glorious Majesty, which may strike fear into others, belong to God; (how dar'st thou then undertake to plead with him?) ¶ [3] *Col.*1.20. He keeps and rules all Persons and things in Heaven, (Angels and Stars) in peace, and in that order he has establisht among 'em, (and therefore its a great folly and impudence to quarrel at his dealings with thee.)

4* [6] How then can any man be [7] justified with God? or how can he [8] be clean *that is* born of a woman?

*Psal.130.3. & 143.2.

[6] Since he is so great and good. ¶ [7] Acquitted in judgment and pronounc'd innocent before God's Tribunal. ¶ [8] *Ch.*14.4. & 15.14, &c. Ever think or hope to be pronounc'd innocent.

5 Behold, even to the moon, and it [9] shineth not; yea the stars are [10] not pure in his sight.

[9] *Viz.* In comparison of him. ¶ [10] *Ch.*4.17,18. Free from blemishes and spots, (so he can discover those corruptions in us which we see not in our selves; and therefore this should make thee tremble to appear before his Tribunal.)

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6 [11] How much less man *that is* *a worm: and the son of man *which is* a worm?

*Psal.22.6.

[11] *Ch.*4.19. *Viz.* Are they pure in God's sight; but much more defil'd, (and therefore he can find enough in thee to deserve these afflictions.)

CHAP. XXVI.

Job reproving the uncharitable spirit of Bildad, 5 acknowledgeth the power of God to be infinite and unsearchable.

BUt Job answered and said, 2400½

2 [1] How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? *how* savest thou the [2] arm *that hath* no strength?

[1] *q. d.* Thou hast fairly supported and comforted me indeed in this my distress; hast thou not? ¶ [2] Me who am unable to defend my self.

3 [3] How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom? and [4] *how* hast thou plentifully declared the thing, as it is?

[3] *q.d.* Sure thou tak'st me for a fool, and treat'st me accordingly, in this counsel thou hast given me. ¶ [4] *Act.* 20. 20. Thou hast not truly represented my condition.

4 [5] To whom hast thou uttered words? and [6] whose spirit came from thee?

[5] *Ch.*12.3,4. *q.d.* If thou speak'st to me, and think'st to instruct me, I know these things as well as thy self. ¶ [6] Thou hast not at all reviv'd or refresh'd my spirit by this that thou hast spoken.

5 [7] Dead *things* are formed [8] from under the waters, ‖ and the [9] inhabitants thereof.

‖ Or, *with.*

[7] Minerals in the Earth, and Pearl, Coral and such things in the Sea. ¶ [8] Either in the Earth at the bottom of the Waters; or in the lowest part of the Waters. ¶ [9] Fishes also are formed there.

6 [10] Hell *is* naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

[10] *Prov.*15.11. *Psal.*139.8. *Heb.*4.13. God knows the whole state of the dead; all the Receptacles and graves of their Bodies, whether consum'd of the Earth or devoured by living creatures; and also the place and state of the damned.

7 [11] He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, *and* [12] hangeth the earth upon nothing.

[11] He spreads the whole Cope of Heaven (that part which was visible to him being put for the whole) over the Region of the Air. ¶ [12] *Psal.*24.2. & 104.5. Upholds the Earth by his Almighty power without any visible foundation: but hanging like a Ball in the midst of the Heavens.

8 He [13] bindeth up the waters in [14] his thick clouds, and the cloud is not rent under them.

[13] *Prov.*30.4. Keeps the waters from breaking through the clouds all at once, to overwhelm the Earth. ¶ [14] Wherewith he covers himself, (*Psal.*18.11. & 97.2.) and whereon he rides in State and Majesty, *Deut.*33.26. *Isa.*19.1.

9 He [15] holdeth back the face of *his* throne, *and* spreadeth his cloud upon it.

[15] Keeps the highest Heavens (which is his Throne, *Isa.* 66.1.) from our view, that its lustre and glory should not reach us, and so dazzle our sight.

10 He hath [16] compassed the waters with bounds, † [17] until the day and night come to an end.

† Heb. *until the end of light with darkness.*

[16] *Ch.*38.8--11. *Psal.*33.7. & 104.9. *Prov.*8.29. *Jer.* 5.22. ¶ [17] As long as the World shall last.

11 [18] The pillars of heaven tremble, and are astonished at his [19] reproof.

[18] 2 *Sam.* 22.8. *q. d.* When God shews himself angry in sending Thunder, Tempests, and Earthquakes, the very Heavens seem to tremble, and the whole Universe to be moved. ¶ [19] *Psal.*104.7. Any tokens of his displeasure.

12 * He [20] divideth the sea with his power, and by his [21] understanding he smiteth through †the proud.

* Isa.51.15. † Heb. *pride.*

[20] *Jer.*31.35. Brings a storm upon the Sea, whereby it seems to be divided, and to lie in ridges, the top of one

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wave being far from another. ¶ 21 Wise conduct of Affairs he lays the storm, and makes the proud Sea (which in a Tempest swells as if it would over-run all the world) quiet, like a man mortally wounded.

* Psal.33.6.

13 * By his [22] spirit he hath [23] garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the [24] crooked serpent.

[22] *Gen.* 1. 2. *Psal.* 104. 30. ¶ [23] Beautified and adorn'd with Stars. ¶ [24] The several Constellations of Heaven.

14 Lo, [25] these *are* parts of his ways, but how little a portion is [26] heard of him? but the thunder [27] of his power who can understand?

[25] These are parcels of God's glorious works whereby he makes himself known to us. ¶ [26] By what I have said, or can be spoken by man. ¶ [27] Which is the product of his Almighty power; who can give any satisfactory account of it?

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Job protesteth his sincerity.* 8 *The hypocrite is without hope.* 11 *The blessings which the wicked have, are turned into curses.*

Moreover, Job † [1] continued his parable, and said,

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† Heb. *added to take up.*

[1] *Job* waiting a while to see who would reply, and they all continuing silent he resumes his former discourse, and more freely and boldly than afore maintains his own integrity, in a grave and weighty, but withal, dark and difficult discourse, *Numb.* 23. 7. and 24. 3, 15. *Psal.* 49. 4. and 74. 2. *Prov.* 26. 7.

* Chap.34.5.
† Heb. *made my soul bitter.* Ruth 1. 20. 2 Kings 4. 27.
‖ That is, *the breath which God gave him.*
[4] The breath which God breathed into me.

2 [2] *As* God liveth, * *who* hath [3] taken away my judgment, and the Almighty, *who* hath †vexed my soul;

[2] 1 *Sam.* 25. 34. See there. ¶ [3] *Isa.* 40. 27. Not given me opportunity to clear my self.

3 All the while my breath *is* in me, and ‖ the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils;

4 My lips shall not speak [5] wickedness, nor my tongue utter [5] deceit.

[5] *Zeph.* 3. 13. Any untruth to vindicate my self where I am guilty, or to condemn my self where I am innocent.

5 God forbid that I should justifie * [6] you: till I die * I will not [7] remove my integrity from me.

* Chap. 2. 9.

[6] Your opinion and censure of me. ¶ [7] 2 *Cor.* 1. 12. Deny that I am sincere, and confess my self an hypocrite.

6 [8] My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: [9] my heart shall not reproch *me* † so long as I live.

† Heb. *from my days.*

[8] *Ch.* 2. 3. I'll maintain and defend my sincerity, that I am a righteous person. ¶ [9] *Acts* 24. 16. My Conscience shall not fly in my face for betraying my own innocency.

7 [10] Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me, as the unrighteous.

[10] 1 *Sam.* 25. 26. 2 *Sam.* 18. 32. *Dan.* 4. 19. *q. d.* I can wish no greater mischief to my worst enemy, than to be wicked; (and therefore I don't approve of it, whatever you think of me.)

8 [11] For what *is* the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath [12] gained, when God [13] taketh away his soul?

[11] *q. d.* And hereby it appears that I am no hypocrite, because I have hope in death; which seldom any hypocrite has, *Job* 13. 15. &c. ¶ [12] Grown never so rich, and prosper'd never so much. ¶ [13] *Matth.* 16. 26. *Luke* 12. 20.

* Chap.35.12.

9 * [14] Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

[14] *Psal.* 18. 41. and 109. 7. *Prov.* 1. 28. and 28. 9. *Isa.* 1. 15. *Ezek.* 8. 18. *Mich.* 3. 4. *John* 9. 31. *James* 4. 3.

10 [15] Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he [16] always call upon God?

[15] *Psal* 37. 4. See there. Can he find comfort in God when the world affords none? (which I now do.) ¶ [16] In time of prosperity, as well as adversity, *Psal.* 78. 34. There must first be a delight in God, before there will be any continuance in duty.

‖ Or, being *in the hand*, &c.

11 [17] I will teach you ‖ by the hand of God: [18] *that* which *is* with the Almighty, will I not conceal.

[17] I'll inform you by God's Assistance and Inspiration, (as *Isa.* 8, 11.) what are the usual dispensations of his Providence both towards the righteous, and the wicked. ¶ [18] What course he uses to take, either for the prospering or punishing both of good and bad.

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12 Behold, [19] all ye your selves have seen *it*, [20] why then are ye thus altogether vain?

[19] You can't but have observ'd in your own experience, that God dispenses these outward things indifferently. ¶ [20] Why do you so falsly conclude, against your own knowledge and experience, that God always punishes the wicked and prospers the godly; and thereupon condemn me for an Hypocrite?

13 [21] This *is* the portion of a wicked man [22] with God, and the heritage of oppressours, *which* they shall receive of the Almighty.

[21] *Ch.* 20. 29. See there. *Viz.* To be rejected by God at last (*v.* 8, 9.) tho' they may prosper all their life long. ¶ [22] Which he shall have from God.

14 If his children be multiplyed, *it is* [23] for the sword: and his offspring shall [24] not be satisfied with bread.

[23] *Hos.* 9. 13. *Esth.* 9. 10. *Deut.* 28. 41. ¶ [24] Be starv'd for want of food.

15 Those that [25] remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall [26] not weep.

[25] Having scap'd the sword and famine, (*v.* 14.) yet shall be hurried to the grave, and buried obscurely without any pomp or solemnity. ¶ [26] *Psal.* 78. 64. *Jer.* 22. 18.

16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare [27] raiments as the clay;

[27] Choice of Apparel.

17 He may prepare *it*, but the [28] just shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

[28] *Pro.* 13. 22. & 28. 8. *Eccl.* 2. 26.

18 He buildeth his house [29] as a moth, and [30] as a booth *that* the keeper maketh.

[29] *Ch.* 8. 14. *Psal.* 58. 7. *&c.* Which shall suddenly be destroy'd. ¶ [30] *Isa.* 1. 8. *Lam.* 2. 6. Like a Shepherd's Cabbin, which is soon unmade and remov'd.

19 The rich man shall [31] lie down, but he shall [32] not be gathered: [33] he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.

[31] Dye as others do. ¶ [32] *Numb.* 20. 26. 2 *Kings* 22. 20. *Jer.* 8. 2. Not have the honour of a Burial. ¶ [33] In the twinkling of an eye he is taken away, *Psal.* 58. 9.

20 * Terrours take hold on him [34] as waters, [35] a tempest stealeth him away [36] in the night.

* Chap.18.11.

[34] In great abundance, (as *Amos* 5. 24.) ¶ [35] Some surprising calamity. ¶ [36] *Luke* 12. 20. *Exod.* 12. 29. 2 *Kings* 19. 35. *Dan.* 5. 30. When he little dreamt of it.

21 [37] The east-wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.

[37] Some violent affliction, *Hos.* 13. 15.

22 For *God* shall [38] cast upon him, and not spare: † he would [39] fain flee out of his hand.

† Heb. *in fleeing he would flee.*

[38] *Viz.* His darts and plagues one after another. ¶ [39] *Exod.* 14. 25. *Judg.* 4. 17. *Amos* 2. 14.

23 *Men* shall [40] clap their hands at him, and shall [41] hiss him out of his place.

[40] *Lam.* 2. 15. *Ezek.* 25. 6. For joy that they are deliver'd from his oppressions. ¶ [41] 1 *Kings* 9. 8. *Lam.* 2. 15. *Mich.* 6. 16.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *There is a knowledge of natural things.* 12 *But wisdom is an excellent gift of God.*

Surely, there is ‖ a vein for the silver, and a place for gold *where* they fine *it*.

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‖ Or, *a mine.*

[1] *q. d.* Man's wit can find a way to bring hidden things out of the earth, and then to make 'em fit for use, (*Exod.* 36. 1.) but can't find out the reason of God's providential dispensations.

2 Iron is taken out of the ‖ earth, and brass *is* molten *out* of the stone.

‖ Or, *dust.*

3 [2] He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out [3] all perfection: * the stones of darkness and [4] the shadow of death.

* He suffers these metals to continue no longer in darkness, but brings 'em out to the light. ¶ [3] All those rich and excellent metals that lye hid in the bowels of the earth. ¶ [4] He searches out also precious stones which lye low in the earth, where persons are many times choak'd with damps, and expos'd to manifold dangers of death.

4 [5] The

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4 [5] The flood breaketh out [6] from the inhabitant; *even the waters* [7] forgotten of the foot: they are [8] dried up, they are [8] gone away from men.

[5] Waters flow in upon 'em, as they dig in the Mines. ¶ [6] Or, *So that there is no abiding*; *i. e.* so that the workmen are forc'd to leave their work. ¶ [7] Which never any one did pass over, (as they do rivers above ground.) ¶ [8] By the art and labour of the Miners.

5 [9] *As for* the earth, out of it cometh bread: and [10] under it is turned up as it were fire.

[9] *q. d.* Man by his skill and pains makes the surface of the earth fruitful for the production of Corn, and other necessaries to sustain his life, *Isa.* 28. 28. ¶ [10] And then underneath they find coles and other fuel, *Ezek* 28.-14.

6 [11] The stones of it *are* the place of [12] sapphires: and it hath || dust of gold.

|| Or, *gold ore.*

[11] In stony pits, or places under ground, they find Sapphires and other precious Stones. ¶ [12] *v.* 16. *Exod.* 24. 10. and 28.18. *Cant.* 5. 14.

7 [13] *There is* a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vultures eye hath not seen.

[13] *q. d.* Art and skil lead men to those hidden places under ground, which the most quick sighted bird or beast never could discover, or come at.

8 The lions whelps have not troden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

9 [14] He putteth forth his hand upon the || rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

|| Or, *flint.*

[14] *q. d.* The Miner is fain to cut his way through rocks, and to dig to the bottom of mountains to come at those precious metals.

10 [15] He cutteth out rivers among the rocks, and [16] his eye seeth every precious thing.

[15] He makes soughs, or passages through the rocks for those waters that break in upon the Miners, *v.*4. ¶ [16] *Prov.* 24.4. He discovers all rare Minerals, and precious Metals and Stones.

11 He [17] bindeth the floods from † overflowing, and *the thing that is* hid, bringeth he forth to light.

† Heb. *weeping.*

[17] Stops their course from breaking into his Mines, and turns 'em another way.

12 * [18] But where shall [19] wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of [19] understanding?

* Eccl. 7.24.

[18] *q. d.* True; Man's wisdom has found out these hidden things foremention'd; but yet there's one thing too hard for him. ¶ [19] *v.* 20. The knowledge of the true reason of God's various dealings with the children of men: this is far above man's reach, *Rom.* 11.33.

13 Man knoweth not the [20] price thereof; neither is it [21] found in the land of the living.

[20] Or, *order*; *i. e.* God has so dispos'd it, that no man knows the order and method of his proceedings. ¶ [21] *v.*21. No man on earth can attain to it.

14 * The depth saith, [22] It *is* not in me: and the sea saith, *It is* not with me.

* Verse 22.

15 † It * cannot be gotten for [23] gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof.

[22] I can't resolve you herein.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

[23] *Prov.* 8.11. 19. & 16. 16.

17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* || jewels of fine gold.

† Heb. *fine gold shall not be given for it.*

18 No mention shall be made of || coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.

* Prov. 3.13, 14.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

|| Or, *vessels.*

20 * Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding?

|| Or, *Ramoth.*

* Verse 12.

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the || air.

|| Or, *heaven.*

22 * [24] Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

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[24] *q. d.* There are manifold discoveries of God's wise disposal of things, even in the grave, and among the damned; which yet they can't give a reason of.

23 [25] God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

[25] God only perfectly knows the reasons of his various proceedings with men; and therefore you ought not to take upon you to interpret so peremptorily the meaning of his Providences, and to condemn me for a wicked man thereupon: since God may afflict me for extraordinary reasons known only to himself.

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24 For [26] he looketh to the ends of the earth, *and* seeth under the whole heaven.

[26] *Prov.* 15.3. *Zech.* 4.-10. He orders and disposes all things at his pleasure.

25 * [27] To make the weight for the winds, and he weigheth the waters by measure.

* Psal. 135.7.

[27] He disposes of the winds, both for degree, time, place, and the like, as he pleases, *ch.* 37.12,13.

26 When he made a decree for the [28] rain, and a [29] way for the lightning [30] of the thunder:

[28] *Amos* 4.7. *Jer.* 5.24. When, where, and how it should fall. ¶ [29] A certain course appointed by God, when, where, how long, and how terribly it should lighten. ¶ [30] Which breaking out of the Clouds with violence, causes Thunder

27 Then did he [31] see it, and || declare it, he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

|| Or, *number.*

[31] Understands the reasons of all these things, (which you cant' do; much less of his dealings with men.)

28 [32] And unto man [33] he said, [34] Behold, [35] the fear of the Lord, [36] that *is* wisdom, and to [37] depart from evil *is* understanding.

[32] Or, *But*; *q. d.* Tho' the knowledge of the Mysteries of Providence, and the Reasons of his Dispensations in the World he has reserved to himself, yet there's another sort of knowledge which is attainable. ¶ [33] He has many ways discover'd this to be his pleasure, and made it known unto men as their Duty, Concern, and Interest to seek after. ¶ [34] When God preach'd this Doctrin, he did, as it were, sound a Trumpet before it, and called Mankind to see as well as to hear this Truth. ¶ [35] *Psal.* 111.10. *Prov.* 1.7. and 9.10. *Eccl.* 12.13. To get the heart possest with a principle of true Piety, whereby a man may be enabled to worship and serve God aright, and perform all other Duties incumbent on him. ¶ [36] *Deut.* 4.6. That is the chief point of wisdom that God requires of man, and that whereby alone he can attain unto eternal happiness, and wherewithal he must be content, and not to dive into God's secrets, *Deut.* 29.29. ¶ [37] *Psal.* 34.14. and 37.27. *Isa.* 1.16. 3 *Joh.* 11.

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Job bemoaneth himself of his former prosperity and honour.

MOreover, Job † [1] continued his parable, and said, 2400.

† Heb. *added to take up.*

2 Oh that I were * as *in* months past, as *in* the days *when* God [2] preserved me:

[1] See on *ch.* 27. 1.

[2] *Viz.* From those miseries that I now feel. Here he sets out his former prosperity, to excuse his impatience.

* See Ch. 7.3.

3 When his || [3] candle shined upon my head, *and when* by his light I walked *through* [4] darkness:

|| Or, *lamp,* Psal 18.28.

[3] His favour and blessing directed and prosper'd me in all my Affairs. ¶ [4] *Psal.* 23. 4. Dangers, difficulties and calamities which befel others.

4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the [5] secret of God *was* upon my tabernacle:

[5] *Psal.* 25.14. His secret Blessing.

5 When the Almighty *was* yet with me, *when* my children *were* about me:

6 When * I [6] washed my steps with butter, and * the rock poured † me out rivers of oyl:

* See Deut. 32. 13. & 33. 24. Chap. 20. 17. * Psal. 81.16. † Heb. *with me.*

[6] *Gen.* 49.11. Abounded in all sorts of choicest Blessings.

7 When I went out to the [7] gate, through the city, *when* I prepared my seat in the [8] street!

[7] The place of Judicature. ¶ [8] The place of Concourse.

8 The young men saw me, and [9] hid themselves: and the aged [10] arose, *and* stood up.

[9] Out of reverence to me. ¶ [10] *Lev.* 19. 32.

9 The princes refrained talking, and [11] laid *their* hand on their mouth.

[11] *Ch.* 21.5. See on *Judg.* 18.19.

10 † The nobles held their peace, and their tongue [12] cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

† Heb. *The voice of the nobles was hid.*

[12] *Psal.* 137.6. *Ezek.* 3.26.

11 When the ear [13] heard *me*, then it [14] blessed

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me; and when the eye saw [15] *me*, it gave witness [16] to me.

[13] *Viz.* Give Sentence. ¶ [14] *Prov.* 29.2. Pronounc'd me to be a man blessed of God, with eminent gifts and graces; and heartily pray'd for God's blessing upon me. ¶ [15] My just proceedings, *v.*12. ¶ [16] *Mark* 7.37. To my pious, just and blameless conversation.

* Prov. 21.13. & 24.11.

[17] *Psal.* 72.12.

12 Because * I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and *him that had* [17] none to help him.

13 [18] The blessing of him that was ready to [19] perish, came upon me: and I caused the widows heart to sing [20] for joy.

[18] 2 *Tim.* 1.16. ¶ [19] *Viz.* Through false accusations, whereby his Estate, or Life was in danger. ¶ [20] *Viz.* For her great and unexpected deliverance.

14 [21] I put on righteousness, and it [22] cloathed me: [23] my judgment *was* as a robe and a diadem.

[21] *Isa.* 59.17. *Eph.* 6.14. 1 *Thess.* 5.8. I used just and upright dealing in all my Sentences. ¶ [22] *Psal.* 132. 9. ¶ [23] The Sentence that I gave was a great honour to me.

15 [24] I was eyes to the blind, and [25] feet *was* I to the lame.

[24] *Numb.* 10.-31. I instructed, directed and assisted such as knew not how to manage their own Affairs. ¶ [25] Ready to help him who was unable to help himself.

16 I *was* a father to the poor: and the cause *which* [26] I knew not, [27] I searched out.

[26] Was difficult to be understood. ¶ [27] *Deut.* 13. 14. *Prov.* 25.2. and 29.7.

† Heb. *jaw-teeth*, or *grinders*.

17 And I [28] brake the † jaws of the wicked, and † [29] pluckt the spoil out of his teeth.

† Heb. *cast*.

[28] *Psal.* 3. 7. and 58. 6. Destroy'd his power to oppress. ¶ [29] 1 *Sam.* 17.35. *Amos* 3.12. Made him restore those things he had wrongfully taken.

18 Then [30] I said, I shall die [31] in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days [32] as the sand.

[30] *Psal.* 30.6. I was sometimes fully perswaded that my condition would not alter. ¶ [31] In peace, through old age, free from those evils that befal many others. ¶ [32] *Gen.* 32.12. and 41.49.

* Chap. 18.16.

† Heb. *opened*.

19 * [33] My root *was* † spread out [34] by the waters, and the [35] dew lay all night upon my branch.

[33] *q.d.* I apprehended my prosperity was like to continue, because I had all means of preservation and security. ¶ [34] *Psal.* 1.3. *Jer.* 17.8. ¶ [35] *Hos.* 14.5.

† Heb. *new*.

† Heb. *changed*

20 [36] My glory *was* † fresh in me, and [37] my bow was † [38] renewed in my hand.

[36] 2 *Sam.* 7.9. My honour and respect from others encreased daily. ¶ [37] *Gen.* 49.24. My strength. ¶ [38] *Isa.* 40.31. *Psal.* 103.-5.

21 Unto me *men* gave ear, and [39] waited, and [40] kept silence at my counsel.

[39] *Viz.* To see the issue of my speech. ¶ [40] Consented to what I spake, *v.*22.

22 After my words they spake not [41] again, and my speech [42] dropped upon them.

[41] *Acts* 17. 11. Being fully satisfied with what I said. ¶ [42] Was pleasing and every way beneficial to 'em.

23 And they [43] waited for me, as for the rain, and they [44] opened their mouth wide, *as* for * the latter rain.

* Zech. 10.1.

[43] Long'd to hear my resolution in doubtful matters. ¶ [44] *Psal.* 81. 10. Were exceeding desirous of satisfaction from me.

24 *If* I [45] laughed on them, [46] they believed *it* not, and the [47] light of my countenance they cast not down.

[45] Carried my self familiarly and pleasantly with 'em. ¶ [46] *Luke* 24.41. *Gen.* 45.26. *Psal.* 126.1. It was so unexpected to 'em that they could scarce believe it. ¶ [47] Were careful not to do any thing which might deprive 'em of my favour.

25 [48] I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, [49] as one *that* comforteth the mourners.

[48] I directed 'em in their Affairs. ¶ [49] I was able and ready to comfort any afflicted or sorrowful persons.

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1 *Jobs honour is turned into extreme contempt;*
15 *his prosperity into calamity.*

But now *they that are* † younger then I, have me in [1] derision, whose fathers I would have [2] disdained [3] to have set with the dogs of my flock. 2400.

† Heb. *of fewer days.*

[1] 2 *Kings* 2.23. ¶ [2] By reason of their impotence, (*v.*2.) and poverty, *v.*3,4. ¶ [3] To have made 'em my Shepherds, and the Companions of my Dogs which watch my Flocks.

2 Yea, [4] whereto *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in whom old age was perished?

[4] *q. d.* For they were grown impotent and wholly useless through old age, and so unfit for my service.

3 For [5] want and famine *they were* ‖ solitary: fleeing into the wilderness † in former time desolate and waste:

‖ Or, *dark as the night.*

† Heb. *yesternight.*

[5] *Viz.* Of Apparel and other Necessaries, they retired themselves from company, as being asham'd to be seen.

4 [7] Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper-roots *for* their meat.

[7] *q. d.* They were so poor that they had nothing to feed upon, but what they found in the fields.

5 They were driven [8] forth from among *men*, (they cried after them, as *after* a thief)

[8] *Gen.* 21.10. 1 *Cor.* 5.13. As unworthy of Human Society by reason of their lewdness and miscarriages.

6 To dwell in the clifts of the valleys, *in* † caves of the earth, and *in* the rocks.

† Heb. *holes.*

7 Among the bushes they [9] brayed, under the nettles they were gathered together.

[9] Made a noise like wild Asses, through hunger, cold and other incommodations.

8 *They were* children of [10] fools, yea, children of † [11] base men: they were viler then the earth.

† Heb. *men of no name.*

[10] Wicked men. ¶ [11] Obscure, worthless, despicable persons.

9 And now am I [12] their song, yea, I am their [13] by-word.

[12] *Psal.* 35.15. and 69.13. *Lam.* 3.14,63. They make Songs of my miseries. ¶ [13] *ch.* 17.6. See there.

10 They [14] abhor me, they flee far from me, and † spare not to [15] spit in my face.

† Heb. *withhold not spittle from my face.*

[14] *Ch.* 19.13,14. ¶ [15] *Numb.* 12.24. *Isa.* 50.-6. *Deut.* 25.9. *Matth.* 26.67.

11 Because [16] he * hath loosed my cord and afflicted me, they have also [17] let loose the bridle before me.

* See Chap. 12. 18.

[16] *Psal.* 2.3. God has bereav'd me of power and authority, wherewith, as with a cord, I bound 'em to their good behaviour. ¶ [17] Given themselves liberty to abuse me to my very face.

12 Upon *my* [18] right *hand* rise the youth, they [19] push away my feet, and they * [20] raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

* Chap. 19.12.

[18] *Psal.* 109.6. *Zech.* 3. 1. ¶ [19] Deal very uncivilly with me. ¶ [20] They use several methods to destroy me.

13 They [21] mar my path, they [22] set forward my calamity, [23] they *have* no helper.

[21] *Acts* 13.-10. Indeavour to obstruct all means of comfort and relief to me. ¶ [22] *Zech.* 1.-15. ¶ [23] Tho' none countenance 'em in these their rude carriages and malicious designs, yet they easily prevail against me.

14 They came *upon me* [24] as a wide breaking in *of waters:* in the [25] desolation they rolled themselves *upon me.*

[24] With violence. ¶ [25] *Viz.* That God has brought upon me, they insulted over me.

15 Terrours are [27] turned upon me: [28] they pursue ‖ my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away [29] as a cloud.

[27] Directed by God against me. ¶ [28] These Terrours seize upon me in a violent, irresistible manner. ‖ Heb. My principal one, or Princes; or Excellency. ¶ [29] *Hos.* 6. 4. and 13. 3.

16 And

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16 And now *[30] my soul is poured out [31] upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

* Psal. 42. 4.

[30] My courage and resolution is wasted and spent, and all the powers of my Soul are decayed. ¶ [31] Or, *within me.*

17 [32] My bones are pierced in me in the night-season: and my sinews take no rest.

[32] My bodily pains are so great, that they affect and afflict my very bones and sinews.

18 [33] By the great force *of my disease*, is my garment changed: [34] it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

[33] My Disease is so extreme violent, that it breaks forth all over me in such store of filthy corrupt matter, that it infects and discolours my very garments. ¶ [34] It cleaves fast to me, being glewed by the corrupt matter issuing from my sores.

19 He hath cast me into the [35] mire, and I am become [36] like dust and ashes.

[35] *Psal.* 40. 2. *viz.* Of my sores. ¶ [36] Foul with the filth of my sores.

20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: [37] I stand up, and thou [38] regardest me *not*.

[37] I offer my self to thy view as an object of compassion, and pray to thee, *Jer.* 15. 1. ¶ [38] *Matth.* 15. 23.

† Heb. *turned to be cruel.*

21 Thou art † become [39] cruel to me: with † thy strong hand thou opposest thy self against me.

[39] *Psal.* 77. 8–10. *Jer.* 30. 14.

† Heb. *the strength of thy hand.*

22 Thou [40] liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me [41] to ride *upon it*, and [42] dissolvest my ‖ substance.

‖ Or, *wisdom.*

[40] Exposest me to storms of trouble. ¶ [41] To be carried about thereby. ¶ [42] Consum'st my Body by the violence of my troubles.

* Heb. 9. 27.

23 For [43] I know *that* thou wilt bring me *to* death, and *to* the [44] house * appointed for all living.

[43] I see and perceive by thy dealing with me. ¶ [44] *Eccl.* 12. 5.

† Heb. *heap.*

24 [45] Howbeit he will not stretch out *his* hand to the † grave, [46] though they cry in his destruction.

[45] Or *surely* God will not rescue me, such an one as I am, who am already as it were in the grave. ¶ [46] Tho' his Friends are never so earnest for his recovery, when they see that God is about to destroy him.

† Heb. *hard of day.*

25 Did not I [47] weep for him that was † in trouble? was *not* my soul grieved for the poor?

[47] *Psal.* 35. 13, 14. *Rom.* 12. 15. (And therefore I don't suffer for my hard-heartedness.)

26 When I [48] looked for good, then evil came *unto me*: and when I waited for [49] light, there came darkness.

[48] *Jer.* 8. 15. Expected the continuance of my comfort, it fell out otherwise with me, so that now there is a great change. ¶ [49] Comfort.

27 My bowels [50] boyled and rested not: the days of affliction [51] prevented me.

[50] *Lam.* 1. 20. Wrought, and grew hot through the violence of my distempers and troubles. ¶ [51] Came suddenly and unexpectedly upon me.

28 I [52] went mourning without the sun: I stood up, *and* I cried [53] in the congregation.

[52] *Psal.* 38. 6. and 42. 9. and 43. 2. I spend my days in mourning without any comfort, and am so oppress'd with sadness, that I neither care nor desire to see the light of the Sun. ¶ [53] Among that company that come about me to behold me.

‖ Or, *ostriches.*

29 I am [54] a brother to dragons, and a companion to ‖ owls.

[54] *Psal.* 102. 6. Like them; sitting alone, and howling as they do.

30 My skin [55] is black upon me, and my bones are [56] burnt with heat.

[55] *Psal.* 119. 83. *Lam.* 4. 8. and 5. 10. ¶ [56] Consumed as it were with inward torments of Soul.

31 [57] My harp also is *turned* to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

[57] Instead of those things which formerly I us'd for my delight, I have nothing but matter of sorrow.

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CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Job maketh a solemn protestation of his integrity in several duties.*

1 I [2] made a covenant with mine [3] eyes; why then should I [4] think upon a maid? 2400.

[1] *q. d.* These extraordinary afflictions came not upon me for any extraordinary sins, (as you imagine;) for my former conversation was blameless in all respects. ¶ [2] Kept 'em with as much care as if I were obliged to it by covenant. ¶ [3] The chief inlets of unclean thoughts, 2 *Pet.* 2. 14. *Matth.* 5. 28. ¶ [4] View and contemplate her Beauty so long, till my heart were inflam'd with lustful desires.

* Chap. 20. 29. & 21. 13.

2 For what * [5] portion of God *is there* from above? and *what* [5] inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

[5] *Viz.* For those that allow themselves in that sin.

3 *Is* not [6] destruction to the [7] wicked? and a [8] strange *punishment* to the [7] workers of iniquity?

[6] *Heb.* 13.–4. ¶ [7] All ungodly men, but especially two unclean persons. ¶ [8] *Isa.* 28. 21. Extraordinary and unusual.

4 Doth not he [9] see my ways, and [10] count all my steps?

[9] *Ch.* 34. 21. 2 *Chron.* 16. 9. *Prov.* 5. 21. and 15. 3. *Jer.* 16. 17. and 32. 19. ¶ [10] *ch.* 14. 16. See there.

5 [11] If I have walked with [12] vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to [13] deceit;

[11] Or, *Have I walked.* ¶ [12] Falshood or hypocrisie, (as *Psal.* 4. 2. *Prov.* 13. 11.) ¶ [13] To defraud men of their goods and possessions.

† Heb. *let him weigh me in balances of justice.*

6 † Let me be [14] weighed in an even balance, that God may [15] know mine integrity.

[14] *Psal.* 26. 1. Tried by any upright, impartial Judge. ¶ [15] Acknowledge and approve.

* See Numb. 15. 39. Ezek. 6. 9. Matth. 5. 29.

7 If my step hath [16] turned out of the way, * and mine heart [17] walked after mine eyes, and if any [18] blot hath cleaved to my hands:

[16] *Viz.* Wittingly, willingly, and customarily. ¶ [17] *Eccl.* 11. 9. 1 *Joh.* 2. 16. Coveted what I saw belonging to others. ¶ [18] Unjust gain, (which would be a blemish and disgrace to me.)

8 *Then* let me [19] sow, and let another eat; yea let my [20] offspring be rooted out.

[19] *Lev.* 26.–16. *Deut.* 28. 33. ¶ [20] All that I have planted with so much pains.

9 If mine heart have been [21] deceived by a woman, or *if* I have [22] laid wait [23] at my neighbours door:

[21] So far deluded as to commit folly with any woman, *Prov.* 7. 21. *Eccl.* 7. 26. ¶ [22] *ch.* 24. 15, 16. *Jer.* 5. 8. ¶ [23] For an opportunity to entice his Wife to folly.

10 *Then* let my wife [24] grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

[24] *Exod.* 11. 5. *Isa.* 47. 2. Be a Drudge.

11 For this *is* [25] an heinous crime, yea it *is* an iniquity *to be punished by* the [26] judges.

[25] *Prov.* 6. 29, 33. ¶ [26] *Gen.* 38. 24. *Lev.* 20. 10. *Deut.* 22. 22.

12 For it *is* [27] a fire *that* [28] consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

[27] *Prov.* 6. 27, 29. ¶ [28] Wasting my estate, reputation, Body and Soul too, and bringing down some extraordinary vengeance, *Prov.* 6. 27.

13 If I did [29] despise the cause of my man-servant, or of my maid-servant, when they [30] contended with me:

[29] *Col.* 4. 1. Slighted 'em, and would not give 'em the hearing. ¶ [30] Made any complaint to me about Family-affairs.

* Psal. 44. 21.

14 What then shall I do when * God [31] riseth up? and when he [32] visiteth, what shall I answer him?

[31] *Psal.* 68. 1. *Zech.* 2. 13. *viz.* To call me to account for these things. ¶ [32] Enquires into my carriage towards my Servants

* Prov. 14. 31. & 22. 2.

15 * Did not he that [33] made me in the womb, make

[33] *ch.* 34. 19. *Mal.* 2. 10.

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‖ Or, *did he not faſhion us in one womb?*

16 If I have withheld the poor from [34] *their* deſire, or have [35] cauſed the eys of the widow to fail:

[34] *Luke* 16.21. What they deſir'd, either in point of Juſtice, or neceſſity. ¶ [35] *ch.*9.22. See there. Diſappointed 'em of their expectation.

[36] *Rom.*12.13.

17 Or have [36] eaten my morſel my ſelf alone, and the fatherleſs hath not eaten thereof:

18 (For from my [37] youth [38] he was brought up with me, as *with* a father, and I have guided ‖ [39] her from my [37] mothers womb)

‖ That is, *the widow.*

[37] Even from my tender years, as ſoon as I was capable of any ſuch thing; my natural inclination leading me that way. ¶ [38] The fatherleſs, *v.* 17. ¶ [39] The Widow, *v.* 16.

[40] *Mat.*25. 36.

19 If I have ſeen any periſh for want of [40] clothing, or any poor without covering:

[41] 2 *Tim.*1.16. *Jam.* 2.16.

20 If his loyns have not [41] bleſſed me, and *if* he were *not* warmed with the fleece of my ſheep;

21 If I have [42] lift up my hand againſt the fatherleſs, when I ſaw [43] my help in the gate:

[42] To oppreſs or wrong him in any kind. ¶ [43] Enow to ſtand by me, and maintain me in what I did.

‖ Or, *channel-bone.*

22 *Then* let mine arm fall from my ſhoulder-blade, and mine arm be broken from the ‖ bone.

* Iſa. 13. 6.

23 For * [44] deſtruction *from* God *was* a terrour to me, and by reaſon of his highneſs I could not [45] endure.

[44] *Gen.* 39.-9. *Joel* 1. 15. 2 *Cor.* 5.-11. The fear of ſome heavy Judgment. ¶ [45] *viz.* The puniſhment he'd have inflicted on me.

24 If I have made gold my [46] hope, or have ſaid to the fine gold, *Thou art* my [46] confidence:

[46] *Pſal.*52.7. *Prov.* 10.15. *Mark* 10.24. *Luke* 12.-15.1 *Tim.* 6.17. That which will make me happy, and ſecure me againſt all evil.

* Pſal.62.10. † Heb. *found.*

25 * If I [47] rejoyced becauſe my wealth *was* great, and becauſe mine hand had † gotten much:

[47] *Eſt.*5.11. *Luke* 12. 19. and 16.19. *Jam.*5.5. *Viz.* Chiefly or only.

† Heb. *light.* † Heb. *bright.*

26 If [48] I beheld the † [49] ſun when it ſhined, or the [49] moon walking *in* † brightneſs:

[48] *Viz.* With Adoration or Veneration, as having divine power in 'em. ¶ [49] *Deut.*17.3. 2 *King.* 23.-5. *Ezek.* 8.-16.

† Heb. *my hand hath kiſſed my mouth.*

27 And my heart hath been [50] ſecretly enticed, or my † mouth hath [51] kiſſed my hand.

[50] Inwardly moved to eſteem 'em as Deities. ¶ [51] *Pſal.*2. 12. *Hoſ.*13.2.1 *Kin.*19.18. Given any outward worſhip to 'em.

* Verſ. 11.

28 This [52] alſo *were* an * iniquity *to be puniſhed by* the judge: for I ſhould have [53] denied the God *that is* above.

[52] As well as Adultery, *v.*11. ¶ [53] *Exod.*20. 5. *Viz.* By conſequence; becauſe this was to rob God of that Worſhip which is his peculiar Prerogative.

29 If I [54] rejoyced at the deſtruction of him that hated me, or [55] lift up my ſelf when evil found him:

[54] *Prov.*24.17. and 17.-5. *viz.* Out of private malice and revenge, (for *Pſal.*58.10.) ¶ [55] To inſult over him.

† Heb. *palate.* [56] *Matth.*5.44. *Rom.*12.14.

30 (Neither have I ſuffered my † mouth to ſin, by wiſhing [56] a curſe to his ſoul)

31 If the [57] men of my tabernaele [58] ſaid not, [59] Oh that we had of his fleſh! we cannot be [60] ſatisfied.

[57] My Servants or attendants. ¶ [58] Stirr'd me up to revenge, (as 1 *Sam.*24.4. and 26.8. 2 *Sam.*16. 9.) ¶ [59] Let us be revenged on him that hates thee. ¶ [60] *Viz.* Without it.

‖ Or, *to the way.*

32 The ſtranger did not [61] lodge in the ſtreet: *but* I opened my doors ‖ to the traveller.

[61] *Judg.*19. 20,21. *Rom.*12.13. *Heb.*13.2.1 *Pet.* 4.9.

‖ Or, *after the manner of men*

33 If I [62] covered my tranſgreſſions, ‖ as [63] Adam; by hiding mine iniquity in my boſom:

[62] Went about to conceal it any way, (but did freely confeſs it to God, and beg pardon for it.) ¶ [63] Who did what he could to hide his ſin from God, (*Gen.*3.7,8,12.) and as all others in their natural condition do.

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34 Did I fear a great [64] multitude, or did the contempt of families terrifie me: that I [65] kept ſilence, *and* [65] went not out of the door?

[64] And thereupon was feign to cover my ſins, (*v.*33.) leſt they ſhould fall upon me for 'em. ¶ [65] Durſt not appear and engage againſt ſinful courſes.

‖ Or, *my ſign is that the Almighty will anſwer me.*

* Chap.13.22.

35 O that [66] one would hear me! behold, ‖ my deſire *is*, * *that* the Almighty would [67] anſwer me, and *that* mine adverſary had [68] written a book.

[66] Some indifferent perſon had the hearing of the cauſe between God and me, and my friends and me. ¶ [67] *ch.*23. 3-5. ¶ [68] Set down his charge againſt me in writing.

36 Surely I would take it upon my ſhoulder, *and* [69] bind it *as* a crown to me.

[69] Prize it, as containing matter of honour to me; (becauſe all the accuſations therein would be found upon trial to be falſe.)

37 I would [70] declare unto him the number of my ſteps, [71] as a prince would I go near unto him.

[70] 1 *Pet.*3.15. Give him a juſt account of my life paſt, to ſee what he can accuſe me for. ¶ [71] *Prov.* 28.1. With undaunted Courage, and confidence of ſucceſs.

† Heb. *weep.*

38 If my land [72] cry againſt me, or that the furrows likewiſe thereof † [72] complain:

[72] For unjuſt and cruel dealings towards them that rent it, or manag'd it for me.

†Heb. *ſtrength* †Heb. *the ſoul of the owners thereof to expire* or *breath out.*

39 If I have eaten the † fruits thereof [73] without money, or have cauſed the † owners thereof [74] to loſe their life:

[73] *Jam.*5.4. ¶ [74] Killing them that ſo I might have quiet poſſeſſion of it.

* Gen.3.18. ‖ Or, *noiſom weeds.*

40 Let * thiſtles grow inſtead of wheat, and ‖ cockle inſtead of barely. [75] The words of Job are ended.

[75] His Diſpute with his friends.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Elihu is angry with Job and his three friends.*
11 *He reproveth them for not ſatisfying of him.*
16 *His zeal to ſpeak.*

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† Heb. *from anſwering.*

SO theſe three men ceaſed † to anſwer Job, becauſe [1] he *was* righteous in his own eyes.

[1] They found he was reſolutely bent to juſtifie himſelf, ſay what they could.

† Heb. *his ſoul*

2 Then was [2] kindled the wrath of Elihu the ſon of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: againſt Job was his wrath kindled, becauſe he [3] juſtified † himſelf rather then God.

[2] *Gal.*4.18. ¶ [3] *ch.*34.5,6. and 35.2. See on *ch.*9.20. Took more care to maintain, and inſiſted more upon the vindication of his own innocency, than God's Juſtice; yea, and not without reflections upon God as dealing too ſeverely with him.

3 Alſo againſt his three friends was his wrath kindled, becauſe they had found [4] no anſwer, and *yet* had condemned [5] Job.

[4] To what *Job* alledged to prove his innocency. ¶ [5] As a wicked man and an hypocrite.

†Heb. *expected Job in words.*

4 Now Elihu had † waited till Job had ſpoken, becauſe they *were* † elder then he.

† Heb. *elder for days.*

5 When Elihu ſaw that *there was* no anſwer in the mouth of *theſe* three men, then his wrath was kindled.

† Heb. *few of days.* † Heb. *feared.*

6 And Elihu the ſon of Barachel the Buzite anſwered and ſaid, I *am* † young, and ye *are* very old, wherefore I was [6] afraid, and † durſt not ſhew you mine opinion.

[6] *Viz.* Of diſcovering my weakneſs, and being thought raſh and ſelf-conceited.

7 I ſaid, [7] Days ſhould ſpeak, and * [7] multitude of years ſhould [8] teach wiſdom.

[7] *Ch.* 8.8,9. & 12.12. *Heb.*5.12. ¶ [8] Inſtruct younger men, ſuch as I am, concerning the wiſe counſels and ways of God.

8 [9] But

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8 [9] But *there is* [10] a ſpirit in man: and the [11] inſpiration of the Almighty giveth them underſtanding.

[9] *q. d.* Though aged perſons have a great advantage to gain knowledge and experience, yet beſides Age, ſomething elſe is required for that end, *viz.* A Soul endued with a principle of reaſon, underſtanding and judgment, which ought to be improved and exerciſed, that we may learn our duty. ¶ [11] *ch.*35.11. and 38.36. *Prov.*2.6. *Eccl.*2. 26. *Dan.* 1.17. and 2.-21. *Jam.*1.5. But eſpecially the Spirit of God enlightens the underſtanding to know things above the reach of Reaſon, 1 *Cor.*2.10-12. and 12.8-10.

9 [12] Great men are not *always* wiſe: neither do the aged [13] underſtand judgment.

[12] 1 *Cor.*1.26. Men of great years, and ſuch as have the advantage of Learning, Wealth, Authority, and the like. ¶ [13] Always know what is right and juſt; nor at any time, what are the reaſons of God's diſpenſations.

10 [14] Therefore I ſaid, Hearken to me, I alſo will ſhew mine opinion.

[14] *q.d.* Becauſe you have no more to ſay, (v. 3.) and what you have ſaid has not been ſo convincing, (*v.*12.) as might be deſir'd.

11 Behold, I waited for your words; [15] I gave ear to your † reaſons, whilſt you [16] ſearched out † what to ſay.

† Heb. *underſtandings.*

† Heb. *words.*

[15] I conſider'd and weighed 'em well, whether they were ſatisfactory and convincing. ¶ [16] Studied what you might further alledge againſt him.

12 Yea, I [17] attended unto you: and behold, *there was* none of you that [18] convinced Job, *or* that anſwered his words:

[17] *Prov.*18.13. ¶ [18] *Viz.* That he was an ungodly man.

13 [19] Leſt you ſhould ſay, We have found out wiſdom: [20] God thruſteth him down, not man.

[19] *Jer.*9.23. *q.d.* This I ſay, leſt you ſhould flatter your ſelves, as if you had ſaid all that can, or need to be ſaid in the caſe. ¶ [20] Theſe calamities that have befallen him are God's immediate work; and therefore he is an hypocrite. But ſaith *Elihu*, Theſe arguments don't ſatisfie me, and therefore bear with me if I ſeek for better.

‖ Or, *ordered.*

14 Now [21] he hath not ‖ directed *his* words againſt me: neither will I anſwer him with [22] your ſpeeches.

[21] *q.d.* I am not engaged in this Diſcourſe by any provoking words of *Job*, as you have been, but meerly out of Zeal for God, and love to truth, and a ſincere deſire to miniſter to *Job* matter both of conviction and comfort. ¶ [22] Such weak arguments and provoking language as you uſed.

15 [23] They were amazed, they anſwered no more: they † left off ſpeaking.

† Heb. *removed ſpeeches from themſelves.*

[23] Here he turns his Speech to the Auditors.

16 When I had waited, (for they ſpake not, but ſtood ſtill *and* anſwered no more)

17 *I ſaid*, I will anſwer alſo my part, I alſo will ſhew mine opinion.

18 For I am full of † [24] matter, the ſpirit † within me [25] conſtraineth me.

† Heb. *words.*

† Heb. *of my belly.*

[24] Good Arguments to convince *Job*. ¶ [25] 2 *Cor.* 5. 14. *Pſal.*39.3. *Jer.*20.9. *Act.*4.20. *viz.* To utter my mind.

19 Behold, my belly *is* as wine *which* hath † no vent, it is ready to burſt like [26] new bottles.

† Heb. *is not opened.*

[26] Bottles of new wine, *Matth.* 9.17.

20 I will ſpeak that I may be † refreſhed: I will open my lips, and anſwer.

† Heb. *breathe.*

21 [27] Let me not, I pray you, [28] accept any mans perſon, neither let me give [29] flattering titles unto man.

[27] *q. d.* And pray don't expect that I ſhould flatter you, and ſooth you up in your errors and miſtakes, out of reſpect to your Age, Gravity, or the like; for I am reſolved to deal freely, plainly and impartially with you. ¶ [28] *Lev.*19. 15. See there. ¶ [29] *Act.*12.22.

22 For [30] I know not to give flattering titles, *in ſo doing* my maker would ſoon [31] take me away.

[30] *Matth.* 22. -26. I neither am acquainted with, nor approve of ſuch methods. ¶ [31] *Act.*12.23.

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CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Elihu offereth himſelf inſtead of God, with ſincerity and meekneſs, to reaſon with Job.* 8 *He excuſeth God from giving man an account of his ways, by his greatneſs.* 31 *He inciteth Job to attention.*

WHerefore Job, I pray thee, hear my ſpeeches, and hearken [1] to all my words. 2400.

[1] *Act.*10.33.

2 Behold, now I have [2] opened my mouth, my tongue hath ſpoken in my † mouth.

[2] *Pſal.*37.10. † Heb. *palate.*

3 My words *ſhall be* [3] *of* the uprightneſs of my heart: and my lips ſhall utter knowledge [4] clearly.

[3] Not out of paſſion, or prejudice, as others have done before me, but with a ſincere deſire of thy good. ¶ [4] So as that thou mayeſt be fully convinc'd of the truth of what I ſay.

4 [5] The ſpirit of God hath made me, and the [6] breath of the Almighty hath given me [7] life.

[5] *q.d.* I am a man, like thy ſelf; and therefore fit and ready to diſcourſe with thee upon equal terms, according to thy deſire. ¶ [6] *Gen.*2.7. ¶ [7] *ch.*10. 12.

5 If thou canſt anſwer me, ſet *thy words* in order before me, ſtand up.

6 Behold, I *am* [8] according to thy † wiſh [9] in Gods ſtead: I alſo am † [10] formed out of the clay.

† Heb. *mouth.*

† Heb. *cut.*

[8] *Ch.*9.34,35. and 13.22. and 23.3,4. and 31.35. ¶ [9] To plead his cauſe againſt thee, and anſwer thee, (as thou deſireſt, *ch.*13.21,22.) ¶ [10] *Gen.*2. 7.

7 Behold, [11] my terror ſhall not make thee afraid, neither ſhall my [12] hand be heavy upon thee.

[11] *ch.*9.34. & 13. 21. [12] *Pſal.*32. 4.

8 Surely thou haſt ſpoken [13] in mine † hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *ſaying*,

[13] *Deut* 13.14. † Heb. *ears.*

9 I *am* [14] clean without tranſgreſſion, I *am* [15] innocent; neither *is there* [16] iniquity in me.

[14] *Ch.*9.17. and 10.7. and 16.17. and 23.10,11. and 27.-5. ¶ [15] *ch.*19.7. ¶ [16] *viz.* For which I ſhould be thus ſeverely dealt with.

10 Behold, he [17] findeth occaſions againſt me, he counteth me for his [18] enemy.

[17] *Ch.* 14. 17. Picks out ſomething to puniſh me for. ¶ [18] *ch.*13.-24. and 16.9. and 19.11.

11 [19] He putteth my feet in the ſtocks, he marketh all my paths.

[19] *ch.*13.27.

12 Behold, [20] *in* this thou art not juſt: I will anſwer thee, that God is [21] greater then man.

[20] *Jam.*3.2. *q.d.* Hower in the former part of thy life, and in other particulars thou mighteſt carry thy ſelf unblameably, yet in this thou art blame-worthy, that thou haſt ſo ſtiffly maintained thy own innocency, as if God dealt too hardly with thee. ¶ [21] Supreme over all, (and therefore unaccountable to any for his dealings with him, *v.* 13.)

13 Why doſt thou [22] ſtrive againſt him? for he † [23] giveth not account of any of his matters.

† Heb. *anſwereth not.*

[22] *Iſa.*45.9. *Rom.*9.20. Cample and reaſon it thus irreverently with God. ¶ [23] *Pſal.*115.3. *Matth.*20. 15. He is not obliged to it, (tho he is pleaſed ſometimes to condeſcend ſo far;) and therefore thou exceedeſt all bounds of modeſty, humility and reverence to demand a reaſon of his dealings with thee.

14 For [24] God ſpeaketh [25] once, yea [25] twice, *yet man* [26] perceiveth it not.

[24] *q. d.* So that tho God will not gratifie mans curioſity in inquiring into his hidden judgments, yet he'l ſupply their neceſſities, and acquaint 'em with their duty and intereſt ſo far as is fit, and they are concerned to know. ¶ [25] *Pſal.*62.11. ¶ [26] Is ſo dull by nature, that either he can't underſtand God's meaning, or does not take notice of it.

15 In a [27] dream, in a [27] viſion of the night, when deep ſleep falleth upon men, in ſlumbrings upon the bed:

[27] *ch.*4. 12,13. *Numb.* 12. 6. See on 2 *Cor.* 12.1.

16 Then he † [29] openeth the ears of men, and [30] ſealeth their inſtruction,

† Heb. *revealeth*, or *uncovereth.*

[28] When

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[28] When he speaks to 'em in any of those ways, *v.* 15. ¶ [29] *ch.*36.10,15. *Luke* 24.45. Inclines 'em to regard, hearken to, and retain what he saith. ¶ [30] Powerfully imprints their duty upon their minds.

† Heb. *work.*

17 That he may withdraw man *from his* † purpose, and [31] hide pride from man.

[31] 2 *Cor.*12.7. Keep him from proud thoughts of himself; (by revealing to him his own vileness).

18 [32] He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from † perishing by the sword.

† Heb. *passing.*

[32] *q. d.* God by these Revelations of himself teaches him how to prevent destruction, both temporal and eternal.

19 He is chastened [33] also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong *pain:*

[33] *q. d.* He is not only instructed by Revelation, (*v.* 15.) but by Correction, *Psal.* 94.12.

[34] *Psal.*107.18.

20 So that his life [34] abhorreth bread, and his

† Heb. *meat of desire.*

soul † dainty meat.

[35] *Psal.*102.5.

21 His flesh is [35] consumed away that it cannot

[36] *Psal.* 22.17.

be seen, and his bones *that* were not seen, [36] stick out.

22 Yea his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the [37] destroyers.

[37] 2 *Sam.*24.16. Diseases, and other means of death.

23 [38] If there be a [39] messenger with him, [40] an interpreter, [41] one among a thousand, to shew unto man [42] his uprightness:

[38] *q. d.* If men will not learn by any of the former ways, then God many times sends some choice person to teach him; and when he does so, happy is that man. ¶ [39] 2 *Cor.* 5.20. ¶ [40] *Matth.* 13.52. One that can declare to man his duty, and why God afflicts him. ¶ [41] A person rightly qualified for this great and hard work, 2 *Cor.* 2.-16. ¶ [42] God's righteousness in afflicting him, and how he may walk uprightly in the way of duty, in order to deliverance from these evils.

24 [43] Then he is gracious unto him, and [44] saith, [45] Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have [46] found ‖ a ransom.

‖ Or, *an atonement.*

[43] When he has hearkned to the voice of God's Messengers, and given Glory to God by amendment. ¶ [44] Gives that Messenger Commission to promise him recovery. ¶ [45] Declare to him that I have pardon'd and will heal him. ¶ [46] Received and accepted a way of ransoming and redeeming sinners from death.

† Heb. *childhood.*

25 His flesh shall be fresher then † a childs: he shall [47] return to the days of his youth.

[47] *Psal.*103.-5.

26 [48] He shall [49] pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him, and he shall [50] see his face with joy: for he will render unto man [51] his righteousness.

[48] The sick man thus instructed and reform'd ¶ [49] 2 *Chr.* 33.12. ¶ [50] *Numb.*6.25. *Psal.*67.1. *Rom.* 5.1. Look God in the face with boldness and comfort. ¶ [51] The reward of his present holiness; and according to that, (and not according to his former wickedness.)

‖ Or, *he shall look upon men, and say,* &c.

27 ‖ He [52] looketh upon men, and *if any* say, [53] I have sinned, and [54] perverted *that which was* right, and it [55] profited me not;

[52] Takes notice of their carriage. ¶ [53] 2 *Sam.* 12. 13. *Luke* 18.-13. ¶ [54] Gone in wrong ways. ¶ [55] *Rom.*6.21. Yea, it has been very prejudicial to me.

‖ Or, *he hath delivered my soul,* &c. *and my life.*

28 ‖ He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall [56] see the light.

[56] Be prolonged in comfort and prosperity.

29 Lo, [57] all these *things* worketh God † oftentimes with man.

[57] *Psal.* 56.13. *Isa.*38.17.

[57] He uses these several methods in his dealings with men.

† Heb. *twice* and *thrice.*

30 To bring back his soul from the [58] pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

[58] *Psal.* 56.13. *Isa.*38.17.

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me, hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for [59] I desire to justifie thee.

[59] I should be glad if thou couldst so far satisfie me, that I might justly clear thee.

33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee [60] wisdom.

[60] How to judge better of God's dealings with thee, and the way to find mercy.

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1 Elihu accuseth Job for charging God with injustice. 10 God omnipotent cannot be unjust. 31 Man must humble himself unto God. 34 Elihu reproveth Job.

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FUrthermore Elihu answered and said,

2 Hear my words, O ye [1] wise *men*, and give ear unto [2] me, ye that [3] have knowledge.

[1] *Prov.*1.5. ¶ [2] 1 *Tim.*4.12. ¶ [3] Are men of experience.

† Heb. *palate.*

3 For the [4] ear trieth words, as the † mouth tasteth meat.

[4] *Ch.*12.11. (See there.) and 6.30. You are able to judge.

4 [5] Let us choose to us judgment: let us [6] know among our selves what *is* good.

[5] Let us lay aside all animosities and prejudices, and make use of our reason and understanding, that we may be able to judge right in the case. ¶ [6] By mutual discourse make known to one another, who is in the right, *Job* or I.

5 [7] For Job hath said, I am [8] righteous: and [9] God hath taken away my judgment.

[7] *q. d.* We had need to weigh the matter well, because *Job* has uttered dangerous speeches. ¶ [8] See on *ch.* 33. 9. Free from any such gross miscarriages as might deserve these severe dealings. ¶ [9] *ch.*27.2. See there.

† Heb. *arrow.*

6 Should I [10] lie against my right? [11] my † wound *is* incurable [12] without transgression.

[10] Falsly accuse my self of such sins of which I am no way conscious to my self? I'l never do it, *ch.* 27. 4--6. ¶ [11] *ch.*6.4. and 16.13. ¶ [12] *ch.*9.17. and 16.17. Tho' I have not been guilty of such heinous sins as might deserve it.

7 What man *is* like Job, *who* [13] drinketh up scorning like water?

[13] *Chap.*15.16. *Prov.*4.17. Scorns and reproaches, not Man only, but God too, with greediness and delight.

8 Which [14] goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and [15] walketh with wicked men.

[14] Speaks of God's Service and Dispensations as wicked men do, (*v.*9.) as if he were one of their Society. ¶ [15] Doth as the wicked do, when God afflicts 'em.

9 For he hath [16] said, [17] It profiteth a man nothing, that he should delight himself with God.

[16] Spoken something to this purpose, *viz. ch.*9.22. and 30.26. ¶ [17] This is the language of wicked men, *ch.* 21.15. and 22. 17. and 35.3. Mal.3.14.

† Heb. *men of heart.*

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye † men of understanding: *far be it from God, *that he should* [18] *do* wickedness, and *from* the Almighty, *that he should* [18] *commit* iniquity.

* 2 Chro. 19.7.

[18] *Ch.*8.3. and 36.23. *Deut.*32. 4. *Psal.* 92. 15. *Rom.* 9. 14. Deny justice to any, or punish any without cause; or deal alike with good and bad.

* Psal.62.12. Prov.24.12. Jer.32.19. Ezek.33.20. Matth.16.27. Rom.2.6. 2 Cor.5.10. 1 Pet.1.17. Rev.22.12.

11 * For the [19] work of a man shall he [20] render unto him, and cause every man to find according to *his* ways.

[19] The reward of his work. ¶ [20] See on *Matth.* 16. 27. *Viz.* Either in this world or the next; (and therefore Piety is not unprofitable.)

12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty [21] pervert judgment.

[21] *Chap.* 8. 3. See there. *Gen.* 18. 25. *Psal.* 45. 6.

† Heb. *all of it.*

13 [21] Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed † the whole world?

[21] *Ch.*36.23. 1 *Chron.*29.11. 2 *Chron.* 36.23. *q. d.* There's none above him to direct and appoint him what to do; (and therefore none can call him to account: and consequently either God must be just, or all the world will be in a remediless confusion.)

† Heb. *him.*

14 If he [22] set his heart upon † man, *if* he [23] gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

[22] *Ch.*7.-17. Observe exactly all that he does amiss, and thereupon resolve to punish him. ¶ [23] *Psal.*26.9. and 104. 29. *Eccl.*12.7. Recal that soul and life he has bestow'd.

15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto [24] dust.

[24] *Gen.*3.19. *Eccl.*12.7. (And therefore thou hast cause to be thankful that God has continued thy life so long.)

16 If

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16 If now *thou hast* [25] understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

17 [26] Shall even he that hateth right † govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

† Heb. *bind.*

[25] 1 *Cor.*10.15.

[26] 2 *Sam.*23.3. *Gen.*18.25. *Rom.*3.5. Is such a one fit to govern the world whom thou wouldst make to delight in doing wrong?

18 [27] *Is it fit* to say to a king, *Thou art* wicked? *and* to princes, *Ye are* ungodly?

[27] *Exod.*22.18.

19 *How much less to him* that * [28] accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more then the poor? for they all *are* the [29] work of his hands.

* Deut.10.17. 2 Chron.19.7. Acts 10.34. Gal. 2.6. Eph. 6.9. Col.3.25.

[28] See on *Rom.* 2. 11. (And therefore will do no unjust thing to gain their favour, or avoid their anger.) ¶ [29] *ch.*31. 15. *Prov.*22.2. (And therefore equally subject to his power and pleasure.)

20 In a moment shall they die, and the [30] people shall be troubled [31] at midnight, and [32] pass away: and † the mighty shall be taken away [33] without hand.

† Heb. *they shall take away the mighty.*

[30] Whole Nations. ¶ [31] *Exod.* 12. 29. 2 *Kings* 19. 35. When they are most secure. ¶ [32] *Viz.* Into the grave; as *ch.*14.20. ¶ [33] *Dan.*2.34,35. By God's immediate power, without human help.

21 [34] For [35] his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

[34] *q. d.* And the reason hereof is, because God sees sin enough in men for which he may justly thus punish 'em. ¶ [35] *ch.*31.4. 2 *Chron.*16.9. *Prov.*5.21. and 15.3. *Jer.* 16. 17. and 32.19.

22 *There is* no [36] darkness, nor [36] shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity [37] may hide themselves.

[36] *Ch.*3.5. *Psal.*139.12. Not the most deadly darkness, even that of the grave. ¶ [37] *Amos* 9.2,3. *Hebr.*4.13.

23 For he will not lay upon man [38] more *then right*; that he should † enter into judgment with God.

† Heb. *go.*

[38] Any heavier punishment than their iniquity deserves.

24 He shall [39] break in pieces mighty men without † number, and set others in [40] their stead.

† Heb. *searching out.*

[39] *Psal.*2.9. *Dan.*2.35. ¶ [40] *Psal.*113.7,8. *Dan.* 2.21.

25 [41] Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth *them* [42] in the night, so that they are † destroyed.

† Heb. *crushed.*

[41] *q. d.* Hereby it's evident that he knows— ¶ [42] Suddainly and unexpectedly.

26 He striketh them [43] as wicked men [44] in the † open sight of others:

† Heb. *place of beholders.*

[43] As he uses to deal with wicked men. ¶ [44] *Psal.*58.10. *Exod.*14.-30. That others may be affrighted from following their Example.

27 Because they turned back † from him, and would [45] not consider any of his [46] ways.

† Heb. *from after him.*

[45] *Psal.*28.5. *Isa.*5.12. ¶ [46] Those ways he'd have 'em to walk in.

28 So that they cause the [47] cry of the poor to come unto him, and he [48] heareth the cry of the afflicted.

[47] *James* 5.8. *Exod.*2.23,24. and 3.7,9. By reason of their oppression. ¶ [48] *Psal.*12.5.

29 [49] When he giveth quietness, who then can make [50] trouble? and when he [51] hideth *his* face, who then [52] can behold him? whether *it be done* against a nation, or against a man only:

[49] 2 *Sam.*7.1. *Isa.*26.3. and 32.17. When he sets those that were oppress, free from fear, or sadness. ¶ [50] *Isa.*14. 3,4. ¶ [51] See on *Psal.*27.9. ¶ [52] Expect any help from him.

30 [53] That the hypocrite reign [54] not, lest the people be [55] ensnared.

[51] *q. d.* He deals thus that he may controle the insolence of wicked men. ¶ [54] *Viz.* Any longer. ¶ [55] Held in the fetters of Tyranny and Oppression.

31 [56] Surely it is meet to be said unto God, [57] I have born *chastisement*, I will not offend *any more.*

[56] *q. d.* Instead of quarrelling with, or complaining of God and his dealings with thee, it had better befitted thee to have patiently submitted. ¶ [57] *Lev.*26.41. *Psal.* 39. 9. *Jer.* 31.19. *Dan.*9.7. *Mich.*7.9. *q. d.* Since it's thy pleasure to chastise me, I'l endeavour to bear it patiently without murmuring.

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32 [58] *That which* I see not, teach thou me; if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

[58] *Psal.*19.12. 1 *Cor.* 13. 12. Discover unto me my secret sins for which thou hast thus chastised me.

33 [59] *Should it be* † according to thy mind? he will recompence [60] it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose, and [61] not I: therefore [62] speak what thou knowest.

† Heb. *from with thee?*

[59] Should God govern the world according to thy fancy? ¶ [60] Thy iniquity, *v.*32. ¶ [61] It's not my doing that thou art thus dealt with; and therefore thou hast no reason to be angry with me for speaking what I think proper in the case. ¶ [62] If thou art otherwise minded, let's hear what thou canst say for thy self.

34 [63] Let men of † understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

† Heb. *heart.*

[63] *q. d.* You three friends of *Job* tell me whether you be not of my mind as to *Job*'s speeches, *v.*35.

35 Job hath spoken [64] without knowledge, and his words *were* without wisdom.

[64] Foolishly and inconsiderately.

36 ‖ My desire *is that* [65] Job may be tried unto the end, because of *his* answers [66] for wicked men.

‖ Or, *my father, let Job be tried.*

[65] His speeches concerning God's Providence may be fully scann'd, till the point be brought to an issue. ¶ [66] On their behalf; to teach 'em how to argue against God and his Providence.

37 For he addeth [67] rebellion unto his sin, he [68] clappeth *his hands* amongst us, and multiplieth his words against God.

[67] Quarrelling with God, and justifying himself in the evil he has spoken. ¶ [68] Insults over us.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Comparison is not to be made with God, because our good or evil cannot extend unto him.* 9 *Many cry in their afflictions, but are not heard for want of faith.*

ELihu spake moreover and said, 2400.

2 [1] Thinkest thou this to be right, *that* thou saidst, My righteousness *is* more then God's?

[1] *q. d.* Thy insisting so much upon thy own righteousness, and complaining of God's dealings with thee, is in effect a making thy self more righteous than God.

3 For thou [2] saidst, [3] What advantage will it be unto thee, *and*, What profit shall I have ‖ *if I be cleansed* from my sin?

‖ Or, by it *more then by my sin.*

[2] *Ch.*9.22. and 10.15. ¶ [3] See on *ch.* 34. 9. Thou saist thou art righteous, and yet thy righteousness avails thee not.

4 I will † answer thee, and [4] thy companions with thee.

† Heb. *return to the words.* [4] All others that are of the same opinion.

5 Look unto the heavens, and see and behold the clouds *which* are [5] higher then thou.

[5] Far above thy reach to do 'em either good or hurt: (much more is God.)

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou [6] against him? or *if* thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou [7] unto him?

[6] *Jer.*7.19. ¶ [7] Which may be any prejudice to him.

7 * If thou be righteous, [8] what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

Prov.9.12. Rom. 11.35.

[8] *Ch.*22.2,3. *Psal.*16.2. (And therefore thou can'st not lay any obligation upon him to recompence thee for it; and consequently canst not accuse him of injustice for afflicting thee, nor pretend that thou hast deserv'd better usage from him.)

8 Thy wickedness *may hurt* [9] a man as thou *art*, and thy righteousness *may profit* the son of man.

[9] *Eccl.*9.-13. But it can't hurt God; (and therefore God does not punish thee for this reason, but because thou dost not obey his commands.)

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9 [10] By reason of the multitude of oppressions, they make *the oppressed* to [11] cry: they cry out by reason of the [12] arm of the mighty.

[10] *q. d.* That indeed is true which thou hast spoken, (*ch.* 24.12.) that God suffers many men to be unjustly oppress't, and rights 'em not assoon as they complain, but the fault is in themselves, and not in God. ¶ [11] *Luke* 18.7. ¶ [12] Power to oppress.

10 [13] But [14] none saith, Where *is* God my [15] maker, who [16] giveth songs in the night?

[13] *q. d.* They were not thankful to God for those mercies he bestow'd on 'em, and therefore he suffers 'em to be oppress'd. ¶ [14] *Luke* 17.17,18. Few or none of these oppressed ones seek to God for help, who frequently shews favour to persons in misery. ¶ [15] Heb. *makers*; as *Isa.* 54. 5. *Eccl.* 12.1. ¶ [16] *Psal.* 42. 8. and 119. 62. *Acts* 16. 25. Affords matter of praise for mercies bestow'd in the night season.

11 [17] Who teacheth us more then the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser then the fowls of heaven.

[17] Who indues us with reasonable souls, capable of Arts and Sciences, and other excellent knowledge.

12 There [18] they cry, (but [19] none giveth answer) [20] because of the pride of evil men.

[18] The oppressed. ¶ [19] *Ch.*27.9. *Prov.* 1.28. and 15.29. *Isa.*1.15. *Jer.*11.11. *John* 9.31. ¶ [20] *q. d.* Tho' they cry for help, yet being wicked men, who still cherish the pride of their hearts against God, therefore he regards 'em not.

13 Surely God will not hear [21] vanity, neither will the Almighty regard [22] it.

[21] Ungodly men, void of all true Piety. ¶ [22] Their oppression, (so as to deliver 'em.)

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not [23] see him, *yet* [24] judgment *is* before him, therefore [25] trust thou in him.

[23] *Ch.*23.9. Find him restoring thee to thy former comfortable condition. ¶ [24] *Psal.*37.6. He'l certainly do thee right in his own time. ¶ [25] Wait for him, (as a woman in travail waits for delivery.)

‖ That is, *God.* ‖ That is, *Job.*

15 But now because *it is* [26] not *so*, ‖ he hath visited in his anger, yet ‖ he [27] knoweth *it* not in great extremity:

[26] *Viz.* That thou dost humble thy self before God, and trust in him for deliverance. ¶ [27] Tho' *Job* be in great extremity, yet he is not brought thereby to the knowledge of God and himself.

16 [28] Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain: he multiplieth words [29] without knowledge.

[28] *q. d.* And hence it's manifest that he pours forth complaints without any success. ¶ [29] Thereby discovering his ignorance of God and himself.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Elihu sheweth how God is just in his ways, 16 how Jobs sins hinder Gods blessings. 24 Gods works are to be magnified.*

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† Heb. there are *yet words for God.*

ELihu also proceeded, and said,

2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee, that † *I have* yet to speak on Gods behalf.

3 I will fetch [1] my knowledge [2] from afar, and will [3] ascribe righteousness to my maker.

[1] The Arguments which I know and shall now declare. ¶ [2] *Ch.*37.1. Either from the inspiration of God's Spirit, (*ch.*32.8,18.) or from his wonderful works in Nature since the beginning of the world, *v.*26. *&c.* and *ch.*37. ¶ [3] *Rev.* 15.3. Own and maintain the Justice of his proceedings, and give him the glory of it.

4 For truly, my words *shall* not *be* false: [4] he that is perfect in knowledge *is* with thee.

[4] *Ge.*37.36. *q. d.* I'd have thee to know that I perfectly understand this point, and will in all things deal uprightly with thee; (and therefore hearken to me.) He speaks of himself in the third person, for modesties sake.

* Chap.9.4. & 12.13,16. & 37.23.Ps.99.4. † Heb. *heart.*

5 Behold, God *is* mighty, and * despiseth not *any*: * *he is* mighty in strength *and* † wisdom.

[5] *q. d.* Tho' he can do what he pleases, yet h'el not wrong any, tho' never so mean, (as *Job* had charged him to do, *ch.*10.3.)

6 He [6] preserveth not the life of the wicked: but [7] giveth right to the ‖ poor.

[6] 2 *Pet.*2.-9. *Psal.*55.23. and 104. 35. Suffer 'em not always to go unpunish'd, but will in due time execute judgment upon 'em. ¶ [7] *Psal.*9.4.

‖ Or, *afflicted.*

7 He [8] withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but [9] with kings *are they* on the throne, yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are [10] exalted.

[8] *Psal.*33.18. and 34. 15. Neither forgets, nor neglects to reward 'em, tho' never so poor and afflicted. ¶ [9] These poor righteous are sometimes advanc'd by God to Royal Dignity, 1 *Sam.*2.8. *Psal.*113.7,8. ¶ [10] Continue in their dignity, yea and increase in it in spite of all opposition.

8 And [11] if *they be* bound in fetters, *and* be holden in cords of affliction:

[11] *Psal.*107.10.

9 Then [12] he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have [13] exceeded.

[12] 2 *Chron.*33.12. By these afflictions he brings 'em to a sight and sense of their sins, and to repent of 'em; which is the way and means of recovery. ¶ [13] Gone beyond their due bounds in the use of their prosperity, and outward enjoyments, (which even good men are too prone to do.)

10 He [14] openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

[14] *V.*-15. *ch.*33. 16. *Acts* 16. -14. Teaches 'em to attend to what is delivered by his Messengers.

11 If they obey and serve *him*, they shall spend their days [15] in prosperity, and their years in [16] pleasures.

[15] *Ch.*42.10.*&c.* 2 *Chron.*33.-13. This he speaks according to the tenor of God's Promises, especially in the Old Testament state of the Church, and according to the common course and method which he himself and other good men had observed. ¶ [16] Abounding in worldly comforts, and being enabled by God to rejoyce in 'em, (*Eccl.*3.13.) and delight themselves in God's love and favour in 'em.

12 But if they obey not, they shall † perish by the [17] sword, and they shall die [18] without knowledge.

† Heb. *pass by way.*

[17] 2 *Chron.*35.22-24. Some violent death. ¶ [18] For their folly, because they'd not learn by God's corrections.

13 But the hypocrites in heart [19] heap up wrath: they [20] cry not when he bindeth them.

[19] 2 *Chron.*28.13,22. *Rom.*2.5. ¶ [20] Pray not to God for help and deliverance in their troubles.

14 † [21] They die in youth, and [22] their life *is* among the ‖ unclean.

† Heb. *their soul dieth.* ‖ Or, *Sodomites.*

[21] *Ch.*15.32. and 22.16. *Psal.* 55.-23. ¶ [22] Their life is cut off by some exemplary Judgment; as it befals the vilest sinners.

15 [23] He delivereth the ‖ poor in his affliction, and [24] openeth their ears in oppression.

‖ Or, *afflicted.*

[23] *Psal.*72.4. But God deals otherwise with godly men. ¶ [24] *v.* 10. Teaches 'em to know and do their duty at such a time.

16 [25] Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait *into* a [26] broad place, where *there is* no straitness, and † * that which should be set on thy table, *should be* full of fatness.

† Heb. *the rest of thy table.* * Psal.23.5.

[25] *q. d.* And so would he have dealt with thee, if thou hadst behaved thy self under those corrections as befitted thee. ¶ [26] *Psal.*18.19. A state of ease and freedom.

17 But thou hast [27] fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: [28] judgment and justice ‖ take hold *on thee.*

‖ Or, *should uphold* thee.

[27] *Ch.*34.8. See there. Fully pleaded their cause, and justified the hard and reproachful speeches which wicked men in their rage utter against God, condemning him, and justifying themselves. ¶ [28] The just indignation of God has already seiz'd upon thee.

18 Because [29] *there is* wrath, *beware* lest he take thee away with *his* stroke: then [30] a great ransom cannot † deliver thee.

† Heb. *turn thee aside.*

[29] God does manifest his wrath against thee. ¶ [30] *Psal.* 49.7,8.

19 Will he esteem thy [31] riches? *no* not gold, nor all the [32] forces of strength.

[31] *Prov.*10.2. and 11.4. ¶ [32] Not all the united power in the world can deliver thee, if God resolve to destroy thee.

20 [33] Desire

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20 [33] Desire not the night, when [34] people are cut off in their place.

[33] Don't rashly desire death, lest God take thee at thy word. ¶ [34] Even whole Nations and Bodies of People are destroy'd in the midst of all their comforts and enjoyments.

21 Take heed, [35] regard not iniquity: for [36] this hast thou chosen rather then [37] affliction.

[35] *Psal.*66.18. Give not way to any sin in general, nor particularly to rash, intemperate speeches concerning God's proceedings, (as thou hast done.) ¶ [36] Rash censuring of God's ways. ¶ [37] To bear thy afflictions patiently.

22 Behold, [38] God exalteth by his power: * who teacheth [39] like him?

*Isa.40.13,14. Rom.11.34. 1 Cor.2.16.

[38] If ever thou be restor'd, he only must do it. ¶ [39] So powerfully, inwardly, easily and effectually; (and therefore be willing to learn from him, and don't go about to teach him.)

23 Who hath [40] enjoyned him his way? or who can say, Thou hast [41] wrought iniquity?

[40] *Ch.*34.13. Directed him how to govern the world. ¶ [41] *Ch.*8.3. and 34.10. *Deut.*32.4. 2 *Chron.*19.7. *Rom.*9.14. 1 *John* 1.5. Done any thing that is unjust; (and therefore don't rashly complain of him.)

24 Remember that thou [42] magnifie his work, which men behold.

[42] *Rev.*15.3,4. Esteem highly, and speak honourably of all his works, both of Creation and Providence; both towards thy self and others, (instead of censuring 'em.)

25 [43] Every man may see it, man may behold *it* afar off.

[43] *q. d.* There's scarce any so blind or blockish, but must needs own and acknowledge God's greatness and excellency therein.

26 Behold, God *is* [44] great, and we [45] know *him* not, neither can the [46] number of his years be searched out.

[44] Infinite in all perfections, (and therefore just in all his ways.) ¶ [45] *Ch.*37.5. 1 *Cor.* 13.12. *Viz.* Perfectly, (and therefore censure not his ways.) ¶ [46] *Psal.* 90. 2. and 102. 24,27. *Hebr.*1.12.

27 For he maketh [47] small the drops of water: they pour down rain [48] according to the vapour thereof.

[47] *Psal.*147.8. ¶ [48] In greater or lesser quantities, according to the proportion of vapours exhaled by the Sun.

28 Which the clouds do drop, *and* distil upon man [49] abundantly.

[49] *Psal.*68.9.

29 Also can *any* understand the [50] spreadings of the clouds, *or* the [51] noise of his tabernacle?

[50] *Psal.*104.2. How they come to be so suddenly gathered together, (overspreading the whole face of the Sky) and so condensed as to produce Thunder and Lightning. ¶ [51] The Thunder produced in the Clouds, *Psal.*18.11. and 104.3.

30 Behold, he spreadeth his [52] light upon it, and [53] covereth the † bottom of the sea.

† Heb. *roots.*

[52] *Ch.*37.3. Lightning all over the Sky. ¶ [53] Makes the Lightning pierce deep into the Sea.

31 For * [54] by them judgeth he the people, [55] he giveth meat in abundance.

* Chap.37.13. & 38.23.

[54] Makes use of Thunder and Lightning many times to punish wicked men for their sins, *Judg.*5.20. 1 *Sam.*2.10. and 7.10. *Gen.*19.24. ¶ [55] *Acts* 14. 17. *Hebr.* 8.7. Making the Earth fruitful by rain.

32 With clouds he [56] covereth the light; and commandeth it *not to* [57] *shine* by *the cloud* that cometh betwixt.

[56] 1 *Kings* 18.44. Hides the Sun. ¶ [57] *Viz.* So brightly and clearly.

33 [58] The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, [59] the cattel also concerning † the vapour.

† Heb. *that which goeth up.*

[58] The Thunder gives warning that Rain, or a Tempest is coming. ¶ [59] Beasts also give notice to men, by divers motions and actions, of the approach of Rain (which many of 'em by a natural instinct or sagacity do foresee at some distance) by the vapours drawn up by the Sun.

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1 *God is to be feared for his great works.* 15 *His wisdom is unsearchable in them.*

1 AT this also my heart [1] trembleth, and is [2] moved out of his place. 2400.

[1] At the consideration of the Thunder, (which perhaps he then heard. See *n.*4.) ¶ [2] *Psal.*119.120. ¶ [3] Beats and leaps up and down, as if it would leap out of my body.

2 † Hear [4] attentively the noise of his [5] voice, and the sound *that* goeth out of his mouth.

† Heb. *hear in hearing.*

[4] So as to observe God's great power manifested therein. It seems not improbable that while *Elihu* was speaking it thundred greatly, and that that Tempest began, wherewith God usher'd in his speech, *ch.*38.1. ¶ [5] *Ps.* 29.3, 4. Thunder, *v.*5.

3 He [6] directeth it under the whole heaven, and his † lightning unto the † ends of the earth.

† Heb. *light.* † Heb. *wings.*

[6] *Matth.* 24. 27. Guides it by his special Providence.

4 After it a voice roreth: he thundreth with the voice of his excellency, and he will not stay [7] them when his voice is heard.

[7] *Viz.* The Rain and Storm (*ch.*36.27. *&c.*) which come quickly after the Thunder.

5 God thundreth [8] marvellously with his voice; [9] great things doeth he, which we [10] cannot comprehend.

[8] With a wonderful and terrible noise, and so as to produce many wonderful effects. ¶ [9] *ch.* 5. 9. *Rev.* 15. 3. ¶ [10] *ch.*36.26. *Psal.*77.19. Can give no account of many natural things; much less of his providential dispensations; (and therefore must not censure 'em.)

6 For [11] he saith to the [12] snow, Be thou *on* the earth; † likewise to the [13] small rain, and to the [14] great rain of his strength.

† Heb. *and to the shower of rain, and to the showers of rain of his strength.*

[11] *Gen.*1.3. ¶ [12] *Psal.*147.15,16,17. ¶ [13] Gentle showers. ¶ [14] *Psal.*11.6. Violent, tempestuous Storms, which come with great force, and irresistible violence.

7 [15] He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men [16] may know his work.

[15] By the Storms, Snow, *&c.* he hinders men from working abroad, and makes 'em keep within doors, as if they were lock'd up there. ¶ [16] *Psal.*111.2. May have leisure and occasion to consider of these, and other his great works.

8 Then the beasts go into [17] dens, and remain in their places,

[17] *Psal.*104. 20,21.

9 Out of the † south cometh the [18] whirlwind: and cold out of the † north.

† Heb. *chamber.* †Heb. *scattering* winds. [18] *Zech.*9.14.

10 * [19] By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitned.

[19] *Psal.*18.15. By the Word of God; (as *Psal.* 33.6.) *i. e.* by his will and appointment.

*Isa.21.1. * Chap.38.29, 30. Psal.147. 17,18.

11 Also by [20] watering he wearieth the thick cloud: [21] he scattereth † his bright cloud.

† Heb. *the cloud of his light.*

[20] By pouring down continual showers. ¶ [21] As for the white and lightest clouds he scatters and dissolves them by the Wind or Sun.

12 And it is [22] turned round about by his counsels: that they [23] may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

[22] Carried up and down, hither and thither, by the appointment and wisdom of God, *Psal.* 104.24. ¶ [23] *Lev.* 25. 21. Either be dispersed, or dissolv'd in sweet and fruitful showers.

13 He causeth [24] it to come, whether for † [25] correction, or * for his [26] land, or [27] for * mercy.

† Heb. *a rod.* *Ch.38.26,27. * 2 Sam.21.10. 1 King.18.45.

[24] The Cloud; together with those showers and storms it brings along with it. ¶ [25] *ch.*36.31. *Exod.*9.18,23. 1 *Sam.* 12. 18, 19. *Ezra* 10. 9. ¶ [26] To make the Earth fruitful. ¶ [27] For other good uses.

14 Hearken [28] unto this, O Job: stand still, and [29] consider the wondrous works of God.

[28] To this discourse of Gods various proceedings, (without blaming him.) ¶ [29] *Psal.* 111.2. Then tell me whether it be fit that such a poor Creature as thou art, shouldst murmur against so great a God; and whether it be possible for thee to comprehend his secret counsels, who canst not comprehend his common works.

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15 [30] Doſt thou know when God diſpoſed them, and [31] cauſed the light of his cloud to ſhine?

[30] Did he ask counſel of thee how to manage the things forementioned? ¶ [31] How he cauſes Lightning.

16 Doſt thou know the [32] balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is [33] perfect in knowledge?

[32] How the great and weighty Clouds come to hang in the air. ¶ [33] 1 *Sam.*2.3.

17 [34] How thy garments *are* warm, when he [35] quieteth the earth by the [36] ſouth-*wind?*

[34] How and why thy garments keep thee warm, (which they can't do of themſelves, without God's bleſſing, *Hag.*1.6.) ¶ [35] Takes away the Storm, (*v.*9.) and ſends heat. ¶ [36] *Luke* 12.55.

* Gen.1.6. 18 Haſt thou [37] with him * ſpread out the skie, *which* [38] *is* ſtrong, *and* as a molten looking-glaſs?

[37] Aſſiſted him in clearing the skie after a ſtorm. ¶ [38] Stands faſt by its own ſtrength, and has not any thing elſe to ſupport it.

19 [39] Teach us what we ſhall ſay unto him; *for* [40] we cannot order *our ſpeech* by reaſon of darkneſs.

[39] *q. d.* If thou wouldſt have us to plead thy cauſe, thou muſt tell us what to ſay in thy defence. ¶ [40] We know neither with what words and matter, nor in what method and manner to maintain diſcourſe with him, or plead againſt him, becauſe of our ignorance in ſuch obſcure points.

20 Shall it be told him [41] that I ſpeak? if a man ſpeak, ſurely he ſhall be [42] ſwallowed up.

[41] That I'll take thy cauſe in hand, and plead it againſt him. ¶ [42] Confounded with his Majeſty and Power.

21 [43] And now *men* ſee not the bright light which *is* in the clouds: but the wind paſſeth and [44] cleanſeth them.

[43] *q. d.* And now the Sky being overſpread with Clouds, men can't ſee the Sun thorow them. ¶ [44] Drives them away, and makes a clear sky.

†Heb. *Gold.* 22 † Fair weather cometh out of the [45] north: [46] with God *is* terrible majeſty.

[45] *V.*9. *Prov.*25.23. ¶ [46] *q. d.* Thoſe glorious works of his which I have deſcrib'd, are Teſtimonies of his great and terrible Majeſty; and therefore we neither can nor may approach, or ſpeak too preſumptuouſly, or irreverently of him, or to him.

23 *Touching* the Almighty, we cannot [47] find him out: *he is* excellent in [48] power, and in [49] judgment, and in plenty of juſtice: he will not [50] afflict.

[47] *Ch.*11.7. 1 *Tim.*6.16. Comprehend the infiniteneſs of his Eſſence, nor approach to the brightneſs of his Glory, nor dive into the ſecrets of his Providence; (and therefore 'tis moſt intollerable that thou preſum'ſt to cenſure what thou doſt not underſtand.) ¶ [48] *ch.*9.4. and 12.13, 16. and 36.5. (and therefore he can do no unrighteous action; becauſe that would argue impotency.) ¶ [49] In the juſt and righteous adminiſtration of Judgment. ¶ [50] *viz.* Willingly, (*Lam.*3.33.) or without juſt cauſe or more than needs.

24 [51] Men do therefore fear him: he reſpecteth not any [52] *that are* wiſe of heart.

[51] *q. d.* And in regard of theſe infinite and excellent perfections men ſhould reverence him, and humbly ſubmit to him, and not preſume to quarrel, or diſpute with him; as thou haſt done. ¶ [52] That are ſo puft up with the opinion of their own wiſdom, that they dare contend with their Maker, and preſume to cenſure his proceedings.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 God challengeth Job to anſwer. 4 God, by his mighty works, convinceth Job of ignorance, 31 and of imbecillity.

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[1] *Deut.*4.12. 1 *King.*19.11. *Ezek.* 1.4. *Nah.* 1.3. *Heb.*12.18. To humble him, and make him more attentive.

2 [2] Who *is* this that [3] darkeneth counſel by words [4] without knowledg?

[2] *Ch.*42.3. ¶ [3] Seeks to eclipſe, miſrepreſent and cenſure the wiſdom and juſtice of my proceedings. ¶ [4] *ch.*35.17. 1 *Tim.*1.7. Proceeding from ignorance, miſtake, inconſiderateneſs and paſſion.

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3 [5] Gird up now thy loyns like a man; for I will [6] demand of thee, and † anſwer thou me. † Heb. *make me know.*

[5] *Ch.*40.7. *Exod.*12.11. 2 *King.*4.29. and 9.1. *Jer.*1.17. *Prov.*31.17. *Luke* 17.8. *Act.*12.8. 1 *Pet.*1.13. Prepare thy ſelf for the combat with me, (which thou haſt often deſir'd) like a valiant man that means to grapple with his Adverſary. ¶ [6] (According to thy proud challenge, *ch.*13.22.)

4 [7] Where waſt thou when I laid [8] the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou † haſt underſtanding. † Heb. *knoweſt underſtanding.*

[7] *q. d.* As I neither had, nor needed thy advice in making the World, ſo neither in governing of it; therefore ſee thy error and repent. By theſe ſeveral queſtions God would convince *Job* of the ſhallowneſs and ſhortneſs of his underſtanding; and that ſince he could not give a full and ſatisfactory account of theſe ordinary works, much leſs could he of his ſecret Counſels, and the Myſteries of his Providence. ¶ [8] *Pſal.*102.25. & 104.5. *Prov.*8.29.

5 Who hath [9] laid the meaſures thereof, if thou knoweſt? or who hath [10] ſtretched the line upon it?

[9] Appointed the ſeveral proportions thereof for length, depth, &c. ¶ [10] Adjuſted the ſhape of it, and preſcribed it's ſeveral Dimenſions.

6 [11] Whereupon are the † foundations thereof † faſtened? or who laid the [12] corner-ſtone thereof? † Heb. *ſockets.* † Heb. *made to ſink.*

[11] *Ch.*26.7. ¶ [12] That holds all the parts together.

7 [13] When the morning-ſtars ſang together, and [14] all the ſons of God ſhouted for joy.

[13] *i.e.* Where waſt thou, (*v.*4.) when the Angels were created, at the firſt beginning of the World, to behold the creation of all other Creatures, and firſt praiſed God for it? (as *Ezr.*3.10, 11.) ¶ [14] *ch.*1.6. See there. Even thoſe Angels that afterwards fell away did at firſt praiſe God together with the reſt, and were exceedingly raviſh'd to ſee me put forth my power, and manifeſt my Wiſdom in ſuch works; (and did not diſlike, or cenſure any of them, as thou preſumeſt to do.)

8 * Or *who* [15] ſhut up the ſea with doors, when it brake forth *as if* it had iſſued out of the womb? * Gen.1.9. Pſal.33.7. & 104.9. Prov.8.29.

[15] *Ch.*26.10. See there. Set bounds to the vaſt and raging Ocean, with Banks, Downs, and ſometimes with the weak Sand to keep it within compaſs, when it overſpread and overwhelm'd the whole earth,

9 When I made the cloud the [16] garment thereof, and [17] thick darkneſs a ſwaddling-band for it,

[16] To cover it, as Garments do a Child. ¶ [17] Fogs and miſts (which often riſe upon the Sea) to keep it within its bounds.

10 And ‖ [18] brake up for it my decreed *place*, and [19] ſet bars and doors, ‖ Or, *eſtabliſhed my decree upon it.*

[18] Made hollow places in the earth for it.

11 And ſaid, [19] Hitherto ſhalt thou come, but no further: and here ſhall † thy [20] proud waves be ſtayed. † Heb. *the pride of thy waves.*

[19] *Jer.*5.22. ¶ [20] *Pſal.*124.6. Which rage and ſwell as if they'd overwhelm all the earth.

12 Haſt thou commanded the [21] morning ſince thy days? *and* cauſed the day-ſpring [22] to know his place,

[21] *Viz.* To obſerve its punctual time. ¶ [22] To appear in this place or that, (which varies every day.)

13 That it might [23] take hold of the † ends of the earth, that the wicked [24] might be ſhaken out of it? † Heb. *wings.*

[23] Suddenly ſpread it ſelf over the whole Hemiſphere. ¶ [24] Being diſcovered by the help of the light, might be brought to condign puniſhment, (*Pſal.* 101.8. *Jer.* 21.12.) and ſo deſtroyed from off the face of the earth.

14 [25] It *is* turned as clay *to* the ſeal, and [26] they ſtand as a garment.

[25] The earth, (which before was hidden in the dark) is transform'd and chang'd in its ſhape and appearance, as if it had a new ſtamp put upon it by the Sun-beams. ¶ [26] All things upon the earth preſent themſelves to our view,

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view, which are like a garment wherewith the earth is as it were clad and adorned.

15 And from the wicked [27] their light is withholden, and the [28] high arm ſhall be broken.

[27] That Joy and comfort which they promis'd themſelves in the ſucceſs of their deſigns is with-holden from 'em, by their being puniſh'd for their miſcarriages, *v.*13. ¶ [28] *Pſal.* 10.15. and 37.17. *Ezek.*30.22. Their tyrannical power.

16 Haſt thou [29] entred into the ſprings of the ſea? or haſt thou [30] walked in the ſearch of the depth?

[29] Been at the bottom of the Sea to ſee how it ſprings out of the earth? ¶ [30] *Pſal.*77. 19. To know its exact depth, or how the waters ſpring up there.

* Pſal 9. 13. 17 [31] Have * the gates of death been opened unto thee? or haſt thou ſeen the [32] doors of the [33] ſhadow of death?

[31] Doſt thou perfectly know the place or ſtate of the dead, and the various conditions of men after death? ¶ [32] Thoſe dark and diſmal places where dead men lie, which were enough to ſtrike thee dead alſo with fear. ¶ [33] See on *ch.* 3. 5.

18 Haſt thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare, if thou knoweſt it all.

19 [34] Where *is* the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for* darkneſs, [35] where *is* the place thereof.

[34] Whence came that orderly conſtitution, and conſtant ſucceſſion of light and darkneſs? Are they at thy diſpoſal? ¶ [35] *i. e.* Thou canſt not tell what is become of it.

‖ Or, *at.* 20 That thou ſhouldeſt [36] take it ‖ to the bound thereof, and that thou ſhouldeſt know the paths, *to* the houſe thereof?

[36] Lead it up and down where thou pleaſeſt, or as thou haſt occaſion for it.

21 Knoweſt thou *it*, becauſe thou waſt then born? or *becauſe* the number of thy days *is* [37] great?

[37] And ſo by long obſervation and experience haſt found it out.

22 Haſt thou entred into the [38] treaſures of ſnow? or haſt thou ſeen the treaſures of the hail,

[38] *Pſal.*135.-7. The Clouds where it's ſtor'd up.

23 Which I have reſerved againſt the time [39] of trouble, againſt the day of [40] battel and war?

[39] When I intend to bring trouble upon people. ¶ [40] *ch.* 36.31. *Exod.*9.24. *Joſh.*10.11. *Iſa.*30.30.

24 By what way is the [41] light parted, [42] *which* ſcattereth the eaſt-wind upon the earth?

[41] The light of the Sun diſtributed through the world, changing every day, and yet ſo that all parts of the world have an equal ſhare of it within the compaſs of a year. ¶ [42] Which light raiſes the Eaſt-wind, and cauſes it to blow here and there upon the earth.

25 Who hath [43] divided a water-courſe for the overflowing of waters? or a way for the [44] lightning of thunder,

[43] *Ch.*28.26. Cauſed the Clouds to pour down ſtore of rain by drops on ſuch and ſuch places, as if it were guided by Pipes or Chanels. ¶ [44] See on *ch.*28.-26.

[45] *Matth.*5.45. [46] *Pſal.*107.35. 26 To cauſe it [45] to rain on the earth, *where* no man *is*; *on* the [46] wilderneſs, wherein *there is* no man?

27 To ſatisfie the deſolate and waſte *ground*, and to cauſe the bud of the tender herb to ſpring forth?

28 [47] Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of the dew?

[47] *Jer.*14.22. Canſt thou, or any man in the world bring forth Rain when the earth needs it?

[48] *Pſal.*147.16 29 Out of whoſe womb came the ice? and the [48] hoary froſt of heaven, who hath gendred it?

†Heb. *taken.* [49] *ch.* 37.10. ‖ Or, *the ſeven ſtars.* †Heb. *Cimah.* †Heb. *Cecil.* 30 The waters are hid as *with* a ſtone, and the face of the deep is † [49] frozen.

31 Canſt thou [50] bind the ſweet influences of ‖ †[51] Pleiades, or [52] loſe the bands of † [51] Orion?

[50] Alter the ſeaſons of the year, by hindring the influences of the Stars and Heavenly Bodies from falling upon the earth for the cauſing either of Summer, or Winter? ¶ [51] *ch.*9.9. *Am.*5.8. ¶ [52] Free the earth from that foul and tempeſtuous Weather which the Conſtellations bring in the Winter.

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32 Canſt thou [53] bring forth ‖ Mazzaroth in his ſeaſon, or canſt thou † guide [54] Arcturus with his ſons.

‖ Or, *the twelve ſigns.* † Heb. *guide them.*

[53] Diſpoſe of the Stars and their combinations as thou pleaſeſt? ¶ [54] The leſſer Stars of that Conſtellation, attending upon it as Children on their Parents.

33 [55] Knoweſt thou the ordinances of heaven? canſt thou [56] ſet the dominion thereof in the earth?

[55] *Pſal.*119.91. *Jer.*31.35. Didſt thou make the laws and rules for the order, motion, and influences of the heavenly Bodies? ¶ [56] *Gen.*1.16. Appoint what power the heavenly Bodies ſhall have by their influences over all things here on earth?

34 Canſt thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?

35 Canſt thou ſend lightnings, that they may go, and ſay unto thee, † Here we *are?* † Heb. *Behold us.*

36 [57] Who hath put wiſdom in the inward parts? or who hath given underſtanding to the heart?

[57] *Ch.*32.8. *Eccl.* 2.26. Haſt thou made thy ſelf what thou art?

37 [58] Who can number the clouds in wiſdom? or who can † ſtay the bottles of heaven, † Heb. *cauſe to lie down.*

[58] Who with all his wiſdom can give a perfect account of the numberleſs Clouds?

38 When the duſt ‖ † groweth into hardneſs, and the clods cleave faſt together? ‖ Or, *is turned into mire.* † Heb. *is poured.*

39 Wilt thou [59] hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the † appetite of the young lions, † Heb. *life.*

[59] Undertake to provide food for theſe wild Beaſts.

40 [60] When they couch in *their* dens, *and* abide in the covert to lie in wait?

[60] When, through age or infirmity, they are fain to lie ſtill in their Dens, as it were expecting their food from God; from whom alſo they receive it, *Pſal.*104.21. and 145. 15.

41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his [61] young ones cry unto God, [62] they wander for lack of meat.

[61] *Pſal.*147.9. *Matth.*6.26. ¶ [62] The old ones fly about to ſeek food.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *Of the wild goats and hinds.* 5 *Of the wild aſs,* 9 *the unicorn,* 13 *the peacock, ſtork, and oſtrich,* 19 *the horſe,* 26 *the hawk,* 27 *the eagle.*

1 KNoweſt thou the [2] time when the [3] wild goats of the rock [2] bring forth? *or* canſt thou mark when the [4] hinds do calve? 2400.

[1] Is it by thy wiſdom, power, care and providence that all the following particulars are brought to paſs? ¶ [2] That thou mayeſt aſſiſt 'em therein. ¶ [3] 1 *Sam.*24.2. *Pſal.* 104. 18. ¶ [4] *Pſal.*29.9.

2 Canſt thou number the [5] months *that* they fulfil? or knoweſt thou the time when they bring forth? [5] *Jer.* 2. 24.

3 They bow themſelves, they bring forth their young ones, they caſt out [6] their ſorrows.

[6] Their young ones, the cauſe of their ſorrows.

4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn: they go forth, and [7] return not unto them.

[7] But are maintained by the Providence of God.

5 Who hath [8] ſent out the wild aſs free? or who hath [9] looſed the bands of the wild aſs? * Chap.24.5. Jer. 2. 24. Hoſ. 8. 9.

[8] Made him ſo unruly that he will not be tamed. ¶ [9] Freed him from ſubjection to men.

6 * Whoſe houſe I have made the wilderneſs, and the † barren land his dwellings. † Heb. *ſalt places.*

7 [10] He

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7 [10] He ſcorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the [11] crying of the † driver.

† Heb. *exactor.*

[10] If a whole City ſhould go about to catch him, he'd ſcape from 'em all. A ſignal inſtance of God's Power and Providence to put ſuch a difference between Creatures of the ſame kind; that whereas the tame Aſs is a dull, ſtupid creature, yielding to any labor, (*Gen.*49.14.) the wild Aſs is thus nimble and untractable. ¶ [11] That Language he uſes to govern 'em by, and make 'em go this way or that way.

8 The range of the mountains *is* his paſture, and he ſearcheth after every green thing.

[12] *Num.*23.22. See there.

9 Will the [12] unicorn be willing to ſerve thee, or abide by thy crib?

10 Canſt thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

11 Wilt thou [13] truſt him becauſe his ſtrength *is* great? or wilt thou [14] leave thy labour to him?

[13] *Viz.* To do thy work for thee. ¶ [14] Let other Cattel alone, and make uſe of him to inn thy harveſts, and do thee other ſervice.

12 Wilt thou believe him that he will bring home thy ſeed, and gather *it into* thy barn?

‖ Or, *the feathers of the ſtork & oſtrich*

13 *Gaveſt thou* the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or ‖ wings and feathers unto the oſtrich?

14 Which leaveth her egs in the earth, and [15] warmeth them in the duſt,

[15] Leaves them for the Sun and hot ſand to warm and hatch. An Inſtance of God's care and providence over theſe careleſs Creatures.

15 And forgetteth that the foot may cruſh them, or that the wild beaſt may break them.

16 She is hardened againſt her [16] young ones, as though *they were* not hers: her [17] labor is in vain without fear;

[16] *Lam.*4.3. Eggs, out of which ſhe might look for young ones. ¶ [17] All the pains which by Nature's Providence ſhe had taken in making her Neſt, laying her Eggs, *&c.* is in danger to be loſt, and ſhe is not concern'd what will become of 'em.

17 Becauſe God hath [18] deprived her of wiſdom, neither hath he imparted to her underſtanding.

[18] *Ch.* 35. 11. Not furniſh'd her with ſuch a natural inſtinct, and ſagacity, as is in many other creatures.

18 What time ſhe lifteth up her ſelf on high, ſhe ſcorneth the horſe and his rider.

19 Haſt thou given the horſe [19] ſtrength? haſt thou clothed his neck with [20] thunder?

[19] Courage and generous confidence. ¶ [20] Snorting and neighing, proceeding from the Throat, which is a part of the neck.

20 Canſt thou make him afraid as a graſhopper? the [21] glory of his noſtrils *is* † terrible.

† Heb. *terrors.*

[21] The diſdainful ſnortings which he ſends out of his noſtrils in his pride and courage, are terrifying, like thunder, *v.* -19.

‖ Or, his feet *dig.*
† Heb. *armour.*

21 ‖ [22] He paweth in the [23] valley, and [24] rejoyceth in *his* ſtrength: he goeth on to meet the † armed men.

[22] *Judg.*5.22. ¶ [23] Where armies meet to battel, 1 *Sam.* 17. 2. ¶ [24] Such is his courage and mettle, that he ruſhes on to the battel without fear of any danger, *Jer.*8.6.

22 He mocketh [25] at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the ſword.

[25] Thoſe things that are matter of fear to others.

[26] Arrows in it.

23 The [26] quiver rattleth againſt him, the glittering ſpear and the ſhield.

24 He [27] ſwalloweth the ground with fierceneſs and rage: [28] neither believeth he that *it is* the ſound of the trumpet.

[27] Runs over it as faſt as if he'd ſwallow it up at a draught. ¶ [28] Counts it but as a Whiſtle.

25 [29] He ſaith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he ſmelleth the battel afar off, the [30] thunder of the captains, and [31] the ſhouting,

[29] He neighs for joy, and rejoyces as men that laugh. ¶ [30] The great noiſe they make to encourage their Soldiers. ¶ [31] *viz.* Of the Soldiers in token of forwardneſs.

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26 Doth the hawk [32] fly by thy wiſdom, *and* ſtretch her wings toward the ſouth?

[32] In ſo ſingular a manner, ſo ſtrongly, ſteddily, ſwiftly, unweariedly, and cunningly to catch her prey.

† Heb. *by thy mouth.*

27 Doth the eagle [33] mount up † at thy command, and make her neſt [34] on high?

[33] Flies directly upward, (which no other Bird can do.) ¶ [34] *Jer.*49.-16. *Obad.*4.5.

28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the ſtrong place.

29 From thence ſhe ſeeketh the prey, *and* her eyes behold afar off.

30 Her young ones alſo ſuck up blood: and [35] where the ſlain *are*, [36] there *is* ſhe.

[35] *Matth.* 24. 28. *Luke* 17. 37. ¶ [36] *viz.* In an inſtant, flying thither with admirable ſpeed.

CHAP. XL.

1 Job humbleth himſelf to God. 6 God ſtirreth him up to ſhew his righteouſneſs, power, and wiſdom. 15 Of the behemoth.

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MOreover the LORD anſwered Job, and ſaid,

2 Shall he that [1] contendeth with the Almighty, inſtruct *him?* he that [2] reproveth God, let him anſwer it.

[1] Pleads againſt his Proceedings, teach him how to govern the World better, or to do greater things than thoſe mentioned, *ch.*38.& 39. ¶ [2] Cenſures his actions.

3 ¶ Then Job anſwered the LORD, and ſaid,

4 Behold, [3] I am vile, [4] what ſhall I anſwer thee? I will [5] lay mine hand upon my mouth.

[3] *Gen.*32.10. *Ezra* 9.6. I acknowledge my own meanneſs, folly and filthineſs. ¶ [4] I have not a word more to ſay againſt thee, or for my ſelf. ¶ [5] *ch.*29.9. See there.

5 Once have I [6] ſpoken, but I will not [7] anſwer: yea, twice, but I will proceed [8] no further.

[6] *Viz.* So fooliſhly as to deſire a diſpute between us. ¶ [7] Defend what I have unadviſedly ſaid. ¶ [8] 1 *Pet.*4.3. *viz.* In ſuch bold and preſumptuous expreſſions, and accuſations of thy Providence.

6 ¶ Then [9] anſwered the LORD unto Job out of the [10] whirlwind, and ſaid,

[9] *Job* not having made ſo full an acknowledgment of his ſin and repentance as was fit, God ſets upon him again, to humble him more thorowly. ¶ [10] See on *ch.* 38. 1.

* Job 42.4.

7 [11] Gird up thy loyns now like a man, *I * will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

[11] See on *ch.*38.3. *q.d.* What! Doſt thou flinch? Sure thou ſcornſt it: thou wilt certainly make good thy challenge; Come therefore, ſtand to it: play the man, as thou ſaidſt thou wouldſt do.

* Pſal.51.4. Rom. 3.4.

8 * Wilt thou [12] alſo diſannul [13] my judgment? wilt thou [14] condemn me that thou mayeſt be righteous?

[12] As well as wicked men. ¶ [13] My Sentence againſt thee, and my Government of humane affairs. ¶ [14] *Pſal.* 51.4. *Rom.*3.4. Cenſure me as unjuſt in afflicting thee, that thou mayeſt appear innocent?

9 Haſt thou an arm like [15] God? or canſt thou [16] thunder with a voice like him?

[15] That thou canſt be able to deal with me by power. [16] *ch.*37.5.

* Pſal.104.1.

10 * Deck thy ſelf now *with* [17] majeſty and excellency, and aray thy ſelf with glory and beauty.

[17] Like a God, *Pſal.*93.1. and 96.6. and 104.-1.

11 [18] Caſt abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one *that is* [19] proud, and abaſe him.

[18] Scatter the tokens of thy utmoſt anger for the confuſion of thy proud enmies. ¶ [19] *Dan.*4.-37. That exalts himſelf againſt thee.

12 Look on every one *that is* proud, *and* bring him

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him low: and [20] tread down the wicked [21] in their place.

[20] *Mal.* 4. 1. ¶ [21] Wherever he is in any part of the world.

13 [22] Hide them in the duſt together, *and* [23] bind their faces in ſecret.

[22] Throw 'em into the grave, where they may not be ſeen. ¶ [23] Like dead men, *John* 11.44. and 20.7. *Acts* 5. 6.

14 Then will I alſo confeſs unto thee, [24] that thine own right hand can ſave thee.

[24] That thou haſt power enough to uphold thy ſelf, and ſo haſt ſome colour to contend with me. But ſince thou canſt do none of theſe things, it behoves thee to ſubmit to me, and acquieſce in my dealings with thee.

‖ Or, *the elephant*, as ſome think.

15 ¶ [25] Behold now ‖ [26] behemoth which I made [27] with thee, he eateth graſs as an ox.

[25] *q. d.* If thou doſt not yet underſtand thy own frailty, and how unfit to grapple with me, conſider thy diſability to deal with two of my Creatures. ¶ [26] The Elephant, or Sea-horſe. ¶ [27] Thy fellow-creature; the work of my hands, as thou art.

16 Lo now, his ſtrength *is* in his loyns, and his force *is* in the navel of his belly.

‖ Or, *ſetteth up.*

17 ‖ He moveth his tail [28] like a cedar: the ſinews of his ſtones are wrapt together.

[28] Which is large and big like a Cedar.

18 His bones *are as* ſtrong pieces of braſs, his bones *are* like bars of iron.

19 He *is* the [29] chief of the ways of God: [30] he that made him, can make his ſword to approch *unto him.*

[29] The moſt remarkable piece of the Creation, that the Earth affords. ¶ [30] God can eaſily ſubdue and deſtroy him, either immediately, or by other creatures.

20 Surely the [31] mountains bring him forth food: where all the beaſts of the field [32] play.

[31] *Ch.* 39.8. *Pſal.* 104.14. and 147. 8. ¶ [32] *Viz.* Securely and quietly, without any danger or hurt from him, tho' he be ſo great.

21 He lieth under the ſhady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

22 The ſhady trees cover him *with* their ſhadow: the willows of the brook compaſs him about.

† Heb. *oppreſſeth.*

23 Behold, he † drinketh up a river, *and* [33] haſteth not: he truſteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

[33] Fears no diſturbance, tho' he drinks ſo much, but takes his own time.

‖ Or, *Will any take him in his ſight*, or *bore* his *noſe with a gin?*

24 ‖ [34] He taketh it with his eyes: *his* noſe pierceth through ſnares.

[34] Looks upon the River as if hee'd drink it all up.

CHAP. XLI.

Of Gods great power in the leviathan.

2400. ‖ That is, *a whale*, or, *a whirlpool.* † Heb. *drowneſt.*

CAnſt thou draw out ‖ [1] leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord *which* thou † letteſt down?

[1] *Pſal.* 104.26. and 74.13,14. *Ezek.* 29.3,4. Some wonderful Sea-monſter which can never be taken, *viz.*

2 Canſt thou put an [2] hook into his noſe? or [2] bore his jaw through with a thorn?

[2] To carry him home upon a fiſh-hook, or a thorn twig, when thou haſt taken him.

3 Will he make many [3] ſupplications unto thee? will he [4] ſpeak ſoft *words* unto thee?

[3] To ſpare him, and not to hurt or kill him, (as priſoners in war uſe to do.) ¶ [4] Flatter or humor thee to let him looſe again.

4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a ſervant for ever?

5 Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

6 Shall the [5] companions make a banquet of him? ſhall they part him among the merchants?

[5] Thy fellow-fiſher-men that helpt to take him.

7 Canſt thou fill his skin with barbed irons: or his head with fiſh-ſpears?

8 [6] Lay thine hand upon him, [7] remember the battel, [7] do no more.

[6] Offer to take him if thou dar'ſt. ¶ [7] *Luke* 14. 31. 2 *Kings* 10.4. Conſider what thou art about to do, and the danger of ſuch an enterprize, and thou wilt not dare to venture again.

9 Behold, the hope [8] of him is in vain: ſhall not *one* be caſt down even at the ſight of him? [8] Of taking him.

10 None *is ſo* fierce that dare ſtir him up: [9] who then is able to ſtand before me? [9] *Jer.* 12.5.

11 Who hath [10] prevented me that I ſhould repay *him*? *whatſoever is* under the whole heaven is [11] mine.

[10] *Rom.* 11.35. *Viz.* With offices or ſervices done for me, that I ſhould be oblig'd in juſtice to requite him, or to do nothing but what he likes. ¶ [11] *Exod.* 19.-5. *Deut.* 10.-14. *Pſal.* 24.1. and 50.12. 1 *Cor.* 10.26,28. (And therefore I may diſpoſe of 'em as I will.)

12 [12] I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

[12] I'll ſpeak particularly of 'em, (that ſo thou maiſt ſee my great power in making ſo vaſt a Creature.)

13 [13] Who can diſcover the face of his garment? *or* who can come *to him* ‖ with his double bridle? ‖ Or, *within.*

[13] Who can go to him as to a horſe in the ſtable, take off his cloth, bridle him, and lead him out of the Sea?

14 Who can open the [14] doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about.

[14] His Jaws, like two great doors; to put in a bridle.

15 *His* † ſcales *are his* pride, ſhut up together *as with* a cloſe ſeal. † Heb. *ſtrong pieces of ſhields.*

16 One is ſo near to another, that no air can come between them.

17 They are joyned one to another, they ſtick together, that they cannot be ſundred.

18 [15] By his neeſings a light doth ſhine, and his eyes *are* [16] like the eye-lids of the morning.

[15] When with great violence he ſpouts up the water into the air, by reaſon of its whiteneſs and frothineſs, and being enlightned by the Sun-beams, it caſts forth a ſhining light. ¶ [16] Red and fiery, and yield a bright ſhining light.

19 Out of his mouth go [17] burning lamps, *and* ſparks of fire leap out.

[17] His breathings or blowings are very hot and flaming.

20 Out of his noſtrils goeth ſmoke, as *out* of a ſeething-pot or caldron.

21 [18] His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

[18] An hyperbolical expreſſion, noting only extraordinary heat.

22 In his neck remaineth ſtrength, and † [19] ſorrow is turned into joy before him. † Heb. *ſorrow rejoyceth.*

[19] That which would make others ſad, as when he meets with other Sea-monſters, or Ships, or Storms, or the like, is his delight.

23 The † flakes of his fleſh are joyned together: they are firm in themſelves, they cannot be moved. † Heb. *fallings.*

24 [20] His heart is as firm as a ſtone, yea [20] as hard as a piece of the neither *milſtone.*

[20] His courage is invincible; he is void both of fear and mercy.

25 [21] When he raiſeth up himſelf, the mighty are afraid: by reaſon of [22] breakings they purifie themſelves.

[21] When he begins to ſhew himſelf on the top of the waters, the fearleſs Mariners and Seamen tremble. ¶ [22] Daſhing of the waves one againſt another, (cauſed by his violent motion) which threatens 'em with death, they betake themſelves to their Devotions, confeſs their ſins, and beg pardon that they may be cleanſed from 'em, and call upon God for mercy, *Jon.* 1.5.

26 The ſword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the ſpear, the dart, nor the ‖ habergeon. ‖ Or, *breaſt-plate.*

27 He eſteemeth iron as ſtraw, *and* braſs as rotten wood.

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28 The arrow cannot make him flee: [24] ſling-ſtones are turned with him into ſtubble.

29 Darts are counted as ſtubble: he laugheth at the ſhaking of a ſpear.

30 [25] Sharp † ſtones *are* under him: he [26] ſpreadeth ſharp-pointed things upon the mire.

[24] 2 *Chron.*26.14.

† Heb. *pieces of the pot-ſherd.*

[25] He commonly lies upon the ſharpeſt pointed ſtones and rocks, and yet they never hurt him. ¶ [26] By his weight he often breaks the ſharp ends and pieces of the rocks he lies upon, which by that means are ſcatter'd here and there upon the mire at the bottom of the Sea.

31 He maketh the deep to [27] boyl like a pot: he maketh the ſea like a pot of [28] ointment.

[27] Swell, foam, and froth by his ſtrong motion. ¶ [28] With a great froth and ſcum upon it.

32 He maketh a path to [29] ſhine after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.

[29] *v.* 18. With the white foam on the top of the waters.

33 Upon earth there is not his like: ‖ who is made without fear.

‖ Or, *who behave themſelves without fear.*

34 [30] He beholdeth all high *things:* [31] he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

[30] Looks down upon the greateſt and proudeſt Creatures with contempt. ¶ [31] He exceeds the proudeſt Creatures in greatneſs and ſtrength, and carries himſelf with a princely Majeſty and Courage towards the ſtouteſt and loftieſt Creatures.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *Job ſubmitteth himſelf to God:* 7 *God preferring Jobs cauſe, maketh his friends ſubmit themſelves, and accepteth him:* 10 *He magnifieth and bleſſeth Job.* 16 *Jobs age and death.*

2400. THen Job anſwered the LORD, and ſaid,

2 I know that thou canſt [1] *do* every *thing*, and *that* [2] no ‖ thought can be withholden from thee.

‖ Or, *no thought of thine can be hindred.*

[1] *Gen.*18.14. *Mark* 14.36. Haſt Authority to do whatever thou pleaſeſt; and therefore none ought to murmur, or contend with thee. ¶ [2] No purpoſe of thine can be hindred by any of thy Creatures.

3 [3] Who *is* he that hideth counſel without knowledge? [4] therefore have I uttered that I underſtood not, things [5] too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

[3] *q. d.* Whereas thou didſt demand (*ch.*38.2.) who durſt preſume to do ſo? I acknowledge that I (wretch that I am) was the perſon that have been guilty of ſo doing. ¶ [4] Becauſe my mind was without knowledge, therefore I talk'd ſo raſhly, fooliſhly and unadviſedly about things too high for my capacity. ¶ [5] *Pſal.*40.5. and 139.6. and 131.1.

4 [6] Hear I beſeech thee, and I will [7] ſpeak: I will [7] demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

[6] Accept my humble and penitent Confeſſion and Recantation. ¶ [7] Seek reſolution of thee in what I am ignorant of, and inſtead of contending with thee, I'll deſire now to be inſtructed by thee. The words which God had uttered to *Job* by way of challenge, (*ch.*38.3. and 40.7.) *Job* returns to him again in a way of ſubmiſſion.

5 I have heard of thee by the [8] hearing of the ear: but now mine eye ſeeth [9] thee.

[8] Inſtructions of my Parents and Teachers. ¶ [9] The viſible ſigns of thy Preſence; which, together with thy immediate ſpeaking to me, has had a mighty influence upon me to clear up many things which before I underſtood but darkly.

6 [10] Wherefore I abhor *my ſelf*, and repent [11] in duſt and aſhes.

[10] Becauſe thou haſt ſo graciouſly manifeſted thy ſelf to me, and ſhew'd me my error. ¶ [11] With as much ſelf-confuſion, and ſenſe of my own vileneſs as may be.

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7 ¶ And it was *ſo*, that after the LORD had ſpoken theſe words unto Job, the LORD ſaid to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled againſt thee, and againſt thy two friends: for ye have not ſpoken [12] of me *the thing that is* right, as my ſervant Job *hath.*

[12] So truly of my Proceedings; as if from thence *Job* might be concluded to be an hypocrite.

8 Therefore take [13] unto you now [14] ſeven bullocks and ſeven rams, and go to my ſervant [15] Job, and offer up for your ſelves a burnt-offering, and my ſervant Job ſhall [16] pray for you, for † him will I accept: leſt I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not ſpoken [12] of me *the thing which is* right, like my ſervant Job.

† Heb. *his face, or perſon.*

[13] To each of you ¶ [14] *Numb.* 23.1. 1 *Chron.* 15.26. (A great Sacrifice; which ſhews the greatneſs of their ſin, and how highly God was offended with 'em.) ¶ [15] That he may offer 'em for you, that you may be reconcil'd to him whom you have wrong'd, *Matth.*5.24. ¶ [16] *Ezek.* 14.14. *James* 5.15. *Gen.*20.17.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, *and* Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD alſo accepted † Job.

† Heb. *the face of* Job.

10 And * the LORD [17] turned the captivity of Job, [18] when he prayed for his friends: alſo the LORD † gave Job twice as much as he had before.

* Pſal.14.7.

† Heb. *added all that* had been *to Job unto the double.*

[17] Brought him out of that ſtate of bondage in which he had been ſo long held by Satan and his own Spirit, and out of all his diſtreſſes and miſeries. ¶ [18] *Luke* 23.34.

11 [19] Then [20] came there unto him all his brethren, and all his ſiſters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his houſe: and they bemoned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man alſo [21] gave him a piece of mony, and every one an ear-ring of gold.

[19] When *Job* had humbled himſelf, and God was reconcil'd to him, he quickly turn'd the heart of his friends to favour him, *Prov.*16.7. ¶ [20] *Prov.* 14.20. ¶ [21] Made him Preſents, in token of their honourable reſpect to him.

12 So the LORD bleſſed the [22] latter end of Job more then his beginning: for he had fourteen thouſand ſheep, and ſix thouſand camels, and a thouſand yoke of oxen, and a thouſand ſhe-aſſes.

[22] *ch.*8.7. *James* 5.11.

13 He had alſo ſeven ſons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the firſt, Jemima, and the name of the ſecond, Kezia, and the name of the third, Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found *ſo* fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and ſaw his ſons, and his ſons ſons, *even* four generations.

17 So Job died *being* old, and [23] full of days.

[23] *ch.*5.26. *Gen.*25.8. See there.

PSALMS.

The ARGUMENT.

THis Book of Psalms *was written mostly by* David: (*for since it's certain that some of 'em that don't bear his Name were of his Composure*, viz. Psalm 2. (*as appears by* Acts 4.45.) *and* Psal.91. *and* 105. (*as appears by* 1 Chron. 16.8.*&c*) *we may probably presume the like of the rest that are not entitled to any other:*) *They were collected and digested in the same order in which we now have 'em, before Christ's time:* (*for we read of the second* Psalm, Acts 13.33.) *probably by the same divinely inspired person,* (*which some think was* Ezra) *that fixed the Canon of the* Old Testament.

They are of several sorts, yea, indeed of all sorts: Psalms of Prayer, of Praise, of Complaint, of Instruction, of Direction, of Consolation, of Description, of Confession, of Petition, of Humiliation, and what not? So that whatsoever Condition a Christian can fall into, here he may find something suitable to his own case: for tho' many of 'em were penn'd upon particular occasions, yet the expressions usually are general, and so will fit any one in such circumstances: (*Like a well-drawn Picture which seems to look upon every one in the room.*)

They are interlarded and besprinkled, or rather bespangled with many Divine Soliloquies, Spiritual Raptures, Devout Meditations, Pious Ejaculations, Holy Self-reflections, Sweet Experiences, Humble Confessions, Earnest Petitions, Thankful Acknowledgments, Joyful Exultations, Heavenly Praises, and Religious Exercises of the Soul of all sorts, (*called therefore the very Heart of the holy Scriptures, being so full of heavenly Affections:*) *All which shew that there's a peculiar Vein and strain of spiritual Matter in this Book, much differing from what is in other Books of holy Scripture: and that altho' all Scripture was written by holy men of God as they were moved, or inspired by the Holy Ghost, yet this of the* Psalms *was not only written by holy Men, but by holy Men in holy frames,* (*as one saith*) *who were not only moved by the Holy Spirit to write 'em, but were in the Spirit when they penn'd 'em: not so much acted by external Impulsion, as inward Affection, warmth of Zeal, and sensible Experience: for the* Psalms, *being to be a special part of the worship of God in all Ages of the Church, whereby, not only God speaks to us* (*as in other Scriptures*) *but we speak to him in Prayer and Praise, were therefore indited by another Spirit than other Scripture.*

In all which respects they are to be read frequently, attentively, diligently by every Christian; and not only to be Read, but Sung; and that for this end, to express, as also to procure, promote and maintain a holy chearfulness of Spirit, (Jam. 5. 13.) *which ought to be our constant, continual Frame,* Phil. 4. 4. 1 Thess. 5. 16.

Some of 'em are of such exact Composure, (*probably for memory's sake*) *that the several Verses, or half Verses begin with the several Letters of the Alphabet in order as they stand among the Hebrews, as* Psal. 25. 34. 111, 112, 119, 145. (*as also* Prov. 31. *from* v. 10. *to the end,* Lam. 1. & 2. & 3. & 4.)

It is observable that as this Book begins with a Description of Blessed Persons, Psal. 1. *and in the sequel shews wherein true Blessedness does consist, and the way how to attain it,* viz. *By becoming Members of Christs Kingdom, and submitting to him,* Psal. 2. &c. *so it concludes with that which shall be the work of the Blessed to all Eternity,* viz. *the Praises of God,* Psal. 145, 147, 148, 149, 150.

The several Psalms I have reduc'd to such Heads, as seem'd to me most suitable to the Subject-matter contained in them, as

1. Doctrinal. *Concerning the Blessedness of the Godly, and Misery of the Wicked,* Psal. 1. *The security of God's Protection,* 3. *The Providence and Justice of God,* 11. *Several things,* 4. *Corruption of natural men,* 14, 53. *Properties of the Godly,* 15. *The Glory of God in the Creation; and his Grace in his Word,* 19. *God's manifold Favours,* 23. *God's Dominion and our Subjection,* 24. *God's Power,* 29. *Blessedness of Pardon,* 32. *Wickedness of wicked, and greatness of God's mercy,* 36. *Shortness and Vanity of Life,* 39, 90. *God's Mercy to the merciful,* 41. *Security of the Church,* 46. *And her Priviledges,* 48. *Certainty of Death and the Resurrection,* 49. *God's Majesty in the Church, and his preference of Morals above Ceremonials,* 50. *Blessedness of God's chosen,* 65. *Prosperity of the wicked, and their sudden destruction: Happiness of Godly,* 73. *God's Majesty in the Church,* 76. *Safety of Godly,* 91, 121. *Majesty of Christs Kingdom,* 93, 97, 99. *Power and Providence of God,* 104. *Greatness and mercy of God in his Works,* 111. *Blessedness of Godly,* 112, 128. *Dumb Creatures obedience to God,* 114. *God's mercy; in opposition to Idols,* 115. *Excellency of the Word,* 119. *Children the gift of God,* 127. *Sufferings of righteous and their deliverance,* 129. *Benefit of Communion of Saints,* 133. *Happiness of those that trust in God,* 146.

2. Prophetical. *Concerning Christ, his Kingdom,* 2. *And the Glory of it,* 72. *His Resurrection and Glory,* 16. *His Sufferings,* 22. *His Incarnation and Righteousness,* 40. *His Dignity and excellency,* 45. *His Kingdom, Priesthood, Victory and Sufferings,* 110.

3. Hortatory. *To praise God for his Goodness, Power and Providence,* 33. *To Patience and Confidence,* 37. *To entertain the Kingdom of Christ,* 47. *To praise, for sundry mercies,* 66, 81. *To wicked Rulers,* 75. *To Judges,* 82. *To praise God for his Greatness and Goodness,* 95, 96, 98, 100, 117, 118, 134. *For his Goodness, Power and Judgment on Enemies,* 135. *To all Creatures to praise God,* 148. *For his love to his Church,* 149. *With all kind of Instruments,* 150.

4. Historical. *Concerning God's giving the Law, the Peoples Disobedience, Plagues of* Egypt, *and*

Pſal. 1. *puniſhment of the Iſraelites*, 78. *God's Providence over the Patriarchs and Iſraelites*, 105. *The Iſraelites Rebellion and God's mercy*, 106. Pſal. 2.

5. Of Praiſe. *For Work of Creation and Redemption*, 8. *For Juſtice on Enemies*, 9. *For Victory*, 21. *For Deliverance*, 30. *For Help: Priviledges of Godly*, 34. *For manifold Mercies*, 68, 108, 147. *For God's Juſtice*, 89. *On Sabbath-day*, 92. *For Mercy, and the continuance thereof*, 103. *For deliverances out of divers troubles*, 107. *For God's Excellency and Mercies*, 113. *For a marvellous deliverance*, 124. *For return from Captivity*, 126. *For Gods wondrous Works*, 136. *For his Word*, 138. *Providence*, 139. David's *Pſalm of Praiſe*, 145.

6. Of Prayer. *For divers things*, 5, 25, 26, 54, 85, 86, 141. *For help and comfort in trouble*, 12. *Defence againſt enemies*, 17, 56, 57, 58, 59, 64. *For Magiſtrates*, 20. *Enjoyment of Ordinances*, 43. *Pardon of Sin; confeſſion of it*, 51. *Enlargement of God's Kingdom*, 67. *Deliverance from Enemies*, 71, 140, 142. *Proſperity of Church*, 87, 122. *Againſt Contempt*, 123.

7. Of Complaint. *In Sickneſs*, 6. *Of Enemies*, 10, 55, 143. *Of Delay*, 13. *Of his Miſery, and Sin the cauſe of it*, 38. *Of Enemies Treachery*, 41. *Of the Churches Sufferings*, 44, 60. *Of great afflictions*, 69, 77, 88. *Of Deſolation of Sanctuary*, 74, 79. *Of Miſeries of Church*, 80. *Of Enemies Conſpiracies*, 83. *Of Tyranny*, 94. *Of Sorrow*, 102.

8. Of Imprecation *againſt Enemies*, 7, 28, 32, 52, 70, 109.

9. Of Prayer and Praiſe, 31, 144.

10. David's *Praiſe for manifold and marvellous Mercies throughout his whole life*, 18. *His Faith in God, and love to his Worſhip*, 27. *Zeal for God's Service, and confidence in him*, 42. *Confidence of future Mercy from former experience*, 61. *Confidence in God*, 62. *Earneſt deſire after the Ordinances*, 63, 84. *Support in great diſtreſs by former experiences*, 77. *Family-carriage, and Government*, 101. *Thankfulneſs for Mercies*, 116. *The workings of his Faith towards God in trouble*, 130. *His Humility*, 131. *Prayer for mercy in conſideration of his care for the Ark*, 132.

PSAL. I.

1 *The happineſs of the godly.* 4 *The unhappineſs of the ungodly.*

BLeſſed *is* the man that [1] walketh not in the counſel of the ‖ ungodly, nor [2] ſtandeth in the way of ſinners, nor [3] ſitteth in the ſeat of the ſcornful. ‖ Or, *wicked.*

[1] *Gen.* 49. 6. 2 *Chron.* 22. 3–5. *Prov.* 1. 15. and 4. 14, 15. *Mic.* 6. 16. Joyns not with 'em in any evil. ¶ [2] Continues in thoſe courſes, which they live in, who make ſin their trade and delight. ¶ [3] *Jer.* 15. 17. Reſolvedly perſeveres to be one of them who mock and deride at all Religion.

2 But his [4] delight *is* in the [5] law of the LORD, and in his law doth he [6] meditate [7] day and night.

[4] *Pſal.* 119. 16. *Jer.* 15. 16. *Rom.* 7. 22. ¶ [5] In the ſtudy and practiſe of the word of God in all the parts of it; eſpecially in the precepts thereof, *Pſal.* 112. 1. and 119. 47, 127, 143. 1 *John* 5. 3. ¶ [6] *Joſh.* 1. 8. *Pſal.* 119. 15, 97. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 16. 7. and 63. 6. & 77. 6. and 88. 1. and 119. 55, 62. Diligently and conſtantly upon all occaſions.

3 And [8] he ſhall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his ſeaſon; [9] his leaf alſo ſhall not † wither, and whatſoever he doeth ſhall [10] proſper. † Heb. *fade.*

[8] *Jer.* 17. 8. *Ezek* 47. 12. His Soul ſhall be plentifully fed from heaven with the never-failing influences of Grace and Conſolation, whereby he ſhall be made fruitful in every good word and work. ¶ [9] He ſhall perſevere in holineſs, and his happineſs ſhall be fixed, and durable, even everlaſting. ¶ [10] *Gen.* 39. 2. 2 *Chron.* 31. 21. and 32. 30. *Pſal.* 28. 2. *Iſa.* 3. 10. Be crown'd with ſuch an iſſue as ſhall conduce moſt to his advantage, *Rom.* 8. 28.

4 The ungodly [11] *are* not ſo: but *are* * [12] like the chaff which the wind driveth away. * Pſal. 35. 5. Iſa. 17. 13. & 29. 5. Hoſ. 13. 3.

[11] Shall have no firm footing in any good condition. ¶ [12] *Job* 21. 18. All their deſigns and endeavours to root themſelves in the earth, ſhall be blaſted and come to nothing.

5 [13] Therefore the ungodly ſhall not [14] ſtand in the judgment, nor ſinners [15] in the congregation of the righteous.

[13] *Viz.* Becauſe they are ungodly. ¶ [14] *Pſal.* 5. 5. and 24. 3. *Luke* 21. 36. *Rev.* 6. 16, 17. Be able to juſtifie themſelves, or endure the wrath of the Almighty at the laſt day. ¶ [15] Have no fellowſhip or ſhare in the happineſs of the righteous.

6 [16] For * the LORD [17] knoweth the way of * Nah. 1. 7. the righteous: but [18] the way of the ungodly ſhall periſh.

[16] *q. d.* And the reaſon of this different diſpenſation is, becauſe— ¶ [17] *Job* 23. 10. *Prov.* 2. 8. *John.* 10. 14. Approves of, and accordingly will bleſs and proſper. ¶ [18] *Prov.* 14. 12. and 11. 7. All their wicked deſigns and courſes ſhall come to nothing, and they ſhall periſh with 'em.

PSAL. II.

1 *The kingdom of Chriſt.* 10 *Kings are exhorted to accept it.*

1 WHy do the [1] heathen ‖ rage, and [2] the people † imagine a vain thing? ‖ Or, *tumultuouſly aſſemble.* † Heb. *meditate.*

[1] *Act.* 4. 25. *q. d.* 'Tis both cauſleſs and fooliſh. This Pſalm relates immediately to *David* and the oppoſition he met with in his coming to the Kingdom, wherein he was a type of Chriſt; of whom therefore 'tis chiefly meant. ¶ [2] 2 *Sam.* 5. 17. and 8. 1. &c. 1 *Chron.* 14. 8. *Luke* 18. 32. *Act.* 4. 27. The Philiſtines and others among us and about us, violently oppoſe my Government, and refuſe ſubjection to me. ¶ [3] Yea, many of Iſrael too, entertain frivolous projects to their own deſtruction, (2 *Sam.* 3. 1. *Iſa.* 8. 9, 10.) and particularly to hinder my Government, and oppoſe the ſpiritual Kingdom of Chriſt, which yet ſhall proſper, *Matth.* 16. 18.

2 [4] The kings of the earth ſet themſelves, and the [5] rulers take counſel together, againſt [6] the LORD, and againſt [7] his anointed, *ſaying*,

[4] The Roman Governor *Pilate*, and *Herod*, and other wicked Kings in all Ages (*Act.* 4. 27, 28. *Rev.* 17. 14.) reſolvedly combine and bandy together. ¶ [5] The Jewiſh Rulers. ¶ [6] His Counſel and Command. ¶ [7] 1 *Sam.* 2. 10. *John* 1. 41. One particularly deſign'd and choſen, and ſpecially qualified for this ſervice.

3 * Let us [8] break their bands aſunder, and caſt away their cords from us. * Jer. 5. 5. Luke 19. 14.

[8] *Luke* 19. 14. Caſt off their Government, and free our ſelves from ſubjection to their Laws, (which like fetters and ſhackels reſtrain us from our purpoſes.)

4 He that ſitteth in [9] the heavens ſhall [10] laugh: the Lord ſhall have them [11] in deriſion.

[9] *Pſal.* 11. 4. and 115. 3. ¶ [10] *Pſal.* 37. 13. *Prov.* 1. 26. Deſpiſe and deride (2 *King.* 19. 21.) their cunning contrivances, and fruitleſs attempts. ¶ [11] *Pſal.* 59. 8.

5 [12] Then ſhall he ſpeak unto them in his wrath, and ‖ vex them in his ſore diſpleaſure. ‖ Or, *trouble.*

[12] When they have ſpit their venom, and ſpun their thread to it's full length, and are ripe for deſtruction, he will manifeſt his fury againſt 'em, by the puniſhments he inflicts upon

on 'em. ¶ 13 Whereby they ſhall be tormented both inwardly in their Conſciences, and outwardly in their Bodies.

6 14 Yet have I †ſet 15 my king upon † my holy hill of Zion.

† Heb. *anointed.*

† Heb. *Zion, the hill of my holineſs.*

14 In ſpite of 'em all I'll eſtabliſh the Meſſia in his Throne, (*Dan.*7.14. 1 *Tim.* 6.15.) in and over the Church, (whereof mount *Zion* and the Temple built there, was a type.) Theſe are the words of God the Father concerning Chriſt. ¶ 15 Set up by me in the vertue of a ſolemn decree, and ruling in my ſted, and for my honour.

‖ Or, *for a decree.*

7 16 I will 17 declare ‖ the decree: the LORD hath ſaid unto me, Thou *art* my 18 ſon, 19 this day have I 20 begotten thee.

16 Theſe are the words of God the ſon. ¶ 17 Publiſh and make known (partly in my own Perſon, and partly by my Miniſters) to all the World God's Will and appointment concerning my regal Office. ¶ 18 *Act.* 13. 33. See there. Eternal, natural Son. ¶ 19 Partly at his Birth, and during his Life, but chiefly at his Reſurrection, *Act.* 13.33. ¶ 20 Manifeſted and declared thee to be my ſon, *Rom.* 1. 4.

8 21 Ask of me, and I ſhall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermoſt parts of the earth for thy poſſeſſion.

21 By thy interceſſion the Gentiles ſhall become Subjects of thy Kingdom, to be redeem'd, converted, govern'd and ſav'd by thee.

9 Thou ſhalt 22 break 23 them with a rod of iron, thou ſhalt daſh them in pieces like a 24 potters veſſel.

22 *Rev.* 2. 27. & 19. 15. *Dan.* 2. 44. *Matth.* 21. 44. ¶ 23 Such as refuſe ſubjection to thee. ¶ 24 *Jer.* 19. 11. *Iſa.* 30. 14.

10 Be wiſe † now therefore, O ye kings: be inſtructed, ye judges of the earth.

† While you have time and ſpace for repentance and ſubmiſſion.

11 Serve the LORD with 25 fear, and 26 rjoyce with 27 trembling.

25 *Heb.* 12. 28. An Awful ſenſe of his Greatneſs and Majeſty, that you may be careful to pleaſe him, and fearful to offend him. ¶ 26 *viz.* In the ſenſe of God's Grace and Goodneſs to you. ¶ 27 *viz.* Leſt you walk unworthy of it.

12 28 Kiſs the ſon leſt he 29 be angry, and ye 30 periſh *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled 31 but a little: * 32 bleſſed *are* all they that put their truſt in him.

* Pſal. 34. 8. Rom. 9. 33. & 10. 11. 1 Pet. 2. 6.

28 1 *Sam.* 10. 1. 1 *Kings* 19. 18. *Job* 31. 27. *Hoſ.* 13. 2. Submit to him, worſhip and love him. ¶ 29 Turn that Grace and favor he has offer'd you into heavy deſpleaſure. ¶ 30 Be cut off ſuddenly in the midſt of your Counſels. ¶ 31 The leaſt ſpark whereof will be of dreadful conſequence to the rebellious, (much more when it flames out in a high degree.) ¶ 32 *Pſal.* 40. 4. *Prov.* 16. 20. *Iſa.* 26. 3, 4. & 30. 18. *Jer.* 17. 7.

PSAL. III.

The ſecurity of Gods protection.

¶ A pſalm of David, when he 1 fled from Abſalom his ſon.

1 2 Sam. 15. 14, 16, 17, 18.

LORD, 2 how are they increaſed that trouble me? 3 many *are* they that riſe up againſt me.

2 *Sam.* 15. 12. and 17. 24.

2 3 Many *there be* which ſay of my ſoul, 4 *There is* no help for him in God. 5 Selah.

3 Moſt give me for loſt. ¶ 4 *Pſal.* 71. 11. 2 *Sam.* 16. 8. God will help him no more. ¶ 5 Probably, this is a muſical Note and direction for the raiſing up of the voice, but chiefly for, the elevation of the Heart; as being affixed to ſomething that deſerves Obſervation; and ſo here 'tis, *q. d.* How ſad indeed were my condition if God ſhould not help me!

‖ Or, *about.*

3 But thou, O LORD, *art* 6 a ſhield ‖ for me; 7 my glory, and 8 the lifter up of mine head.

6 *Gen.* 15. 1. *Deut.* 33. 29. *Pſal.* 84. 11. ¶ 7 The Author of that royal Dignity to which I am advanc'd. ¶ 8 *Pſal.* 27. 6. and 110. 7. Who wilt reſtore me to my former dignity, (*Gen.* 40. 13. 2 *Kings* 25. 27.) and in the mean while doſt ſuſtain me in my troubles, that I am not overwhelmed thereby; yea, makeſt me chearful and comfortable therein, *Luke* 21. 28.

4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. 9 Selah.

9 *q. d.* This my confidence to find mercy I care not who knows, ſo ſure am I of it.

Pſal. 4.

5 * 10 I laid me down and 11 ſlept; I awaked, for the LORD ſuſtained me.

* Ezek. 26. 6.

10 *Pſal.* 4. 8. *Prov.* 3. 24. And this has ſo comfortably ſecur'd me in my own mind, that I can ſleep quietly, and wake chearfully. ¶ 11 *viz.* In ſafety, *Pſal.* 4. 8. *Lev.* 26. 6. *Job* 11. 19.

6 I will 12 not be afraid of ten thouſands of people, that have ſet *themſelves* againſt me round about.

12 *Pſal.* 27. 1, 3

7 13 Ariſe, O LORD, ſave me, O my God; 14 for thou haſt 15 ſmitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek-bone: thou haſt 16 broken the teeth of the ungodly.

13 *q. d.* Let it appear that I ſpeak the truth, and that thou own'ſt me, by thy helping me. ¶ 14 *q. d.* I do the more confidently now implore thy help from former experience of it. ¶ 15 Put 'em to ſhame, (*Job* 16. 10. 1 *King.* 22. 24. *Mic.* 5. 1. *John* 18. 22. & 19. 3.) and pain. ¶ 16 *Pſal.* 58. 6. Diſabled 'em from hurting me.

8 * 17 Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy bleſſing *is* upon thy people. 18 Selah.

* Prov. 21. 31. Iſa. 43. 11. Rev. 7. 10. & 19. 1.

17 *Jer.* 3. 23. *Jon.* 2. 9. *Hoſ.* 13. 4. To preſerve and deliver me from this conſpiracy. ¶ 18 O that I could believe this, and praiſe him for it.

PSAL. IV.

1 *David prayeth for audience.* 2 *He reproveth and exhorteth his enemies.* 6 *Mans happineſs is in Gods favour.*

¶ 1 To the ‖ chief muſician on Neginoth, A Pſalm of 2 David.

‖ Or, *Overſeer.* Hab. 3. 19.

1 *q. d.* I recommend this *Pſalm* to the care and ordering of the Maſter or Director of the Sacred Muſick in the Temple, and him who plays moſt skilfully upon ſtring'd Inſtruments. ¶ 2 Penn'd, probably, upon the Rebellion of *Sheba*, 2 *Sam.* 20. 1.

HEar me when I call, O God 3 of my righteouſneſs: thou haſt 4 enlarged me *when I was* in diſtreſs, ‖ have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

‖ Or, *be gracious unto me.*

3 The witneſs and defender of my righteous cauſe. ¶ 4 Freed me from my former ſtraits and troubles.

2 O ye 5 ſons of men, how long *will ye* 6 *turn* my glory into ſhame? *how long* will ye 7 love vanity, *and* 8 ſeek after leaſing? Selah.

5 Grandees. ¶ 6 *Pſal.* 62. 4. Seek to diſgrace and diſparage me for that which is my greateſt honour, *viz.* my deſignment for the Kingdom; becauſe I am not yet put into actual poſſeſſion of the whole. ¶ 7 Purſue your vain attempts to hinder me from, or diſpoſſeſs me of the Kingdom. ¶ 8 Endeavour by your ſlanders and falſe reports to make me odious.

3 But know that the LORD hath 9 ſet apart him that is godly, for himſelf: the LORD will 10 hear when I call unto him.

9 Choſen my Tribe, Family, and Perſon for the Royal Dignity; and alſo will own every truly pious perſon for one of his peculiar people. ¶ 10 Relieve me, and give me the better of my enemies.

4 * 11 Stand in aw, and ſin not: * 12 commune with your own heart upon your bed, and 13 be ſtill. Selah.

* Eph. 4. 26. * Pſal. 77. 6.

11 Be afraid of oppoſing me, and God in me, who has undertaken my cauſe and quarrel. ¶ 12 Conſider ſeriouſly what you do. ¶ 13 Suppreſs your anger and rage againſt me, and give over oppoſing me.

5 14 Offer the ſacrifices of righteouſneſs: 15 and put your truſt in the LORD.

14 Make your peace with God for your former miſcarriages, by Sacrifices offered by ſincerely holy perſons, in a right manner, *Pſal.* 51. 19. *Deut.* 33. 19. ¶ 15 And then truſt in him for mercy and grace, (and not in your own power and policy.)

6 *There be* 16 many that ſay, Who will 17 ſhew us *any* good? * LORD, 18 lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

* Pſal. 80. 3, 7, 19. and 119. 135.

16 The Generality. ¶ 17 *Pſal.* 17. 14. Beſtow any outward good thing upon us, (which they count the chiefeſt good.)

Pſal. 5.

good.) ¶ [18] *Pſal.*21.-6. and 44.-3. and 67.1. *Numb.*6. 25, 26. *Job* 29.24. Manifeſt thy love and favor to me and mine.

7 Thou haſt put [19] gladneſs in my heart, [20] more then in the time *that* their corn and their wine increaſed.

[19] *Viz.* By the light of thy countenance. ¶ [20] Above the joy of harveſt, (which is a time of great rejoycing, *Judg.* 9.27. *Iſa.*9.3. *Jer.*48.33.)

*Lev.26.5. Deut.12.10.

8 [21] I will both lay me down in peace, and ſleep: for thou LORD only makeſt me * dwell in ſafety.

[21] *Pſal.*3.5. See there. *q. d.* I am ſo comforted with the hopes of thy favor, and confident of thy faithfulneſs in protecting me, that all my troubles and dangers ſhall not diſquiet me, but I'll compoſe my ſelf to reſt with an abſolute calmneſs of ſpirit.

PSAL. V.

1 *David prayeth, and profeſſeth his ſtudy in prayer.* 4 *God favoureth not the wicked.* 7 *David profeſſing his faith, prayeth unto God to guide him,* 10 *to deſtroy his enemies,* 11 *and to preſerve the godly.*

¶ [1] To the chief muſician upon [2] Nehiloth, A Pſalm of [3] David.

[1] See on *Pſal.*4.*n.*1. ¶ [2] Wind Inſtruments. ¶ [3] Penn'd by him when in ſome great diſtreſs.

4 Prayer, which proceeds from my heart.

GIve ear to my words, O LORD, conſider my [4] meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for [5] unto thee will I pray.

[5] *q. d.* I'll never ceaſe calling upon thee, nor will I ſeek to any other but thee.

* Pſal.30.5.

3 * My voice ſhalt thou hear [6] in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will [7] look up.

[6] *Pſal.*55.17. and 59.16. and 88.13. and 119.147. and 130. 6. *Iſa.*26.9. *Mark* 1.35. ¶ [7] *Mith.*7.7. *Viz.* For a gracious Anſwer from thee.

4 [8] For thou *art* not a God that hath [9] pleaſure in wickedneſs: neither ſhall evil [10] dwell with thee.

[8] *q. d.* And I expect Acceptance becauſe my heart is ſincere, (ſo that herein I have great odds of my enemies.) ¶ [9] *Hab.*1.13. So as to approve of thoſe that practiſe it, or to hear their prayers. ¶ [10] *Pſal.* 94.20. Find favour with, be acceptable to, or bleſſed by thee.

† Heb. *before thine eyes.*

5 [11] The fooliſh ſhall not [12] ſtand † in thy ſight: thou hateſt all [13] workers of iniquity.

[11] Wicked men. ¶ [12] *Pſal.*1.5. 1 *Sam.* 6.20. *Job* 41.-10. Be able to defend themſelves when they come to be judged by thee. ¶ [13] *Matth.*7.23.

* Pſal.55.23. † Heb. *man of blouds and deceit.*

6 Thou ſhalt deſtroy them that [14] ſpeak leaſing: *the LORD will abhor the † [15] bloudy and deceitful man.

[14] *Rev.*21.21. Make it their buſineſs to raiſe and diſperſe falſe and ſcandalous reports of me. ¶ [15] Such as deſign miſchief againſt me, or my friends, under a pretence of kindneſs and friendſhip.

† Heb. *the Temple of thy holineſs.*

7 But [16] as for me, I will come into thy houſe [17] in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* [18] in thy fear will I worſhip [19] toward † thy holy temple.

[16] *Pſal.*140.-13. ¶ [17] When I ſhall be delivered out of my troubles (which I do firmly believe will be) by thy abundant goodneſs and mercy to me. ¶ [18] With a due ſenſe and holy reverence of thy glorious Majeſty. ¶ [19] 1 *Kings* 8. 48. *Dan*6.10. Through the Mediation of Chriſt.

† Heb. *thoſe which obſerve me.*

8 [20] Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteouſneſs, becauſe of † mine [21] enemies; make thy way [22] ſtraight before my face.

[20] *Pſal.*25.5. Guide me by thy holy Spirit in the holy way of thy Commandments, and according to thy faithfulneſs in the performance of thy Promiſes. ¶ [21] 2 *Sam.*12.14. Who lay ſnares for me, and watch for ſome advantage againſt me. ¶ [22] *Pſal.*25.4. and 86.11. Plain and evident, that I may eaſily find it out, and walk uprightly therein.

‖ Or, *ſtedfaſtneſs.* † Heb. *his;* that is, *in the mouth of any of them.* † Heb. *wickednеſſes.*

9 [23] For *there is* no ‖ faithfulneſs in † their mouth, [24] their inward part *is* † very wickedneſs; * [25] their throat *is* an open ſepulchre; [26] they flatter with their tongue.

[23] *q. d.* Otherwiſe I ſhall be enſnar'd by 'em; for they make no conſcience of lying and diſſembling. ¶ [24] *Matth.* 15.18,19. Their heart is full of all manner of wickedneſs; (and therefore no wonder that it breaks forth at their mouth.) ¶ [25] *Matth.*3.13. Their ſpeech is moſt deſtructive and offenſive. ¶ [26] They make a ſhew of friendſhip and piety, that they may the more eaſily deceive and deſtroy me.

‖ Or, *Make them guilty.* ‖ Or, *from their counſels.*

10 ‖ Deſtroy thou them, O God; [27] let them fall ‖ by their own counſels: [28] caſt them out in the multitude of their tranſgreſſions, for they have rebelled [29] againſt thee.

[27] 1 *Kings* 12.26. Make their counſels not only unſucceſsful againſt me, but deſtructive to themſelves. ¶ [28] *Viz.* Of thy protection and from among thy people. ¶ [29] *Viz.* In their oppoſition to me.

† Heb. *covereſt over,* or *protecteſt.*

11 But let all thoſe that put their truſt in thee, [30] rejoyce: let them ever ſhout for joy, becauſe thou † defendeſt them; let them alſo that love [31] thy name, be joyful [32] in thee.

[30] *Viz.* In their experience of thy goodneſs to 'em. ¶ [31] Thy Majeſty, Word, Worſhip and Glory. ¶ [32] *Pſal.*9.2. *Phil.*3. 1. and 4.4. (See there.) In their intereſt in thee, and thy love and favour to 'em, and all Benefits flowing from thence.

† Heb. *crown.* [33] *Pſal.*32.-10. *Zech.*2.5.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bleſs the righteous: with favour wilt thou † [33] compaſs him as *with* a ſhield.

PSAL. VI.

1 *Davids complaint in his ſickneſs.* 8 *By faith he triumpheth over his enemies.*

¶ [1] To the chief muſician on Neginoth [2] upon ‖ Sheminith, A Pſalm of [3] David.

‖ Or, *the Eighth.*

[1] See on *Pſal.*4. ¶ [2] To be ſung with a high voice. ¶ [3] Penn'd upon occaſion of ſome ſickneſs, attended with trouble of conſcience. This is the firſt of the Penitential *Pſalms*: the other are 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.

See 1 Chron. 15.21.

O LORD, [4] rebuke me not in thine anger: neither [5] chaſten me in thy hot diſpleaſure.

[4] *Pſal.*38.1. *Jer.*10.24. *q. d.* When thou ſeeſt it neceſſary to afflict me, do it out of love, and according to thy fatherly Compaſſion, *Hebr.*12.6. *Rev.*3.19.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I *am* weak: O LORD, [5] heal me, for [6] my bones are vexed.

[5] *Hoſ.*6.1. [6] *Job* 33.19. *Pſal.* 38. 3. and 51. 8. The pain reaches to my bones and moſt inward parts.

3 My ſoul is alſo [7] ſore vexed: but thou, O LORD, [8] how long?

[7] *Matth.*26.38. ¶ [8] *Viz.* Wilt thou ſuffer me to lye languiſhing in this Condition?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my ſoul: oh [9] ſave me for thy mercies ſake.

[9] Deliver me from this ſickneſs, and reſtore me to health and inward peace.

5 [10] For in death *there is* no [11] remembrance of thee: in the grave who ſhall give thee thanks?

[10] *Pſal.*30.9. and 88.11. and 115.17. *Iſa.* 38.18. *q. d.* And ſo ſhall I live to praiſe thee: (whereas if thou purſue me to death, what good wilt thou get by that?) ¶ [11] *Viz.* By way of thankfulneſs and praiſes before others in the land of the living.

‖ Or, *every night.*

6 I am weary with my groning, ‖ all the night make I my bed to ſwim: I water my couch with my tears.

7 [12] Mine eye is conſumed becauſe of grief; it [13] waxeth old [14] becauſe of all mine enemies.

[12] *Job* 17.7. *Pſal.*31.9. and 38.-10. *Lam.* 5.17 My ſight is decay'd. ¶ [13] Is as dim as if I were grown old. ¶ [14] By reaſon of their multitude, rage and treachery.

* Mat.25.41. Luke 13.27.

8 * [15] Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath [16] heard the voice of my weeping.

[15] *Pſal.*119.115. *Matth.*7.23. Forbear any longer to oppoſe and moleſt me, *Pſal.* 4.-4. ¶ [16] *Pſal.* 31.-22. *Dan.*9. 21,23.

9 The LORD hath heard my ſupplication: the LORD will [17] receive my prayer.

[17] Reſtore

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[17] Reſtore me to health and comfort, according to my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be aſhamed and ſore vexed: let them [18] return *and* be aſhamed ſuddenly.

[18] Be turn'd back and put to flight, *Pſal.* 56. 9.

PSAL. VII.

1 David prayeth againſt the malice of his enemies, profeſſing his innocency. 10 By faith he ſeeth his defence, and the deſtruction of his enemies.

* Hab.3.1. ‖ Or, *buſineſs.*

¶ * [1] Shiggaion of David, which he ſang unto the LORD, concerning the ‖ words of [2] Cuſh the Benjamite.

[1] This is thought to be the name of a certain kind of Song, to the Tune whereof this *Pſalm* was to be ſung. ¶ [2] Probably one of *Saul*'s Courtiers, who ſlandered him to *Saul.*

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my truſt: ſave me from all them that perſecute me, and deliver me.

2 [3] Leſt he tear my ſoul like a lion, renting *it* in pieces, while *there is* † none [4] to deliver.

† Heb. *not a deliverer.*

[3] Leſt if I fall into his hands he ſhould deſtroy me with a great deal of rage and cruelty. ¶ [4] *Deut.* 32.36. That will or dare ſtand my friend, and ſpeak a good word for me.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done [5] this; [6] if there be iniquity in my hands:

[5] *Acts* 23. 1. *Viz.* That I am ſlanderouſly accus'd of, 1 *Sam.*24.9. ¶ [6] If I have had any treacherous deſign againſt *Saul*, or broken covenant with him; as is ſuggeſted.

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that [7] was at peace with me: (yea, I have [8] delivered him that without cauſe is mine enemy.)

[7] Carried himſelf peaceably and friendly towards me. ¶ [8] Let him ſcape, when I might have deſtroy'd him, 1 *Sam.* 24.7. and 26.10,17.

5 [9] Let the enemy perſecute my ſoul, and take *it*, yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the duſt. [10] Selah.

[9] Let *Saul* never ceaſe to ſeek my life till he have it. ¶ [10] *q. d.* Even from my heart I wiſh it.

* Pſal.94.2.

6 * [11] Ariſe, O LORD, in thine anger, [12] lift up thy ſelf, becauſe of the rage of mine enemies: and [13] awake for me to the judgment *that* thou haſt commanded.

[11] *q. d.* But thou knoweſt it is otherwiſe, therefore——— ¶ [12] Manifeſt thy ſelf to my help and their deſtruction. ¶ [13] *Pſal.*35.23. Inflict that puniſhment upon mine enemies that thou haſt commanded ſhould be inflicted upon malicious Oppreſſors and Perſecutors: and particularly execute thy righteous Sentence of *Saul*'s depoſition, and ſettle me in that Office thou haſt commanded me to undertake, 1 *Sam.* 13. 14.

7 So ſhall the congregation of the people [14] compaſs thee about: [15] for their ſakes therefore return thou on high.

[14] *Viz.* With praiſes for thy goodneſs to me, and for the manifold benefits they ſhall enjoy under my Government. ¶ [15] That they may be delivered from oppreſſion, and reſtor'd to their Civil and Eccleſiaſtical Liberties, ſhew thy power from Heaven, and decide the Cauſe between me and my enemy.

8 The LORD ſhall judge the people: [16] judge me, O LORD, [17] according to my righteouſneſs, and according to [18] mine integrity *that is* in me.

[16] *Pſal.*26.1. and 35.24. and 43. 1. Give Sentence for me. ¶ [17] *Pſal.* 18.20. ¶ [18] My upright heart towards *Saul.*

9 Oh let the wickedneſs of the wicked come to an end, but [19] eſtabliſh the juſt: * [20] for the righteous God [21] trieth the hearts and reins.

* 1 Chr. 28.9. Pſal.139.1. Jer.11.20. & 17.10. & 20. 12. Rev.2.23.

[19] Make good thy promiſe of my eſtabliſhment on the Throne. ¶ [20] *q. d.* And thou who ſearcheſt the heart, know'ſt that I am ſuch an one. ¶ [21] 1 *Sam.* 16.-7. See there.

† Heb. *buckler is upon God.*

10 My † defence *is* of God, which ſaveth the upright in heart.

‖ Or, *is a righteous judge.*

11 God ‖ [22] judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* [23] every day.

[22] Defends and avenges. ¶ [23] Even then when in his providence he forbears to puniſh 'em; or ſeems moſt favourable to 'em, *Pſal.*50.21.

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12 If he turn not, he will [24] whet his ſword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

[24] *Deut.*32.41. Prepare, and ſpeedily execute his judgments upon him.

13 He hath alſo prepared for him the inſtruments of death; * he [25] ordaineth his arrows againſt the perſecutors.

* Deut.32.23, 42.

[25] Deſigns and decrees 'em to be ſhot againſt Perſecutors, and levels 'em accordingly.

14 * Behold, he [26] travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived miſchief, and [27] brought forth falſhood.

* Iſa.33.11. & 59.4. James 1. 15.

[26] *Job* 15.35. ¶ [27] At laſt he'll be diſappointed of his expectation, both as to the righteous mans ruin and his own proſperity.

15 He † made a pit and digged it, and [28] is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.

† Heb. *hath digged a pit.*

[28] *Job* 4.8. *Pſal.* 9.15,16. and 10. 2. and 35. 8. and 57. 6. and 141.10. *Prov.*5.22. and 26.27. *Eſth.*7.10. *Eccl.* 10.8.

16 * His miſchief ſhall return upon his [29] own head, and his violent dealing ſhall come down upon his own pate.

* 1 Kin. 2.32. [29] *Eſth.*9.25. *Pſal.*37.15. & 94.23.

17 [30] I will praiſe the LORD according to his righteouſneſs: and will ſing praiſe to the name of the LORD moſt high.

[30] *q. d.* This I am ſure I ſhall live to ſee, and ſhall thereupon have cauſe to praiſe God for his righteous dealing in my deliverance, and my enemies deſtruction.

PSAL. VIII.

Gods glory is magnified by his works, and by his love to man.

¶ To the chief muſician upon [1] Gittith, A Pſalm of [2] David.

[1] *Pſal.* 81. and 84. Title. The name of ſome Song or Tune us'd at *Gath.* ¶ [2] Penn'd by him to celebrate the praiſes of God for his overflowing love to Mankind in his Creation; but eſpecially in his Redemption by Jeſus Chriſt, whom as Man, he advanc'd to the Honour and Dominion here mention'd.

O LORD our God, how excellent *is* thy [3] name in all the earth! who haſt ſet thy glory [4] above the heavens.

[3] *Mal.*1.11. *Phil.*2.9. Thy fame and renown, by reaſon of the Creation; but eſpecially by reaſon of the Redemption of Mankind by Jeſus Chriſt. ¶ [4] *Pſal.* 108.4. and 113. 4. and 148.13. Above the viſible heavens; and which fills the higheſt Heavens, where the Angels celebrate thy praiſes, and Chriſt himſelf ſits at thy right hand in glorious Majeſty, *Eph.*4.10.

2 [5] Out of the mouth of [6] babes and ſucklings haſt thou † [7] ordained ſtrength, [8] becauſe of thine enemies, that thou mighteſt [9] ſtill the enemy and the [10] avenger.

† Heb. *founded.*

¶ [5] *q. d.* By the preachings and diſcourſes of the Apoſtles and Diſciples of Chriſt, (who are weak, contemptible perſons in the eyes of the world) thou haſt made thy power wonderfully to appear in that thou haſt made uſe of theſe weak Inſtruments to conquer and ſubdue their moſt powerful and malicious enemies. ¶ [6] (1) In Age and Underſtanding, *Matth.*21.15,16. (2) In Diſpoſition; ſuch as reſemble Children in their humility, ſimplicity, weanedneſs from the world, *&c. Matth.*18.3. and 11.25. (3) The Apoſtles and Diſciples. See *n.*5. ¶ [7] Made thy ſtrength fully to appear in their weakneſs, (2 *Cor.*12.9.) which tends ſo much the more to the perfecting thy praiſe, and rendring it the more illuſtrious. ¶ [8] *q. d.* Thou haſt endued 'em with this ſtrength that they might be able, not only to grapple with, but overcome thy proudeſt enemies, and carry on thy work in deſpite of 'em all. ¶ [9] Confound, put to ſilence, and bring under all the enemies of thy people. ¶ [10] *Pſal.* 44. -16. Such who bear an implacable enmity againſt thy people, and ſeek upon all occaſions to reak their ſpleen, and vent their malice upon 'em.

3 When I [11] conſider [12] thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the ſtars which thou haſt [13] ordained.

[11] *Pſal.* 111.2. ¶ [12] Such an immenſe, ſpacious and wonderful Fabrick, and the place of thy Glory. ¶ [13] Appointed and

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and disposed of for their several excellent and universal uses, *Gen.*1.14–18. See there.

4 What *is* [14] man, that thou [15] art mindful of him? and the [14] son of man, that thou [16] visitest him?

[14] *Job* 7.17. *Psal.*144.3. *Hebr.*2.6. See there. *Viz.* In comparison of thee, who hast manifested such infinite Power, Wisdom and Goodness in the making of these glorious Creatures, and that for his use and service: yea, even the human Nature of Christ, as a Creature, is infinitely below thee. ¶ [15] Purposed to do him good. ¶ [16] Exercisest such daily care and providence over him, and hast sent thy Son to redeem him, by taking his Nature, and so hast highly exalted it in the Person of the Messia.

5 For thou hast [17] made him a little lower then the angels, and hast [18] crowned him with glory and honour.

[17] Restor'd him to his primitive condition, (from which he was fall'n by sin) which was but one degree below the Angels: and this by thy Son's becoming (for a while) a little lower than the Angels, by suffering death, (which they are not capable of.) ¶ [18] Advanc'd the Messia to the highest degree of Dignity that any Creature was capable of, and in him hast also advanc'd fall'n Man to the honour of Sonship, and made him capable of eternal glory and happiness.

6 Thou [19] madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put [20] all *things* under his feet:

[19] *Gen.*1.26,28. *Matth.*11.27. and 28.18. *John* 13.3. 1 *Cor.* 15.25,27. *Eph.*1.22. Hast restor'd him, in and by Christ, to that right unto, and dominion over the Creatures which he lost by the Fall. ¶ [20] Even Angels themselves: nothing at all being excepted, but only God the Father, 1 *Cor.* 15. 27. *Hebr.* 2. 8.

† Heb. *flocks and oxen all of them.*

7 † All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field:

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, [21] how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

[21] *q.d.* In how many and sundry instances does thy Power, Wisdom, Goodness, *&c.* excel toward Mankind, by what thou hast provided for him, and dost bestow upon him; furnishing every place, both above and below, throughout the whole world, with infinite store and variety of all good Creatures for his sake.

PSAL. IX.

1 *David praiseth God for executing of judgment.* 11 *He inciteth others to praise him.* 13 *He prayeth that he may have cause to praise him.*

¶ To the chief musician upon [1] Muthlabben, A Psalm of [2] David.

[1] The title of a Song or Instrument. ¶ [2] Penn'd upon his deliverance out of manifold dangers.

I Will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart: I will shew forth all thy [3] marvellous works.

[3] *Rev.*15.3. Wonderful deliverances wrought for me; and for thy Church and People formerly.

[4] See on *Psal.* 5.–11.

2 I will be glad and rejoyce [4] in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O * thou most High.

* Psal.83.18.

3 [5] When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish [6] at thy presence.

[5] When the time comes that thou wilt foil 'em, and put 'em to flight. ¶ [6] Upon thy appearance against 'em.

† Heb. *made my judgment.* † Heb. *in righteousness.*

4 For thou hast † maintained [7] my right and my cause: thou sattest in the throne judging † right.

[7] My Title to the Kingdom to be right, and my Cause to be honest.

* Deut.9.14. ‖ Or, *The destructions of the enemy are come to a perpetual end; and their cities hast thou destroyed,* &c.

5 Thou hast [8] rebuked the heathen; thou hast destroyed [9] the wicked: * thou hast put out their [10] name for ever and ever.

[8] Punish'd my foreign Enemies. ¶ [9] My wicked Country-men, and domestick Foes. ¶ [10] That renown they had gotten by their former Exploits: yea, and sometimes destroy'd their very Memorial.

6 ‖ O thou [11] enemy, [12] destructions are come to a perpetual end; and [13] thou hast destroyed cities: [13] their memorial is perished with them.

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[11] Of what sort or Country soever. ¶ [12] All thy destructive plots and practices shall never trouble me more. ¶ [13] *q. d.* True; thou hast formerly brought many famous places to utter ruin, and blotted out their very name from under Heaven, but God shall judge thee at last, *v.*8.

7 But the LORD shall endure [14] for ever: [15] he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

[14] *Hebr.*13.8. (And this is sufficient matter of terrour to the Enemies, and comfort to the Church.) ¶ [15] He has been all this while fitting himself to execute Judgment, when the time is come.

8 And he shall [16] judge the world in righteousness: he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

[16] *Psal.*96.–13. and 98.9.

9 The LORD also will be † [17] a refuge for the oppressed: a refuge in times of [18] trouble.

† Heb. *an high place.*

[17] *Psal.*37.39. and 41.6. and 91.2. *Isa.*4.6. ¶ [18] *Hebr.*4.–16.

10 And they that [19] know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, [20] hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

[19] Have had experience of thy Power and Goodness. ¶ [20] 2 *Cor.*1.10.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which [21] dwelleth in Zion: declare [22] among the people his doings.

[21] *Rev.*14.1. ¶ [22] *Jer.*50.28. To the Heathen Nations, that they also may be brought to the knowledge and worship of the true God.

12 * When he [23] maketh inquisition for bloud, [24] he remembreth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the ‖ [25] humble.

* Gen.9.5. ‖ Or, *afflicted.*

[23] *Rev.*16.6. Calls his enemies to account for the blood of his people, which they have unjustly shed, or covered. ¶ [24] He'll right the innocent wronged, that trust in him, and seek to him, (*v.*10.) whom he seem'd to have forgotten. ¶ [25] The afflicted, who cannot avenge themselves, but in singleness of heart and poverty of spirit make their addresses to him.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD: [26] consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me; thou that liftest me up from the [27] gates of death:

[26] *Lam.*1.–11. ¶ [27] *Psal.*107.18. *Isa.*38.10. 2 *Cor.* 1.10. Eminent dangers.

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise [28] in the gates of the [29] daughter of Zion: I will rejoyce in [30] thy salvation.

[28] *Prov.*31.31. In the solemn Assemblies of thy people. ¶ [29] 2 *Kings* 19.21. The Inhabitants of *Zion.* ¶ [30] Thy saving grace and favour to me.

15 * [31] The Heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid, is their own foot taken.

* Psal.57.7. & 94.23. Prov.5. 22. & 22. 8. & 26.27.

16 The LORD is known by the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is [31] snared in the work of his own hands. [32] Higgaion, [33] Selah.

[31] *Psal.*7.15. See there.

[32] *q. d.* This is a point deserves our deepest Consideration and Meditation. ¶ [33] Yea, again and again I wish they'd well consider this.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that [34] forget God.

[34] Don't consider, nor regard God's threatnings and judgments, but go on securely and presumptuously in their oppressive and wicked courses.

18 [35] For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

[35] *Psal.*12.5. *q. d.* And tho' he may defer to judge the wicked, and deliver the righteous very long, yet not always.

19 Arise, O LORD, let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD; *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. [36] Selah.

[36] Yea, make 'em to know it to purpose.

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PSAL. X.

1 *David complaineth to God of the outrage of the wicked.* 12 *He prayeth for remedy.* 16 *He profeſſeth his confidence.*

WHy ſtandeſt thou afar off, O LORD? *why* [1] hideſt thou *thy ſelf* in times of trouble?

*Iſa.*8.17. See on *Pſal.*27.9.

2 † The wicked [2] in *his* pride doth perſecute the poor: [3] let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

† Heb. *in the pride of the wicked he doth perſecute.*

[2] *Exod.*18.-11. *Deut.*32.27. *Iſa.*10.12,13. Who by thy forbearance is puff'd up exceedingly in wickedneſs, and takes a pride to vex and trample down the poor. ¶ [3] *Pſal.* 7. 16 See there.

3 For the wicked boaſteth of his † [4] hearts deſire; and ‖ [5] bleſſeth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

† Heb. *ſouls.* ‖ Or, *the covetous bleſſeth* himſelf, *he abhorreth the LORD.*

[4] The accompliſhment thereof. ¶ [5] *Prov.*28. 4. Eſteems thoſe only to be wiſe and happy that grow great by hook or crook, and heap up riches.

4 The wicked, [6] through the pride of his countenance, will [7] not ſeek *after God:* ‖ God *is* not in all his thoughts.

‖ Or, *all his thoughts* are, There is *no God.*

[6] By their ſucceſs and proſperity are grown ſo high-minded and ſelf-confident, which they manifeſt in their countenance, (tho it be lodged in the heart.) ¶ [7] Neither enquire nor conſider whether there be a God or no.

5 His ways are always [8] grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his [9] ſight: *as for* all his enemies, he [10] puffeth at them.

[8] Troubleſom and injurious to all about him. ¶ [9] *Prov.*24.7. Thoughts. ¶ [10] *Pſal.*12.5. *Mal.*P. 13.

6 He hath ſaid in his heart, I ſhall [11] not be moved: for I *ſhall* † never *be* in adverſity.

[11] *Rev.* 18.7. 1 *Theſſ.*5. 3. † Heb. *unto generation and generation.*

7 His mouth is full of [12] curſing, and † deceit and fraud: under his [13] tongue *is* miſchief and ‖ [14] vanity.

† Heb. *deceits.* ‖ Or, *iniquity.*

[12] *Rom.*3.14. Oaths and imprecations againſt himſelf to gain credit to his words, and ſo to deceive and couſen thoſe he deals with. ¶ [13] Smooth and plauſible Language. ¶ [14] Falſhood.

8 He [15] ſitteth in the lurking-places of the villages: in the ſecret places doth he murther the innocent: [16] his eyes are † privily ſet againſt the poor.

† Heb. *hide themſelves.*

[15] Uſes all kind of artifices to oppreſs and deſtroy the godly. ¶ [16] He watches all opportunities to miſchief the poor, and to take me at unawares, who am helpleſs and friendleſs.

9 He lieth in wait † ſecretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: [17] he doth catch the poor when he draweth him into his net.

† Heb. *in the ſecret places.*

[17] By his fraudulent and diſſembling dealings he cruſhes 'em without mercy.

10 [18] He † croucheth, *and* humbleth himſelf, that the poor may fall ‖ by [19] his ſtrong ones.

† Heb. *breaketh himſelf.* ‖ Or, *into his ſtrong parts.*

[18] He can abaſe himſelf, and with glavering ſpeeches and fawning behaviour he endeavours to overthrow the innocent. ¶ [19] His own power, or theirs that joyn with him.

11 He hath ſaid in his heart, God hath [20] forgotten: he [21] hideth his face, he will [21] never ſee *it.*

[20] *Viz.* To take care of the poor, (*v.* 10.) and humble, *v.* 12. ¶ [21] *Job* 22.13. *Pſal.* 94. 7. and 64.-5. *Ezek* 8. 12. Takes no notice of their ſufferings.

12 Ariſe, O LORD, O God [22] lift up thine hand: forget not the ‖ humble.

[22] *Mic.*5.9. *Ez.* 7. 5. *Iſa.*5. 25. & 9.-12. ‖ Or, *afflicted.*

13 [23] Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath ſaid in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it.*

[23] *Pſal.*74.10. Why doſt thou, by thy forbearance, give the wicked occaſion to inſult over thee, and ſlight thy Judgments, Power and Providence?

14 Thou haſt ſeen *it*, for thou beholdeſt [24] miſchief and ſpite to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor † [25] committeth himſelf unto thee: thou art the helper of [26] the fatherleſs.

Pſal. 11.

† Heb. *leaveth.*

[24] All the injurious, malicious carriages of the wicked. ¶ [25] 2 *Tim.*1.12. 1 *Pet.* 4. 19. ¶ [26] *Hoſ.* 14.-3. Such poor oppreſſed ones as have no friend nor helper.

15 Break thou the [27] arm of the wicked, and the evil *man:* [28] ſeek out his wickedneſs *till* thou find [29] none.

[27] *Pſal.*37.17. All the Inſtruments of his cruelty. ¶ [28] *Pſ.* 7.9. Call him to account, and puniſh him ſeverely for all his wickedneſs. ¶ [29] *viz.* Undiſcovered and unpuniſh'd.

16 The LORD *is* [30] King for ever and ever: [31] the heathen are periſhed out of his land.

¶ [30] *Pſal.*29.10. and 145.13. and 146.10. *Jer.*10.10. *Lam.* 5.19. *Dan.*4.34. and 6.26. 1 *Tim.*1.17. ¶ [31] He deſtroyed the *Canaanites*, in this land which he promis'd to beſtow upon Iſrael, (and ſo ſhall do by the enemies of his people elſewhere.)

17 LORD, thou haſt heard the deſire of the humble: thou wilt ‖ [32] prepare their heart, thou wilt cauſe thine ear to [33] hear.

‖ Or, *eſtabliſh.*

[32] *Rom.*8. 26. Fit 'em by thy Grace to pray acceptably, and ſo to receive the mercies they pray for. ¶ [33] *Iſa.* 65.24. *Dan.* 9.20.

18 [34] To judge the fatherleſs and the oppreſſed; that the [35] man of the earth may no more ‖ oppreſs.

‖ Or, *terrifie.*

[34] To defend and deliver 'em from their oppreſſors. ¶ [35] Mortal and earthly-minded men.

PSAL. XI.

1 *David encourageth himſelf in God againſt his enemies.* 4 *The providence and juſtice of God.*

¶ To the chief muſician, *A pſalm* of *David.

* Penn'd probably when he was perſecuted by *Saul*, and forc'd to flee from place to place.

IN the LORD put I my [1] truſt: * how ſay [2] ye to my ſoul, [3] Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

*See 1 Sam. 26. 19.

[1] *Rom.*4.18. *viz.* For the accompliſhment of his promiſe, to beſtow the Kingdom upon me. ¶ [2] Whoever you be, whether Friends or Foes; out of good will, or as inſulting over me; (yea, he himſelf under a temptation, ſaid ſo, 1 *Sam.*27.7.) ¶ [3] Shift for thy ſelf as well as thou canſt from *Saul's* malice; for there's no hopes of ever coming to the Kingdom.

2 [4] For lo, the wicked [5] bend *their* bow; they [5] make ready their arrow upon the ſtring: that they may † privily ſhoot at the [6] upright in heart.

† Heb. *in darkneſs.*

[4] *q. d.* And no wonder if they look upon me as a loſt perſon; for there are ſome who are always contriving my ruine. ¶ [5] *Pſal.*64. 3,4. Make great preparations for my deſtruction. ¶ [6] My ſelf and followers.

3 [7] If the foundations be deſtroyed, what can the righteous do?

[7] *Pſal.*75. 3. and 82.-5. *q. d.* And indeed the caſe is ſo now that all piety, juſtice, and righteous adminiſtration of affairs are manifeſtly violated and overthrown, and therefore neither my ſelf, nor thoſe few righteous ones that are to be found, are to be blam'd: What can we do to preſerve publick order? Or what can we expect but utter ruin?

4 The LORD *is* in his holy [8] temple; the LORDs throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eye-lids [9] try the children of men.

[8] *Hab.*2. 20. In Heaven, (which is ſufficient ground of hope and comfort, tho' there be none upon earth.) ¶ [9] *Pſal.* 7.-9. and 33.13. and 34.15. and 66.7. Sees my innocency to reward it, and my enemies plots to defeat 'em.

5 The LORD [10] trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence, his ſoul hateth.

[10] Takes ſpecial notice of him and his cauſe, to approve both him and it.

6 Upon the wicked he ſhall rain ‖ [11] ſnares, [12] fire, and brimſtone, and ‖ an horrible tempeſt: * *this ſhall be* the [13] portion of their cup.

‖ Or, *quick burning coals.* ‖ Or, *a burning tempeſt.* * See Gen. 43. 34. 1 Sam. 1. 4. & 9. 23.

[11] *Job* 18.10. and 22.10. *Iſa.* 8.-14. and 24. 17, 18. Grievous Judgments. ¶ [12] *Ezek.*38.22. Dreadful Judgments in this world, and eternal vengeance in the world to come. ¶ [13] *Pſal.*75.8.

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7 For the righteous LORD [14] loveth righteousnes; his countenance doth [15] behold the upright.

[14] *Psal.*37.28. & 45.7. and 146.-8. ¶ [15] *viz.* With favor and affection, to defend and reward 'em.

PSAL. XII.

1 *David destitute of humane comfort, craveth help of God.* 3 *He comforteth himself with God's judgments on the wicked, and confidence in Gods tried promises.*

‖ Or, *the Eighth.*

¶ To the chief musician upon ‖ [1] Sheminith, A psalm of [2] David.

[1] See on *Psal.* 6. Title. ¶ [2] Penn'd upon occasion of *Saul's* Mal-administration, and persecution of *David* and other good men.

‖ Or, *save.*

‖ [3] HElp LORD, for the [4] godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

[3] Save me and other good men from the subtilty and rage of the wicked. ¶ [4] *Gen.*6.12. *Isa.*57.1. *Mic.* 7. 2. Pretend to be seen to shew any kindnes to us in our distresses.

† Heb. *an heart and an heart.*

2 They [5] speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* [6] flattering lips, *and* with † a [7] double heart do they speak.

[5] They seek by lies and falshood to do me a mischief. ¶ [6] *Psal.*28.-3. *Jer.*9.4,5. *Rom.* 16.-18. ¶ [7] Pretending one thing and intending another.

† Heb. *great.*

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh † [8] proud things.

[8] *Dan.*7.25. Bragging of their own abilities, (*v.* 4.) and what great things they'll do.

†Heb. *with us.*

4 Who have [9] said, [10] With our tongue will we prevail: our lips *are* † our [11] own: who *is* lord over us?

[9] *Viz.* By their actions. ¶ [10] *Exod.* 15. 9. By our slanders and reports we shall set both *Saul* and the people against him, and so destroy him. ¶ [11] To speak what we please without controul.

‖ Or, *would ensnare him.*

5 [12] For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, [13] now will I arise, (saith the LORD) I will set *him* in safety *from him that* ‖ [14] puffeth at him.

[12] *q. d.* But this shall be the issue, that God will help. ¶ [13] *Isa.*33.10. Speedily (*Luke* 18.8.) and sooner than they imagine. ¶ [14] *Psal.*10.5.

* 2Sam.22.31. Psal. 18. 30.

6 * [15] The words of the LORD *are* [16] pure words: *as* silver [17] tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

[15] *Psal.*119.140. *Prov.*30.5. The promises which God has made to me and his people have no deceit in 'em, but shall certainly be fulfill'd in their season. ¶ [16] *Psal.*18. 30. and 119.4. ¶ [17] And so, purifyed from all drosse of fraud and uncertainty.

† Heb. *him:* that is, *every one of them.*

7 Thou shalt [18] keep them, O LORD: thou shalt preserve † them from [19] this generation for ever.

[18] Preserve the poor and needy, (*v.*5.) from the malice of their enemies. ¶ [19] This kind of scornful oppressors, *v.* 5.

† Heb. *of the sons of men.*

8 The wicked [20] walk on every side, when [21] the vilest † men are exalted.

[20] Abound every where, and shew themselves openly without any check or restraint; yea, they are countenanc'd and encourag'd in their wickedness. ¶ [21] *Dan.*11.21. Such tyrannical Oppressors as *Saul* are advanc'd to the throne.

PSAL. XIII.

1 *David complaineth of delay in help.* 3 *He prayeth for preventing grace.* 5 *He boasteth of divine mercy.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of * David.

* Penn'd upon occasion of his long distresses.

* Deut.31.17. Job 13.24.

HOw long wilt thou forget me, O LORD, for ever? how long wilt * thou [1] hide thy face from me?

[1] See on *Psal.* 27. 9.

2 How long shall I [2] take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

[2] Be always consulting and considering which way to get out of my troubles, but can resolve upon nothing.

3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: [3] lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep *the sleep* of death;

[3] *Ezra* 9. 8. Vouchsafe some comfort and refreshment to me, by my deliverance out of trouble, and preservation of my life, (as *John* 1. 4. *Prov.*29.13.)

4 [4] Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me, rejoyce when I am [5] moved.

[4] *Psal.*25.-2. [5] Overthrown

5 But I have [6] trusted in thy mercy: my heart shall rejoyce in [7] thy salvation.

[6] 2 *Chron.*20.12. ¶ [7] The assurance that I have, that thou wilt preserve, and in due time deliver me.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, [8] because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

[8] Which I am as sure of, as if it were already done.

PSAL. XIV.

1 *David describeth the corruption of a natural man.* 4 *He convinceth the wicked by the light of their conscience.* 7 *He glorieth in the salvation of God.*

¶ To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David:

THe fool hath [2] said in his [3] heart, *There is* no God: [4] they are corrupt; they have done abominable works; *there is* [5] none that doeth good.

[1] *Psal.*10.4. and 53.1. *&c.* All men in their natural condition, and every wicked man, (and many such there are now adays.) ¶ [3] Does not firmly believe that there is a God, or at least that he is the Governor of the World, to observe and reward, (as appears by the impiety of his life, *Psal.*36.1. *Tit.*1.16.) ¶ [3] *Matth.*12.-34. and 15.19. ¶ [4] *Rom.*1.21. And hence flows all manner of wickedness in their lives. ¶ [5] *Viz.* By nature; without special and saving grace; and very few are endued with grace to do that which is spiritually good, and acceptable to God.

* Psal.102.19.

2 *The LORD [7] looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that [8] did understand, *and* [9] seek God.

[7] *Psal.*33.13. *Gen.*6.12. Made trial in the first ages of the World, from *Adam* to the giving of the Law. ¶ [8] *Rom.*3. 11. Had any right apprehensions of God, so as to love, fear, trust and obey him. ¶ [9] Labor to know and worship him aright, get an interest in him, partake of his grace and favor, and enjoy communion with him.

†Heb. *stinking*

3 They are all [10] gone aside; they are *all* together become † [11] filthy: [5] *there is* none that doeth good, no not one.

[10] *Eccl.*7.29. ¶ [11] Loathsom and abominable to God and all good men.

* Am.8.4. * Isa. 64. 7.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no [12] knowledge? who * [13] eat up my people [14] *as* they eat bread, and * [15] call not upon the LORD.

[12] *Viz.* Of me, or their own duty or interest. ¶ [13] *Mic.* 3.3. Oppress and undo my Subjects. ¶ [14] Freely without fear or regret; yea, with greediness and delight. ¶ [15] Neglect God's Worship, yea despise it.

† Heb. *they feared a fear*

5 [16] There † were they in great fear: [17] for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

[16] *q. d.* While they were practising these impieties, they were seiz'd upon with a groundless fear. ¶ [17] Because God appears so remarkably many times for his servants.

6 You have [18] shamed the counsel of the poor; because the LORD *is* his refuge.

[18] Derided him for his trusting in God (as *Psal.* 22. 7, 8.) and laugh'd at those that made conscience of their duty.

† Heb. *Who will give, &c.* * Job 42. 10.

7 † [19] O that the salvation of Israel *were come* [20] out of Zion! when the LORD * [21] bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoyce, *and* Israel shall be glad.

¶ [19] O that the time were come for the full deliverance of all God's people out of all their troubles, both temporal and spiritual. ¶ [20] *Rom.* 11. 26. From God that dwells in Heaven. ¶ [21] Delivers 'em from that bondage and slavery wherein they are held by Sin and Satan.

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Psal. 15.

PSAL. XV.

David describeth a Citizen of Zion.

¶ A psalm of David.

†Heb. *sojourn.* LORD, who shall † [1] abide in thy tabernacle? who shall [1] dwell in thy holy hill?

[1] *Psal.*24.3,4. Be accounted a true member of the Kingdom of grace here, and glory hereafter.

2 He that walketh [2] uprightly, and [3] worketh righteousness, and [4] speaketh the truth [5] in his heart.

[2] *Isa.*33.15. Sincerely; as the covenant of Grace requires. ¶ [3] Makes it his business to do justly, *i. e.* To give every one, both God and man, their due. ¶ [4] *Zech.* 8.6. ¶ [5] According to what he thinks in his heart: When his Heart and tongue agree.

* Lev.19.16. ‖ Or, *receiveth* or *endureth.* 3 * *He that* † backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor ‖ [6] taketh up a reproch against his neighbour.

† *Rom.*1.30. 2 *Cor.*12.20. *Psal.*50.20. *Prov.* 10.18. *Jer.* 6.28. *Prov.*25.23. *Psal.*101.5. 2 *Sam.*19.27. ¶ [6] *Exod.* 23.1. Neither into his ears, to hearken to it; nor into his tongue, to spread it.

4 [7] In whose eyes a vile person is [8] contemned; but he [9] honoureth them that fear the LORD: [10] *he that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.

[7] That gives no countenance or encouragement to wickedness, or wicked men, but declares against it and them. ¶ [8] 2 *King.*3.14. 2 *Chr.* 19.2. *Est.* 3.-2. *Psal.*40.-4. and 139.21. *Prov.*29.26. *Luke* 23.-9. *viz.* In respect of his wickedness; (tho in other respects, *viz.* If he be one in Authority, a man of parts, or the like, he may be reverenc'd and respected upon those accounts, *Acts* 23.5. *Rom.*13.1.1 *Pet.*2.13.&c.) ¶ [9] *Psal.*101.6. Highly esteems, heartily loves and shews great respect and kindness to them for their goodness sake, tho they be never so mean in the world. ¶ [10] When he has sworn, or laid any obligation upon himself, tho it tend to his own prejudice, yet he'll make good his engagement.

*Exod.22.-25 Deut. 23.19. Ezek 18.8. & 22.12. 5 * *He that* [11] putteth not out his mony to usury, nor [12] taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these *things*, shall never be [13] moved.

[11] See on *Exod.*22.5. Does not violate the Laws of Charity and Justice, but lends freely to them that are in want. ¶ [12] Being in Office or place of Judicature, gives judgment uprightly, not suffering himself to be perverted by bribes to wrong the innocent. ¶ [13] *Psal.*16.-8. and 55.-22. *viz.* From that happy condition in which he is plac'd, (2 *Pet.*1.-10.) at least not eternally destroyed.

PSAL. XVI.

1 *David in distress of merits, and hatred of idolatry, fleeth to God for preservation.* 5 *He sheweth the hope of his calling, of the resurrection, and life everlasting.*

‖ Or, *a golden* Psalm, *So* Psal. 56.-60. ¶ ‖ [1] Michtam of David.

[1] Set to a special Tune called *Michtam.*

PReserve me, O God; for in thee do I put my trust.

2 *O my soul*, thou hast said unto the LORD, [2] Thou *art* my LORD; [3] my goodness *extendeth* not to thee.

[2] *q. d.* I have chosen thee for my Lord, to serve thee, and be s[illegible] by thee. ¶ [3] *Psal.*50.9,10 *Job* 22.2. and 35.7. *q. d.* I re[illegible]e all worth and goodness of my own, as any way either meritorious for my self, or beneficial to thee, to lay any obligation upon thee.

3 *But* to the saints that *are* in the earth, and *to* the † excellent, in whom *is* all my [4] delight.

† *Prov.* 12.26. *Isa.* 43.4. ¶ [4] *Psal.* 119.63.

4 [5] Their sorrows shall be multiplied, *that* ‖ hasten *after* another *god*: [6] their drink-offerings [7] of blood will I not offer, nor take up their [8] names into my lips.

‖ Or, *give gifts to another.*

[5] *q. d.* Idolaters, notwithstanding all their zeal and cost about their Idols, gain nothing to themselves but abundance of sorrow and misery. ¶ [6] *q. d.* I'll have no communion with them in their idolatrous Worship. ¶ [7] The Heathens used to offer, and sometimes to drink part of the blood of their Sacrifices, whether of Beasts or Men; either of which was detestable. ¶ [8] *Exod.*23.13. *Josh.*23.7. *Deut.* 12.-3. *Hos.*2.16,17. *Eph.*5.3.

Psal. 17.

5 The LORD *is* the [9] portion † of mine inheritance, and * of my cup: thou [10] maintainest my lot. † Heb. *of my part.* * Psal.11.6.

[9] *Deut.*32.9. *Psal.*73.26. and 119.57. and 142.-5. *Lam.* 3.24. He whom I have chosen for my happiness, and who has bestowed himself upon me, wherewith I am abundantly satisfied, *Psal.*73.25,26. ¶ [10] Preservest me in my right unto, and possession of, thy self.

6 The [11] lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

[11] *q. d.* In having thee for my everlasting Portion, and in having my habitation in the land of Israel, a pleasant land, and the place which thou hast chosen for thy dwelling and worship, I am fully satisfied both in temporal and spiritual respects.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath [12] given me counsel: [13] my reins also instruct me in the night-seasons.

[12] Revealed to me the way of life and salvation, and inclin'd me to choose him for my portion. ¶ [13] My inward thoughts and affections, being moved by the secret instinct of God's spirit, Direct me how to serve and please God, and put my whole trust and confidence in him.

8 [14] I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* [15] at my right hand, I shall not be [16] moved.

[14] *Psal.*73.23. & 119.168. & 139.-18. *Act.*2.25. Kept the eye of my Faith fix'd upon God, both as a Witness and Judg; and am continually meditating on his Omniscience, and Omnipresence; and considering that he is privy to all my thoughts, words and actions. From hence to the end of the Psalm *David* speaks in the person of Christ lying in the Grave. ¶ [15] *Psal.*109.31. & 121.5. Ever ready to support, protect and assist me. ¶ [16] Overcome by my troubles, nor shaken in my obedience.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my [17] glory rejoyceth: [18] my flesh also shall † rest in hope. † Heb. *dwell confidently.*

[17] *Gen.*49.6. My tongue, *Act.*2.26. (which is that peculiar excellency, wherein chiefly (except Reason) Man surpasses all other Creatures) breaks out into holy boastings and praises. ¶ [18] My Body shall remain in the grave in a confident assurance of it's Incorruption there, and of a joyful, speedy resurrection, *v.* 10.

10 For thou wilt not [19] leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou [20] suffer [21] thine holy One to see corruption.

[19] Suffer my Body to continue long in the Grave, or in a state of death. ¶ [20] *Act.*13.35. ¶ [21] *Dan.*9.24. *Luke* 1.35. and 4.-34. *Mark* 1.24. *Act.*3.14. My flesh, *Act.*3.31.

11 Thou wilt [22] shew me the path of life: * [23] in thy presence *is* fulness of joy, at thy [24] right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore. * Matth.5.8. 1 Cor.13.12. 1 John 3.2.

[22] Raise my Body from Death to Life, and conduct me to the place and state of everlasting happiness. ¶ [23] *Psal.* 21.6. In the full enjoyment of thy self in Heaven, *Act.*2.28. ¶ [24] *Matth.*25.33. Whither I am to ascend, *Act.* 2.33. and 7.-55.

PSAL. XVII.

1 *David in confidence of his integrity, craveth defence of God against his enemies.* 10 *He sheweth their pride, craft, and eagerness.* 13 *He prayeth against them in confidence of his hope.*

¶ A † prayer of David.

† Compos'd upon occasion of his cruel persecution by *Saul* and his Complices, and many slanders raised against him, whereupon he appeals to God, professes his innocency and integrity, prays for protection and deliverance, and comforts himself with the consideration of his future happiness in another World.

1 HEar † the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer *that goeth* † not out of [1] feigned lips. † Heb. *justice.* † Heb. *without lips of deceit.*

[1] Consider the justice of my cause, and the Prayer of me an innocent person. ¶ [2] *Hos.* 7.14. Deceitful, dissembling lips, which agree not with my heart, but pretend one thing and intend another.

Psal. 17.

2 [3] Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: let thine eyes [4] behold the things that are equal.

[3] Let me be tried and judged by thee, to whom I appeal from the unjust Accusations of Men. ¶ [4] Take notice of the equity of my Cause.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; * thou hast [5] tried me, *and* shalt find [6] nothing: I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not [7] transgress.

* Zech. 13.9.

[5] *Job* 23.10. *Psal.* 7.-9. and 11.5. and 26.2. *Mal.* 3.2,3. [1] *Pet.* 1.7. ¶ [6] *Viz.* Of that whereof they accuse me. ¶ [7] *Psal.* 39.1. Seek my own advantage by lying and dissembling, (as my enemies do) but speak the truth in all uprightness.

4 Concerning the [8] works of men, by [9] the word of thy lips, I have kept *me from* the [10] paths of the destroyer.

[8] Those evil works to which men are naturally carried, and which they commonly practise. ¶ [9] The Consideration and Observation of thy holy Word, and of the Rules laid down therein, *Psal.* 119.9,10. ¶ [10] Those injurious courses, which will prove destructive in the end to those that use 'em.

5 [11] Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps † slip not.

† Heb. *be not moved.*

[11] *Psal.* 119.5. *Jer.* 10.23. Enable me to persevere in those ways of holiness wherein I have hitherto walk'd.

* Psal. 116.2.

6 * I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.

7 Shew thy [12] marvellous loving kindness, O thou that [13] saveſt ‖ by thy right hand, them which put their trust *in thee*, from those that rise up *against them.*

‖ Or, *them which trust in thee from those that rise up against thy right hand.*

[12] *Psal.* 31. 21. Thy love in marvellously delivering me, and bestowing the wonderful things thou hast promis'd me. ¶ [13] Useth to imploy thy Power for their preservation that trust in thee.

8 Keep me as the [14] apple of the eye: * hide me under the shadow of thy [15] wings.

[14] *Deut.* 32.-10. *Zech.* 2.-8. * Psal. 57.1. & 91.1,4. Matth. 23.37. [15] *Ruth* 2.12.

9 From the wicked that † oppress me; *from* my † deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

† Heb. *waste.* † Heb. *enemies against the soul.*

10 [16] They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak [17] proudly.

[16] *Job* 15.27. *Psal.* 73.7. and 119.70. They live in great splendor and prosperity. ¶ [17] Boasting of their own power, and what great thing's they'l do to me.

11 They have now [18] compassed us in our steps: [19] they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth:

[18] Hunted me and my small Company from place to place, and have now begirt us round; as 1 *Sam.* 23. 26. and 26.2,3. ¶ [19] They look narrowly into every place to find us out.

12 † [20] Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey; and as it were a young lion † lurking in secret places.

† Heb. *the likeness of him* (that is of every one of them) *is as a lion* that *desireth to ravin.* [20] *Psal.* 7.2. & 10.8-10. † Heb. *sitting.*

13 Arise, O LORD, † disappoint him; cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, ‖ *which is* [21] thy sword:

† Heb. *prevent his face.* ‖ Or, *by thy sword.*

[21] *Isa.* 10.5. *Hab.* 1.12. The Instrument thou usest to imploy for executing thy Judgments.

14 From men ‖ *which are* [22] thy hand, O LORD; from men [23] of the world, *which have* their [24] portion in *this* life, and whose [25] belly thou [26] fillest with thy [27] hid *treasure*: ‖ they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

‖ Or, by *thine hand.* ‖ Or, their *children are full.*

[22] *Viz.* Wherewith thou dost correct me. ¶ [23] Who mind only worldly things, and place all their happiness in them. ¶ [24] *Luke* 16.25. *James* 5.5. All the good they are ever like to enjoy. ¶ [25] Their mind and desire. ¶ [26] Worldly things may give us a belly-ful, but not a heart-ful. ¶ [27] Such choice and precious things as men use to keep in their Treasuries; *i. e.* Riches, honours, and other delights and comforts of this present life.

15 [28] As for me, [29] I will behold thy face in righteousness: [30] I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

[28] *Psal.* 73.28. *q. d.* However thou dealest with them, or whatever reckoning they make of these worldly Enjoyments, I'm of another mind. ¶ [29] 1 *Cor.* 13.12. 1 *John* 3.2. I place my happiness only in the Enjoyment of thy love and favour, (*Psal.* 4.6-8.) which I am well assur'd I shall partake of, having endeavoured in the whole course of my life to walk holily and uprightly both towards God and Man. ¶ [30] I shall be fully happy at the Resurrection, (*Job* 14. 12. *Dan.* 12.2. *John* 11.11.) being made perfectly like unto thee in Holiness, 1 *John* 3.2. 1 *Cor.* 15.49.

Psal. 18.

PSAL. XVIII.

David praiseth God for his manifold and marvellous blessings.

¶ To the chief musician, *A Psalm* of David the [1] servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of * this song in the day *that* the LORD [2] delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of [3] Saul: And he said,

* 2 Sam. 22.

[1] *Psal.* 36.10. *Acts* 13.36. *Deut.* 34.5. One wholly devoted to the service of God, both in his private and public capacity. ¶ [2] *Psal.* 34.19. ¶ [3] Who was the most bitter and dangerous of 'em all.

I Will [4] love thee, O LORD my [5] strength.

[4] *Psal.* 116.1. [5] *Psal.* 144.1.

2 The LORD *is* my [6] rock, and my [7] fortress, and my deliverer: my God, my † strength * in whom I will [8] trust, my buckler, and the [9] horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

† Heb. *rock.* * Hebr. 2. 13.

[6] *V.* 31.46. *Deut.* 32.4. See there. 1 *Sam.* 13.-6. Protection from evil and foundation of good. ¶ [7] To defend me against all Assaults. ¶ [8] *Prov.* 18. 10. ¶ [9] *Luke* 1. 69. He who saves and secures me.

3 I will call upon the LORD * *who is* [10] worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

* Psal. 76.4. [10] *Rev.* 4.11. *Psal.* 119. 64.

4 [11] The sorrows of death compassed me, and the [12] floods of † ungodly men made me afraid.

† Heb. *Belial.*

[11] *Psal.* 116.3. Malicious enemies threatning present death and destruction to me, (as the next words shew.) ¶ [12] The outragious attempts of graceless and lawless persons struck terrour into me.

5 The ‖ sorrows of [13] hell compassed me about: the snares of [14] death prevented me.

‖ Or, *cords.*

[13] Which brought me to the very brink of the grave. ¶ [14] *Prov.* 13.-14. *Eccl.* 9.12. Laid to take away my life, were ready to catch me e're I was aware of my danger.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and [15] cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

[15] *Exod.* 2.23. *Jon.* 2.2.

7 Then the [16] earth shook and trembled; the [17] foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was [18] wroth.

[16] *Exod.* 19.16,18. God appear'd so wonderfully and miraculously for me, and manifested such displeasure against my enemies, as if he had sent some terrible Earthquake. A Poetical Description to v. 16. of God's powerful appearing for him, and how he had appeared formerly for his people. ¶ [17] *Job* 26.11. The high Mountains which are as it were the foundations of Heaven, (2 *Sam.* 22. 8.) upon which it seems to rest. ¶ [18] *Psal.* 2.5. Manifested his displeasure against my enemies.

8 [19] There went up a smoke † out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

† Heb. *by his.*

[19] He consum'd my enemies as with fire and lightning.

9 [20] He bowed the heavens also and came down: and [21] darkness *was* under his feet.

[20] *Psal.* 144.5. *Isa.* 64.1,3. He manifested his Presence and Power on my behalf. ¶ [21] He us'd invisible and secret ways to rescue me.

10 And he [22] rode upon a cherub, and [23] did flie: yea, he did flie upon the wings of the wind.

[22] *Psal.* 104.3. He us'd the Ministry of Angels in this work. ¶ [23] Came speedily to my rescue.

11 * [24] He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him, *were* dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies.

* Psal. 97.2.

[24] He appear'd terrible in dark, watry Clouds.

12 [25] At the brightness *that was* before him his

Psal. 18. his thick clouds passed, hail-*stones* and [26] coals of fire.

[25] At his glorious and powerful appearance, like lightning. ¶ [26] Flashes of lightning, like coals of fire, passed to and fro.

13 The LORD also [27] thundred in the heavens, and the Highest gave his [28] voice; hail-*stones* and coals of fire.

[27] 1 *Sam.*2.10. ¶ [28] *Psal.* 29. 3. and 77. 18. Which he utters for the terrour of his proud enemies.

* Psal.144.6. 14 Yea, * he sent out his [29] arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and [30] discomfited them.

[29] *Josh.*10.11. *Hab.*3.11. Lightnings. ¶ [30] *Josh.* 10. 10.

15 Then the [31] chanels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered: at thy rebuke, O LORD, [32] at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

[31] He made the Sea it self fordable for his people's safe passage, and his enemies ruin. ¶ [32] By the winds that he raised to stop the course of the waters.

16 [33] He sent from above, he took me, he ‖ Or, *great.* [34] drew me out of ‖ many waters.

[33] *Psal.*144.7. He reach'd out help to me, even from Heaven, in a miraculous manner. ¶ [34] Deliver'd me from manifold and great dangers, (*Psal.*69.-2.) and from the strivings of the people, *v.*43. *Rev.* 17.15.

[35] *Saul.* 17 He delivered me from my strong [35] enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 [36] They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was [37] my stay.

[36] *V.*-5. They were beforehand with me in their cunning plots, and had almost surpriz'd me. ¶ [37] *Isa.* 50.-10.

19 [38] He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

[38] *V.*36. *Psal.*31.8. and 118.5. *Job* 18.7. He set me in a state of liberty and freedom from those straits I was in; (1 *Sam.*19.11,18. and 23.26,27.) so enlarging my heart with joy and gladness.

20 The LORD rewarded me according to my [39] righteousness; according to the [40] cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

[39] *Psal.*7. 3,4,8. Innocence and uprightness in respect of my enemies. ¶ [40] Innocent and just dealings with them.

21 For I have [41] kept the ways of the LORD: and have not [42] wickedly departed from my God.

[41] *Psal.*119.3,8,11. ¶ [42] Resolvedly, purposely, delightfully, stubbornly; as wicked men do.

22 For all his [43] judgments *were* before me: and I did not put away his statutes from me.

[43] *Psal.* 119.6. *Luke* 1.6. *Psal.*16.5. His Word and Law, according to which he'll judge.

† Heb. *with.* 23 I was also [44] upright † before him: and I kept my self from [45] mine iniquity.

[44] 2 *Kings* 20.3. Did approve my self to him. ¶ [45] *Mat.* 18.8. That sin which I am most easily overcome by.

24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my [39] righteousness; according to the [40] cleanness of my hands † in his eye-sight.

† Heb. *before his eyes.*

25 With the [46] merciful thou wilt shew thy self merciful: with an [47] upright man thou wilt shew thy self upright.

[46] *Matth.*5.7. ¶ [47] He that exercises faith and love towards thee, shall find both love and faithfulness from thee again; (and therefore since by thy grace I have behav'd my self thus, I may assuredly expect that thou wilt deal with me accordingly.)

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thy self [48] pure; and with the [49] froward thou wilt ‖ shew thy self [50] froward.

‖ Or, *wrestle.*

[48] Free from the least mixture or appearance of unrighteousness, unfaithfulness, or unkindness. ¶ [49] *Psal.*109.17—19. *Rom.*2.8. *James* 2.13. Him that proudly and perversly disobeys thy commands, and sets himself in a way displeasing to thee. ¶ [50] *Lev.* 26.23,24. *Psal.* 125. 5. Punish him according to his demerit.

27 For thou wilt [51] save the [52] afflicted people: but wilt [53] bring down * [54] high looks. Psal. 18.

[51] *Luke* 1.52,23. ¶ [52] *Psal.*12.5. One unjustly oppress'd by his mighty enemies. ¶ [53] *Psal.* 37. 35. *&c.* and 73. 17. ¶ [54] *Isa.*2.11. and 5.15. Proud persons, who discover the pride of their hearts by their haughty looks; (and such are my enemies.)

* Psal.101.5. Prov.6.17.

28 For thou wilt [55] light my ‖ candle: the LORD my God will [56] enlighten my darkness.

‖ Or, *lamp.* Job 29.3.

[55] Make my condition prosperous. ¶ [56] *Psal.*37.6. Comfort me in my afflictions, and bring me into a prosperous condition.

29 [57] For by thee I have [58] ‖ run through a troup: and by my God have I [59] leaped over a wall.

‖ Or, *broken.*

[57] *q. d.* By experience of what thou hast done I judge of what thou wilt do. ¶ [58] Broken through the armed troops of my enemies. ¶ [59] Scal'd the walls of their strongest Cities and Castles, and so taken 'em.

30 *As for* God, * [60] his way *is* perfect: the [61] word of the LORD is ‖ tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.

* Dan. 4. 37. Rev.15.3. ‖ Or, *refined.*

[60] *Deut.*32.4. Fulfilling his Promises to a tittle. ¶ [61] His Promises have always been found true, *Psal.*12.6. See there.

31 [62] For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?

[62] *Deut.*32.39. 1 *Sam.*2.2. *Psal.*86.8. *Isa.* 45. 5, 22.

32 *It is* God that * [63] girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way [64] perfect.

* Psal.92.1.

[63] *V.*39. ¶ [64] Prosperous and successful, so that I fail not to accomplish and perfect what I undertake.

33 * He [65] maketh my feet like hinds *feet*, and [66] setteth me upon my high places.

* Hab.3.19.

[65] Enables me to dispatch all my Martial Affairs with ease and expedition. ¶ [66] *Deut.*32.13. and 33.-29. Enables me easily to scale and take high Castles, and impregnable Holds.

34 [67] He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

[67] *Psal.*144.1. Has bestow'd Military Skill and Conduct upon me, much above my private Education.

35 Thou hast also given me the [68] shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath [69] holden me up; and ‖ [70] thy gentleness hath made me great.

‖ Or, *with thy meekness thou hast multiplyed me.*

[68] *Psal.*84.11. *Eph.*6.16. Thy safeguard and protection. ¶ [69] That I might not fall into those dangers that threatned me. ¶ [70] Thy Clemency, whereby thou hast pardon'd my sins which otherwise would have undone me, and mitigated thy Corrections which I have deserv'd.

36 Thou hast [38] enlarged my steps under me; that † [71] my feet did not slip.

† Heb. *mine ankles.*

¶ [71] I did not miscarry; nor fail to accomplish what I undertook.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen [72] under my feet.

[72] *Mal.*4.3.

39 For thou hast [63] girded me with strength unto battel: thou hast † subdued under me those that rose up against me.

† Heb. *caused to bow.*

40 Thou hast also [73] given me the necks of mine enemies: that I might destroy them that hate me.

[73] *Gen.*49.8. *Josh.*10.24. Brought 'em in subjection to me.

41 They cried, but *there was* none to save *them*: *even* unto the LORD, but he [74] answered them not.

[74] *Job* 27.9. and 35.12. *Prov.*1.28. *Isa.*1.15. *Jer.*11.11. and 14.12. *Ezek.*8.18. *Mich.*3.4. *Zech.*7.13.

42 [75] Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out [76] as the dirt in the streets.

[75] When God withdraws his help from any, (*v.* 41.) it's easie to subdue 'em. ¶ [76] *Zech.*10.5. *Dan.*2.43.

43 * Thou hast delivered me from the [77] strivings of the people: *and* thou hast made me the [78] head of the heathen: a [79] people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.

* 2 Sam. 2.9, 10. & 3.1.

Pſal. 19.

77 Oppoſitions rais'd againſt me by my own Country-men. ¶ 78 A Type of Chriſt, *Pſal.*2.8. *Dan.* 7. 14. ¶ 79 Remote Nations.

80 Underſtand my will and pleaſure.
† Heb. *at the hearing of the ear.*
* Deut. 33.29. Pſal.66.3. & 81.15.
† Heb. *ſons of the ſtranger.*
‖ Or, *yield feigned obedience.*
† Heb. *lie.*
* Mich.7.17.
† Heb. *giveth avengements for me.*
‖ Or, *deſtroyeth.*
* Pſal.59.1.
† Heb. *man of violence.*
84 *Saul.*
‖ Or, *confeſs.*

44 † Aſſoon as they 80 hear of me, they ſhall obey me: * the † ſtrangers ſhall ‖ † ſubmit themſelves unto me.

45 * The ſtrangers ſhall 81 fade away, and 82 be afraid out of their cloſe places.

81 Their hearts ſhall fail 'em, ſo that their Forces ſhall moulder away, and make no reſiſtance. ¶ 82 Come creeping out of their ſtrong Holds, and ſurrender 'em to me.

46 The LORD liveth, and bleſſed *be* my rock: and let the God of my ſalvation be exalted.

47 *It is* God that † 83 avengeth me, and ‖ ſubdueth the people under me.

83 *Pſal.*94.1. Gives me opportunity to inflict ſuch puniſhments upon 'em as they have deſerv'd.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, * thou lifteſt me up above thoſe that riſe up againſt me: thou haſt delivered me from the † 84 violent man.

49 Therefore will I ‖ give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the 85 heathen: and ſing praiſes unto thy name.

85 Thoſe Gentiles that I have occaſion to converſe withal; (which is ſpoken Prophetically of the Calling of the Gentiles, *Rom.*15.9.)

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king: and ſheweth mercy to his anointed; to 86 David, and to 87 his ſeed * for evermore.

* 2 Sam. 7.13.

86 *Jer.*30.9. ¶ 87 Chriſt (*Acts* 13. 23. *Rom.* 1. 3.) and all true Believers, *Hebr.*2.13.

PSAL. XIX.

1 *The Creatures ſhew Gods glory*; 7 *the word, his grace.* 12 *David prayeth for grace.*

¶ To the chief muſician, A † Pſalm of David.

† Containing a ſweet Meditation concerning the Glory of God ſhining in the works of Creation and Providence, but eſpecially in the holy Scriptures.

* Gen.1.6. Iſa. 40.22. Rom.1. 19,20.

1 THE * heavens declare the glory of God: and the 1 firmament ſheweth 2 his handy-work.

1 *Pſal.* 104.2. and 145. 2. The viſible Heavens afford matter and occaſion, in reſpect of their vaſt Extent, glorious Furniture, and powerful Influences to acknowledge and admire the glorious Being, (*Rom.*1.20.) infinite Power, Wiſdom and Goodneſs of God. ¶ 2 That they are the Workmanſhip of an Almighty, All-wiſe God.

2 3 Day unto day uttereth ſpeech; and 3 night unto night 4 ſheweth knowledge.

3 Every Day and Night ſucceſſively one after another, produced by the motion of the Heavens, do as it were ſpeak aloud and proclaim conſtantly and abundantly the Praiſes of their Creator. ¶ 4 Evidently teach us, That there is a God, and that he is of infinite Perfections.

‖ Or, *without theſe, their voice is heard.*
† Heb. *without their voice heard.*

3 5 *There is* no ſpeech nor language, ‖ † *where* their voice is not heard.

5 There's no Nation under Heaven (however their Languages are different and unintelligible one to another) to whom theſe things are not intelligible.

‖ Or, *their rule, or, direction.*

4 6 ‖ Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world: in them hath he ſet a 7 tabernacle for the ſun.

6 *Rom.*10.18. *Acts* 14. 17. That Inſtruction which they give us, (as by ſo many lines in a Book; as the next Clauſe explains it;) and as the word is us'd *Iſa.*28.10.) reaches to all Nations. ¶ 7 Which is a moveable habitation, and therefore fitly applyed to the Sun, which is in perpetual motion, *v.*5,6. (and does not ſtand ſtill, as ſome fancy.)

5 Which *is* as a 8 bridegroom coming out of his 9 chamber, *and* 10 rejoyceth as a ſtrong man to 11 run a race.

8 *Iſa.*61.10. Gloriouſly adorn'd with his Attire of Light, Heat, and Influence, for the refreſhing the Earth, and making it fruitful. ¶ 9 Where it has as it were lain hid all night. ¶ 10 As being confident before-hand of Victory. ¶ 11 *Eccleſ.* 1.5.

6 12 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his 12 circuit unto the ends of it: and 13 there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. Pſal. 19.

12 His riſing is in the Eaſt, and ſo fetches a compaſs to the Weſt. ¶ 13 His piercing heat, in this his motion, reaches to the very loweſt parts of the Earth, concocting Minerals, and quickning Vegetables, ſo that nothing is hid ſo deeply in the bowels of the Earth, but does partake of his powerful Influence.

* Pſal.111.7.
‖ Or, *doctrine.*
‖ Or, *reſtoring.*

7 14 * The ‖ law of the LORD *is* 15 perfect, ‖ 16 converting the ſoul: 17 the teſtimony of the LORD *is* 18 ſure, making 19 wiſe the 20 ſimple.

14 *q. d.* But tho' the Works of God do ſo evidently proclaim his Glory, and teach ſo much of him; yet this is much more particularly and effectually done by his Word, howſoever, whenſoever, or by whomſoever reveal'd to the Church. ¶ 15 Without fault or defect, and fully revealing to us the perfect and infallible way of life, and all things neceſſary to ſalvation, 2 *Tim.*3.16,17. (which the Book of the Creatures could not do, *Rom.*1.20.) ¶ 16 *Acts* 26.18. Turning 'em from the miſery of their natural condition, and bringing 'em into a ſtate of favour and reconciliation with God, 2 *Cor.* 5.-18. ¶ 17 The Word, which teſtifies or declares what is to be known, believed, practiſed, and expected by us. ¶ 18 *Pſal.*103.5. and 111.-7. Of unqueſtionable Truth, and ſo may be ſafely relied upon, and will infallibly bring to happineſs, if attended unto. ¶ 19 *Pſal.*119.98,99, 100, 104, 105. 2 *Tim.* 3.15. ¶ 20 *Pſal.* 119.-130. Sinful Creatures (who have loſt their underſtandings in ſpiritual things;) yea, even thoſe of the ſhalloweſt capacities, who being ſenſible of their ignorance do ſincerely give up themſelves to the inſtructions of the Word.

8 21 The ſtatutes of the LORD *are* right, 22 rejoycing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* 23 pure, 24 enlightning the eyes.

21 Thoſe Laws which God has enacted in his Word that ſhew both our Duty, and our Reward, are free from Error, and ſhew the right way to happineſs. ¶ 22 *Pſal.* 94.19. and 119.14,47, 50, 54, 92, 111. In regard of the manifold Comforts contain'd therein. ¶ 23 *Pſal.*12.6. and 18.30. and 119. 140. *Prov.*30.5. 2 *Cor.* 2.17. Free from all mixture of any thing that might corrupt and defile it. ¶ 24 2 *Pet.* 1. 19. Teaching all things neceſſary to Salvation.

9 25 The fear of the LORD *is* 26 clean, 27 enduring for ever: the 28 judgments of the LORD *are* † true *and* 29 righteous altogether.

† Heb. *truth.*

¶ 25 The holy Law of God which works a due fear of God, and teaches men how to worſhip him. ¶ 26 Not requiring or allowing any wickedneſs, but cleanſing from it, *Pſal.*119.9. *John* 17.17. ¶ 27 *Matth.*5.18. 1 *Pet.* 1.23. Not ſubject to ſuch changes as humane Laws are, but the ſame for ſubſtance in all Ages. ¶ 28 The Precepts and Directions of the Word, according to which God now governs the World, and will judge it at laſt. ¶ 29 Shewing what is juſt and righteous, and tending to make men ſuch.

† Heb. *dropping of honycombs.*

10 More to be deſired *are they* than 30 gold, yea, than much fine gold: 31 ſweeter alſo than hony and the † hony-comb.

30 *Pſal.*119.127. *Prov.*8.11,19. and 3.14. ¶ 31 *Pſ.*119.103.

11 Moreover, by them is 32 thy ſervant warned: *and* 33 in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

32 I my ſelf, tho' a King, and every one that deſires to approve himſelf thy ſervant, is directed how to ſteer his courſe aright in every condition. ¶ 33 The very Exerciſe of Piety is profitable, and delightful at preſent, *Prov.*3.16,17. 1 *Tim.*6.6. and 4.8. 1 *Cor.*15.58.

12 Who can underſtand *his* 34 errours? 35 cleanſe thou me from ſecret *faults.*

34 *Pſal.*40.12. Tranſgreſſions againſt this pure and perfect Law. ¶ 35 Pardon my unknown ſins.

‖ Or, *much.*

13 36 Keep back thy ſervant alſo from preſumptuous *ſins*, let them not have 37 dominion over me: 38 then ſhall I be upright, and I ſhall be innocent from the ‖ 39 great tranſgreſſion.

36 *Gen.*20.6. Curb and reſtrain my natural inclinations to ſins againſt knowledge, and with deliberation, *Rom.* 11. 14. ¶ 37 *Pſal.*119.-133. *Rom.*6.12,14. That I ſhould tamely yield up my ſelf to be a ſlave to 'em. ¶ 38 Being thus pardon'd and ſanctified, I ſhall manifeſt my ſelf both to others and my own ſoul, to be a ſincere, upright perſon, notwithſtanding my manifold failings. ¶ 39 The guilt of preſumptuous ſins, which are heinous tranſgreſſions.

14 40 Let the words of my mouth, and the me-

Psal. 20.

meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy ſight, O LORD my † [41] ſtrength and [42] my redeemer.

† Heb. *rock.*

[40] Let not only my outward actions, but my words and thoughts be anſwerable to thy Law, and conſequently acceptable to thee. ¶ [41] Who alone canſt enable me hereto. ¶ [42] 1 *Theſſ.*1.10. *Iſa.*43.14. and 44.6. and 47.4. Who wilt deliver me from all my ſpiritual enemies by Chriſt.

PSAL. XX.

1 *The Church bleſſeth the king in his exploits.* 7 *Her confidence in Gods ſuccour.*

[1] To be us'd by the People for the King.

¶ To the chief muſician, A Pſalm of [1] David.

THE LORD hear [2] thee in the day of trouble: [3] the name of the God of Jacob † defend thee.

† Heb. *ſet thee on an high place.*

[2] Thee, O King. ¶ [3] *Prov.* 18.10. The Grace and Providence of that God who is in covenant with his people, which he ſhew'd to our Father *Jacob*, and promis'd to us his Seed.

[4] 1 *King.*8.13.

2 Send † thee help from the [4] ſanctuary: and † ſtrengthen thee out of Zion.

† Heb. *thy help.*

† Heb. *ſupport.*

3 Remember all thy offerings, and † accept thy burnt-ſacrifice. Selah.

† Heb. *turn to aſhes*: or, *make fat.*

4 Grant thee according to thine [5] own heart, and fulfil all thy [6] counſel.

[5] *Pſal.*21.2. The ſucceſs thou deſireſt; (ſo far as may ſtand with his good pleaſure.) ¶ [6] Deſigns for his glory and his peoples good.

5 We will rejoyce [7] in thy ſalvation, and

* Exod.17.15. Pſal.60.4.

* [8] in the name of our God we will [9] ſet up *our* banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

[7] In confidence and aſſurance that God will protect thee, and that by thy means we ſhall enjoy ſafety and deliverance from dangers. ¶ [8] To his honour. ¶ [9] In confidence of Victory, and token of Triumph.

6 Now [10] know I, that the LORD ſaveth his anointed: he will hear him from his † holy heaven, † with the ſaving ſtrength of his right hand.

† Heb. *the heaven of his holineſs.*

† Heb. *by the ſtrength of the ſalvation of his right hand.*

[10] Every one in particular ſhall ſay, I am already aſſur'd by former Experiences, and conſideration of God's Power, Faithfulneſs and Love, that God will preſerve our King.

7 Some *truſt* in [11] chariots, and ſome in horſes: but we will [12] remember the name of the LORD our God.

[11] *Iſa.*31.1. *Pſal.*33.16. *Prov.*21.31. ¶ [12] So as to truſt in him, 2 *Chron.*32.8.

8 [13] They are [14] brought down, and fallen; but we are riſen and ſtand upright.

[13] *Viz.* That boaſted of their own ſtrength, and truſted in it, *v.*6. ¶ [14] *Pſal.*146.9.

9 [15] Save LORD: let the king [16] hear us when we call.

[15] Both us and our King. ¶ [16] Be both willing and able to help us whenſoever we have occaſion to ſeek to him for it.

PSAL. XXI.

1 *A Thankſgiving for victory.* 7 *Confidence of further ſucceſs.*

¶ To the chief muſician, A Pſalm of [1] David.

[1] Penn'd for the Peoples uſe (as the former was) wherein they are brought in praiſing God for beſtowing the mercies pray'd for in the former: and it muſt be underſtood both of *David* and Chriſt.

[2] Beſtow'd upon him by thee.

THE king ſhall joy in [2] thy ſtrength, O LORD: and in [2] thy ſalvation how greatly ſhall he rejoyce!

[3] *Pſal.*20.4. *Joh.*11.-41,42

2 Thou haſt given him his [3] hearts deſire; and haſt not withholden the requeſt of his lips. Selah.

3 For thou [4] preventeſt him with the bleſſings of goodneſs: thou [5] ſetteſt a crown of pure gold on his head.

[4] Beſtow'd 'em upon him, even before he deſir'd em of thee. ¶ [5] Mad'ſt him King, when he dreamt not of any ſuch thing.

4 [6] He asked life of thee, *and* thou gaveſt *it* him: * *even* [7] length of days for ever and ever.

*2 Sam.7.19.

[6] *Viz.* When he was many times in eminent danger of death by his Enemies. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 61.6. *Hebr.*7.-25. A long life here on earth, and aſſurance of eternal life in heaven.

Pſal. 22.

5 [8] His glory *is* great in thy ſalvation; honour, and majeſty haſt thou laid upon him.

[8] His renown is greatly ſpread abroad by reaſon of thoſe wonderful deliverances vouchſaf'd to him, and favours conferr'd on him.

6 For thou haſt † made him moſt bleſſed for ever: thou haſt † made him exceeding glad with [9] thy countenance.

† Heb. *ſet him to be bleſſings.*

† Heb. *gladded him with joy.*

[9] The diſcoveries of thy love and favour to him.

7 For the king truſteth in the LORD: and through the mercy of the moſt High, he ſhall not be moved.

8 [10] Thine hand ſhall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand ſhall find out thoſe that hate thee.

[10] Thy power, O God, ſhall meet with and puniſh.

9 Thou ſhalt [11] make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD ſhall [12] ſwallow them up in his wrath, and the fire ſhall devour them.

[11] *Mal.*4.1. Bring unavoidable deſtruction upon 'em. ¶ [12] *Numb.*16.32.

10 * Their [13] fruit ſhalt thou deſtroy from the earth; and their [13] ſeed from among the children of men.

* Pſal. 37.28. & 109.13.

[13] *Job* 18. 16; 19. 1 *Kin.* 13. 34. Poſterity.

11 For they [14] intended evil againſt [15] thee: they imagined a miſchievous device, *which* they are not able *to perform.*

[14] Men may be puniſh'd for their evil Intentions, tho' they can't bring 'em into action. ¶ [15] *Pſal.*2.2. *Zech.*2.8. *Acts* 9.4. In thy People, and me their King, thy Deputy.

12 Therefore ‖ ſhalt thou make them turn their † back, *when* thou ſhalt make [16] ready *thine* arrows upon thy ſtrings, againſt the face of them.

‖ Or, *thou ſhalt ſet them as a but.*

† Heb. *ſhoulder.*

[16] *Pſal.* 7.13.

See Job. 7.20. & 16.12. Lam. 3.12.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, [17] in thine own ſtrength: *ſo* will we ſing and praiſe thy power.

[17] The manifeſtation thereof in behalf of thy King and People.

PSAL. XXII.

1 *David complaineth in great diſcouragement.* 9 *He prayeth in great diſtreſs,* 23 *He praiſeth God.*

¶ To the chief muſician upon ‖ [1] Aijeleth Shahar; A Pſalm of [2] David.

‖ Or, *the hind of the morning.*

[1] The name of ſome Inſtrument of Muſick. ¶ [2] Wherein tho' he may have ſome regard to himſelf and his own caſe in ſome paſſages, yet he was carried forth by the Spirit of Prophecy beyond himſelf to Chriſt, to whom alone it truly and fully agrees, in reſpect of his Paſſion, Reſurrection, and propagation of his Kingdom; (to whom therefore I ſhall all along apply it.)

[3] MY * God, my God, why haſt thou [4] forſaken me; *why art thou ſo* far from †helping me, *and from* * the words of my [5] roring?

* Mark 15.34.

† Heb. *my ſalvation.*

* Hebr. 5.7.

[3] *Matth.*27.46. *Pſal.*31.14. Whom ſtill I own, cleave unto, and claim an intereſt in. ¶ [4] Not in reſpect of Union, or Communion, but the comfortable ſenſe of thy love, (which I have always hitherto enjoy'd) and haſt fill'd me with the ſenſe of thy wrath. ¶ [5] *Hebr.*5.7.

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou [6] heareſt not; and in the night-ſeaſon, and † am not ſilent.

† Hebr. there is *no ſilence to me.*

[6] *Lam.*3.8. *Viz.* According to the judgment of ſenſe, (becauſe he was not deliver'd) or, ſeemeſt not to hear, at leaſt it does not appear that thou doſt hear.

3 But thou *art* [7] holy, *O thou* that [8] inhabiteſt the praiſes of Iſrael.

[7] Free from the leaſt ſhadow of ſin, and conſequently faithful in keeping Covenant; (and therefore I may encourage my ſelf to wait upon thee for audience.) ¶ [8] *Deut.* 10.21. Whom thy people are continually praiſing for one mercy or other; (and therefore I hope I ſhall have occaſion to praiſe thee alſo.)

4 Our fathers truſted in thee: they truſted, and thou didſt deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered:

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Psal. 22.

* they trusted in thee, and were [b] not confounded.

[a] Rom. 9. 33. [b] Psal. 25. 2, 3. & 31. -1. Isa. 49. -23.

6 But [10] I *am* a [11] worm, and no man; a reproch of men, and despised of the people.

[10] *q.d.* Tho they were deliver'd, yet it's not so with me. ¶ [11] Isa. 41. 14. Phil. 2. 7, 8. Dealt with like the most contemptible Creature, and trampled under foot by every base Wretch, Isa. 53. 3.

7 All they that see me, [12] laugh me to scorn: they [13] † shoot out the lip, they [14] shake the head, *saying*,

† Heb. *open.*

[12] Matth. 27. 29. ¶ [13] Job 16. 10. Isa. 57. 4. Make mouths, and loll out their tongues. ¶ [14] Matth. 27. 39, 43. Job 16. 4. Isa. 37. -22. Psal. 44. 14.

8 [15] He † trusted on the LORD, *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, || seeing he [16] delighted in him.

† Heb. *rolled* himself. || Or, *if he delight.*

[15] Matth. 27. 43. ¶ [16] *viz.* As he used to alledge and boast, (but how vainly the event now shews.)

* Isa. 46. 3.

9 But * thou *art* he that [17] took me out of the womb; thou || didst [18] make me hope, *when I was* upon my mothers breasts.

||Or, *keptst me in safety.*

[17] *Viz.* Immediately by thy self, without the help of any man, and by the miraculous operation of the Holy Ghost, who formed me there, or else I could never have been brought thence. ¶ [18] Gav'st me ground to hope and trust in thee, by reason of thy wonderful and watchful care over me.

10 I was [19] cast upon thee from the womb: thou *art* my God from my [20] mothers belly.

[19] Psal. 71. 6. My Mother and supposed Father, being unable of themselves to protect and provide for me, without thy special Providence. ¶ [20] Isa. 49. 1.

[21] Psal. 6. 5. & 88. 11. &c.

11 Be [21] not far from me, for trouble *is* near; for *there is* † [22] none to help.

[22] Deut. 32. 36. † Heb. *not a helper.*

12 Many [23] bulls have compassed me: strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round.

[23] Ezek. 39. -18. Am. 4. 1. Powerful and furious enemies.

* Lam. 2. 16. & 3. 46. † Heb. *opened their mouths against me.*

13 * [24] They † gaped upon me *with* their mouths, *as* a ravening and a roring lion.

[24] Job 16. 10. This may be meant of the Devils assaulting Christ at his death; of which he speaks, John 14. 30.

14 [25] I am poured out like water, and all my bones are || out of joynt: my heart is like wax, it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

|| Or, *sundred.*

[25] 2 Sam. 14. 14. My Spirits are spent, and I am left as weak as water, as Josh. 7. 5.

15 [26] My strength is dried up like a potsherd: and my tongue [27] cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast [28] brought me into the [29] dust of death.

[26] Prov. 17. 22. My radical moisture is wasted, partly by my outward sufferings, but chiefly by my inward. ¶ [27] Lam. 4. 4. Job 19. 28. ¶ [28] By delivering me to the power of my enemies, and by thy terrors in my mind and Soul. ¶ [29] The Grave, where dead men lie.

16 For [30] dogs have compassed me, the [31] assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: * they pierced my hands and my feet.

* Luke 23. 33. John 19. 23, 37. & 20. 25.

[30] Matth. 7. 6. Rev. 22. 15. Phil. 3. 2. A company of vile, malicious wretches. ¶ [31] Matth. 26. 3. and 27. 1.

* Luke 23. 35.

17 I may [32] tell all my bones: * they [33] look *and* stare upon me.

[32] By being stretch'd upon the Cross. ¶ [33] *viz.* With delight in my misery.

* Luke 23. 34. [34] Mat. 27. 35. John 19. 24.

18 * [34] They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD; O my strength, hast thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the [35] sword: my † [36] darling from the † power of the [30] dog.

† Heb. *only one* † Heb. *hand.*

[35] The rage and violence of my enemies. ¶ [36] Psal. 35. 17.

21 Save me from the [37] lions mouth: for thou hast heard me [38] from the horns of the unicorns.

[37] 1 Pet. 1. 8. 2 Tim. 4. 17. The furious assaults of Satan, (See v. 24.) or the rage of my enemies. ¶ [38] When I was in eminent danger of destruction by the power of mine enemies, as Luke 7. 29, 30. Joh. 7. 30.

22 I will [39] declare thy name unto * my [40] brethren: [41] in the midst of the congregation will I [42] praise thee.

Psal. 22.

* Joh. 20. 17. Rom. 8. 29.

[39] Heb. 2. 12. Make known, both in my own Person, and by my Embassadors, to the end of the World, thy Attributes of Grace and Mercy in sending me into the World. ¶ [40] My Disciples and all true Believers, Matth. 12. 48, 49. & 25. 40. & 28. 10. ¶ [41] Publickly, among the people of God. ¶ [42] Matth. 26. 30.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, [43] praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorifie him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

[43] *viz.* For those benefits you have received by me.

24 For [44] he hath not [44] despised, nor [44] abhorred the affliction of the [45] afflicted: neither hath he [46] hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he [47] heard.

[44] As men do, (v. 6.) but laid to heart, and help me. ¶ [45] Me his son, in my trouble. ¶ [46] But lookt upon me and my affliction with compassion. ¶ [47] Heb. 5. 7.

25 [48] My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation: I will [49] pay my vows before them that fear him.

[48] Psal. 35. 15. I'll celebrate thy praises, and preach the Gospel, (by my Ministers) in the universal Church both of Jews and Gentiles. ¶ [49] Psal. 50. 14. and 116. 14. *viz.* Of praise and service, which I made in my distress.

26 [50] The meek shall [51] eat and [51] be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him; your heart shall [52] live for ever.

[50] Matth. 5. 5. (See there.) Psal. 25. 9. and 76. 9. and 149. 4. Isa. 11. 4. and 61. 1. Zeph. 2. 3. Such whose fierce, unruly, Spirits are tam'd and subdu'd by the grace of God, and made gentle, patient and submissive to God's Hand and Word, and are willing and desirous to be directed and govern'd by him. ¶ [51] Joel 2. 26. Lev. 26. 26. Mic. 6. 14. Partake of the Blessings of the Gospel, *viz.* Christ, with all his benefits, whereby they shall be abundantly refreshed. ¶ [52] Psal. 69. -32. Joh. 6. 51. Be greatly comforted with never-failing consolations, Joh. 4. 14.

27 [53] All the ends of the world shall [54] remember and [55] turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

[53] Psal. 2. 8. and 72. 11. and 86. 9. All Nations from one end of the World to the other. ¶ [54] Eccl. 12. 1. Ezek. 16. 61, 63. and 20. 43. Some of 'em shall call to mind, consider and be affected with their manifold heinous sins, and their lost condition by reason thereof. ¶ [55] Deut. 4. 30. and 30. 10. 2 Chron. 15. 4. Hos. 12. 2. Joel 2. 14. Luke 1. 16. By Repentance and Faith, Act. 20. 21. See there.

28 For the [56] kingdom *is* the LORDs: and he *is* the governor among the [57] nations.

[56] Zech. 14. 9. ¶ [57] Gentiles as well as Jews; and therefore shall set up his spiritual Kingdom among them also.

29 [58] All *they that be* fat upon earth, shall [59] eat and worship: all they that [60] go down to the dust, shall bow before him, [61] and none can keep alive his own soul.

[58] Many of the rich and Grandees of the World, (as Psal. 78. 31. Isa. 10. 16. Psal. 17. 10. and 73. 7.) ¶ [59] See v. 5. Embrace the Gospel, and submit to the Sceptre of Christ, Psal. 45. 12. and 72. 10, 11. Isa. 60. 3, 5, 10. Rev. 21. 24. 1 Cor. 1. 26. ¶ [60] Job 30. 19. Psal. 22. 15. and 119. 7. Isa. 29. 4. and 47. 1. Such as are poor, and in great misery and distress, shall own, submit unto, and adore him as their Supreme Lord, Phil. 2. 10. ¶ [61] *i. e.* Because he is not able to help and save himself, Hos. 13. 9.

30 [62] A seed shall serve him; * it shall be accounted to the LORD for a [63] generation.

* Psal. 87. 6.

[62] Isa. 53. 10. Heb. 2. -13. Christ shall have some in all Nations and Ages of the World to worship and serve him. ¶ [63] *viz.* Of his People. (so Psal. 145. and 146. and 73. 15.)

31 [64] They shall come, and shall declare [65] his righteousness unto a people [66] that shall be born, [67] that he hath done *this.*

[64] Some or other of 'em from time to time, especially the Apostles and Ministers of the Gospel. ¶ [65] That way of becoming righteous, that God has establish'd under the Gospel, *viz.* by Faith in Christ. See on Rom. 1. 17. ¶ [66] Succeeding Generations one after another. ¶ [67] That all things conducing to our salvation are his work alone.

PSAL.

Pſal. 23.

PSAL. XXIII.

Davids confidence in Gods grace.

¶ A † pſalm of David.

† Compos'd when he was quietly ſetled on the Throne.

* Iſa.40.11. Jer.23.4. Rev.7.17. * Phil.4.19.

THE LORD *is* * [1] my ſhepherd, * I ſhall not [2] want.

[1] *Pſal.*80.1. *Iſa.*40.11. *Ezek.*34.23. *John* 10.11. 1 *Pet.*2.25. He who provides for me, brings me out of the wrong way, and guids me in the right, *Ezek.*34.11--16. ¶ [2] *viz.* Any thing that's truly good for me, *Pſal.*34.-10. and 84.11. *Matth.*6.33. *Phil.*4.19.

† Heb. *paſtures of tender graſs* † Heb. *waters of quietneſs.*

2 [3] He maketh me to lie down in † green paſtures: he [4] leadeth me beſide the † ſtill waters.

[3] He has made plentiful proviſion for me, both in reſpect of Soul and Body, not only for neceſſity, but delight. ¶ [4] *Iſa.*40.-11. *Rev.*7. 17. Has brought me into a ſafe and happy condition, void of danger, and full of outward and inward tranquility.

* Pſal.5.8. & 31.3.

3 He [5] reſtoreth my ſoul: * he leadeth me in the [6] paths of righteouſneſs [7] for his names ſake.

[5] *Pſal.* 119.176. Raiſed me up from a languiſhing and dejected, to a comfortable condition. ¶ [6] *Prov.* 8. 20. *Hoſ.* 14. 9. Right paths, which are agreeable to the rule of the Word, and will bring us at length to eternal happineſs. ¶ [7] To manifeſt his Grace, Mercy, Power, Love, *&c.*

* Job 10.21, 22. & 24.17. Pſal.44. 19.

4 Yea, though I walk through the [8] valley of * the ſhadow of death, I will [9] fear no evil: for thou *art* [10] with me; [11] thy rod and thy ſtaff they comfort me.

[8] *Job* 3. See there. In the depth of the moſt terrible and affrighting dangers. ¶ [9] *Pſal.*3. 6. and 118.6. ¶ [10] *Iſa.* 43.2 [11] Thoſe means or inſtruments which thou makeſt uſe of in thy care over me. ¶ [12] Furniſh'd me with plenty and variety of proviſions and comforts.

* Pſal.104.15. † Heb. *makeſt fat.*

5 * Thou [12] prepareſt a table before me [13] in the preſence of mine enemies: thou † [14] anointeſt my head with oyl, [15] my cup runneth over.

[13] In ſpite of all their envy, rage and malice againſt me. ¶ [14] *Pſal.*92.-10. *Am.*6.6. *Matth.*6.17. *Luke* 7.38. Beſtoweſt upon me the conſolations of thy Spirit, *Pſal.* 45.7. ¶ [15] I have a plentiful portion.

† Heb. *to length of days.*

6 Surely [16] goodneſs and mercy ſhall follow me all the days of my life: and [17] I will dwell in the houſe of the LORD † for ever.

[16] The favor of God, and all the comfortable fruits and effects thereof ſhall attend upon me where-ever I am. ¶ [17] I promiſe my ſelf that I ſhall now conſtantly enjoy that bleſſed priviledg of ſerving and enjoying God in his Sanctuary; and accordingly I'll diligently attend upon him there.

PSAL. XXIV.

1 *Gods lordſhip in the world.* 3 *The citizens of his ſpiritual kingdom.* 7 *An exhortation to receive him.*

¶ A pſalm of [1] David.

[1] Penn'd to be ſung when the Temple was built, and the Ark brought into it.

[2] THE earth *is* the LORDs, and the [3] fulneſs thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

[2] *Exod.*9.-29. and 19.-5. *Deut.*10.14. *Job* 41.-11. *Pſal.*50. 12. 1 *Cor.*10.26, 28. ¶ [3] All Creatures; and eſpecially it's reaſonable Inhabitants wherewith it's replenith'd; (and therefore Gods ſingular kindneſs to Iſrael, in chooſing them above all others, is ſo much the more remarkable.)

2 For he hath [4] founded it upon [5] the ſeas; and eſtabliſhed it upon the [6] floods.

[4] *Job* 26.7. and 38.6. *Pſal.*104. 5. and 136.6. ¶ [5] Which being lighter than the earth ſhould naturally be above it, but God has ſo order'd it that the waters run down into Chanels, and Caverns, and the Bowels of the earth, (*Gen.* 7. 11.) ſo that the earth ſeems to ſtand upon the waters.

* Pſal.15.1.

3 * [6] Who ſhall [7] aſcend into the hill of the LORD? and who ſhall [8] ſtand in his holy place?

[6] *Pſal.*15. 1. *q.d.* Tho all the Inhabitants of the World be the Lords, (*v.* 1.) and ſo bound to ſerve him; yet who are they that may and will do it acceptably, and whom he'll own for his true Servants? ¶ [7] Be admitted and accounted a true member of the Church. ¶ [8] Serve him, with acceptation to him, and advantage to themſelves.

4 † He that hath [9] clean hands, and a [10] pure heart; who hath not [11] lift up his ſoul unto vanity, nor ſworn [12] deceitfully.

[9] *Iſa.*33.15,16. 1 *Tim.*2.8. A holy and unblameable converſation, free from all unrighteous and unjuſt dealings. ¶ [10] *Matth.* 5.8. Free from hypocriſie and all inward pollutions; being purified by Faith, (*Act.* 15.-9.) and by the ſanctifying Grace of God. ¶ [11] Set his affections immoderately and greedily on the empty, unprofitable things of this World, (as *Deut.*24.15. *Pſal.*25.1. and 143.-8.) ¶ [12] With a purpoſe to deceive.

Pſal. 25.

† Heb. *the clean of hands*

5 He ſhall receive the [13] bleſſing from the LORD: and [14] righteouſneſs from the God of his ſalvation.

[13] 1 *Pet.*3.-9. He and he only ſhall be truly bleſſed. ¶ [14] *Iſa.* 45.8. The reward of his righteouſneſs, which God as a righteous Judge will beſtow, 2 *Tim.*4.8.

6 [15] This *is* the generation of them that ſeek him; that * ſeek thy face, ‖ [16] O Jacob. Selah.

* Pſal.28. 8. ‖ Or, O God of *Jacob.*

[15] Theſe before deſcribed are the perſons, or ſort of men that do truly and acceptably ſeek and ſerve God; (and not every one that is naturally deſcended from *Abrham* or *Jacob*, *Matth.*3.9. *Rom.*9.-6,7,8.) ¶ [16] *John* 1.47. Or, *This is Jacob, i.e.* The true Church and people of God.

7 [17] Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlaſting doors, and the king of glory ſhall come in.

[17] *Pſal.* 118.19. *i.e.* All ye the true Members of the Church, raiſe up your hearts and ſouls, (which are of an everlaſting, immortal nature) from all earthly things, and ſet 'em wide open, (*Rev.*3.20.) to give full, free and joyful entertainment to Chriſt, the Lord of Glory, (1 *Cor.* 2.-8. *Jam.*2.1) as your Lord and King. A Poetical paſſage, ſpoken with alluſion to the entrance of the Ark into the Temple, when it ſhould be built.

8 Who *is* this King of glory? the LORD [18] ſtrong and mighty; the LORD mighty in battel.

[18] Who is able to deſtroy all thoſe that will not ſubmit to him, and to protect his people againſt all their enemies, and to make 'em victorious over 'em all.

9 [17] Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlaſting doors, and the King of glory ſhall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? the LORD of hoſts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

PSAL. XXV.

1 *David's confidence in prayer.* 7 *He prayeth for remiſſion of ſins,* 16 *and for help in affliction.*

¶ *A* † *pſalm* of David.

† Penn'd when he was in great diſtreſs; which makes him reflect upon his ſins, (the cauſe thereof) and beg pardon for 'em. His Petitions are mingled with many ſweet Meditations.

UNto thee, O LORD, do I [1] lift up my ſoul.

[1] *Pſal.*86.4. & 143.-8. and 123.1. *Lam.*3.41. Direct & make known my deſires and prayers with hope of Audience.

2 O my God, I * [2] truſt in thee, let me not be [3] aſhamed: * let not mine enemies [4] triumph over me.

* Pſal.34. 5. Iſa.28. 16. & 49. 23. Rom.10. 11. * Pſal.13.4.

[2] *Pſal.*22. 5. and 31. 1. ¶ [3] *viz.* Of my truſt in thee, (which I ſhall be, if I am diſappointed.) ¶ [4] *Iſa.* 36.14. *&c.*

3 Yea, let none that [5] wait on thee be aſhamed; let them be [6] aſhamed which [7] tranſgreſs [8] without cauſe.

[5] *Pſal.*69.6. Patiently expect to ſee what the iſſue of thy dealings with me will be. ¶ [6] *Pſal.* 119. 78. Fruſtrated in their wicked deſigns, and carnal confidences. ¶ [7] Oppoſe me and my government. ¶ [8] *Pſal.*59.3,4.

4 [9] Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

[9] *Pſal.*5.8. and 27.11. and 86.11. and 119.27. and 143.-8, 10. Teach me my duty, and cauſe me to keep cloſe to it, notwithſtanding all temptations to the contrary.

5 [10] Lead me [11] in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my ſalvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

[10] *Cant.*1.4. *Pſal.*5.8. ¶ [11] *Pſal.*26.-3. In the right way preſcribed in thy word, which is Truth, *John* 17. 17.

6 [12] Re-

Psal. 25.

6 [12] Remember, O LORD, * thy † tender mercies, and thy loving kindnesses: for they *have been* ever [13] of old.

* Psal.106.1. & 107.1. Jer.33.11.
† Heb. *bowels.*
[12] *Isa.*43.26. Consider thy own merciful Nature, and thy former manifold favours vouchsaf'd to me and to other miserable sinners, and do like thy self. ¶ [13] *Psal.*103.17. From my Conception and Birth; yea from everlasting, 2 *Tim.* 1.9.

7 Remember not the sins [14] of my youth, nor my [15] transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy [16] goodness sake, O LORD.

[14] *Job* 13.26. & 20.11. *Jer.*3.25. ¶ [15] Any other sins committed since. ¶ [16] *Psal.*51.1.

8 [17] Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he [19] teach sinners in the way.

[17] Gracious to sinners, and ready to do 'em good, and also sincere in all his Promises and tenders of mercy to sinners, and ready to make 'em good. ¶ [19] Guide by his Word, Spirit, and gracious Providence; sensible, humbled sinners.

9 The [21] meek will he guide [22] in judgment: and the meek will he teach [23] his way.

[21] See on *Psal.*22.26. ¶ [22] So as that they shall be able to discern and judge which is the right way; and then to walk in the way of his Commandments, (call'd his Judgments.) ¶ [23] The way that God prescribes for the meek to walk in.

10 All the [24] paths of the LORD *are* [25] mercy and truth, unto such as [26] keep his covenant, and his [27] testimonies.

[24] Dealings and dispensations: even those that are most grievous and distasteful to flesh and blood. ¶ [25] *Psal.* 33.4. The issue and product of God's Goodness and Faithfulness; being for our profit, *Heb.*12.10. ¶ [26] Perform the conditions of the Covenant of Grace. ¶ [27] See on *Psal.*19.7.

11 For [28] thy name sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity: for it *is* [29] great.

[28] The honour of thy goodness and truth, which is concern'd therein. ¶ [29] *Jer.*14.7. and therefore (1.) I stand in great need of pardon, and do so earnestly beg it. (2.) None but such a God can pardon it, *Exod.*34.7. (3.) It will render thy mercy so much the more illustrious, 1 *Tim.* 1.13,14. *Rom.*5.20.

12 [30] What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he [31] teach in the way *that* he shall choose.

[30] *q. d.* Who ever he be. ¶ [31] Direct him what course to take in any strait, doubt or difficulty he meets with, *Psal.* 37.23. *Prov.*3.6.

† Heb. *lodge in goodness.*
* Psal. 37.11, 22,29.
13 [32] His soul shall † dwell at ease: and * his seed shall [33] inherit the earth.

[32] *Prov.*19.23. He shall enjoy sweet inward content and satisfaction in his worldly comforts, and afterwards the fulness of all delight in Heaven. ¶ [33] The land of *Canaan*, *i. e.* partake of all the blessings of the Covenant.

* Prov.3.32.
‖ Or, *and his covenant, to make them know it.*
14 * [34] The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him: ‖ and he will [35] shew them his covenant.

[34] *Gen.*18.17. *Amos* 3.7. 1 *Cor.*2.7-16. *Joh.*7.17. & 15.15. The manifestation of the mysteries of the Covenant, concerning our Salvation by Christ, (*Matth.* 13.11.) and particularly his love and favour, (as *Job* 29.4. *Prov.* 3.32. *Rev.*2.17.) ¶ [35] Reveal to 'em the Duties and bestow on 'em the Blessings of the Covenant.

† Heb. *bring forth.*
15 [36] Mine eyes *are* ever towards the LORD: for he shall † [37] pluck my feet out of the net.

[36] *Psal.*121.1,2. & 123.1,2. My expectation of help is only from him. ¶ [37] Deliver me out of all my temptations and tribulations.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I *am* [38] desolate and afflicted.

[38] Destitute of all other hopes and succors.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 [39] Look upon mine affliction and my pain, and forgive all my [40] sins.

[39] *Exod.* 3.7,8. ¶ [40] (The procuring and continuing cause of all my troubles.)

† Heb. *Hatred of violence.*
19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with † cruel hatred.

20 O keep [41] my soul and deliver me: let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.

Psal. 26.

[41] My life.

21 Let [42] integrity and uprightness [43] preserve me: for I wait on thee.

[42] My just and honest dealing with all men, even mine enemies. (Tho 'tis true I have offended thee greatly, *v.*11.) ¶ [43] *Psal.* 26.1. & 41.12. Be so far consider'd by thee, as to deal with me according to my carriage towards them, *Psal.*7.8.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM XXVI.

David resorteth unto God, in confidence of his integrity.

¶ *A psalm of* † David.

† *David* being defam'd by his enemies, appeals to God for his Integrity, (*v.*1,2,3.) Inoffensive walking (*v.*4,5.) and holy Purposes, *v.* 6. *&c.*

1 JUdge me, O LORD, for I have [2] walked in mine integrity: I have [3] trusted also in the LORD: *therefore* I shall not [4] slide.

[1] See on *Psal.*7.8.1 *Cor.*4.3,5. ¶ [2] 1 *King.*20.3. *Prov.*20.7. Behav'd my self with a good conscience, and uprightly towards all men. ¶ [3] Committed my cause and affairs to thee. ¶ [4] Fall from mine integrity, nor be overthrown by my enemies, but upheld by thee.

2 [5] Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; * try my reins and my heart.

[5] *Psal.* 139.23. & 17.3. & 66.10. *Zech.*13.9. *q. d.* Because I may be mistaken, or be partial in my own cause, therefore I appeal to thee, and offer my self to thy trial concerning what my enemies charge me with.

3 [6] For thy loving kindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked [7] in thy truth.

[6] *Hos.*3.5. *q. d.* And I dare appeal to thee, because the sense of thy Love unto me has made such a deep and durable impression upon my soul, that I dare do nothing to displease thee, nor be guilty of any of those indirect courses my enemies charge me with. ¶ [7] According to the rule of thy Word; which is Truth, (as *Psal.* 25.5. See there.)

4 I have not [8] sat with vain persons; neither will I [9] go in with [10] dissemblers.

[8] *Psal.*1.1. *Jer.*15.17. Familiarly and delightfully converst with wicked men, void of true piety, from whom nothing that is good can be expected or gotten. ¶ [9] Join in their counsels, or courses, *Josh.*23.7. ¶ [10] *Psal.*12.2.

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers: and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will [11] wash mine hands in innocency: so will I [12] compass thine altar, O LORD.

[11] *Exod.* 20.30. *Psal.* 73.13. 1 *Tim.* 2.8. Get my heart cleansed from hypocrisie and iniquity, *Heb.*10.22. ¶ [12] Offer Sacrifices of praise (*v.*6.) and perform all other duties of thy Worship.

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 LORD, * I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place † where thine honour dwelleth.

* Psal.27.4.
† Heb. *of the tabernacle of thy honour.*

9 ‖ * [13] Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with † bloody men:

‖ Or, *take not away.*
* Psal.28.3. See 1 Sam.25.29.
[13] Deal not with me as thou art wont to do with sinners, nor put me into the same miserable condition that they are in.

† Heb. *men of bloud.*
10 In whose hands *is* mischief: and their right hand is † full of [14] bribes.

† Heb. *filled with.*
[14] *Isa.*33.15.

11 But as for me, I will [2] walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12 * [15] My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

* Psal.40.2.
[15] I am settled in a safe condition, because of my uprightness, *Prov.*10.9.

Psal. 27.

PSAL. XXVII.

1 *David sustaineth his faith by the power of God,*
4 *by his love to the service of God,* 9 *by prayer.*

¶ *A psalm* of David.

* Isa.60.19,20. THE * LORD [a] is [1] my light, and my salvation, whom shall I [2] fear? the LORD *is* the [3] strength of my life, of whom shall I be [2] afraid?

[a] 2 *Sam.*22.29. *Mic.*7.8. *Joh.*8.12. My Counsellor in all my doubts, and my Comforter and Deliverer in all my distresses. ¶ [1] *Psal.*118.6. ¶ [2] Supporter and preserver.

† Heb. *approached against me.* * *Job* 19.22. & 31.31. *Psal.*14.4. * Psal.3.6. 2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes † came upon me to [4] eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 * Though an [5] host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, [6] in this *will* I *be* confident.

[5] *Psal.*3.6. ¶ [6] In his direction (*v.*1.) and the experience of his favour and protection, *v.*2.

* Psal.26.8. 4 * One *thing* have I [7] desired of the LORD, that will I seek after, that I may [8] dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, [9] to behold * the || beauty of the LORD, and to [10] enquire in his [11] temple.

* Psal.90.17. || Or, *delight.*

[7] *Viz.* Chiefly and principally above all others, *Matth.*6.33. ¶ [8] *Psal.* 23.6. Enjoy opportunities of constant attendance upon the publick Ordinances, and not be driven from 'em, as I have been. ¶ [9] To exercise and delight my self in the contemplation of his amiable Perfections and Attributes. ¶ [10] *Viz.* Concerning his mind and will. ¶ [11] *i. e.* Tabernacle (the same for substance with the Temple.) His heart being much set upon the Temple, he calls the Tabernacle so.

* Psal.83.3. & 91.1. 5 [12] For * in the time of trouble he shall [13] hide me in his pavilion: [14] in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

[12] *q. d.* And well may I prize his House and Service so highly (*v.*4.) since all my security depends upon him. ¶ [13] *Psal.* 32.7. & 119.114. *Isa.* 26.20. Secure me from danger, as if I were in the Holy of holies where none may come. ¶ [14] *Psal.* 31.20. By his secret Power and Providence, and by such ways which the World knows not, or do's not take notice of.

†Heb. *shouting* 6 And now [15] shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of † joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

[15] *Psal.*3.3. I shall be in a better condition than they.

7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

|| Or, *My heart said unto thee, Let my face seek thy face,* &c. * Psal.24.6. 8 || *When thou* [16] *saidst*, * Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

[16] Either Inwardly, by some special Impression of thy Spirit upon my heart fitting me in a more than ordinary manner for it; or Outwardly, giving me by thy Providence some special opportunity or occasion for it.

9 [17] Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

[17] *Psal.*13.1. & 44.24. & 69.17. & 88.14. & 102.2. & 143.7. *Isa.*8.17. & 59.2. Withhold not, or withdraw not the sense of thy love and favor from me.

† Heb. *gather me.* 10 [18] When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will † [19] take me up.

[18] *Isa.*49.15. *i.e.* Tho all relations and friends should forsake me. ¶ [19] 2 *Tim.*4.16,17.

* Psal.86.11. [20] *Psal.*25.4,5. See there. [21] See on *Psal.* 5.8. † Heb. *a way of plainness.* † Heb. *those which observe me.* 11 * [20] Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in † [21] a plain path, because of † mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for [22] false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as [23] breathe out cruelty.

[22] *Psal.*35.11. ¶ [23] *Act.*9.1. Discover their bloody intentions against me in all their discourse.

13 *I had fainted,* unless I had believed [24] to see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living.

Psal. 28. * Psal.116.9. & 142.5.

[24] To enjoy the good things God has promis'd me here in this World.

14 [25] Wait on the LORD: [26] be of good courage, and [26] he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

[25] *Psal.*33.20,21. & 37.34. & 40.1. & 62.5. & 130.5. *Prov.*20.22. *Isa.*8.17. & 26.8. & 30.18. & 40.31. & 49.23. *Lam.* 3.25,26. *Hos.* 12.6. *Mic.* 7.7. *Hab.*2.3. *Zeph.*3.8. (This he speaks to his own Soul chiefly, as being conscious of his own weakness, and what need he had of God's strength.) ¶ [26] *Psal.* 31.24. 1 *Cor.* 16.13. Don't give way to despondency and faint-heartedness, but stir up the Grace of holy Courage that is in thee, and God shall add fresh supplies of it to thee; according to that, *Matth.*13.12.

PSAL. XXVIII.

1 *David prayeth earnestly against his enemies.*
6 *He blesseth God.* 9 *He prayeth for the people.*

¶ *A psalm* of David.

UNto thee will I cry, O LORD my [1] rock; [2] be not silent † to me: lest *if* thou be silent to me, I become [3] like them that go down into the pit.

†Heb. *from me.*

[1] See on *Deut.*32.4. ¶ [2] *Psal.* 83.1. Refuse not to hear and help me. ¶ [3] *Psal.*143.7. No better than a dead man.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee: when I [4] lift up my hands * [5] toward || thy holy oracle.

* Psal.138.2. || Or, *the oracle of thy sanctuary.*

[4] 1 *Tim.* 2.8. ¶ [5] 1 *Kings* 8.30. *Dan.* 6.10.

3 [6] Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity: which [7] speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts.

[6] *Psal.*26.9. *viz.* To punishment, *i. e.* Let me not be involv'd in the same punishment with them. ¶ [7] *Psal.*12.2. & 55.21. & 62.4. *Jer.*9.8.

4 * [8] Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

* 2 Tim.4.14. Rev.18.6.

[8] These Imprecations were us'd by him by the guidance of the holy Spirit against the incorrigible enemies of God, as Predictions of what should befal 'em. (and therefore not to be imitated without the like warrant.)

5 Because * they [9] regard not the [10] works of the LORD, nor the [10] operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

* Job 34.27.

[9] *Isa.* 5.12. ¶ [10] His providential dispensations in the World (whether of Mercy to his People, or Judgment on his Enemies) nor towards me in particular.

6 Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The LORD *is* my [11] strength, and my shield, my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoyceth, and with my song will I praise him.

[11] *Psal.*18.2.

8 The LORD *is* || their strength, and he *is* the † [12] saving strength of his anointed.

|| Or, *his.* †Heb. *strength of salvations.*

[12] By whose strength alone he has been saved and deliver'd.

9 [13] Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: || feed them also, and [14] lift them up for ever.

|| Or, *rule.*

[13] *Psal.*25.22. ¶ [14] Raise 'em up out of their low and weak condition, and advance 'em to a state of safety and honor, which may continue to succeeding generations.

PSAL. XXIX.

1 *David exhorteth princes to give glory to God,*
3 *by reason of his power,* 11 *and protection of his people.*

¶ A psalm of [1] David.

[1] Pen'd, probably, upon some terrible tempest of Thunder and Rain.

Psal. 30.

GIve unto the LORD, O † ye [3] mighty, [2] give unto the LORD glory and strength.

† Heb. *ye sons of the mighty.*

[2] 1 *Chron.* 16.28,29. *Psal.* 96.7–9. *Act.* 12.23. Acknowledge and ascribe to him the praise of his glorious Power. ¶ [3] You Potentates, and Grandees of the World.

† Heb. *honour of his name.* ‖ Or, his *glorious sanctuary*

2 Give unto the LORD the † glory [4] due unto his name, [5] worship the LORD in ‖ the beauty of holiness.

[4] The Honor which he deserves; which is to forsake all your Idols, and to own him as the only true God. ¶ [5] Become Proselytes to the Jewish Religion, and worship him in his holy Temple, (which is Beautiful in regard of the excellent Ornaments there us'd, and divine Truths there prefigur'd, but especially in regard of those spiritual benefits there imparted and enjoy'd.)

3 [6] The voice of the LORD *is* [7] upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth, the LORD *is* upon ‖ [7] many waters.

‖ Or, *great.*

[6] Thunder, (as *Job* 37.4,5. *Psal.* 18.15. *Exod.* 9.28. Text and margin.) ¶ [7] Among the thick, watry Clouds, (which usually pour down abundance of rain at that time.)

† Heb. *in power.* † Heb. *in Majesty.*

4 The voice of the LORD *is* † powerful; the voice of the LORD *is* † [8] full of Majesty.

[8] An evident proof of his great Majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD [9] breaketh the cedars: yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

[9] (Much more then ought reasonable creatures to be affected therewith.)

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf: [10] Lebanon, and * Sirion like a young unicorn.

* Deut. 3.9.

[10] *Psal.* 114.4. The Trees or People on those mountains.

† Heb. *cutteth out.*

7 [11] The voice of the LORD † [11] divideth the flames of fire:

[11] Thunder breaks out of the Clouds, and thereby makes way for the Lightnings, which are suddenly dispersed over the face of the Earth.

8 The voice of the LORD [12] shaketh the wilderness: the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

[12] Affrights the beasts of the wilderness, *v.* 9.

‖ Or, *be in pain.* ‖ Or, *every whit of it uttereth*, &c.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to ‖ [13] calve, and [14] discovereth the forest: and [15] in his temple ‖ doth every one speak of *his* glory.

[13] *Job* 39.–1. ¶ [14] By breaking down the trees, and laying the ground bare, which was cover'd before. ¶ [15] *q. d.* Tho these glorious and dreadful effects of God's Power should affect all, and make 'em fear and obey him, yet only his people will be wrought upon thereby to praise and adore him in his Temple.

10 The LORD [16] sitteth upon the flood: yea, the LORD sitteth [17] King for ever.

[16] *Psal.* 93.4. Rules this unruly Element; and also his raging enemies. ¶ [17] *Psal.* 10.16.

11 The LORD will give [18] strength unto his people: the LORD will bless his people with peace.

[18] To support and preserve 'em in the most dreadful tempests, and all other dangers, and against all their enemies.

PSAL. XXX.

1 *David praiseth God for his deliverance.* 4 *He exhorteth others to praise him by example of Gods dealing with him.*

¶ A psalm *and* [1] song, *at* the [2] dedication of the house of David.

[1] Containing matter of Joy and Praise. ¶ [2] *Deut.* 20.5. *Neh.* 12.27.

I Will extol thee, O LORD, for thou hast [3] lifted me up: and hast not made my foes to rejoyce over me.

[3] See on *Psal.* 28.–9. Deliver'd me out of that danger I was in.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast [4] healed me.

[4] *Psalm* 103. 3. Both in Mind and Body.

3 O LORD, thou hast [5] brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Psal. 31.

[5] *Psal.* 71.20. & 86.–13. *Jon.* 2.–6.

4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his: and [6] give thanks ‖ [7] at the remembrance of his holiness.

‖ Or, *to the memorial.*

[6] *Psal.* 97.–12. ¶ [7] When you your selves call to mind, or others make mention of the Holiness of God manifested by his taking care of his holy ones, (and my self among others.)

5 For * † his anger *endureth but a* [8] moment; [9] in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure † for a night, but † joy [10] *cometh* in the morning.

* Psal. 103 9. † Heb. there is but *a moment in his anger.* † Heb. *in the evening.* † Heb. *singing.*

[8] *Isa.* 26.–20. & 54.78. 2 *Cor.* 4.17. ¶ [9] *Psal.* 63.3. When he withdraws his anger and manifests his favour, That is so refreshing and reviving that they forget their former troubles, and may be truly said, To live, *i.e.* to live chearfully and comfortably (whereas before they were in a manner Dead.) ¶ [10] *Isa.* 12.1. Will succeed it in due season: (as the day do's the night.)

6 And [11] in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

[11] *Job* 29. 18.–20.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast † [12] made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst [13] hide thy face, *and* I was [14] troubled.

† Heb. *settled strength for my mountain.*

[12] Firmly setled me in the Kingdom, (where are many Mountains; and among the rest, mount *Zion.*) ¶ [13] *Psal.* 104.29. ¶ [14] Brought into some great distress.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD: and unto the LORD I made supplication.

9 What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? [15] shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy [16] truth?

[15] *Psal.* 6.5. & 88.11. The dead, *Psal.* 115.17. ¶ [16] Faithfulness in performing thy promises to me.

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast [17] turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast [18] put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:

[17] *Isa.* 61.3. ¶ [18] Remov'd the occasions of sadness.

12 To the end that *my* ‖ [19] glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent: O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

‖ That is, my *tongue*, or my *soul.* Psal. 57.8. See Gen. 49.6. [19] Tongue, *Psal.* 7.5. & 16. 9.

PSAL. XXXI.

1 *David shewing his confidence in God, craveth his help,* 19 *and praiseth God for his goodness.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

IN thee, O LORD do I put my trust, let me never be [1] ashamed: deliver me [2] in thy righteousness.

[1] See on *Psal.* 22.5. ¶ [2] *Psal.* 71. 1. & 5.8. & 143.–1. *Dan.* 9.16. According to thy promise.

2 Bow down thine ear to me, deliver me speedily: be thou † my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

† Heb. *to me for a rock of strength.*

3 For thou *art* my rock, and my fortress: therefore for thy [3] names sake lead me, and guide me.

[3] *Psal.* 23.–3. & 25.11.

4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

5 * [4] Into thine hand I commit [5] my spirit: thou hast [6] redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

* Acts 7.59.

[4] *Luke* 23.46. ¶ [5] My life to be dispos'd of as thou pleasest at present, and to have my Soul sav'd at last. ¶ [6] Deliver'd me out of great dangers formerly, (and therefore I may well trust thee for the future.)

6 I have [7] hated them that [8] regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

[7] *Psal.* 139.21,22. ¶ [8] *Jon.* 2.8. Trust in any carnal helps, which will prove vain and deceitful.

7 I will be glad, and rejoyce in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast [9] known my soul in adversities;

[9] Pitied and helpt me.

8 And hast [10] not shut me up into the hand of

Pſal. 31.

of the enemy: * thou haſt [11] ſet my feet in a large room.

*Pſal.4. 1. & 18.19.

[10] *Deut.* 32.-30. (As I had like to have been, *1 Sam.* 23. 7,26.) ¶ [11] *Pſal.* 18. 29. Brought me out of my ſtreights, and ſet me at liberty.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: [12] mine eye is conſumed with grief; *yea*, [13] my ſoul and my belly.

[12] *Pſal.*6.7. ¶ [13] My heart is ready to ſink, and my Spirits and all my inward parts are waſted.

10 For my life is ſpent with grief, and my years with ſighing: my ſtrength faileth becauſe of mine [14] iniquity, and * my [15] bones are conſumed.

*Pſal. 32. 3. & 102. 3.

[14] (Which hath brought theſe calamities upon me.) ¶ [15] The marrow of 'em is dried up.

11 * I was a reproch among all mine enemies, but * eſpecially among my neighbours, and [16] a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did ſee me [17] without, fled from me.

*Pſal 41.8. Iſa. 53.4. * Job 19. 13. Pſal.38. 11. & 88. 8,18.

[16] They were afraid to ſhew me any kindneſs. ¶ [17] Abroad, in any publick place.

12 * I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like † [18] a broken veſſel.

* Pſal.88. 4,5. † Heb. *a veſſel that periſheth.* [18] Of no uſe. or eſteem.

13 For I have heard the [19] ſlander of many; [20] fear *was* on every ſide, while they took counſel together againſt me; they deviſed to take away my life.

[19] Their falſe and ſcandalous reports, as if I were a factious perſon, an enemy to the King, *&c.* ¶ [20] *Jer.* 6.-25. and 20.-3. *Lam.*2.22. Which way ſoever I look, I ſee cauſe of fear.

14 But I truſted in thee, O LORD: I ſaid, thou *art* my God.

15 [21] My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that perſecute me.

[21] *John* 7.-30. and 19. 10, 11. The time of my life, but eſpecially all the affairs and events of my life.

[22] *Numb.*6. 25. *Pſal.*4. 6. *Dan.*9.17.

16 [22] Make thy face to ſhine upon thy ſervant: ſave me for thy mercies ſake.

17 Let me not be [1] aſhamed, O LORD, for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be [23] aſhamed, *and* let them be ‖ [24] ſilent in the grave.

‖ Or, *cut off for the grave.*

[23] *Pſal.* 6. 10. and 25.-3. See there. ¶ [24] 1 *Sam.* 2. 9. Cut off, and caſt into the Grave, where they ſhall be ſilent.

* Pſal.12.3. * 1 Sam. 2.3. Jude 15. † Heb. *a hard thing.*

18 * Let the lying lips be put to ſilence, which * ſpeak † grievous things proudly and contemptuouſly againſt the righteous.

19 [25] O how great *is* thy goodneſs, which thou haſt [26] laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou haſt [27] wrought for them that truſt in thee, before the ſons of men!

[25] *Iſa.* 64. 4. 1 *Cor.* 2. 9. ¶ [26] Provided for 'em in the world to come, 1 *Pet.* 1.-4. 1 *John* 3. 2. ¶ [27] Beſtowed upon 'em here in this world.

20 Thou ſhalt [28] hide them in the ſecret of thy preſence from the [29] pride of man: * thou ſhalt keep them ſecret [30] in a pavilion from the [31] ſtrife of tongues.

* Job 5.21.

[28] *Pſal.*83.3. Secure 'em with thy ſecret favor and providence by hidden and unknown methods. See on *Pſal.* 27. 5. *n.* 14. ¶ [29] Their proud threats and attempts. ¶ [30] See on 27. 5. *n.* 13. ¶ [31] The miſchief of contentious and ſlanderous tongues.

21 Bleſſed *be* the LORD; for he hath [32] ſhewed me his marvellous kindneſs in a ‖ [33] ſtrong city.

‖ Or, *fenced.*

[32] *Pſal.*17.7. ¶ [33] So that I have been as ſafe in Woods and Caves, as if I had been in a ſtrong City.

22 For I ſaid [34] in my haſte, I am [35] cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheleſs thou heardeſt the voice of my ſupplications, when I cried unto thee.

[34] *Pſal.*116.11. Raſhly; when the greatneſs of my danger had tranſported me with fear, and put me beſide the exerciſe of my grace. ¶ [35] *Jon.*2.4. *Iſa.*38.10-12. and 49.14. *Lam.*3.-54. Caſt out of the Cave, as if thou didſt not ſee me

23 O love the LORD, all ye his ſaints: *for* the LORD preſerveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the [36] proud doer.

Pſal. 32.

[36] *Pſal.*10.4. Such as contradict the Will of God, and neglect his Commands.

24 [37] Be of good courage, and he ſhall ſtrengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

[37] See on *Pſal.* 27. 14.

PSAL. XXXII.

1 *Bleſſedneſs conſiſteth in remiſſion of ſins.* 3 *Confeſſion of ſins bringeth eaſe to the conſcience.* 8 *God's promiſes bring joy.*

¶ *A Pſalm* of David, [1] Maſchil.

[1] Giving inſtruction, by ſhewing how to be happy.

2 BLeſſed *is he whoſe* * trangreſſion *is* forgiven, *whoſe* ſin *is* [3] covered.

* Pſal.85.2.

[2] *Rom.*4.7,8. ¶ [3] *Deut.* 32.-13. *viz.* By the merits of Chriſt.

2 Bleſſed *is* the man unto whom the LORD [4] imputeth not iniquity; and in whoſe ſpirit *there is* [5] no guile.

[4] 2 *Cor.* 5. 19. Charges it not upon him, ſo as to puniſh him for it. ¶ [5] *John* 1.-47. *Rev.*14.5. That does not deal deceitfully with God, but is free and ingenuous in his confeſſion of ſin, and hearty and ſincere in his profeſſion of repentance.

3 When I [6] kept ſilence, [6] my bones waxed old, through my roring all the day long.

[6] Conceal'd my ſins, and did not confeſs 'em and beg pardon, my ſtrength decayed, through continual horrors of Conſcience, and perplexity of Spirit.

4 For day and night [7] thy hand was heavy upon me: [8] my moiſture is turned into the drought of ſummer. Selah.

[7] Thoſe afflictions and terrors thou broughtſt me into. ¶ [8] *Pſal.*22.15.

5 I acknowledged my ſin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid: [9] I ſaid, I will [10] confeſs my tranſgreſſions unto the LORD; and [11] thou forgaveſt the [12] iniquity of my ſin. Selah.

[9] I fully reſolv'd at laſt. ¶ [10] *Prov.*28. 13. 1 *John* 1. 9. ¶ [11] *Iſa.*65.24. ¶ [12] The guilt, which oppreſt my Spirit; and alſo didſt remove the puniſhment thou hadſt laid upon me for it.

6 [13] For this ſhall every one that is godly, * pray unto thee, [14] in a time † when thou mayeſt be found: ſurely [15] in the flouds of great waters, they ſhall not come [16] nigh unto him.

* John 7. 34. † Heb. *of finding.*

[13] 1 *Tim.*1.16. Becauſe thou haſt dealt ſo graciouſly with me, and ſo readily forgiven my ſins. ¶ [14] *Pſal.*69. 13. *Iſa.* 55.6. While the day of Grace continues, and God is wooing us by his Word and Spirit to be reconciled to him. ¶ [15] *Pſal.* 69. 1, 2. In time of the greateſt troubles and dangers. ¶ [16] *Pſal.*91.7. *viz.* To hurt him.

7 Thou *art* my [17] hiding-place, thou ſhalt preſerve me from trouble: thou ſhalt [18] compaſs me about with ſongs of deliverance. Selah.

[17] *Pſal.*9.9. and 27.5. and 31.20. and 119.114. See there. ¶ [18] Vouchſafe ſo many deliverances to me as will afford matter for many ſongs of praiſe.

8 [19] I will inſtruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou ſhalt go: I will † [20] guide thee with mine eye.

† Heb. *counſel thee, mine eye ſhall be upon thee.*

[19] *q. d.* O thou impenitent Sinner, whoever thou art, I ſpeak to thee in particular. ¶ [20] Watch over thee my ſelf, directing thee in thy right way, and admoniſhing thee when thou turneſt aſide.

9 * Be ye not as the horſe, *or* as the mule *which* have no [21] underſtanding: whoſe mouth muſt be held in with [22] bit and bridle, leſt they come near unto thee.

* Prov.26. 3.

[21] *Viz.* To hearken no good counſel. ¶ [22] *Jam.* 3. 3. So God has ways to tame men, if they be ſtubborn and refractory, *v.* 10.

10 * [23] Many ſorrows *ſhall be* to the wicked: but he that truſteth in the LORD, mercy ſhall [24] compaſs him about.

* Prov. 13.21. [23] *Rom.* 2. 9. [24] *Pſal.* 5.-12.

Psal. 33.

11 * Be glad [25] in the LORD, and rejoyce [26] ye righteous: and ſhout for joy all *ye that are* upright in heart.

* Pſal.64.10. & 68.3.

[25] See on *Phil.*3.1. ¶ [26] Who have obtained pardon of your ſins, and ſo are bleſſed, *v.* 1.

PSAL. XXXIII.

1 *God is to be praiſed for his goodneſs,* 6 *for his power,* 12 *and for his providence.* 20 *Confidence is to be placed in God.*

1 REjoyce in the LORD, O ye righteous; *for* praiſe is [a] comely for the upright.

[1] *Pſal.*32.11. Let the conſideration of God's goodneſs manifeſted in the works of Creation and Providence fill you with joy and praiſe. ¶ [a] *Pſal.*147.1. and 92.1. It well becomes them to exerciſe themſelves in this work of praiſing and bleſſing God.

2 Praiſe the LORD with [b] harp: ſing unto him with the pſaltery, *and* an inſtrument of ten ſtrings.

[b] *Pſal.*92.3. *Rev.*14.2.

3 Sing unto him a [c] new ſong: play skilfully with a loud noiſe.

[c] *Pſal.*96.1. and 98.1. and 144.9. and 149.1. *Iſa.* 42.10. Either for matter, or at leaſt with new, freſh and lively affections, *Eph.*5.19.

4 For the [d] word of the LORD *is* right: and all his works *are* [e] *done* in truth.

[d] All his purpoſes and precepts are juſt and equal. ¶ [e] Agreeable with his Word.

5 He loveth [f] righteouſneſs and judgment: [g] the earth is full of the ‖ goodneſs of the LORD.

‖ Or, *mercy.*

[f] *Pſal.*45.7. Not only to paſs righteous ſentence, but to ſee it executed. ¶ [g] *Pſal.*119.64. *Matth.*5.45. *Act.*14.17.

6 [h] By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the hoſt of them, * by the breath of his mouth.

[h] *Gen.*1.6,7. *Heb.* 11.3. 2 *Pet.* 3.5. * Job 26.13.

7 [i] He gathereth the waters of the ſea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in [k] ſtore-houſes.

[i] *Gen.*1.9. *Job* 38.8. *Prov.*8.29. *Jer.*5.22. ¶ [k] *Job* 38.16. The Clouds and Bowels of the earth.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world ſtand in awe of him.

9 For he [l] ſpake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it ſtood faſt. *

[l] *Pſal.*148.5 *Gen.* 1.3.

10 The LORD † bringeth the counſel of the heathen [m] to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

† Heb. *maketh fruſtrate.* [m] *Iſa.*8.10. & 19.3. *Job* 5.12. * Job 23.13.

11 * [n] The counſel of the LORD ſtandeth for ever: the thoughts of his heart † to all generations.

[n] *Prov.*19.21. *Iſa.* 46.10. † Heb. *to generation and generation.*

12 [o] Bleſſed *is* the nation whoſe God *is* the LORD: *and* the people *whom* he hath choſen for his own inheritance.

[o] *Pſ.*144.15.

13 The LORD [p] looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the ſons of men.

[p] 2 *Chron.*16.9. *Job* 28.24. *Pſal.*11.4. *Prov.* 15.3.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He [q] faſhioneth their hearts [r] alike: [s] he conſidereth all their works.

[q] Frames, diſpoſes and enclines 'em which way he pleaſes, *Prov.*21.1. ¶ [r] Equally, one as well as another, be he never ſo great, proud, or ſtout, all are alike ſubject to his Juriſdiction. ¶ [s] He is privy to the deepeſt plots of the moſt ſubtle Politicians, and conſiders the events ſo as to order 'em according to his own mind, not theirs.

16 * There is no king ſaved by the multitude of an [t] hoſt: a mighty man is not delivered by much [t] ſtrength.

* Pſal.44.6.

[t] *Eccl.*9.11. (But only by Gods providence, who diſpoſes of victory and ſucceſs as he pleaſes.)

17 [u] An horſe *is* a vain thing for ſafety: neither ſhall he deliver *any* by his great ſtrength.

[u] *Pſal.*147.10. *Prov.*21.31.

18 Behold, the [x] eye of the LORD *is* * upon them that [y] fear him: upon them that [y] hope in his mercy.

Pſal. 34.

* Pſal.147.11.

[x] *Pſal.*34.15. *Job* 36.7. 1 *Pet.*3.12. His watchful Providence and favor. ¶ [y] They that are deſtitute of the fear of God, can have no ground to hope for mercy.

19 To deliver their ſoul from [z] death, and * to keep them alive in [a] famine.

* Job.5.20. Pſal.37.19.

[z] *Viz.* When he ſees it good for 'em. ¶ [a] *Job* 5.20. *Pſal.*37.19. *Prov.*10.3.

20 * Our ſoul waiteth for the LORD: * he *is* our help and our ſhield.

* Pſal.92.1,5. & 130.6.

21 For our heart ſhall rejoyce in him: [b] becauſe we have truſted in his holy name.

* Pſ.115.9,10, 11. [b] 1 *Chr.* 5.20.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us according as we hope in thee.

PSAL. XXXIV.

1 *David praiſeth God, and exhorteth others thereto by his experience.* 8 *They are bleſſed that truſt in God.* 11 *He exhorteth to the fear of God.*

¶ *A pſalm* of David, when he [1] changed his behaviour before ‖ Abimelech: who drove him away, and he departed.

[1] 1 *Sam.*21.13. See there. *Prov.* 29.25. ‖ Or, *Achiſh.*

I Will * [2] bleſs the LORD [3] at all times: his praiſe *ſhall* [3] continually *be* in my mouth.

* Eph.5.20. 1 Theſſ.5.18. 2 Theſſ.1.3. & 2.13.

[2] For this miraculous deliverance, among others. ¶ [3] *Act.* 16.25. As long as I live.

2 My ſoul ſhall [4] make her boaſt in the LORD: the * [5] humble ſhall hear † *thereof*, and be glad.

* Pſal.119.74. & 142.7.

[4] 1 *Cor.*1.31. Glory in this, that I have ſo powerful and gracious a Lord and Maſter. ¶ [5] My well-wiſhers, who are meek, ſelf-denying Believers, of a lowly diſpoſition. ¶ † Of this my deliverance.

3 O magnifie the LORD with me; and let us exalt his name together.

4 I ſought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my [6] fears.

[6] 1 *Sam.*21.12.

5 They ‖ [7] looked unto him, and were [8] lightned: and their faces were [9] not aſhamed.

Heb. 5.7. ‖ Or, *flowed.*

[7] Sought unto God in like diſtreſſes, waiting upon him for deliverance. ¶ [8] 2 *Sam.* 22.29. Comforted and revived. ¶ [9] *Pſal.*25.2. See there.

6 [10] This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*; and ſaved him out of all his troubles.

[10] *Pſal.*40.17. Who hath no worth in himſelf to deſerve any favor, (*Gen.*32.10.) and is perſecuted and deſpiſed of all men. (The words of thoſe ſpoken of, *v.*5. who admiring Gods goodneſs to *David*, do alledge it for their own encouragement.)

7 The [11] angel of the LORD [12] encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

[11] *i. e.* Angels. ¶ [12] *Zech.* 9.8. *Gen.*32.1,2. 2 *King.*6.17.

8 O [13] taſte and [14] ſee that the LORD *is* good: [15] bleſſed *is* the man *that* truſteth in him.

[13] 1 *Pet.* 2.3. Labor to get an inward, experimental knowledg of the goodneſs of God in Chriſt. ¶ [14] Conſider it for your comfort and delight. ¶ [15] *Pſal.*2.12.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his ſaints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do [16] lack, and ſuffer hunger: but they that ſeek the LORD ſhall not want any [17] good *thing*.

[16] *Job* 4.11. ¶ [17] *Pſal.* 84.11. Which God knows to be truly good for 'em.

11 Come ye [18] children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

[18] 2 *King.*2.3. *John* 13.33. *Gal.*4.19. You that are willing to learn of me.

12 [19] What man *is he that* [20] deſireth [21] life, *and* loveth [21] *many* days, that he may [22] ſee good?

[19] 1 *Pet.*3.10—12. ¶ [20] *viz.* In good earneſt; ſo as to be willing to uſe the means for attaining it. ¶ [21] A comfortable life here, and eternal life hereafter. ¶ [22] Enjoy proſperity and happineſs.

13 [23] Keep

Pſal. 35.

13 [23] Keep thy tongue from [24] evil, and thy lips from ſpeaking [25] guile.

[23] *Pſal.*39.1. *Jam.*1.26. Watch over it narrowly, (it being ſo prone to offend, *Jam.*3.6,8.) ¶ [24] Specially all injurious and deceitful ſpeeches. ¶ [25] *Pſal.*15.2. *Rev.*14. 5.

14 [26] Depart from [27] evil, and [28] do good: [29] ſeek peace, and [30] purſue it.

[26] *Pſal.*37.27. *Iſa.*1.16. 3 *John* 11. ¶ [27] All ſin in general, and particularly, wronging of any. ¶ [28] Be ready to perform all friendly Offices to all men. ¶ [29] *Matth.* 5. 9. *Rom.*12. 18. and 14. 19. Endeavour to live quietly with thy neighbours. ¶ [30] *Heb.* 12. 14. Uſe all poſſible endeavours to procure it, when it's wanting.

* Job 36. 7. 1 Pet.3.12.

15 * The [31] eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his [32] ears *are open* unto their cry.

[31] See on *Pſal.* 33.18.

[32] *Lam.*3.56.

16 [33] The face of the LORD *is* againſt them that [34] do evil, to [35] cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

[33] *Lev.*17.10. *Jer.*44.11. *Am.*9.4. His Anger. ¶ [34] *viz.* Cuſtomarily and delightfully. ¶ [35] *Prov.*10.7.

17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

* Ma. 61.1. & 66.2.

18 * The LORD [36] *is* nigh † unto them that

†Heb. *to the broken of heart*

are of a [37] broken heart: and ſaveth † ſuch as

† Heb. *contrite of ſpirit.*

be of a [37] contrite ſpirit.

[36] *Pſal.*145.8. *Iſa.*57.15. Will ſhew himſelf preſent with them for their help. ¶ [37] *Pſal.*51.17. Deeply humbled for ſin, and the wrath of God following upon it.

[38] 2 *Tim.*3.11, 12. *Act.*14.22.

19 [38] Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his [39] bones: not one of them is [40] broken.

[39] Every member of his Body. ¶ [40] This was literally fulfill'd in Chriſt, (*John* 19. 36.) and holds true proportionably in all his Members, that no miſchief ſhall befal 'em to their ruin, *Prov.*12.21.

[41] *Pſal.*94. 23. *Luke* 12. 20. ‖ Or, *guilty.*

21 [41] Evil ſhall ſlay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous ſhall be ‖ deſolate.

[42] *Pſal.*97. 10.

22 The LORD [42] redeemeth the ſoul of his ſervants: and none of them that truſt in him ſhall be deſolate.

PSAL. XXXV.

1 David prayeth for his own ſafety, and his enemies confuſion. 11 He complaineth of their wrongful dealing. 22 Thereby he inciteth God againſt them.

¶ *A pſalm* of David.

* Lam.3. 58.

1 PLead * *my cauſe*, O LORD, with them that ſtrive with me: fight againſt them that fight againſt me.

[1] *Pſal.*43. 1. and 119. 154. *viz.* really, *i. e.* Appear for me by puniſhing my enemies, (*Ezek* 38.22. *Jer.*51.36. *Mic.* 7.9.) To their conviction, *Mic.*7.10.

[2] To cover and defend me

2 Take hold of [2] ſhield and buckler, and ſtand up for mine help.

3 Draw out alſo the [3] ſpear, and [4] ſtop *the way* againſt them that perſecute me: ſay unto my ſoul, I *am* thy ſalvation.

[3] To deſtroy mine enemies. ¶ [4] That they may'nt come at me.

4 Let them be confounded and put to [5] ſhame that ſeek after my ſoul: let them be [6] turned back and brought to confuſion that deviſe my hurt.

[5] *V.*26. *Pſal.*40.14. and 70.2. and 71.13. See on *Pſal.*25.3. ¶ [6] *Jer.*46.5. Put to flight, (as *Pſal.*9.3. and 78.9.)

[7] *Job* 21. 18. *Pſal.* 1. 4. *Hoſ.* 13.3.

5 Let them be [7] as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chaſe *them.*

†Heb. *darkneſs and ſlipperineſs*

6 Let their way be † [8] dark and [8] ſlippery, and let the angel of the LORD perſecute them.

[8] *Prov.*4. 19. *Pſal.*73. 18. *Jer.*23. 12.

† Heb. which *he knoweth not of.*

7 For [9] without cauſe have they hid for me their net, *in* a pit, *which* without cauſe they have [10] digged for my ſoul.

[9] *Pſal.*7.4. *viz.* Given by me. See *n.*35. ¶ [10] *Pſal.*7.15.

8 Let deſtruction come upon him † at [11] unawares, and let his net that he hath hid, [12] catch himſelf: into that very deſtruction let him fall.

Pſal. 35.

[11] 1 *Theſſ.*5.3. ¶ [12] *Pſal.*7.16. and 57.6. *Prov.* 5.22.

9 And my ſoul ſhall be joyful [13] in the LORD: it ſhall rejoyce in his ſalvation.

[13] *Pſal.* 32. 11. See there. In a holy manner, for his favor and help.

10 [14] All my bones ſhall ſay, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which delivereſt the [15] poor from him that is too ſtrong for him; yea, the poor and the needy from him that [16] ſpoileth him?

[14] All the Members of my Body, (as *Pſal.*34.20.) ¶ [15] See on *Pſal.*34.6. ¶ [16] *Job* 5.15.

†Heb. *witneſſes of wrong.*

11 † [17] Falſe witneſſes did riſe up; they † [18] laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

[17] *Mat.*26. 59.

† Heb. *asked me.*

12 [19] They rewarded me evil for good, *to* the † [20] ſpoiling of my ſoul.

[18] *Act.*24. 5,6

† Heb. *depriving.*

[19] *Pſal.*109.5. and 38.20. ¶ [20] Stripping me of all that might afford me any comfort.

* Pſ.69.10,11. ‖ Or, *afflicted.*

13 But as for me, * when they were [21] ſick, my clothing *was* [22] ſackcloth: I ‖ humbled my ſoul with faſting, and * my prayer [23] returned into mine own boſom.

* Mat.10. 13. Luke 10. 6.

[21] Or in any miſery. ¶ [22] *Job* 30.25. ¶ [23] *Matth.*10.13. See there. Tho it did not prevail for them, yet it brought inward ſatisfaction to my own Soul that I had done my Duty.

†Heb. *walked.* †Heb. *as a friend, as a brother to me.*

14 I † behaved my ſelf † as though *he had been* my friend, *or* brother: [24] I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

[24] Went hanging down my head, like a Mourner, *Iſa.*58.5.

†Heb. *halting.* Pſal.38. 17.

15 But in mine † adverſity they rejoyced, and [25] gathered themſelves together: *yea*, the [26] abjects gathered themſelves together [27] againſt me, and I knew *it* not; they did [28] tear *me*, and ceaſed not.

[25] To rejoyce and triumph together at my troubles. ¶ [26] *Job* 30.1,8,12. The ſcum of the people. ¶ [27] To contrive further miſchief to me. ¶ [28] *Pſal.* 57.4. *viz.* With their ſcoffs, ſlanders, reproaches and curſes.

* Pſal.37.12.

16 [29] With hypocritical mockers in feaſts: they * [30] gnaſhed upon me with their teeth.

[29] They have ſcornfully derided me, and made a may-game of me in their feaſts and full Cups. [30] *Job* 16. 9. *Lam.*2.16. Uſed all expreſſions of rage and hatred againſt me.

[31] *Pſal.*22.10. † Heb. *only one* [32] *Pſal.* 57.4. [33] *Pſal.*22. 25. See there. & 40. 9,10.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? reſcue my ſoul from their deſtructions: [31] my † darling from the [32] lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the [33] great congregation: I will praiſe thee among † much people.

† Heb. *ſtrong.*

19 Let not them that are mine enemies † wrongfully rejoyce over me: *neither* let them [34] wink with the eye, that hate me [35] without a cauſe.

† Heb. *falſly.*

[34] Mock and inſult over me, (as *Prov.* 6. 13. & 10. 10.) ¶ [35] *Pſal.*69.4. & 109.3. & 119.161. *Lam.*3.52. *John* 15.25.

20 For they [36] ſpeak not peace, but they [37] deviſe deceitful matters againſt *them that are* quiet in the land.

[36] Uſe nothing but threatning, terrifying language. ¶ [37] *Dan.*6.5. Lay cunning plots, and uſe fair pretences whereby to get 'em into their clutches.

21 Yea, they [38] opened their mouth wide againſt me, *and* ſaid, [39] Aha, aha, our eye hath ſeen [40] *it.*

[38] In triumph and ſcorn. ¶ [39] An expreſſion of Joy, *Job* 39.25. *Pſal.*40.15. and 70.3. ¶ [40] *viz.* That which we longed and hop'd for.

[41] *Pſal.*28.1. & 83. 1.

22 *This* thou haſt ſeen, O LORD, [41] keep not ſilence: O Lord, be not far from me.

* Pſal.44.23.

23 * Stir up thy ſelf, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cauſe, my God and my Lord.

[42] 2 *Theſſ.*1. 6.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to [42] thy righteouſneſs, and let them not rejoyce over me.

25 Let

Psal. 36.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, † Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

† Heb. *Ah, ah, our soul.*

26 * Let them be [5] ashamed and brought to confusion together, that rejoyce at mine hurt: let them be * [43] clothed with shame and dishonour, that [44] magnifie *themselves* against me.

* Vers. 4. Psal. 40.14. & 132. 18.

[43] *Psal.* 109.29. ¶ [44] *Psal.* 38.-16. *Jer.* 48.26. *Obad.* 12. Extol themselves and their own power, looking down upon me with contempt.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my † righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, * which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

† Heb. *righteousness.*
* Psal. 149.4.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness, *and* of thy praise all the day long.

PSAL. XXXVI.

1 *The grievous estate of the wicked.* 5 *The excellency of Gods mercy.*

¶ To the chief musician, *A* † *psalm* of David, the [1] servant of the LORD.

† *David* considering how wickedness did abound, which might provoke God to inflict punishment, yet withal shews what ground of comfort God's people have in him. ¶ [1] *Ps.* 18. Title. See there.

2 THe transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* [3] no fear of God before his eyes.

[2] The profane lives of ungodly persons make it evident to me, and make me conclude that they think there is—— ¶ [3] *Rom.* 3.18. *Prov.* 2.21.

2 For he [4] flattereth himself in his own eyes, † [5] until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

† Heb. *to find his iniquity to hate.*

[4] *Deut.* 29. 19. Perswades himself either that he is guilty of little or no sin, or that he shall scape well enough for all that, and so goes on impenitently in his sinful ways. ¶ [5] Till God by his Judgments convince him how hateful his sins are to him.

3 The words of his mouth *are* [6] iniquity and [6] deceit: [7] he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.

[6] Wicked and deceitful. ¶ [7] He becomes an open Apostate from what he once profest.

‖ Or, *vanity.*

4 He [8] deviseth ‖ mischief upon his bed; [9] he setteth himself in a way *that is* [10] not good; he [11] abhorreth not evil.

[8] *Mic.* 2.1. ¶ [9] Fixes his resolution to go on. ¶ [10] *Isa.* 65.2. Very bad, (as *Prov.* 20.-23. and 24. 23.) ¶ [11] But delights in it. Sin must not only be avoided, but abhorr'd, and loath'd as well as left.

5 [12] Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* [13] in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* [13] unto the clouds.

[12] *Psal.* 57. 10. and 108.4. *q. d.* I have no reason to fear wicked men, notwithstanding all their malice, because thy mercy—— ¶ [13] *Psal.* 103. 11. Is far above what we can apprehend.

† Heb. *mountains of God.*

6 [14] Thy righteousness *is* like † the great mountains; thy [15] judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, thou [16] preservest man and beast.

[14] The equity and justice of thy proceedings is incomprehensible by us mortals. ¶ [15] Thy purposes and counsels concerning Nations or particular persons, as to the reasons of 'em, are unfathomable, and past finding out, *Rom.* 11.33. *Job* 11.7,8. *Psal.* 77.-19. ¶ [16] *Job* 7.20.

[17] *Eph.* 3. 18.
† Heb. *precious.*
* Ruth 2.12. Psal. 17. 8.
* Psal. 65.4.
† Heb. *watered*
* Job 20. 17. Rev. 22.1.

7 [17] How † excellent *is* thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust * under the shadow of thy wings.

8 * [18] They shall be † abundantly [19] satisfied with the [20] fatness of thy house: and thou shalt make them drink of * the [21] river of thy pleasures.

[18] *viz.* That trust in thee, *v.* 7. ¶ [19] *Psal.* 17. 15. and 65.4. ¶ [20] That delightful provision thou hast made in thy Ordinances here, but especially in Heaven hereafter. ¶ [21] *Ps.* 46.4. That abundant pleasure, delight and satisfaction which thou not only enjoyest thy self, but bestowest upon thy people.

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9 For with thee *is* the fountain of [22] life: [23] in thy light shall we see light.

[22] Life eternal; (which only deserves that name) ¶ [23] In the enjoyment of thy love and favour we shall be fill'd with comfort here, and in thy immediate presence, and the beholding of thee face to face, we shall be made perfectly happy in the world to come.

10 O † continue thy loving kindness unto them that know thee; and thy [24] righteousness to the upright in heart.

† Heb. *Draw out at length.*
[24] (Which is engaged by thy promises.)

11 Let not the foot [25] of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked [26] remove me.

[25] Of my proud insolent enemies, trample upon me. ¶ [26] Subdue and destroy me.

12 [27] There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

[27] Let me be able to say by experience, that where they thought to invade and ruin me, there they shall certainly fall.

PSAL. XXXVII.

David perswadeth to patience, and confidence in God, by the different estate of the godly and the wicked.

¶ [1] *A Psalm* of David.

[1] The occasion of this *Psalm* was the Contemplation of the prosperity of the wicked: and the scope of it is chiefly to direct the people of God how to behave themselves upon such an occasion, *viz.* Negatively, not to repine at it, or envy 'em for it, because (alas!) it won't last long, *v.* 1, 2, but Positively, to be diligent in discharge of their duty, *v.* 3. to Delight themselves in God, *v.* 4. and then to Commit themselves to his Care and Providence, *v.* 5. and to Wait silently and patiently for a good issue, *v.* 7.

1 FRet not thy self because of evil doers: neither be thou [3] envious against the workers of iniquity.

[3] *Prov.* 24.19. Be not vex'd and disquieted at the prosperity of the wicked, *v.* 7. ¶ [3] *Psal.* 73.3. *Prov.* 24.1. and 3.31. and 23.17. As if they were in a happy condition.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good, *so* shalt thou [4] dwell in the land, and † verily thou shalt be [5] fed.

† Heb. *in truth* or *stableness.*

[4] Continue in it with peace and safety. ¶ [5] Comfortably provided for.

4 [6] Delight thy self also in the LORD; and he shall [7] give thee the desires of thine heart.

[6] *Job* 22.26. *Psal.* 104.34. and 43.4. *Cant.* 2. 3. *Isa.* 59.14. 1 *Pet.* 1.8. Delight in the Lord is the Souls pleasure and satisfaction that it has in the sense of its interest in him, relation to him, and the benefits it receives thereby in and through Christ; and that notwithstanding any outward troubles, *Hab.* 3.17,18. 1 *Sam.* 30.6. ¶ [7] *Psal.* 145.19. *Matth.* 7.7. See there. Mold thy desires to compliance with his will, and then he'll grant whatsoever thou so desirest.

5 † [8] Commit thy way unto the LORD: trust also in him, and he shall [9] bring *it* to pass.

† Heb. *roll thy way upon the LORD.*

[8] *Psal.* 55.22. *Prov.* 3.6. and 16.3. *Matth.* 6.25. *Luke* 12. 22. *Phil.* 4.6. 1 *Pet.* 5.7. Refer all thy Affairs to his disposal, and wait patiently for the issue. ¶ [9] *V.* 23. Give such an issue as he sees most for thy good.

6 And he shall [10] bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment * as the noon-day.

* Job 11.17.

[10] Manifest the sincerity of thy intentions, and uprightness of thy actions, so that they shall be cleared from those mistakes and misapprehensions they lie under.

7 † [11] Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: [2] fret not thy self because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

† Heb. *Be silent to the LORD.*

[11] Quietly submit to his Will, without murmuring or repining.

8 Cease from [12] anger, and forsake wrath: * fret not thy self in any wise [13] to do evil.

* Eph. 4.26.

[12] Both against the sinner for his success, and against God for

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for ſo diſpoſing of things. ¶ [13] So as to diſtruſt God's Providence, or to diſlike his ways, or to imitate wicked men in hope of the ſame ſucceſs.

9 For evil doers ſhall be [14] cut off: but thoſe that wait upon the LORD, they [15] ſhall inherit the earth.

[14] *Pſal.*34.16. ¶ [15] *Iſa.*57.-13.Shall enjoy ſuch a portion of theſe outward things as God ſees good for 'em, notwithſtanding the rage of their enemies, and their attempts to the contrary.

10 For yet a little while and the wicked *ſhall* [16] not *be:* yea, thou ſhalt diligently conſider [17] his place, and it *ſhall* not *be.*

[16] Not long enjoy his comforts, (*viz.* but for his life; and then there ſhall be an eternal end of 'em.) ¶ [17] *Job* 7.10. and 20.9. His enjoyments here.

11 But the [18] meek ſhall [19] inherit the earth: and ſhall delight themſelves in the abundance of [20] peace.

[18] See on *Pſal.* 22. 26. ¶ [19] *Matth.* 5. 5. *Dan.* 7. 27. ¶ [20] Both outward, and, chiefly, inward.

‖ Or, *practiſeth*

12 The wicked ‖ plotteth againſt the juſt, and [21] gnaſheth upon him with his teeth.

[21] See on *Pſal.* 35.16.

13 The LORD ſhall [22] laugh at him, for he ſeeth that [23] his day is coming.

[22] *Pſal.*2.4. ¶ [23] The time appointed for his deſtruction, (as 1 *Sam.*26.10. *Jer.*50.27. *Ezek.*21.25,29.)

14 The wicked have drawn out the ſword, and have bent their bow to caſt down the poor and needy, *and* to ſlay † ſuch as be of upright converſation.

† Heb. *the upright of way.*

15 * [24] Their ſword ſhall enter into their own heart, and [25] their bows ſhall be broken.

* Mich.5.6.

[24] 1 *Sam.*31.5. *Pſal.*7.5. See there. Their miſchevous attempts againſt the righteous ſhall prove their own ruin. ¶ [25] Their plots and practices ſhall be fruſtrated.

16 A little that a righteous man hath, *is* [26] better then the riches of many wicked.

[26] *Prov.*16.8. 1 *Tim.*6.6,8. Becauſe, (1) being well gotten, (*viz.*by God's bleſſing, *Prov.*10.22.) it will wear better, and be more durable, *v.* 17,18. (2) Being well uſed (*viz.* for God's honour) it's attended with inward ſatisfaction, *Prov.* 10.-22. (3) It's a fruit of ſpecial love, *Pſal.*25.10.

*John 38. 15. Ezek.30.21, &c.

17 For * the [27] arms of the wicked ſhall be broken: but the LORD [28] upholdeth the righteous.

[27] *Pſal.*10.15. ¶ [28] Maintains 'em in their happy eſtate.

18 The LORD [29] knoweth the [30] days of the upright: and their inheritance ſhall be [31] for ever.

[29] *Pſal.*1.6. and 31.-17. ¶ [30] Their condition; (and provides for 'em accordingly, *Matth.*6.32.) ¶ [31] *Iſa.*60.21. 1 *Pet.*1.11. *Dan.*2.44. In the world to come.

19 They ſhall not be [32] aſhamed in the evil time: and in the days of [33] famine they ſhall be ſatisfied.

[32] Left in a forlorn condition. ¶ [33] *Pſal.* 33. 19.

† Heb. *preciouſneſs of lambs.*

20 But the wicked ſhall periſh, and the enemies of the LORD *ſhall be* as the † fat of lambs, they ſhall conſume: into ſmoke ſhall they conſume away.

21 The wicked [34] borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous [35] ſheweth mercy, and giveth.

[34] Is many times brought into a borrowing condition, (which is a great judgment, *Deut.* 28.-12.) and reduc'd to ſuch ſtraits that he is fain to borrow, and is not able to pay again; his eſtate being blaſted and conſumed by God, *v.*20. ¶ [35] *Pſal.*112.5,9. Is bleſſed by God, ſo that he has enough for himſelf and others.

[36] *v.*-9,11,18.

22 For *ſuch as be* bleſſed of him, ſhall [36] inherit the earth; and *they that be* curſed of him, ſhall be [14] cut off.

‖ Or, *eſtabliſhed.*

23 The ſteps of a *good* man are ‖ [37] ordered by the LORD: and [38] he delighteth in his way.

[37] 1 *Sam.*2.9.Guided by God's providence to a happy iſſue. ¶ [38] God is pleas'd with it, and proſpers it accordingly.

* 2 Cor.4.9.

24 * Though he [39] fall, he ſhall not be utterly caſt down: for the LORD upholdeth *him* with his hand.

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[39] *Prov.* 24. 16. *Mich.* 7. 8. *Viz.* Into trouble and diſtreſs.

25 I have been young and *now* am old: yet have I not ſeen the righteous forſaken, nor his ſeed * [40] begging bread.

* Job 15.23. Pſal.59.15. & 109.10.

[40] Making a trade of it (which was the curſe of the wicked, and a note of utter dereliction among the Jews, and therefore ſeldom happen'd then, when temporal bleſſings were more commonly beſtow'd as the reward of obedience, ſo that *David* had not obſerv'd ſuch an inſtance in his time.)

† Heb. *all the day.*

26 *He is* † ever [35] merciful, and lendeth: and his ſeed *is* bleſſed.

[41] See on *Pſal.* 34.14.

27 [41] Depart from evil, and [41] do good: and dwell for [31] evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth [42] judgment, and [43] forſaketh not his ſaints, they are preſerved [31] for ever: but * the ſeed of the wicked ſhall be cut off.

* Pſal.21.10.

[42] *Pſal.*11.7. That men ſhould deal righteouſly. ¶ [43] *Heb.* 13.-5.

29 * The righteous ſhall inherit the land, and dwell therein [31] for ever.

* Prov.2.21.

30 The mouth of the righteous ſpeaketh [44] wiſdom; and his tongue talketh of [45] judgment.

[44] *Prov.*10. 31. and 31.26. *Col.*4.6. *Eph.* 4.29. Some pious, profitable matter, flowing from Wiſdom in himſelf, and tending to make others ſpiritually wiſe. See on *Col.*3.16. ¶ [45] *Pſal.* 119.13. The Law of God, *v.* 31.

‖ Or, *goings.*

31 The law of his God *is* [46] in his heart, none of his ‖ ſteps ſhall [47] ſlide.

[46] *Pſal.*40.-8. and 119.-98. *Prov.*4.4. and 22.22. *Iſa.*51.7. *Matth.*12.35. *Deut.*6.-6. Being written there by God, (*Hebr.* 8.10. See there.) whereby he is inclin'd to eſteem, (*Pſal.* 119.72,128.) love, (*Pſal.*119. 97, 127, 167.) delight and rejoyce, (*Pſal.*1.2. and 119.14,16,103,111.*Rom.*7.22.) and meditate in it, *Pſal.* 1.2. and 119. 15. ¶ [47] *Pſal.* 40.-2. *Viz.* From this Rule of the Law; (but are commonly ordered thereby, *Pſal.*119.9.)

32 The wicked [48] watcheth the righteous, and ſeeketh to ſlay him.

[48] *Pſal.*10.8.-10. *Luke* 6.7. and 14.-1. and 20.20. *Viz.* Becauſe of his Holineſs, *v.*30,31.

33 The LORD will not [49] leave him in his hand, nor [50] condemn him when he is judged.

[49] 2 *Pet.*2.9. (Though he may ſuffer him to fall into his hands.) ¶ [50] But will vindicate his innocency and deliver him, *Pſal.*109.31.

[51] See on *Pſal.* 27.14.

34 [51] Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he ſhall exalt thee to inherit the land: * when the wicked are cut off, thou ſhalt [52] ſee *it.*

* Pſal.91.8.

[52] *Pſal.*52.7.

[53] *Eſther* 3.2. *Job* 5.3.

‖ Or, *a green tree that groweth in his own ſoil.*

35 I have ſeen the wicked in [53] great power: and ſpreading himſelf like ‖ a green bay-tree.

[54] *v.* 10.

36 Yet he [54] paſſed away, and lo, he *was* not: yea, I ſought him, but he could not be found.

[55] *Iſa.*57.2.

37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* [55] peace.

38 But the tranſgreſſours ſhall be deſtroyed [56] together, the [57] end of the wicked ſhall be cut off.

[56] All alike; without any exception, or reſpect of perſons. ¶ [57] His proſperity ſhall end in deſtruction.

39 But the ſalvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD, *he is* their ſtrength in the time of trouble.

* Iſa.31.5.

40 And * the LORD ſhall help them, and deliver them: he ſhall deliver them from the wicked, and ſave them [58] becauſe they truſt in him.

[58] 1 *Chr.*5.20.

PSAL. XXXVIII.

David moveth God to take compaſſion of his pitiful caſe.

* Pſal.70.1.

¶ A Pſalm of David * to bring to remembrance.

[1] To put himſelf in mind of the ſore affliction he had been in for his ſins, and of God's mercy in his deliverance; and to put others in mind how to behave themſelves upon a like occaſion.

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O LORD, rebuke me not in thy [2] wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

[2] *Psal.*6.1. See there.

2 For thine [3] arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

[3] Job 6. 4. See there. Judgments.

3 [4] *There is* no soundness in my flesh, because of thine anger: neither *is there any* † rest in my [5] bones, because of my sin.

† Heb. *peace* or *health.*

[4] My body is all over full of pain and misery. ¶ [5] *Psal.* 6.-2. and 51.-8.

* Ezra 9.6. Psal.40.12.

4 For * [6] mine iniquities are [7] gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too [8] heavy for me.

[6] Both my sins and sufferings are exceedingly increast. ¶ [7] *Eccl.*9.-6. ¶ [8] *Matth.*11.28.

5 [9] My wounds stink, *and* are corrupt: because of my foolishness.

[9] My Miseries are grown to a great height.

† Heb. *wried.*

6 I am † troubled, I am [10] bowed down greatly; * I go mourning all the day long.

[10] Much dejected and oppresst.

7 For my loyns are filled with a [11] lothsom *disease*: and [4] *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

* Job 30. 28. Ps. 35.14.&42. 9. & 43.2.

[11] Hereby it seems to have been some bodily distemper he lay under at this time, attended with ¶ [12] trouble of conscience and sense of thy wrath for my sins.

* Job 3.24. Isa. 59. 11.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: * I have roared by reason of the [12] disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, [13] all my desire *is* before thee: [13] and my groning is not hid from thee.

[13] I look to thee only for ease and relief, and thou know'st how much need I have of help.

* Psal.6.7. † Heb. is *not* with *me.*

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for * the light of mine eyes, it also † is gone from me.

* Luk. 10. 31, 32.

11 My lovers and my friends * [14] stand aloof from my † sore: and my ‖ kinsmen [14] stand afar off.

† Heb. *stroke.* ‖ Or, *neighbours.* [14] *Psal.* 31.11. *Job* 19.13. *Matth.*27.55.

12 They also that seek after my life, [15] lay snares *for me*: and they that seek my hurt, speak mischievous things, and [16] imagine deceits all the day long.

[15] *Psal.*64.5. ¶ [16] Contrive how to deceive me by their fair pretences.

* Psal.39.9.

13 But I, as a deaf *man* heard not; and * *I was* as a dumb man *that* [17] openeth not his mouth.

[17] *Isa.*53.-7. 1 *Pet.* 2. 23. Did not go about to vindicate my self, but submitted to the Providence of God therein, as a just punishment for my sins, 2 *Sam.* 16.10—12.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no [18] reproofs.

[18] Arguments to confute them, or defend my self.

‖ Or, *thee do I wait for.* ‖ Or, *answer.*

15 For ‖ in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt ‖ hear, O LORD my God.

16 For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoyce over me: when my foot [19] slippeth, they [20] magnifie *themselves* against me.

[19] Into sin or misery. ¶ [20] See on *Psal.* 35.-26.

† Heb. *for halting.*

17 For I *am* ready † [21] to halt, and [22] my sorrow *is* continually before me.

[21] Fall into irrecoverable misery. ¶ [22] My sins, (whereby I have provok'd thee to punish me thus heavily.)

18 For I will [23] declare mine iniquity; I will be [23] sorry for my sin.

[23] *Psal.* 32.5. (In order to a pardon, *Prov.* 28. 13.)

† Heb. being *living*, *are strong.* [24] Healthful and prosperous. * See 1 Pet. 3. 13.

19 But mine enemies † *are* [24] lively, *and* they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render [25] evil for good, are mine adversaries: * [26] because I follow *the thing that* good *is.*

[25] *Psal.*35.12. This is the temper and disposition of my Adversaries so to do. ¶ [26] *John* 15.19. 1 *John* 3. 12.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

† Heb. *for my help.*

22 [27] Make haste † to help me, O Lord my salvation.

[27] *Psal.* 22.19. and 40.13. and 70.1. and 71.12. and 141.1.

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PSAL. XXXIX.

[1] *David's care of his thoughts.* 4 *The brevity and vanity of life.* 7 *The reverence of Gods judgments,* 10 *and prayer, are his bridles of impatience.*

¶ To the chief musician, *even* to * Jeduthun; A Psalm of † David.

* 1 Chron.16. 41.& 25.1.

† *David* being troubled at the prosperity of the wicked, and considering the vanity of life, with all its enjoyments, betakes himself to God for support, pardon, and deliverance out of all his troubles.

I Said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep † my mouth with a [1] bridle, while the wicked is [2] before me.

† Heb. *a bridle*, or *muzzle for my mouth.*

[1] *James* 3. 2. *Psal.* 141. 3. ¶ [2] In my thoughts; *i. e.* while I consider the flourishing state of wicked men.

2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* [3] from good, and my sorrow was † [4] stirred.

† Heb. *troubled*

[3] From speaking the truth in my own defence. ¶ [4] Rather encreast by my silence than asswag'd.

3 My heart was [5] hot within me, while I was [6] musing the [7] fire burned: *then* [8] spake I with my tongue.

[5] Heated and enflam'd with striving to smother my grief. ¶ [6] Plodding upon these dispensations, concerning the afflictions of the godly and prosperity of the wicked. ¶ [7] *Job* 32.19. *Jer.*20.9. At last the fire got vent and brake forth in these expressions. ¶ [8] *Viz.* That which follows.

4 LORD, [9] make me to know mine end, and the [10] measure of my days, what it *is*: *that* I may know ‖ how frail I *am.*

‖ Or, *what time I have here.*

[9] *Psal.*119.84. Enable me so to consider and be affected with it, as to prepare for it. ¶ [10] What a small pittance or scantling it is, *v.* 5.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* an handbreadth, and mine age *is* as nothing [11] before thee: * verily every man † at his [12] best state *is* altogether [13] vanity. Selah.

* Verse 11. † Heb. *fixed.*

[11] *Psal.*90.4. 2 *Pet.*3.8. In thy account, and in comparison of thee. ¶ [12] Greatest strength, and most flourishing condition. ¶ [13] *Psal.*62.9. and 144. 4. Nothing of substance, solidity or continuance; (and therefore I must not think much if I find it so in my own experience).

† Heb. *an image.*

6 Surely every man walketh [14] in † a vain shew: surely they are [15] disquieted in vain: * [16] he heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

* Eccl 5.14.

[14] In the pursuit of an imaginary happiness, and imaginary enjoyments; (for such are all the things of this world, 1 *Cor.*7.31.) ¶ [15] Trouble and vex both themselves and others in the pursuit of these things, which are so vain, that if they should attain 'em, yet all is but lost labour. ¶ [16] *Job* 27.17. *Eccl.*2.21,26. *Luke* 12. 20.

7 And [17] now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

[17] *q. d.* Since life is so short, and worldly enjoyments so vain, I'll trouble my self no further about 'em, but betake my self to thee.

8 [18] Deliver me from all my transgressions, make me not the [19] reproch of the foolish.

[18] Pardon all my sins, that so I may not be disappointed of my hopes of enjoying thee and thy favour. ¶ [19] By being overwhelm'd with my troubles.

9 * I was [20] dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst [21] *it.*

* Psal.38.13.

[20] *Lev.*10.-3. *Job* 40. 4, 5. ¶ [21] Whatsoever comes to pass, either as to the afflictions of the righteous, or prosperity of the wicked.

10 * [22] Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the † blow of thine hand.

* Job 13.21. [22] *Job* 9.34. † Heb. *constitit.*

11 When thou with [23] rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest † his [24] beauty * to consume away like a moth: * surely [25] every man *is* vanity. Selah.

† Heb. *that which is to be desired in him to melt away.* * Job 4. 19. & 13.28. Isa. 50. Hos. 5. 12.

[23] Afflictions. ¶ [24] All his excellencies and enjoyments. ¶ [25] *q. d.* And surely then, when he is under God's rebukes, he does more especially appear to be so.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear

* Verse 5.

unto

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unto my cry, hold not thy peace at my tears: * for I *am* a [26] stranger [27] with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my [28] fathers *were*.

[26] *Lev.*25.23. See there. (And so am expos'd to many injuries, and have none to help me, but thy self.) ¶ [27] In thy Land, (as 'tis *Lev.*25.23.) ¶ [28] *Gen.*47.9.

* 1 Chr.29.15. Psal.119.19. 2 Cor.5.6. Hebr. 11.13. 1 Pet.1. 17. &2. 11. * Job 10. 20. & 14.6.

13 * O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no [29] more.

[29] *Viz.* In this world; (as *Gen.*5.24.and 37.30. and 42.36.)

PSAL. XL.

1 *The benefit of confidence in God.* 6 *Obedience the best sacrifice.* 11 *The sense of Davids evils inflameth his prayer.*

¶ To the chief musician, A Psalm of [1] David.

[1] Containing a celebration of God's great goodness and mercy vouchsaf'd to him and all his people; wherein he speaks many things in the person of Christ.

†Heb. *In waiting I waited.* [2] *Psal.*37.7. † Heb. *a pit of noise.*

† [2] I Waited patiently for the LORD, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of † an [3] horrible pit, out of the [4] miry clay, and [5] set my feet upon a rock, [5] *and* established my goings.

[3] Terrible and desperate dangers. ¶ [4] *Psal.* 69. 2. Such evils as stuck close to me. ¶ [5] Brought me into a safe condition, and inabled me to walk steadily, without falling into mischief.

3 And he hath [6] put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see [7] *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

[6] See on *Psal.*33.3. Mov'd me, by his Spirit, to compose this Psalm upon this occasion. ¶ [7] Both my danger and deliverance, and be thereupon induc'd to fear, worship and serve this God.

4 [8] Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust: and [9] respecteth not the proud, nor such as [10] turn aside to lies.

[8] *Jer.* 17. 7. ¶ [9] Does not value so highly as to trust in (*Psal.*146.3.) any of the great ones of the world, who are commonly proud of their power, wealth, &c. See on *Psal.* 119.21. ¶ [10] *Psal.*125.5. *Jer.*2.13. *Jon.* 2. 4. Forsake God, and place their happiness in worldly enjoyments.

* Job 5.9. Psal.71. 15. & 92.5. & 139.6,17. ‖ Or, *none can order them unto thee.*

5 * [11] Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy [12] wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: ‖ they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more then can be numbred.

[11] *Job* 5.9. and 9.10. *Psal.*71.-15. ¶ [12] Especially that of Redemption by the Messiah, (which now he comes to speak of.)

* 1 Sam.15.22. Psal.50.8.& 51.16.Isa.1.11 & 66.3.Hos.6. 6.Matth.12.7. † Heb. *digged.*

6 * [13] Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire, mine ears hast thou † [14] opened: burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

[13] See on *Hebr.*10.5. ¶ [14] *Isa.*50. 5. Or, *bored, i. e.* fitted, inclin'd and oblig'd me to thy Service; (as servants whose ears were bored, *Exod.*21.5,6.)

7 [15] Then said I, Lo, I come: [16] in the volume of the book *it is* written of me:

[15] *i. e.* When I understood and consider'd thy pleasure therein, (*v.*6.) I engag'd my self unto thee (in the Covenant of Redemption.) ¶ [16] *q.d.* And thus much is expresst in the Promises, Prophesies, Types and Ceremonies of the Law of *Moses*, Luke 24.27. John 5.39.

* Psal.119.16, 24,47,92. Rom.7.22. * Jer.31.33. 2 Cor.3.3. † Heb. *in the midst of my bowels.* * Psal.35.18.

8 * [17] I delight [18] to do thy will, O my God: yea, * thy law *is* † [19] within my heart.

[17] *Luke* 12.50. *John* 10. 18. ¶ [18] To yield absolute and perfect obedience thereto, by laying down my life, and making my self a Sacrifice to thy justice for the sins of the world. ¶ [19] See on *Psal.* 37.31. I am ready to perform all that thou requir'st of me as Mediator.

9 * I have [20] preached righteousness in [21] the great congregation: lo, I have not [22] refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

[20] Publish'd (by my self and Ministers, *Psal.* 22. 22.) thy Faithfulness in performing thy promise of sending me into the world, (*Acts* 13.23.) and thy Justice in requiring satisfaction of me for man's sin, *Rom.*2.25,26. ¶ [21] See on *Psal.* 22.25. ¶ [22] *Rom.*1.16.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving kindness, and thy truth from the great congregation.

Psal. 41.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: * let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

* Psal.43.3. & 57.3. & 61. 7.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about; [23] mine iniquities have [24] taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to [25] look up: they are more then the hairs of mine head, therefore * my heart † faileth me.

* Psal.73.26. † Heb. *forsaketh.*

[23] *Psal.* 38. 4. This must be applied only to *David.* ¶ [24] Brought down these evils upon me. ¶ [25] *Viz.* With any confidence; but am asham'd of my self, *Ezra* 9. 6.

13 * Be pleased, O LORD, to [26] deliver me: O LORD, [27] make haste to help me.

* Psal.70.1,&c.

[26] *Viz.* From my sins, and the punishment due to 'em. ¶ [27] *Psal.*38.22. See there.

14 [28] Let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after [29] my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward, and put to shame that wish me evil.

[28] *Psal.*35.4. See there. [29] My life.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward [30] of their shame, that say unto me, [31] Aha, aha.

[30] Of their sinful and shameful endeavours to bring me to shame. ¶ [31] *Psal.*35.21. See there. That rejoyce at my misery.

16 Let all those that seek thee, rejoyce and be glad in thee: let such as love [32] thy salvation, [33] say continually, The LORD be [34] magnified.

[32] That way and method of salvation thou hast appointed by Christ, *Luke* 2.30. ¶ [33] Have continual occasion to say. ¶ [34] *Psal.*35.27.

17 But I *am* [35] poor and needy, *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer, make no tarrying, O my God.

[35] *Psal.* 86.-1.

PSAL. XLI.

1 *Gods care of the poor.* 4 *David complaineth of his enemies treachery.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of [1] David.

[1] Penn'd upon occasion of some sore disease or other affliction.

* Prov.14.21. ‖ Or, *weak, or sick.* † Heb. *the day of evil.*

* [2] Blessed *is* he that [2] considereth the ‖ [3] poor; the LORD will deliver [4] him in † time of trouble.

[2] So as not to censure or condemn him as wicked, or hated of God; but pities and comforts him. ¶ [3] One in sickness, or any affliction. ¶ [4] *Viz.* The afflicted person himself.

2 The LORD will preserve [4] him, and keep him [5] alive, *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth; and ‖ thou wilt not deliver him into the will of his enemies.

[5] *Isa.*38.21. ‖ Or, *do not thou deliver.*

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt † [6] make all his bed in his sickness.

† Heb. *turn.*

[6] Give him ease and comfort, and afford him all things necessary for his refreshing.

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me; [7] heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

[7] 2 *Chron.*30.20. *Psal.*103.3. and 147.3. Pardon my sins, (as *Isa.*6.-10.with *Mark* 4.-12.)and deliver me out of my distress.

5 Mine enemies [8] speak evil of me: When shall he die, and his name perish?

[8] Vent their ill wishes against me.

6 And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh [9] vanity: his heart [10] gathereth iniquity to it self; *when* he goeth abroad, he [11] telleth *it*.

[9] *Psal.*12.2. *Prov.* 26. 24–26. Falshood; pretending sorrow, but intending mischief, and secretly rejoycing at my misery. ¶ [10] Picks out something from my words or actions, or condition, to design some mischief against me. ¶ [11] *Viz.* By way of triumph, and rejoycing at my misery.

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise † my hurt.

† Heb. *evil to me.*

8 † [12] An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast

† Heb. *a thing of Belial.*

Psal. 42.

unto him: and *now* that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.

[12] *Acts* 28.4. Some incurable disease, or irrecoverable mischief, (such as God uses to inflict upon sons of *Belial*.)

* Pf.55.12,13. † Heb. *the man of my peace.* † Heb. *magnified.*

9 * Yea, † mine own [13] familiar friend in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath † [14] lift up *his* heel against me.

[13] *Job* 19. 19. *Jer.* 20. 1.0. This chiefly relates to *Judas's* dealing with Christ, *John* 13.-18. ¶ [14] Behav'd himself insolently, contemptuously and injuriously.

[15] Punish 'em according to their deserts.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may [15] requite them.

11 By this I know that thou [16] favourest me, because mine enemy [17] doth not triumph over me.

[16] Will make good thy promises to me. ¶ [17] Has not gotten me into his power, but is disappointed in his expectation.

12 And as for me, thou [18] upholdest me in mine integrity, and [19] settest me before thy face [19] for ever.

[18] Hast kept my heart sincere towards thee, notwithstanding all my troubles. ¶ [19] Dost manifest singular respect to me, and so wilt continue to do both in this world and the world to come.

[20] *Psal.* 72.-19. and 89.-52. & 106.-48.

13 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, from everlasting, and to everlasting. [20] Amen, and amen.

PSAL. XLII.

1 *Davids zeal to serve God in the temple.* 5 *He encourageth his soul to trust in God.*

‖ Or, *of.* * See 1 Chron. 6.33,37.& 25. 5. † Heb. *brayeth.*

¶ To the chief musician, Maschil, ‖ for the sons of * Korah.

AS the hart †panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul [1] after thee, O God.

[1] After the enjoyment of thee in the Sanctuary and publick Ordinances.

* 1 Thes. 1.9.

2 My soul [2] thirsteth for God, for * the [3] living God: when shall I come and appear [4] before God?

[2] *Psal.* 63.1. and 84.2. ¶ [3] *Psal.* 36.9. *Jer.* 2.13. ¶ [4] In the place of his special Presence and publick Worship.

3 [5] My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, [6] Where *is* thy God?

[5] *Psal.* 80.5. and 102.9. I have constantly entertain'd my self with tears, as with my meat at my set meals. ¶ [6] *v.*-10. *Psal.* 79.-10. and 115.2. *q. d.* He has forsaken thee, and will not deliver thee, *Psal.* 22.8.

* Job 30.16.

4 When I [7] remember these *things*, * [8] I pour out my soul in me; for I had gone with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God; with the [9] voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept [10] holy-day.

[7] *Lam.* 3.19,20. ¶ [8] *Viz.* In sad complaints, and fervent prayers. ¶ [9] *Isa.* 30.-29. ¶ [10] The three solemn Festivals appointed to the Jews, *Exod.* 23.14.

† Heb. *bowed down.* ‖ Or, *give thanks.* ‖ Or, *his presence is salvation.*

5 [11] Why art thou † cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? [12] hope thou in God; for I shall yet ‖ praise him ‖ *for* the [13] help of his countenance.

[11] *Psal.* 43.5. ¶ [12] *Lam.* 3. 26. ¶ [13] Those supports, deliverances and comforts, which I doubt not I shall e're long enjoy from his presence and favour.

6 O my God, my soul is [14] cast down within me: therefore will I [15] remember thee from the [16] land of Jordan, and of the [16] Hermonites; from the ‖ [16] hill Mizar.

‖ Or, *little hill.*

[14] At my banishment from the publick Ordinances and place of worship. ¶ [15] Meditate on thy goodness, power, faithfulness, &c. for my support. ¶ [16] *i. e.* If I shall be driven thither, or to any other place of the Land, even the remotest from the Sanctuary.

7 [17] Deep calleth unto deep [18] at the noise of thy water-spouts: [19] all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

[17] *Jer.* 4.20. *Ezek.* 7.26. *Job* 1.16. *q. d.* Thou hast brought an inundation of misery upon me, and troubles come so thick one in the neck of another, as if the former call'd upon the latter to follow it. ¶ [18] When the Clouds thunder and make a noise. ¶ [19] *Psal.* 88.-7. *Jon.* 2.-3. Grievous Judgments come rowling in upon me one after another.

Psal. 43.

8 *Yet* the LORD [20] will command his loving kindness in the day-time, and in the night [21] his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

[20] *Lev.* 25.21. *Deut.* 28.8. *Psal.* 44.-4. and 133.-3. *Matth.* 8.8. Powerfully send deliverance, the fruit of his loving-kindness. ¶ [21] *Job* 35.10. *Psal.* 32.-7. and 149.5. *Acts* 16.25. I shall have occasion of rejoycing.

[22] See on *Deut.* 32.4. * Psal. 38.6. [23] *Psal.* 43.-2. ‖ Or, *killing.* * Verse 3. Joel 2. 17. Mich. 7.10.

9 I will say unto God my [22] rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? [23] why * go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 *As* with a ‖ sword in my bones, mine enemies reproch me: * while they say daily unto me, [6] Where *is* thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the [24] health of my countenance, and my God.

[24] Heb. *The salvations of my face*; *i. e.* The bestower of salvation and deliverance upon me, which will chear up my countenance.

PSAL. XLIII.

1 *David praying to be restored to the temple, promiseth to serve God joyfully.* 5 *He encourageth his soul to trust in God.*

[1] See on *Psal.* 7.8. Clear my innocence. ‖ Or, *unmerciful.* † Heb. *a man of deceit, and iniquity.* [2] *Exod.* 15.2. *Isa.* 26.4. [3] *Psal.* 42.-9.

1 JUdge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ‖ ungodly nation; O deliver me from † the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou *art* the God of my [2] strength, why dost thou cast me off? [3] why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy [4] light and thy [4] truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

[4] *i. e.* Thy true light or illumination of thy Spirit, and direction of thy gracious Providence.

† Heb. *the gladness of my joy.*

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God † [5] my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

[5] The principal Author and Matter of all my joy and comfort.

[6] *Psal.* 42.-5, 11.

5 [6] Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God; for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSAL. XLIV.

1 *The church in memory of former favours,* 7 *complaineth of her present evils.* 17 *Professing her integrity,* 24 *she fervently prayeth for succour.*

¶ To the chief musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

[1] *Psal.* 78.3. *Joel* 1.3.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have [1] told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 *How* thou didst [2] drive out the heathen with thy hand, and [3] plantedst [4] them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

[2] *Deut.* 7. 1. *Psal.* 78. 55. and 80.-8. ¶ [3] *Exod.* 15. 17. ¶ [4] Our fathers.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their [5] own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, * because thou hadst a [6] favour unto them.

* *Deut.* 4.37.

[5] *Deut.* 8.17. *Josh.* 24.-12. *Hos.* 1.7. ¶ [6] *Deut.* 7. 7, 8.

4 Thou

Psal. 44.

4 * Thou art [7] my King, O God; [8] command deliverances for Jacob.

* Psal. 74.12.
[7] Psal. 74.12.
[8] Psal. 42.8. See there.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies; through thy [9] name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

[9] Assistance.

6 For * I will not trust in my bow; neither shall my sword save me.

* Psal. 33.16.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies; and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long; and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 But thou hast [10] cast off, and put us to [11] shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

[10] Psal. 60.1,10. and 74. 1. and 89. 38. ¶ [11] Viz. By not helping us; as we boasted thou would'st.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy; and they which hate us [12] spoil for themselves.

[12] Take away our estates for their own use, and to satisfie their lusts, and not in compliance with thy Will.

† Heb. as sheep of meat.

11 Thou hast given us † like [13] sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

[13] Rom. 8.36. To be slaughter'd.

12 * Thou [14] sellest thy people † for [15] nought; and dost not [16] increase *thy wealth* by their price.

* Isa. 52.3,4.
† Heb. without riches.

[14] Deut. 32.30. ¶ [15] Jer. 15.13. For little or no price. ¶ [16] Advance thy honour and service thereby, (for our enemies don't serve thee better than we.)

13 Thou makest us a [17] reproch to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

[17] Psal. 79.4.

14 * Thou makest us a [18] by-word among the heathen: * a [19] shaking of the head among the people.

* Jer. 24.9.
[18] Deut. 28.37.
* 2 Kin. 19.21.
[19] Psal. 22.7. See there.

15 [20] My confusion *is* continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me:

[20] My distress and trouble of spirit thereupon, is so great that I can never put it out of my mind.

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of * the enemy and [21] avenger.

* Job 16.4.
[21] See on Psal. 8.2.

17 All this is come upon us; [22] yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we [23] dealt falsly in thy covenant.

[22] 2 Tim. 1.12. ¶ [23] Turn'd Apostates, and renounc'd our relation to thee, but still own thee for our God.

18 Our heart is not turned [24] back, neither have our ‖ steps declined from thy way:

‖ Or, goings.
[24] Viz. From thee, thy worship and service to Idols.

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in * the [25] place of dragons, and covered us with the * [26] shadow of death.

* Isa. 34.13. & 35.7.
* Psal. 23.4.
[25] Among fierce and cruel enemies. ¶ [26] See on Job 3.5. Deadly horrours and miseries.

20 If we have forgotten the [27] name of our God, or * [28] stretched out our hands to a strange god:

* Job 11.13. Psal. 68.31.
[27] His Worship and Service. ¶ [28] Exod. 9.29. 1 Kings 8.22. Pray'd to, or worship'd.

21 * Shall not God search this out? for [29] he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

* Job 31.14.
[29] See on Acts 1.24.

22 [30] Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

[30] See on Rom. 8.36.

23 * [31] Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? [31] Arise, cast *us* not off for ever.

* Psal. 35.23. & 59.4,5. & 78.65.
[31] Psal. 7.6.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face? *and* forgettest our affliction, and our oppression?

25 For * [32] our soul is bowed down to the dust; [33] our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

* Psal. 119.25.
[32] We are brought to the lowest ebb of misery, and ready to drop into the grave. ¶ [33] We stick there without hopes of recovery.

† Heb. a help for us.

26 Arise † for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies sake.

PSAL. XLV.

The majesty of Christs kingdom.

Psal. 45.

¶ To the chief musician upon [1] Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, ‖ Maschil, A song of [2] loves.

‖ Or, of instruction.
[1] Psal. 69. The name of a musical instrument. ¶ [2] viz. Between Christ and his Church. A kind of Abridgment of the Canticles.

MY heart † is enditing a [3] good matter: I speak of the things which I have [4] made touching the [5] king: my tongue *is* the pen of a [6] ready writer.

† Heb. boileth, or bubleth up.
[3] Psal. 49. 2. Not any light, vain matter, (as commonly Love-songs are) but of singular excellency and delight, being heavenly and full of majesty. ¶ [4] Compos'd by Divine Inspiration. ¶ [5] The Messia. ¶ [6] Apt to utter freely and readily what the Spirit suggests to me.

2 Thou art [7] fairer then the children of men: [8] grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee [9] for ever.

[7] Cant. 5.16. Fuller of inward Beauty, John 1. 14. and 3. -34. Heb. 7.-26. ¶ [8] Isa. 50. 4. Luke 4. 22. John 7.26. Thy words are exceeding acceptable to the Hearers, and minister Grace to 'em. ¶ [9] For the perpetual good of thy people.

3 Gird thy [10] sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* [11] mighty; [12] with thy glory and thy majesty.

[10] The word of God, (Eph. 6. 17. Heb. 4.12. Rev. 1.16.) wherewith to vanquish thy enemies. ¶ [11] Isa. 9.6. ¶ [12] Or, *Which is thy glory, i. e.* Which Sword, or Word is the great instrument of maintaining and propagating thy Glory and Kingdom.

4 And in thy majesty † [13] ride prosperously, because of [14] truth and [15] meekness, *and* [16] righteousness: and [17] thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

† Heb. prosper thou, ride thou.
[13] Rev. 6.-2. Thou shalt prosper and succeed in subduing the World by the ministry of the Gospel. ¶ [14] The truth of the Gospel revealed by thee. ¶ [15] Zech. 9.-9. Matth. 11. 29. and 12. 19, 20. and 21. 5. 2 Tim. 2. 25. Dealing gently with all that submit to thee. ¶ [16] Governing thy Subjects with impartial Justice. ¶ [17] Isa. 63. 3. Thy own almighty power shall enable thee to do great and glorious exploits, which shall be terrible to thy enemies.

5 [18] Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the [19] kings enemies; *whereby* the people [20] fall under thee.

[18] The Instruments thou usest to subdue thy enemies; whether the Word, which turns the hearts of Sinners to thee, or Judgments to destroy the rebellious and impenitent, Luke 19.27. ¶ [19] *i. e.* Thy Enemies, O King. ¶ [20] Either as converted to thee, or conquer'd by thee.

6 [21] Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the [22] sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.

[21] Psal. 93.2. Heb. 1.8. ¶ [22] Thy administration of Affairs is most just, (and therefore for ever, Prov. 16.12.)

7 [23] Thou lovest righteousness, and [23] hatest wickedness: [24] therefore ‖ * God, [25] thy God hath [26] anointed thee with the oyl of gladness above thy fellows.

‖ Or, O God.
* Isa. 61.1.
[23] Thou hast manifested thy self to be an exact lover of Righteousness, by the holiness of thy life, and bringing in everlasting righteousness, (Dan. 9.24.) and a perfect hater of Wickedness by exposing thy self to death, thereby to shew the heinous evil of it, and to save thy people from it. ¶ [24] v. 2. Phil. 2.8–10. ¶ [25] See on Eph. 1.3. ¶ [26] See on Heb. 1.9. Exalted thee to a state of dignity and eternal happiness above all others, Phil. 2.8–10.

8 [27] All thy garments *smell* of myrrhe, and aloes, *and* cassia; [28] out of the ivory palaces, [29] whereby [30] they have made thee glad.

[27] The whole course of thy life is adorned with all manner of Graces, which render thee amiable and delightful to the Saints, Cant. 1.3. ¶ [28] *i. e.* When thou comest out of the heavenly mansions into the World. ¶ [29] Or, *from which, i. e.* From the effusion of the gifts and graces of the Spirit from thy Fathers right hand in Heaven. ¶ [30] Or, *thou art made glad*, as being the means of bringing much glory to God, by doing much good in the world.

9 [31] Kings daughters *were* among thy honourable women: * upon thy right hand did stand the [32] queen in gold of Ophir.

* See 1 King. 2.19.

Pſal. 46.

[31] Souls of particular Believers, (who are ſpiritual Kings) that are added to the Church, many of 'em are of royal or princely deſcent, *Iſa.*49.7. and 60. 10,11. ¶ [32] *Rev.*21.-9. The Catholick Church (made up of all particular Believers) is adorned with the choiceſt gifts and graces.

10 [33] Hearken, O daughter, and conſider, and incline thine ear: * forget alſo [34] thine own people, and thy fathers houſe.

* See Deut.21. 13.

[33] Attend unto the preaching of the Goſpel, and be inſtructed thereby. Having ſpoken before of Chriſt, here he ſpeaks to the Church. ¶ [34] *i. e.* (1) All carnal relations, ſo far as they hinder from Chriſt, *Matth.*10.37. *Luke* 14. 26. (2) All thoſe prejudices, falſe perſwaſions, corrupt inclinations, and evil practices, which are ſo natural to,and even part of thy ſelf, *Matth.*5.29,30. Yea, (3) even that ceremonial way of Worſhip, which you Jews have hitherto been us'd to in God's houſe, (which Chriſt calls his Fathers houſe, *John* 2.16.) which ſhall all be aboliſhed at Chriſts coming.

11 So ſhall the king [35] greatly deſire thy beauty: [36] for * he *is* [37] thy Lord, and worſhip thou him.

* Iſa. 54. 5.

[35] Thou ſhalt become very amiable and acceptable to him. ¶ [36] *q. d.* Thou muſt forſake all others for him, becauſe------ ¶ [37] Thy God, (*v.* 6.) as well as Husband.

12 And the [38] daughter of Tyre *ſhall be there* with a [39] gift; *even* the [40] rich [41] among the people ſhall intreat thy † favour.

† Heb. *face.*

[38] Inhabitants, (as *Mark* 3.8. *Acts* 21.3,4.) *i.e.* The Gentiles of every Nation. ¶ [39] In token of homage and ſubjection to thee. ¶ [40] *Pſal.*72.10. ¶ [41] Of other Nations.

13 [42] The kings daughter *is* all glorious [43] within; her [44] clothing *is* of wrought gold.

[42] The Spouſe of Chriſt; the Church in general, and every true member thereof in particular. ¶ [43] 1 *Pet.*3.3,4. *Rom.*2.29. *Luke* 19.-21. The glory of the Church does not conſiſt in the largeneſs of her Revenues, ſplendor of her Officers, or pomp of her Adminiſtrations, but in the truth of Doctrin, purity of Worſhip, power of godlineſs in her ſeveral Members, and in the ſpiritual and inward endowments of the heart. ¶ [44] *v.* 14. Her outward converſation, (call'd alſo a Wedding-garment, *Matth.* 22.11.) is adorned with holineſs and good works, *Matth.*5.16.

14 She ſhall be brought unto the king in [44] raiment of needle-work: the [45] virgins her companions that [46] follow her ſhall be [47] brought unto thee.

[45] *Cant.*1.-3. 2 *Cor.* 11.2. *Rev.* 14.2. Particular Believers, (as *v.*9.) who are ſpiritually pure and chaſt. ¶ [46] Tread in the footſteps of all the faithful that have gone before, *Heb.* 6.12. ¶ [47] Converted by the miniſtry of the word.

15 [48] With gladneſs and rejoycing *ſhall* they *be* brought; they ſhall enter into the [49] kings palace.

[48] *Rom.*5.-2. 1 *Pet.* 1.-8. ¶ [49] The Church.

16 [50] In ſtead of thy fathers ſhall be thy children, whom thou mayeſt [51] make princes in all the earth.

[50] This may be applyed both to Chriſt and the Catholick Church. *q. d.* When the Jewiſh Church, of which thou art deſcended, are caſt off by God for their infidelity,thou ſhalt have the Chriſtian Church for thy Children. ¶ [51] 1 *Pet.* 2. 9. *Rev.* 1. 6. and 5. 10. and 20. 6. Endue with ſpiritual power and dignity.

17 I will make thy name to be [52] remembred in all generations: therefore ſhall the people praiſe thee for ever and ever.

[52] *Viz.* By this Song, which I have compos'd to thy honour by the ſpecial guidance of the holy Spirit.

PSAL. XLVI.

1 *The confidence which the Church hath in God.* 8 *An exhortation to behold it.*

¶ To the chief muſician || for the ſons of Korah, A ſong upon * [1] Alamoth.

|| Or, *of.*
* 1 Chr.15.20.

[1] A muſical Inſtrument for the treble part.

GOd *is* our refuge and ſtrength,* a very [2] preſent help in trouble.

* Deut.4.7. Pſal.145.18.
[2] *Gen.*19.15.

2 Therefore will [3] not we fear, [4] though the earth be removed, and [4] though the mountains be carried into the † midſt of the ſea.

† Heb. *heart of the ſeas.*

[3] *Pſal.*23.4. 1 *Pet.* 3.-14. ¶ [4] Though there be never ſuch terrible confuſions and deſolations in all Nations round about us.

Pſal. 47.

3 * *Though* the [5] waters thereof rore, *and* [6] be troubled, *though* the [7] mountains ſhake with the ſwelling thereof. Selah.

* Pſal.93. 3,4. Jer.5.22. Matth.7.25.

[5] The people of thoſe Nations rage againſt us. ¶ [6] *Iſa.* 57.20. ¶ [7] Kingdoms and great ones be endanger'd by theſe commotions.

4 *There is* a [8] river, the [9] ſtreams whereof ſhall make glad the city of God: the holy *place* [10] of the tabernacles of the moſt High.

[8] The gracious preſence of God with 'em, *v.*5. *Iſa.*33.21. ¶ [9] The many bleſſings and benefits flowing from thence; particularly, the Ordinances and Miniſtry of the Word, *Iſa.*12.3. ¶ [10] Where God has taken up his reſidence in his tabernacle and temple.

5 God *is* in the midſt of her; ſhe ſhall [11] not be moved: God ſhall help her, † *and that* [12] right early.

[11] *Mat* .16. 18.
† Heb. *when the morning appeareth.* See Ex. 14. 24,27. 2 Chr. 20. 20. Pſal.143.8.
[12] *Pſal.*30. 5. *Luke* 18.-8.

6 The heathen [13] raged, the kingdoms [14] were moved: he [15] uttered his voice, [16] the earth melted.

[13] *Pſal.*2. 1. *viz.* Againſt God and his People. ¶ [14] Did riſe up in a tumultuous manner. ¶ [15] Manifeſted his diſpleaſure againſt 'em. ¶ [16] The inhabitants of the earth grew heartleſs, and were conſum'd.

7 * The LORD of hoſts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* † our refuge. Selah.

* Verſ. 11.
† Heb *an high place for us.*

8 [17] Come, behold the works of the LORD, what deſolations he hath made [18] in the earth.

[17] *Pſal.*66.5. ¶ [18] Among the enemies of his Church and People.

9 He maketh wars to [19] ceaſe unto the [20] end of the earth; he breaketh the [21] bow, and cutteth the ſpear in ſunder: he burneth the chariot in the fire.

[19] *Iſa.*2.4. ¶ [20] From one end of our land to the other. ¶ [21] *Pſal.*76.3.

10 [22] Be ſtill, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

[22] *Pſal.*37.8. Ceaſe to make any further oppoſition againſt the Church.

11 * The LORD of hoſts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

* Verſ.8.

PSAL. XLVII.

The nations are exhorted chearfully to entertain the kingdom of Chriſt.

¶ To the chief muſician, A [1] pſalm || for the ſons of Korah.

|| Or, *of.*

[1] Penn'd upon the removing the Ark into the City of *Zion*, 2 *Sam.*6. A type of Chriſt's Aſcenſion into Heaven, and ſpreading his Kingdom into all parts of the World.

O * clap your hands, all ye people: ſhout unto God with the voice of triumph;

* Iſa.55.12.

2 For the LORD moſt high *is* [2] terrible; *he is* a [3] great King over all the earth.

[2] *Pſal.*65.5. and 66.3,5. and 68.35. and 145. 6. *Viz.* To his enemies, *Pſal.*76.-12. ¶ [3] *v.*7. *Mal.*1. 14.

3 He ſhall [4] ſubdue the people [4] under us,and the nations under our feet.

[4] *Dan.*7.27. Convert the Gentiles to the obedience of Chriſt, and ſo make 'em Members of the ſame Church with our ſelves.

4 He ſhall [5] chooſe our inheritance for us: the [6] excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

[5] Beſtow himſelf and Heaven upon us, 1 *Pet.* 1.4. ¶ [6] Which are excellent and glorious things wherein we excel all others, *Rom.*3. 2.

5 * [7] God is gone up with a ſhout; the LORD with the ſound of a trumpet.

* Pſ.68.24,25.

[7] 2 *Sam.*6.-15. Chriſt is aſcended into Heaven in great triumph, (as the Ark was brought to *Zion.*)

6 Sing praiſes to God, ſing praiſes: ſing praiſes unto our King, ſing praiſes.

7 For God *is* the [8] king of all the earth; ſing ye praiſes || [9] with underſtanding.

|| Or, every one *that hath underſtanding.*

[8] *Cor.*14-15. *Col.*3.-16. Not in a formal manner, but with due conſideration of his greatneſs.

Psal. 48.

8 [9] God reigneth over the heathen: God ſitteth upon the throne of his holineſs.

[9] *Pſal.*93.1. & 99.1.

9 [10] The ‖ princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people [11] of the God of Abraham: for the [12] ſhields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is [13] greatly exalted.

‖ Or, *the voluntary of the people are gathered* unto *the people of the God of Abraham.*

[10] The Gentiles and many of their Grandees do voluntarily ſubmit themſelves to God, and own his worſhip and ſervice. ¶ [11] Which worſhip the God of *Abram*; whether Jews or Gentiles. ¶ [12] Rulers and Governors, (*Hoſ.* 4. 18.) whoſe Office it is to be Protectors of the people, are at God's diſpoſal, and therefore ſhall be gathered unto the Church. ¶ [13] *viz.* By this addition of all Nations to the Church.

PSAL. XLVIII.

The ornaments and priviledges of the Church.

‖ Or, *of.*

¶ A [1] ſong, *and* [1] pſalm ‖ for the ſons of Korah.

[1] *Pſal.*30.Title. It contains matter of praiſe for the deliverance of *Jeruſalem* from ſome eminent danger.

GReat *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praiſed in the [2] city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holineſs.

[2] There eſpecially.

2 * [3] Beautiful for ſituation, the † joy of the whole earth *is* mount Zion, [4] *on* the ſides of the north, [5] the city of the great King.

* Jer.3.19. Ezek.20.6. Dan.8.9. & 11.16.

[3] *Pſal.* 50.2. Being the place of the Temple. ¶ † *Lam.* 2.15. Becauſe the Doctrin of the Goſpel was to go from thence to all Nations, *Iſa.*2.2,3. ¶ [4] Mount *Moriah*, whereon the Temple ſtood, being on the Northern part of *Jeruſalem*, or of Mount *Zion.* ¶ [5] *Matth.*5.35.

3 God is known in her [6] palaces [6] for a refuge.

[6] The Temple, King's Palace, and other magnificent buildings, to ſecute 'em by his ſpecial Providence from the attempts of Enemies, *v.*4--6. *Exod.*34.24. *Iſa.* 37.35.

4 For lo, the kings were aſſembled, they [7] paſſed by together.

[7] Came up together to ſurprize it, (but yet departed without ſucceſs, *Iſa.*37.33,34.)

[8] *Viz.* At Gods ſtrange protection of it.

5 They ſaw *it*, *and* ſo they [8] marvelled; they were troubled *and* haſted away.

6 [9] Fear took hold upon them there, *and* [9] pain, as of a woman in travail.

[9] *Exod.*15.15,16. *Iſa.* 13.8. Conſternation and perplexity (for that terrible ſlaughter, 2 *King.*19.35.)

* Ezek.27.26. * Jer.18.17.

7 Thou *[10] breakeſt the ſhips of Tarſhiſh *with an eaſt-wind.

[10] Deſtroyeſt theſe proud and raging Enemies by ſome irreſiſtible Judgment; and ſometimes Ships at Sea by terrible ſtorms.

8 As we have [11] heard, ſo have we [12] ſeen in * the city of the LORD of hoſts, in the city of our God: [13] God will eſtabliſh it for ever. Selah.

* Verſ. 1, 2.

[11] *Pſal.*44.1. *viz.* What thou haſt promis'd to do for thy people, and what thou haſt done for 'em formerly. ¶ [12] *viz.* The accompliſhment of thy promiſes, and the like events in our days, in the deliverance vouchſaf'd to Jeruſalem. ¶ [13] Which is an argument that he'll ſtill protect it.

9 [14] We have thought of thy loving kindneſs, O God, in the midſt of thy temple.

[14] When we have come together to worſhip thee, we have then eſpecially exercis'd our thoughts in the deep and ſerious meditation of thy goodneſs to us.

10 [15] According to thy name, O God, ſo *is* thy praiſe unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of [16] righteouſneſs.

[15] As thou haſt manifeſted thy power, goodneſs, and the reſt of thy Attributes. ¶ [16] Righteous actions in preſerving thy people, and deſtroying thy enemies.

11 Let mount Zion rejoyce, let the [17] daughters of Judah be glad, becauſe of thy [18] judgments.

[17] Leſſer Villages, and the Inhabitants thereof. ¶ [18] *Rev.* 19.1--3. 2 *King.*19.21. On thy Enemies.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

† Heb. *ſet your heart to.* ‖ Or, *raiſe up.*

13 † Mark ye well her bulwarks, ‖ conſider her palaces; that ye may [19] tell *it* to the generation following.

[19] *Viz.* How many and ſplendid they are, and how wonderfully preſerv'd.

Pſal. 49.

14 For [20] this God *is* our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

[20] *Iſa.*25.9.

PSAL. XLIX.

1 *An earneſt perſwaſion to build the faith of the reſurrection, not on worldly power, but on God.*
16 *Worldly proſperity is not to be admired.*

¶ To the chief muſician, A † pſalm ‖ for the ſons of Korah.

‖ Or, *of.*

† Wherein the Pſalmiſt arms himſelf againſt the temptation ariſing from the adverſity of the godly, and proſperity of the wicked. It's of the ſame tendency with *Pſal.*73.

HEar this, all *ye* people, give ear all *ye* inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low and high, rich and poor together.

3 My mouth ſhall ſpeak of [1] wiſdom: and the meditation of my heart *ſhall be* of [1] underſtanding.

[1] *Pſal.*45.1. What has a great tendency to make perſons truly wiſe and underſtanding.

4 [2] I will incline mine ear to a [3] parable: I will [4] open my dark ſaying upon the harp.

[2] *Pſal.*78.2. *Matth.*13.35. I my ſelf will hearken to what God's Spirit does ſuggeſt to me that I may deliver it to you, and will alſo my ſelf attend to it. ¶ [3] See on *Numb.* 23.7. ¶ [4] Publiſh this deep and profound matter which I have learnt.

5 Wherefore ſhould I [5] fear in the days of evil, *when* the [6] iniquity of my heels ſhall [7] compaſs me about?

[5] *Phil.*1.28. Be diſmayed and dejected, or diſtruſtful of God's Providence in time of trouble and diſtreſs; particularly, when wicked men flouriſh, and good men are oppreſs'd. ¶ [6] The injurious dealings of my enemies, who maliciouſly obſerve my ways, and deſign to trip up my heels. ¶ [7] *Hoſ.*7.2.

6 They that [8] truſt in their wealth, and [9] boaſt themſelves in the multitude of their riches:

[8] *Job* 31.24. *Pſal.*62.10. *Prov.*10.15. *Mark* 10.24. 1 *Tim.* 6.17. ¶ [9] *Rev.*18.7.

7 None *of them* can by any means [10] redeem *his* [11] brother, nor give to God a [12] ranſom for him:

[10] *Viz.* From death, *v.*9,10. ¶ [11] (And conſequently, not himſelf neither.) ¶ [12] *Matth.*16.26.

8 (For * [13] the redemption of their ſoul *is* precious, and it [13] ceaſeth for ever.)

* Job 36.18, 19.

[13] The preſervation of their life is difficult to compaſs, and is never to be procur'd.

9 That he ſhould [14] ſtill live for ever, *and* and not ſee corruption.

[14] *Pſal.*89.48

10 For he [15] ſeeth *that* [16] wiſe men die, likewiſe the fool and the brutiſh perſon periſh, and leave their wealth to others.

[15] Every one cannot but obſerve this. ¶ [16] *Eccl.* 2.16.

11 Their inward [17] thought *is*, *that* their houſes *ſhall continue* for ever, *and* their dwelling-places † to all generations; they call *their* lands after their own names.

[17] Hope and deſire. † Heb. *to generation and generation.*

12 [18] Nevertheleſs, man *being* an [19] honour, abideth not: [20] he is like the beaſts *that* periſh.

[18] Notwithſtanding all theſe fine fancies and devices. ¶ [19] *v.* 20. Living in all the ſplendor and glory above mentioned, cannot continue long, at beſt, in the poſſeſſion of theſe things. ¶ [20] He muſt die as well as beaſts do, (*Eccl.* 3.19.) and then he muſt part with all.

13 This [21] their way *is* their folly; yet their poſterity † [22] approve their ſayings. Selah.

† Heb. *delight in their mouth*

[21] Their contrivance to perpetuate their names, (*v.*11.) is that which will yield 'em no real advantage. ¶ [22] Manifeſt their approbation of the counſel their Fathers gave 'em concerning theſe matters, by taking the ſame courſe, and walking in the ſame ways that they did.

* Dan. 7.22. * Job 4.21. Pſal.39.11.

14 [23] Like ſheep they are laid in the grave; death ſhall feed on them: and [24] the * upright ſhall have [25] dominion over them [26] in the morning, and *[27] their ‖ beauty ſhall conſume ‖ in the grave, [28] from their dwelling.

‖ Or, *ſtrength.* ‖ Or, *the grave.* being *an habitation to every one of them.*

[23] Pro-

Pſal. 50.

[23] Promiſcuouſly; without any difference between them and the meaneſt (as ſheep are put into a fold altogether.) ¶ [24] *Viz.* That were oppreſt by 'em in this World, *v.* 5. ¶ [25] *Luke* 22.30. 1 *Cor.* 6.2. *Rev.* 2.-26, 27. ¶ [26] At the general Reſurrection, when they ſhall be raiſed from death to life. ¶ [27] The glory and ſplendor which they had in this life. ¶ [28] Being carried from their ſtately houſes to the grave.

15 But God will [29] redeem my ſoul from the † power of ‖ the grave; for he ſhall [30] receive me. Selah.

† Heb. *hand.* ‖ Or, *hell.*

[29] *Hoſ.* 13.14. ¶ [30] *Pſal.* 73.-24. *Act.* 7.59. *viz.* Into Heaven, to himſelf.

16 [31] Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his houſe is increaſed.

[31] *V.* 5.

17 For when he dieth, he ſhall [32] carry nothing away: his glory ſhall not deſcend after him.

[32] 1 *Tim.* 6.7.

18 Though † whiles he lived, he [33] bleſſed his ſoul: and [34] *men* will praiſe thee when thou doeſt well to thy ſelf.

† Heb. *in his life.*

[33] *Luke* 12.19. *viz.* In his outward proſperity; and took it for an argument of God's love to him. ¶ [34] Others alſo will flatter and ſooth thee up in theſe vain conceits, when thou indulgeſt thy ſelf in the uſe of all thy enjoyments, *Luke* 12.-19.

19 † He ſhall go to the [35] generation of his fathers: they ſhall never [36] ſee light.

† Heb. the ſoul *ſhall go.*

[35] To the Grave and Hell. ¶ [36] Enjoy any of the comforts of this World more.

20 *Man *that is* in [19] honour and [37] underſtandeth not, * [20] is like the beaſts *that* periſh.

*V. 12. *Eccl. 3.19.

[37] *Viz.* his true intereſt and buſineſs in the World.

PSAL. L.

1 The majeſty of God in the church. 5 His order to gather ſaints. 7 The pleaſure of God is not in ceremonies, 14 but in ſincerity of obedience.

¶ [1] A pſalm ‖ of Aſaph.

‖ Or, *for Aſaph.* See 1 Chr. 15.17. & 25.2. 2 Chr. 29.30.

[1] The ſcope of this Pſalm is to reprove the Jews for truſting to their external performances, and to inſtruct 'em in the nature of acceptable Worſhip, and ſo to prepare 'em for that Change that was to be made in the outward way of Worſhip under the Goſpel.

THE mighty God, *even* the LORD hath ſpoken, and called the [2] earth from the riſing of the ſun, unto the going down thereof.

[2] *Deut.* 4.26. & 32.1. All the inhabitants thereof (for all are concern'd) whom he ſummons as witneſſes of his proceedings in this ſolemn judgment of his people for their Formality.

2 [3] Out of Zion the [4] perfection of beauty, * God hath [5] ſhined.

* Pſal. 80.1.

[3] (The place where he do's eſpecially manifeſt himſelf on Earth.) ¶ [4] *Pſal.* 48.2. The moſt beautiful and lovely place in the whole World. ¶ [5] Appear'd glorioufly, as upon a Judgment-ſeat.

3 [6] Our God ſhall come, and [6] ſhall not keep ſilence: [7] a fire ſhall devour before him, and it ſhall be very tempeſtuous round about him.

[6] *q. d.* Tho the Lord be our God in covenant with us, yet that will not ſecure us from his judgments, if we pervert and corrupt his Worſhip, but he'l come to judge us for our Formality and Hypocriſie, and will no longer connive at it. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 97.3. *Mal.* 3.-2. *i. e.* He ſhall appear very terrible in his calling men to account for the breach of his Law, as he did at firſt in the giving of it.

4 * He ſhall call to the [8] heavens from above, and to the [8] earth, that he may judge his people.

*Deut. 31.28. & 32.1. Iſa. 1.2. Mic. 6.1,2.

[8] To be Witneſſes of the Judgment he paſſes.

5 [9] Gather my [10] ſaints together unto me: [11] thoſe that have made a covenant with me by ſacrifice.

[9] A Poetical Repreſentation of theſe judicial proceedings. ¶ [10] Thoſe that make profeſſion of my Name, and are ſet apart for my ſervice. ¶ [11] They who having entr'd into Covenant with me, have confirm'd it frequently by Sacrifices, (and yet don't perform the conditions of the Covenant.)

6 And the [12] heavens ſhall declare his righteouſneſs: * [13] for God *is* judge himſelf. Selah.

* Pſal. 75.7.

[12] *Pſal.* 97.6. The Inhabitants thereof, who being ſummon'd as Witneſſes (*v.* 4.) ſhall now give their Teſtimony on his behalf. ¶ [13] *q. d.* And it muſt needs be ſo, that the judgment is righteous, becauſe it's paſſed by God himſelf, in his own Perſon, and not only by his Deputies.

7 * Hear, O my people, and I will [14] ſpeak; O Iſrael, and I will [14] teſtifie againſt thee: I *am* God, *even* [15] thy God.

* Pſal. 81.8.

[14] Declare my Charge or Inditement againſt thee. ¶ [15] *Deut.* 26.17,18. By that ſolemn Covenant made at *Sinai.*

8 [16] I will not reprove thee * for thy ſacrifices or thy burnt-offerings, [17] *to have been* continually before me.

* Hoſ. 6.6.

[16] *Pſal.* 51.16. *Jer.* 7.22. *q. d.* I ſhall not complain of thy neglect of Sacrifices; no, I have other gets matters to charge thee withal. ¶ [17] Or, *they have been* (ſo making a Colon at [*burnt-offerings*]) *i. e.* I confeſs you have done rather too much that way, and been very officious in thoſe things.

9 * [18] I will take no bullock out of thy houſe, *nor* he-goats out of thy folds.

* Acts 17.25.

[18] *Mich.* 6.6. *q. d.* Tho you lay ſo much ſtreſs on theſe things, yet I value 'em not: I had as lieve be without 'em, *Iſa.* 1.11.

10 For every beaſt of the foreſt *is* mine, *and* the cattel upon a thouſand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beaſts of the field *are* † mine.

† Heb. *with me.*

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; * for the [19] world *is* mine, and the fulneſs thereof.

* Exod. 19.5. Deut. 10.14. Job 41.11. 1 Cor. 10.26, 28.

13 Will I eat the fleſh of bulls, or drink the bloud of goats?

14 *[20] Offer unto God thankſgiving and * pay thy [21] vows unto the moſt High.

* Heb. 13.15. [19] *Pſal.* 24.1. See there. * Deut. 23.21. Pſal. 76.11. Eccl. 5.4,5.

[20] *Hoſ.* 14.-2. *q. d.* Bring to him a truly thankful heart, which is the moſt acceptable Sacrifice, *Pſal.* 69.30, 31. ¶ [21] Promiſes and covenant of obedience and duty.

15 And * [22] call upon me in the day of trouble; I will [23] deliver thee, and thou ſhalt [24] glorifie me.

* Pſal. 91.15. & 107.6, 13, 19, 28.

[22] Acknowledg thy ſubjection to me, and dependance upon me by conſtant and fervent prayer, eſpecially in time of trouble, *Jam.* 5.13. ¶ [23] *Job* 22.27. ¶ [24] By praiſing me for thy deliverance (*v.* 23.) and by a holy life, *Joh.* 15.8.

16 But unto the [25] wicked God ſaith, What haſt thou to do to [26] declare my ſtatutes, or *that* thou ſhouldeſt [26] take my covenant in thy mouth?

[25] Hypocritical Profeſſors. ¶ [26] Talk of theſe things, and pretend a reſpect to 'em.

17 * Seeing thou hateſt inſtruction, and [27] caſteſt my words behind thee.

* Rom. 2.21, 22. [27] *Neh.* 9.26.

18 When thou ſaweſt a thief, then thou [28] conſentedſt with him, and † haſt been [29] partaker with adulterers.

[28] *Eph.* 5.13. [29] 1 *Tim.* 5.22. † Heb. *thy portion* was *with.*

19 † Thou giveſt [30] thy mouth to evil, and * thy tongue [31] frameth deceit.

† Heb. *thou ſendeſt.* * Pſal. 52.2.

[30] Liberty to thy Tongue to ſpeak what thou pleaſeſt, tho never ſo injurious to God or Man, *Pſal.* 12.-4. ¶ [31] Utters lies wherewith to deceive people.

20 Thou [32] ſitteſt *and* [32] ſpeakeſt againſt thy brother; thou ſlandereſt thine own mothers ſon.

[32] Makſt it thy conſtant practiſe.

21 Theſe *things* haſt thou done, and I [33] kept ſilence: * [34] thou thoughteſt that I was altogether [34] *ſuch a one* as thy ſelf: *but* * I will [35] reprove thee, and [36] ſet *them* in order before thine eyes.

* Iſa. 26.10. * Pſal. 90.8.

[33] Did not puniſh thee according to thy deſert. ¶ [34] *Eccl.* 11.9. *Iſa.* 66.10. *Rom.* 2.4,5. They ſet the Sun by their Dial. ¶ [35] Convince thee of the contrary, by puniſhing thee ſeverely for 'em. ¶ [36] Produce 'em all, and call thee to account for 'em, *Rev.* 20.12.

22 Now conſider this, ye that forget [37] God, leſt I tear *you* in pieces, and *there* [38] *be* none to deliver.

[37] Both his mercies, and judgments, and threatnings, and the covenant you made with him. ¶ [38] *Rev.* 6.16.

23 Whoſo [39] offereth praiſe, [40] glorifieth me: and to him that † ordereth *his* converſation *aright*, will I [41] ſhew the ſalvation of God.

† Heb. *diſpoſeth* his *way.*

[39] *Pſal.* 69.30,31. (And not he that offers a multitude of Sacrifices without a holy Life, *v.* 8.) ¶ [40] Performs that ſervice

Pſal. 51.

ſervice that tends to my glory. ¶ [41] Make him partaker of that eternal bleſſedneſs which I have prepar'd for all my faithful and obedient ſervants.

PSAL. LI.

1 *David prayeth for remiſſion of ſins, whereof he maketh a deep confeſſion.* 6 *He prayeth for ſanctification.* 16 *God delighteth not in ſacrifice, but in ſincerity.* 18 *He prayeth for the church.*

¶ To the chief muſician, A pſalm of David, when [1] Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had [2] gone in to Bath-ſheba.

[1] 2 *Sam.* 12.1.
[2] 2 *Sam.* 11.4.

HAve mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindneſs: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies * [3] blot out my tranſgreſſions.

* Col.2.14.

[3] *V.*9. *Neh.*4.5. *Pſal.*109.14. *Iſa.*43.25. & 44.22. *Jer.*18. 23. *Act.*3.19. Tho ſins are pardon'd already (as this was 2 *Sam.*12.13.) yet we muſt pray for the continuance of that mercy, and that it may be further cleared to us.

2 *Waſh me throughly from mine [4] iniquity, and cleanſe me from my ſin.

*Heb.9.14. Rev.1.5.

[4] 1 *John* 1.7. The guilt and defilement of it.

3 For I [5] acknowledge my tranſgreſſions: and my ſin *is* ever [6] before me.

[5] 1 *John* 1.9. *Prov.* 28. 13. ¶ [6] *Pſal.* 38. 6, 8.

4 * Againſt thee, thee [7] only have I ſinned, and done *this* evil in thy ſight: [8] that thou mighteſt be juſtified when thou ſpeakeſt, *and* be clear [9] when thou judgeſt.

* Lev.5.19. & 6.2.

[7] *Gen.*20.-6. 2 *Sam.*12.13. Chiefly, (and this is that that moſt wounds me.) ¶ [8] *Rom.*3.4. *q. d.* I acknowledg that I have juſtly deſerv'd all that is threatned, and however thou ſhalt deal with me, thou wilt be juſt and righteous. ¶ [9] If hereafter thou ſhalt afflict me.

5 Behold, *I was [10] ſhapen in iniquity: and in ſin did my mother † [10] conceive me.

*Job 14.4. Joh.3.6. Rom. 5.12. Eph.2.3. † Heb. *warm.*

[10] *Gen.*5.3. *q. d.* I was not drawn to ſin only by Example, Temptation or the like, but by reaſon of that inward Corruption that is natural to me, (*Jam.* 1.14.) and wherewith I was defil'd even from my Mother's womb.

6 Behold, thou [11] deſireſt [12] truth in the inward parts: and in the [13] hidden *part* thou ſhalt make me [14] to know wiſdom.

[11] *John* 4.-23. *Prov.*11.-20. ¶ [12] *Rom.*2.29. See there. Sincerity of heart. ¶ [13] 1 *Pet.*3.4. ¶ [14] To walk wiſely and conſcientiouſly for the future.

7 * [15] Purge me with hyſſop, and I ſhall be clean: [15] waſh me, and I ſhall be [16] whiter then ſnow.

* Heb.9.19.

[15] *Lev.* 14.-4, 6. *Numb.* 19. 6, 18. Apply the Blood of Chriſt (ſignified by thoſe ceremonial uſages) to my conſcience. ¶ [16] *Iſa.*1.18.

8 [17] Make me to hear the voice of joy and gladneſs: *that* the [18] bones *which* thou haſt broken may rejoyce.

[17] Give me ſome good aſſurance of the Pardon of my ſins, which may be matter of comfort and rejoycing to me. ¶ [18] My wounded Spirit.

9 [19] Hide thy face from my ſins; and * [3] blot out all mine iniquities.

[19] *Jer.* 16.17. * V. 1.

10 [20] Create in me a clean heart, O God; and [21] renew a ‖ right ſpirit within me.

‖ Or, *conſtant.*

[20] By the Almighty power of thy ſanctifying grace cleanſe my heart more and more from its natural corruption, *v.*5. ¶ [21] Revive and repair a fixed diſpoſition of heart, agreeable to thy Law, which is much impaired by my ſin.

11 Caſt me not away from thy [22] preſence; and take not thy holy [23] ſpirit from me.

[22] Favour and communion with thee. ¶ [23] *Luke* 11.13. The Influences and Aſſiſtance thereof.

12 Reſtore unto me the [24] joy of thy ſalvation; and [25] uphold me *with thy* [26] free ſpirit.

[24] A comfortable ſenſe of my intereſt in thy ſpecial Love, Care and Providence, and an Aſſurance of Eternal Salvation hereafter. See on *Pſal.* 50.23. *n.* 41. ¶ [25] Keep me from falling into ſin, and infuſe into me courage and reſolution in this ſervice. ¶ [26] 2 *Cor.* 3.17. *Rom.* 8.-15. Which frees from the bondage of ſin, and inclines the heart to a ready and chearful obedience, *Pſal.*110.3.

13 *Then* will I [27] teach tranſgreſſours thy ways, and ſinners ſhall be converted unto thee.

Pſal. 52.

[27] *Pſal.* 66.16. *Luke* 22.32. Declare unto 'em from my own experience how ready thou art to forgive thoſe that are penitent, thereby to draw 'em to Repentance.

14 Deliver me from † bloud-guiltineſs, O God, thou God of my ſalvation: *and* my tongue ſhall ſing aloud of thy [28] righteouſneſs.

† Heb. *bloods.*

[28] Or Goodneſs.

15 O Lord, [29] open thou my lips, and my mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy praiſe.

[29] *Exod.* 4.11,12. Give me occaſion and ability, both of Heart and Tongue, to praiſe thee.

16 For thou [30] deſireſt not ſacrifice, ‖ elſe would I give *it:* thou delighteſt not in burnt-offering.

‖ Or, *that I ſhould give* it.

[30] *Pſal.* 40.6. & 50.8. *Iſa.* 1.11. *Jer.* 7.22. *Hoſ.* 6.6. Haſt not appointed any Sacrifice for ſuch ſins as I am guilty of, *viz.* Murder and Adultery: or however, thou doſt not value 'em in compariſon of ſincere, univerſal obedience.

17 [31] The ſacrifices of God *are* a broken ſpirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt [32] not deſpiſe.

[31] *Iſa.*57.-15. & 66.-2. *q. d.* A heart deeply humbled under the ſenſe of ſin and Gods wrath for it, is inſtead of all other Sacrifices, and which only God will accept of in ſuch a caſe. ¶ [32] *Zech.*4.10. Graciouſly own and accept.

18 [33] Do good in thy good pleaſure unto Zion: [34] build thou the walls of Jeruſalem.

[33] *q. d.* Tho I have provok't thee by my ſins, and thou mighteſt thereupon puniſh not only my ſelf, but all my people, yet let not them fare the worſe for my ſake; but do good to thy Church and People, according to thy free Grace, notwithſtanding the evil that I have done. ¶ [34] Perfect the walls and buildings of that City; and eſpecially let the Temple be built and eſtabliſht there, notwithſtanding it's pollution by my ſins, (which I pray thee to forgive.)

19 [35] Then ſhalt thou be pleaſed with * the ſacrifices of [36] righteouſneſs, with burnt-offering and whole-burnt-offering: then ſhall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

* Mal.3.3.

[35] *q. d.* Then, as we ſhall have abundant cauſe, ſo we ſhall readily offer ſuch Sacrifices as thou wilt be pleas'd withal. [36] See on *Pſal.*4.5.

PSAL. LII.

1 *David condemning the ſpitefulneſs of Doeg, propheſieth his deſtruction.* 6 *The righteous ſhall rejoyce at it.*

¶ To the chief muſician, Maſchil, *A pſalm* of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and [1] told Saul, and ſaid unto him, David is come to the houſe of Ahimelech.

[1] 1 *Sam.*22.9.

WHy [2] boaſteſt thou thy ſelf in miſchief, O *[3] mighty man? the goodneſs of God *endureth* continually.

* 1 Sam.21.7.

[2] *Viz.* Of that ſervice thou haſt done *Saul*, that honour and favour thou haſt gotten thereby to thy ſelf, and that diſcouragement thou haſt brought on *David*'s party by the deſtruction of ſome of his friends. ¶ [3] *q. d.* Thou haſt indeed given a famous inſtance of thy undaunted valour, by ſlaying a few unarmed men, (ſpoken by way of ſcorn.)

2 Thy tongue [4] deviſeth miſchiefs: like [5] a ſharp raſour, [6] working deceitfully.

[4] Utters thoſe things which thou haſt long been hatching, and contriving, wherewith to do miſchief. ¶ [5] *Pſal.* 57.4. & 59.7. & 64.3. *Prov.*30.14. ¶ [6] Imploy'd chiefly to deceive perſons withal.

3 Thou loveſt evil [7] more then good: *and* [8] lying rather then to ſpeak righteouſneſs. Selah.

[7] *Jer.*4.-22. [8] *Jer.*9.3,5.

4 Thou loveſt [9] all devouring words, ‖ O *thou* deceitful tongue.

‖ Or, and *the deceitful tongue.*

[9] *James* 3.6. Which were the ruin and deſtruction of a family of Prieſts, and all the whole City, 1 *Sam.*22.19,20.

5 God ſhall likewiſe † deſtroy thee for ever: he ſhall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling-place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

† Heb. *beat thee down.*

6 * The righteous alſo ſhall [10] ſee, and [11] fear, and ſhall [12] laugh at him.

* Pſal.64.9.

[10] *Mal.*1.5. *Viz.* Vengeance executed on thee. ¶ [11] *Rev.* 15.4. Reverence God's juſt judgment on thee, and be afraid of

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of provoking him to ſend the like judgment on themſelves. ¶ 12 Deride him for his vain and carnal confidence in his wicked courſes, *v.*7.

7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his ſtrength: but * truſted in the abundance of his riches, *and* 13 ſtrengthened himſelf in his ‖ wickedneſs.

* Pſal 49.6.
‖ Or, *ſubſtance.*

13 Sought to advance himſelf by ſuch wicked courſes.

8 But I 14 *am* like a 15 green olive-tree in the houſe of God: I truſt in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

14 Rather, *ſhall be.* ¶ 15 *Pſal.* 92.13,14. *Jer.* 11.16. *Hoſ.* 14.6. In a ſetled, flouriſhing condition.

9 I will praiſe thee for ever, becauſe thou haſt 16 done *it:* and I will 17 wait on thy name, for *it is* good before thy ſaints.

16 Deſtroy'd *Doeg* and eſtabliſht me on the Throne. ¶ 17 Depend upon thy power, faithfulneſs and goodneſs for deliverance.

PSAL. LIII.

1 *David deſcribeth the corruption of a natural man.* 4 *He convinceth the wicked by the light of their own conſcience.* 6 *He glorieth in the ſalvation of God.*

† The name of ſome Muſical Inſtrument.

¶ To the chief muſician upon † Mahalath, Maſchil, *A pſalm* of David.

1 THe * fool hath ſaid in his heart, *There is* no God; corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity; * *there is* none that doeth good.

1 *Pſal.*14.1–7. See there.
* Pſal.10.4.
* Rom.3.10.

2 God looketh down from heaven upon the children of men, to ſee if there were *any* that did underſtand, that did ſeek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back, they are altogether become filthy; *there is* none that doeth good, no not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people, *as* they eat bread; they have not called upon God.

* Lev. 26.17, 36.Prov.28.1.
† Heb. *they feared a fear.*

5 * There † were they in great fear, *where* 2 no fear was: for God hath 3 ſcattered the bones of him that encampeth *againſt* thee; 4 thou haſt put *them* to 5 ſhame, becauſe God hath 6 deſpiſed them.

2 *Lev.* 26.36. *Deut.* 28.65,66. *Job* 15.21. *Prov.* 28.1. No ſufficient cauſe of fear. ¶ 3 So totally deſtroy'd 'em that they can never recover themſelves again. ¶ 4 O my people. ¶ 5 *Viz.* For their great and unexpected diſappointment. ¶ 6 Dealt with 'em as contemptible perſons, of no worth.

† Heb. *Who will give ſalvations,* &c.

6 † O that the ſalvation of Iſrael *were come* out of Zion! when God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob ſhall rejoyce, *and* Iſrael ſhall be glad.

PSAL. LIV.

1 *David complaining of the Ziphims, prayeth for ſalvation.* 4 *Upon his confidence in Gods help, he promiſeth ſacrifice.*

¶ To the chief muſician on Neginoth, Maſchil, *A pſalm* of David, * when the Ziphims came and ſaid to Saul, 1 Doth not David hide himſelf with us?

* 1 Sam. 23. 19. & 26.1.
1 *Sam.*23.19, 20. & 26.1.

SAve me, O God, by 2 thy name; and judge me by thy ſtrength.

2 By thy own immediate power.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

* Pſal. 86.14.

3 For * 3 ſtrangers are 4 riſen up againſt me, and oppreſſours ſeek after my ſoul: they have 5 not ſet God before them. Selah.

3 *Rom.* 2.28. Such as carry themſelves as if they were void of all piety and humanity. ¶ 4 *Pſal.* 86.14. ¶ 5 *Pſal.* 10.4.

* Pſal. 118.7.

4 Behold, God *is* 6 mine helper: * the Lord *is* with 7 them that uphold my ſoul.

6 *Rom.*8.31. ¶ 7 *Pſal.*118.7. My Friends and Followers, who do what they can to preſerve my life.

Pſal. 55.

5 He ſhall reward evil unto † mine enemies; cut them off in thy truth.

† Heb. *thoſe that obſerve me.*

6 I will 8 freely ſacrifice unto thee, * I will praiſe thy name, O LORD, for *it is* 9 good.

* Pſal.52.9.

8 *Pſal.*110.3. With a willing and chearful mind. ¶ 9 *Viz.* To praiſe the Lord, *Pſal.* 92.1–3.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and * mine eye hath ſeen *his deſire* upon mine enemies.

* Pſal.59.10.

PSAL. LV.

1 *David in his prayer complaineth of his fearful caſe.* 9 *He prayeth againſt his enemies, of whoſe wickedneſs and treachery he complaineth.* 16 *He comforteth himſelf in Gods preſervation of him, and confuſion of his enemies.*

¶ To the chief muſician on Neginoth, Maſchil, *A* † *pſalm* of David.

† Penn'd upon occaſion of ſome great diſtreſs, likely by *Abſalom,* and betray'd by ſome pretended or former friend.

GIve ear to my prayer, O God: and hide not thy ſelf from my ſupplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: 1 I mourn in my complaint, and 1 make a noiſe.

1 *Iſa.* 38.14. My miſery is ſo great that it wrings, not only tears, but even great out-cries from me.

3 Becauſe of the 2 voice of the enemy, becauſe of the oppreſſion of the wicked: for they 3 caſt iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

2 Their ſlanders and threats. ¶ 3 They repreſent me as a very wicked perſon, and charge me with many miſcarriages, 2 *Sam.*15.–3.

4 My heart is ſore pained within me: and the 4 terrours of death are fallen upon me.

4 *Pſal.* 116.3. Dread of falling into their hands, and being put to death by 'em.

5 Fearfulneſs and trembling are come upon me, and horrour hath † overwhelmed me.

†Heb. *covered.*

6 And I ſaid, O that I had wings like a dove! *for then* would I flie away, and be at reſt.

7 Lo *then* would I wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderneſs. Selah.

8 I would haſten my eſcape from the 5 windy ſtorm *and* tempeſt.

5 Fury of my enemies.

9 Deſtroy, O Lord, *and* 6 divide 7 their tongues: for I have ſeen * 8 violence and 8 ſtrife in the city.

* Jer.6.7.

6 2 *Sam.*17.7. *John* 7.40,41,43. & 10.19–21. *Acts* 23.7,8. ¶ 7 Their counſels, (and ſo deſtroy 'em.) ¶ 8 Oppreſſion and contention reign even in *Jeruſalem,* (where they ſhould learn and practiſe better.)

10 9 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: miſchief alſo and ſorrow *are* in the midſt of it.

9 *q.d.* Violence and ſtrife bear rule in all parts and places of the City.

11 Wickedneſs *is* in the midſt thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her ſtreets.

12 For *it was* not an 10 enemy *that* reproched me, then I could have 11 born *it*; neither *was it* he that hated me, *that* did magnifie *himſelf* againſt me, then I would have 12 hid my ſelf from him.

10 *Pſal.*41.9. One that had formerly ſhew'd any enmity againſt me. ¶ 11 *Viz.* More contentedly, as expecting nothing elſe from ſuch a one. ¶ 12 Us'd ſome means to have ſecur'd my ſelf, if I had been aware of it afore-hand.

13 But *it was* thou, † a man, 13 mine equal, * 14 my guide, and mine 15 acquaintance.

† Heb. *a man according to my rank.*
* Pſal.41.9.

13 Whom I always treated as ſuch. ¶ 14 One whoſe advice I always ſought and follow'd, 2 *Sam.*15.12. & 16.23. ¶ 15 *Jer.*9.4. *Mic.*7.5.

14 † We took ſweet counſel together, *and* walked unto the houſe of God in company.

† Heb. *who ſweetned counſel.*

15 Let

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15 Let [16] death seise upon [17] them, *and* let them go down [18] quick into ‖ hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.

‖ Or, *the grave*

[16] Some sudden violent death. ¶ [17] Him and all such false-hearted wretches, that make a stalking horse of Religion to compass their base designs. ¶ [18] *Numb.*16.30.&c.

16 As for me, I will call upon God: and the LORD shall save me.

[19] *Dan.*6.10. *Act.* 3.-1. & 10.3,9.

17 [19] Evening and [19] morning, and at [19] noon will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered [20] my soul in peace from the battel *that was* against me: for there were many [21] with me.

[20] My life from danger, and setled me in a peaceable condition. ¶ [21] 2 *Kings* 6.16. *Psal.*34.7. & 57.3.

‖ Or, *with whom* also there be *no changes, yet they fear not God.*

19 God shall [22] hear and afflict them, even he that abideth [23] of old, Selah: ‖ because they have no [24] changes, therefore they [25] fear not God.

[22] Their Reproaches (*v.*12.) and my Prayers. ¶ [23] The same as formerly; ready to hear his people and punish their enemies. ¶ [24] *Psal.*73.4,5. *Jer.*48.11. No crosses, nor disappointments. ¶ [25] *Prov.*1.-32. *Jer.*22.21.

† Heb. *profaned.*

20 [26] He hath [27] put forth his hands against such as be [28] at peace with him: he hath † broken his [29] covenant.

[26] *Achitophel* and his complices, *v.*23. ¶ [27] *Acts* 12.1. ¶ [28] *Psal.* 7.4. ¶ [29] All those obligations by which he was engag'd to me both as his King, and friend.

[30] *Psal.* 28.-3. * Psal. 57.4. & 62.4. & 64. 3. Prov.5.3,4.

21 [30] * *The words* of his mouth were smoother then butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer then oyl, yet *were* they drawn swords.

‖ Or, *gift.* * Psal.37.24.

22 Cast thy ‖ [31] burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: * he shall never suffer the righteous to be [32] moved.

[31] 1 *Pet.*5.7. *Psal.*37.5. *Prov.*16.4. *Matth.*6.25. *Luke* 12. 22. Thy cares, fears, and all thy affairs which lye heavy upon thee. [32] *Psal.* 13.-4. Utterly overthrown, and fall from his happy estate.

† Heb. *men of bloods and deceit.* † Heb. *half their days.* See Prov.10.27. Eccl.7.17.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: † [33] bloody and [34] deceitful men shall not † live out [35] half their days: but I will [36] trust in thee.

[33] *Psal.* 5.6. ¶ [34] That colour their cruel intentions with fair pretences, (as 2 *Sam.*3.27. & 20.9,10.) ¶ [35] Which by the course of nature they might live. ¶ [36] For their downfal and my deliverance.

PSAL. LVI.

1 David praying to God in confidence of his word, complaineth of his enemies. 9 He professeth his confidence in Gods word, and promiseth to praise him.

¶ To the chief musician upon [1] Jonathelemrechokim, ‖ Michtam of David, when the Philistines [2] took him in Gath.

‖ Or, *A Golden* psalm.

[1] The name of some Tune or Song. ¶ [2] Had a mind to seise upon him (after he put himself into their hands) as a dangerous person, 1 *Sam.*21.11.

[3] *Saul* and his Courtiers.

BE merciful unto me, O God, for [3] man would swallow me up: he fighting daily oppresseth me.

† Heb. *observers.* [4] Psal.92.8. & 93.4.

2 Mine † enemies would daily swallow *me* up: for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou [4] most High.

3 What time [5] I am affraid, I will trust in thee.

[5] 2 *Chron.*20.3. *Psal.*34.4. I have most cause to be afraid.

4 [6] In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust, I will [7] not fear what flesh can do unto me.

[6] *V.*10.11. *q. d.* I doubt not but in due time I shall have sufficient occasion to praise God for the performance of his Promises to me. ¶ [7] *Psal.*118.6. *Heb.*13.6.

* *John* 2.19. *Matth.*26.61.

5 Every day they [8] wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they Psal. 57.
[9] hide themselves, they [10] mark my steps when they wait [11] for my soul.

[9] That they may surprise me with mischief unawares. ¶ [10] *Dan.* 6. 4. Watch for some advantage against me ¶ [11] To take away my life.

7 Shall they [12] escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the [13] people, O God.

[12] Secure themselves by such malicious, injurious practices. ¶ [13] They who seek my destruction.

8 Thou tellest my wandrings, [14] put thou my tears into thy bottle: [15] *are they* not in thy book?

[14] Regard and consider all my troubles which have caus'd so much grief to me, and deliver me from 'em. ¶ [15] *Mal.* 3.16. *q. d.* Yea, I know thou dost do it.

9 When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know, for God *is* for me.

10 * In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word. * V. 4.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 [16] Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

[16] *i. e.* I have made vows of praise and thankfulnes to thee.

13 For thou [17] hast delivered my soul from [18] death: [19] *wilt* not *thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may [20] walk before God in the light of the living?

[17] *Psal.*116.8,9. ¶ [18] That imminent danger I was in at *Gath.* ¶ [19] 2 *Cor.*1.10. *q. d.* I trust from this experience of thy goodness to me, that thou wilt preserve me from any foul miscarriage, or sinful despondency, or destructive designs of my enemies against me. ¶ [20] *Gen.* 17.1. Please, serve and glorifie thee here in this World, where I may enjoy that light of life which others do; *Job* 33.-30.

PSAL. LVII.

1 David in prayer fleeing unto God, complaineth of his dangerous case. 7 He encourageth himself to praise God.

¶ To the chief musician, ‖ Al-taschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul [1] in the cave.

‖ Or, *Destroy not* a golden *psalm.* [1] 1 *Sam.*22.1. or 1 *Sam.*24.1.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee: yea * in the [2] shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge [3] until *these* calamities be overpast.

* Psal.17.8. & 63.7.

[2] *Psal.*61.4. & 91.-1. The safety of thy protection. ¶ [3] *Isa.*26.20.

2 I will cry unto God [4] most high: unto God that [5] performeth *all things* for me.

[4] *Psal.* 56.-2. ¶ [5] *Psal.* 138.8. *Phil.*1.6. Will certainly fulfil and perfect whatsoever he has promist, or begun to do for me.

3 He shall [6] send from heaven, and save me ‖ *from* the reproch of him that would swallow me up; Selah. God * shall [7] send forth his mercy and his truth.

‖ Or, *he reproacheth him that, &c.* * Psal.40.11. & 43.3.

[6] 2 *Sam.* 22. 17. See there. *Viz.* his mercy and truth. ¶ [7] *Psal.*25.10. & 61.7. Manifest his goodness by preserving me according to his promise.

4 My soul *is* among [8] lions, *and* I lie *even among* them that are [9] set on fire, *even* the sons of men, * whose [10] teeth *are* spears and arrows, and * their [10] tongue a sharp sword.

* Prov. 30.14. * Psal.55.21.

[8] *Psal.* 35.-17. & 58.-6. *Prov.*28.15. Fierce and bloody men. ¶ [9] Full of rage and malice. ¶ [10] Slanderous speeches, *Psal.* 64.-3.

5 [11] Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

[11] *Psal.*7.6. & 148.13. *q. d.* Since thy honour now lies at stake in my danger, vindicate it by my deliverance.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps, [12] my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit [13] before me, into the midst whereof they are [14] fallen *themselves.* Selah.

Psal. 58.

[11] My heart is oppress'd and almost over-whelm'd. ¶ [13] In my way. ¶ [14] *Psal.*7.16. and 9.15. 1 *Sam.*24.3.

‖ Or, *prepared.*

7 My heart is ‖ [15] fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

[15] *Psal.*108.1. Steddily enclined, and firmly resolv'd for God.

[16] *Jude.*5.12.
* See Psal. 30. 12.
[17] See on *Psal.* 16.9. *Psal.*30. 12.
[18] Jews and Gentiles.

8 [16] Awake up * my [17] glory, awake psaltery and harp: I *my self* will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among [18] the people: I will sing unto thee among [18] the nations.

10 For [19] thy mercy *is* great unto the [20] heavens, and thy truth unto the [20] clouds.

[19] *Psal.*36.5. and 108.4. ¶ [20] Most evident and greatly exalted.

* Verse 5.

11 * [21] Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

PSAL. LVIII.

1 *David reproveth wicked judges,* 3 *describeth the nature of the wicked,* 6 *devoteth them to Gods judgments,* 10 *at which the righteous shall rejoyce.*

* Psal.57.*tit.*

¶ To the chief musician, * Al-taschith, Michtam of David.

[1] DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O [2] congregation? [3] do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

[1] *Isa.*59.8,9,13–15. and 45.19. You don't speak that which is right and true concerning me, but slander me and represent things to my disadvantage. ¶ [2] Company of Counsellors and Judges. ¶ [3] You pass a false Judgment of me, my cause and actions.

* Psal.94.20. Isa.10.1.

2 Yea, in heart you [4] work wickedness; * you [5] weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

[4] Design and contrive mischief against me. ¶ [5] Under pretence of justice and dealing impartially, you deal very injuriously with me, even in this Land, where you have learn'd better.

* Isa. 48.8.
† Heb. *from the belly.*

3 The wicked are [6] estranged * from the [7] womb: they [8] go astray, † assoon as they be born, speaking lies.

[6] *Eph.*4.18. *Viz.* From God and all goodness, (through the corruption of their natures.) ¶ [7] *Gen.*48.-8. *Psal.* 51.5. ¶ [8] Are guilty of actual sins also even from their childhood, learning to speak slanders and falshoods of me.

† Heb. *according to the likeness.*
‖ Or, *asp.*

4 [9] Their poison *is* † like the poison of a serpent; *they are* like the deaf ‖ adder *that* [10] stoppeth her ear:

[9] *Psal.* 140.-3. *Rom.* 3.-13. Their virulent and malicious disposition is mischievous and destructive to those they vent it upon. ¶ [10] *Acts* 1.57.

‖ Or, be *the charmer never so cunning.*

5 Which will [11] not hearken to the voice of charmers, ‖ charming never so wisely.

[11] *Ecel.*10.11. *Jer.*8.17. Not be reclaimed from their mischievous purposes and practices by any means that can be used.

6 [12] Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

[12] *Job.*4.10. and 29.17. *Psal.* 3.7. and 10.15. Disable 'em from hurting me.

7 Let them melt away as [13] waters *which* run continually: *when* he [14] bendeth *his bow to shoot* his arrows, let [15] them be as cut in pieces.

[13] Land-floods, (which tho' they run apace at present, yet are soon wasted and gone.) ¶ [14] *Psal.* 64. 3. See there. ¶ [15] His Arrows.

[16] *Psal.*37.36.
* Eccl.6.3.
[17] *Job* 3.16.

8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* [16] pass away: * [17] *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

† Heb. *as living as wrath.*

9 Before your pots can feel the [18] thorns, he shall take them away as with [19] a whirlwind, † both [20] living, and in *his* wrath.

[18] The heat of the fire made of thorns; *q. d.* they are brought in the prime of their prosperity to a sudden and violent end. ¶ [19] *Prov.* 10.25. Violently and irresistibly. ¶ [20] *Psal.*55.15. While they are yet lively and vigorous, and think themselves most secure.

10 The righteous shall [21] rejoyce when he seeth the vengeance: he shall [22] wash his feet in the bloud of the wicked.

[21] *Prov.*11.10. *Rev.*19.-1,2. ¶ [22] *Psal.*68.23. There shall be so much of their blood shed, that he might even wash his feet in it.

† Heb. *fruit of the,* &c.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* † a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

PSAL. LIX.

1 *David prayeth to be delivered from his enemies.* 6 *He complaineth of their cruelty.* 8 *He trusteth in God.* 11 *He prayeth against them.* 16 *He praiseth God.*

* Psal.57.*tit.*
[1] 1 *Sam.*19.11.

¶ To the chief musician, * Al-taschith, Michtam of David: when Saul [1] sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

[2] DEliver me from mine enemies, O my God: † defend me from them that rise up against me.

[2] *Psal.*18.48.
† Heb. *set me on high.*

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloudy men.

3 For lo, they [3] lie in wait for my soul; the mighty are gathered against me; [4] not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.

[3] *Acts* 20. 3.
[4] 1 *Sam.*24.10.

4 They [5] run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: [6] awake to † help me, and behold.

† Heb. *meet.*

[5] Use all possible diligence and endeavours. ¶ [6] *Ps.* 35.23. Delay no longer.

5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the [7] heathen: be not merciful to any [8] wicked transgressours. Selah.

[7] *Psal.*54.3. *Isa.*1.10. *Amos* 9. 7. Those people that persecute me; who are as bad as heathens in their carriage. ¶ [8] Obstinate, malicious persecutors and sinners.

* Verse 14.

6 * [9] They return at evening: they [10] make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

9 When they have gone about all day plotting and searching for me, at evening they come again to watch for me. ¶ [10] Railing and snarling at me, and threatning of me.

* Prov. 12.18.

7 Behold, they [11] belch out with their mouth: * [12] swords *are* in their lips; for [13] who (*say they*) doth hear?

[11] Utter their slanders, threats, &c. ¶ [12] *Psal.*59.21. and 57.-4. Bloody threats. ¶ [13] *Psal.*10.11. and 73.11. and 94.7.

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt [14] laugh at them; thou shalt have all the [7] heathen in derision.

[14] *Psal.*2.4. and 37.13. Disappoint 'em, and so make 'em ridiculous.

† Heb. *high place.*

9 *Because of* [15] his strength will I [16] wait upon thee: for God *is* my † defence.

[15] My enemies strength. ¶ [16] 2 *Chron.* 20. 12.

† Heb. *observers.*

10 The God [17] of my mercy shall [18] prevent me: God shall let me [19] see *my desire* upon mine † enemies.

[17] *V.*17. 2 *Cor.*1.3. ¶ [18] See on *Psal.* 21.3. ¶ [19] *Psal.* 92.11. In disappointing their designs.

* So Gen.4. 12,15.

11 * [20] Slay them not, lest my [21] people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

[20] *Viz.* Outright, and all at once, (but by degrees, *v.* 13.) ¶ [21] My friends and followers should forget their dangers, and deliverance, and duty to thee.

* Prov. 12.13. & 18.7.

12 * *For* the sin of their [11] mouth, *and* the words of their lips, let them even be [22] taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.

[22] Punish'd for their insolent and injurious speeches against me.

Psal.83.18.

13 [23] Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them,* that they *may* not *be:* and * let them [24] know that God ruleth in Jacob, unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

[23] *Viz.* By degrees, *v.*11. ¶ [24] *Isa.* 26.-9. Find by experience.

14 And

Psal. 60.

14 And [25] at evening let them return, *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city,

[25] What they did voluntarily to compass my ruin, (*v.* 6.) let 'em now be constrain'd to do for their own subsistence.

* Psal. 109. 10. † Heb. *to eat.* ‖ Or, *if they be not satisfied then they will stay all night.*

15 Let them *[26] wander up and down † for meat, ‖ and [27] grudge if they be not satisfied.

[26] *Job* 15. 23. ¶ [27] *Isa.* 8. 21. Repine at their needy condition.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: * Vers. 9, 10. * for God *is* my defence, *and* the [17] God of my mercy.

PSAL. LX.

1 *David complaining to God of former judgment,* 4 *now upon better hope prayeth for deliverance.* 6 *Comforting himself in Gods promises, he craveth that help whereon he trusteth.*

* Psal. 80. *tit.* ‖ Or, *a golden psalm.*

¶ To the chief musician * upon Shushan eduth, ‖ Michtam of David, [1] to teach; when he [2] strove with Aram-naharim, and with Aram-zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt, twelve thousand.

[2] *Viz.* Some remarkable matter to the Church and people of God. ¶ [1] 2 *Sam.* 8. 3, 13. See there. 1 *Chron.* 18. 3, 12.

† Heb. *broken.*

O God, thou hast [3] cast us off, thou hast † scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thy self to us again.

[3] *Psal.* 44. 9. Brought many grievous calamities upon us, both in former and later times.

2 Thou hast made the earth to [4] tremble; thou hast [4] broken it: [5] heal the breaches thereof, for it shaketh.

[4] 1 *Sam.* 14. 15. *Hag.* 2. 7. Caused great confusions and changes among us, by foreign Invasions, and civil Dissentions. ¶ [5] 2 *Chron.* 7. -14.

* Psal. 71. 20. * Isa. 51. 17, 22.

3 * Thou hast [6] shewed thy people hard things: * thou hast [7] made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

[6] Caused 'em to undergo and endure. ¶ [7] Fill'd us with horror and astonishment, as if we had drunk some poisonous wine.

4 Thou hast given a [8] banner to them that fear thee; [9] that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

[8] *Isa.* 11. 12. *Psal.* 20. 5. An Army or Company of Souldiers marching under my Banners, *i. e.* ability to defend themselves, and conquer their enemies. ¶ [9] That they may fight couragiously and victoriously in defending my just and honest cause.

[10] *Psal.* 108. 6–13. [22] *Psal.* 20. -6.

5 [10] That thy beloved may be delivered, save *with* thy [11] right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath [12] spoken in his holiness, I will rejoyce: [13] I will divide Shechem, and [13] mete out the valley of Succoth.

[12] Promis'd and sworn by his Holiness, (*Psal.* 89. 35.) to settle the Kingdom upon me and my Seed, and thereupon I'll rejoyce in assurance of the accomplishment of his promises. ¶ [13] *q. d.* I have now got possession of all the Land of *Canaan*, and can dispose of it as I please.

* See Deut. 33. 17.

7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; * Ephraim also *is* the [14] strength of mine head; Judah *is* my [15] law-giver.

[14] [1] *Sam.* 28. 2. My Lifeguard, and the chief part of my strength; (being a numerous and valiant Tribe.) ¶ [15] *Gen.* 49. 10. *Psal.* 122. 5. The Tribe out of which the King is to be chosen, and Counsellors and other Ministers of State, whose chief business it is to see the Laws executed.

‖ Or, *over me*: by an Ironie. See Psal. 108. 10.

8 Moab *is* my [16] wash-pot; over Edom will I [17] cast out my shoe: Philistia, [18] triumph thou ‖ because of me.

[16] A people, whom having subdued and reserv'd some of 'em, (2 *Sam.* 8. 2.) I'll employ in the meanest Offices, or basest Services. ¶ [17] Trample upon 'em, and use 'em like Slaves.

¶ [18] *q. d.* Tho' thou wast wont formerly to triumph and domineer over us, let me see now (that thou art subdued, *Psal.* 108. -9.) what thy triumphs will come to; and whether you can insult over me, as you did over *Saul* and his Sons, 1 *Sam.* 31.

Psal. 61.

9 [19] Who will bring me *into* the † strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

† Heb. *city of strength.*

[19] *q. d.* Having conquer'd the *Edomites* in the open field, (*v.* 8.) Lord help me (*v.* 10.) to take their strong Cities also.

10 Wilt not thou, O God, *which* * [20] hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* [20] didst not go out with our armies?

* Psal. 44. 9. [20] *Isa.* 12. 1.

11 Give us help from trouble: for * vain *is* the † help of man.

* Psal. 146. 3. † Heb. *salvation.*

12 Through God * we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

*Num. 24. 18. 1 Chr. 19. 13.

PSAL. LXI.

1 *David fleeth to God upon his former experience.* 4 *He voweth perpetual service unto him, because of his promises.*

¶ To the chief musician upon Neginah, *A Psalm* of David.

HEar, my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer.

2 [1] From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is over-whelmed: [2] lead me to the rock *that* is higher then I.

[1] *Psal.* 42. 6. The furthest part of the Kingdom, whither I am now driven: or, tho' I should be driven to the end of the world. ¶ [2] Bring me into such a condition as may afford me more safety than I can bestow upon my self.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* [3] a strong tower from the enemy.

[3] *Prov.* 18. 10.

4 * [4] I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: * I will ‖ trust in the [5] covert of thy wings. Selah.

* Psal. 27. 4. * Psal. 91. 4. ‖ Or, *make my refuge.*

[4] *q. d.* Tho' I am banish'd from the Tabernacle now, yet I doubt not but I shall be restor'd to it again, and there have opportunities of serving and enjoying thee all my days. ¶ [5] *Psal.* 57. 1. and 63. 7.

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my [6] vows: thou hast given *me* the [7] heritage of those that fear thy name.

[6] *Gen.* 28. 20. Prayers mingled with Vows and Promises of Thankfulness in case of relief. ¶ [7] *Psal.* 16. -6. Those spiritual priviledges which thou art wont to bestow upon thy faithful servants.

6 * Thou † wilt prolong the kings life: *and* his years † [8] as many generations.

* Psal. 21. 4. † Heb. *shalt add days to the days of the king.*

[8] As if he had a lease of it for many generations; *viz.* so far as is good for him.

7 [9] He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare * [10] mercy and truth *which* may preserve him.

† Heb. *as generation and generation.* * Psal. 40. 11. Prov. 20. 28.

[9] The King, *viz.* in his posterity, and especially in Christ, *Luke* 1. 32. ¶ [10] *Psal.* 57. 3. See there. *Prov.* 20. 28. Such blessings as thou seest fit for me, and hast promis'd to me.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform [11] my vows.

[11] *V.* 5. Those Services which I promis'd in my trouble.

PSAL. LXII.

1 *David professing his confidence in God, discourageth his enemies.* 5 *In the same confidence he encourageth the godly.* 9 *No trust is to be put in worldly things.* 11 *Power and mercy belong to God.*

¶ To the chief musician, to * Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

* 1 Chron. 25. 1, 3.

‖ TRuly * my soul † [1] waiteth upon God: [2] from him *cometh* my salvation.

‖ Or, *only.* * Psal. 33. 20 † Heb. *is silent.*

[1] *Psal.* 37. 7. Silently looks up to him for help. ¶ [2] *Jer.* 3. 23.

* Verse 6. † Heb. *high place.*

2 * He [3] only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my † defence; I shall not be [4] greatly moved.

[3] *Psal.*

Psal. 63.

[3] *Psal.*73.25. ¶ [4] Utterly overthrown, *Psal.*37.24.2 *Cor.* 4.8,9. 1 *Cor.*10.13.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a [5] man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a [6] bowing wall *shall ye be, and as* a tottering fence.

[5] My self; one poor single man, 1 *Sam.*24.14. and 26.20. ¶ [6] *Isa.*30.13. Easily overthrown.

4 They only consult to [7] cast *him* down from his excellency, they delight in lies: they [8] bless † Heb. *in their inward parts.* with their mouth, but they curse † inwardly. Selah.

[7] To deprive me of that Dignity God has promis'd me. ¶ [8] *Psal.*28.3.

* Vers. 1, 2. 5 * My soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation *is* from him.

[9] *Psal.* 18.2. See there. 6 He only *is* my [9] rock and my salvation; *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.

[10] *Jer.*9.23,24. *Psal.*3.3. See there. 7 In God *is* my salvation and [10] my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge *is* in God.

* Lam.2.19. [11] 1 *Sam.*1.15. *Psal.* 42.4. 8 Trust in him at all times, ye people; * [11] pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

* Isa.40.15,17. Rom.3.4. ‖ Or, *alike.* 9 * Surely men of low degree *are* [12] vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a [13] lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* ‖ altogether *lighter* then vanity.

[12] *Psal.* 39.5,11. Unable to help, tho' they be willing. ¶ [13] Will not afford that help they have promis'd, and have ability for; (and therefore trust in God, *v.*8.)

10 Trust not in oppression, and [14] become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, [15] set not your heart *upon them.*

[14] Don't deceive your selves by trusting to your Wealth gotten by such unjust courses, for safety and happiness: don't shew your selves to be so shallow and void of understanding as to do so. ¶ [15] *Job* 31.25. *Luke* 12.15. 1 *Tim.*6.17.

‖ Or, *strength.* 11 God hath spoken once; [16] twice have I heard this, that ‖ power *belongeth* [17] unto God.

[16] Frequently. ¶ [17] (And therefore he is only to be trusted.)

* Job 34.11. Prov.24.12. Jer.32.19. Ezra 7.27. & 33.20. Rom.2.6. 1 Cor.3.8. 2 Cor.5.10. Eph.6.8. Col.3.25. 1 Pet.1.17. Rev.22.12. 12 Also unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth* mercy: for * thou [18] rendrest to every man according to his work.

[18] See on *Matth.* 16.27. (And therefore wilt protect and bless thy people, and punish thy enemies.)

PSAL. LXIII.

1 Davids thirst for God. 4 His manner of blessing God. 9 His confidence of his enemies destruction, and his own safety.

¶ A Psalm of David, when he was in [1] the wilderness of Judah.

[1] 1 *Sam.*22.5. & 23.14,15. & 26.1,2.

O God, thou *art* my God, [2] early will I seek thee: my soul [3] thirsteth [4] for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and † thirsty land, † Heb. *weary.* † Heb. *without water.* † where [5] no water is:

[2] *Job* 8.5. *Psal.*78.34. *Prov.*1.28. ¶ [3] *Psal.* 42. 2. and 143.6. ¶ [4] For Communion with thee in the publick Ordinances, *v.*2. ¶ [5] Neither corporal nor spiritual refreshing, either for Body or Soul.

* See 1 Sam. 4.21. 1 Chr.16.11. Psal.78.61. 2 [6] To see * thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

[6] *Psal.*27.4. To feel experimentally the powerful and glorious evidences of thy gracious presence there.

3 Because thy [7] loving kindness *is* better then life, my lips shall praise thee.

[7] The sensible discoveries of thy love and favour to the Soul are more durable, comfortable, and satisfactory than life it self; (for a man may be weary of life, but never of the love of God.)

4 [8] Thus will I bless thee, [9] while I live: I will lift up my [10] hands [11] in thy name.

[8] Being thus passionately affected towards thee. ¶ [9] *Psal.* 104.33. ¶ [10] 1 *Tim.*2.8. In prayer and praises. ¶ [11] In my addresses to thee alone.

[12] *Psal.*36.8. & 103.5. & 104.34. † Heb *fatness.* 5 My soul shall be [12] satisfied as *with* † marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:

6 [13] When * I remember thee upon my bed, *and* meditate on thee in the *night*-watches.

[13] *q. d.* Tho' I can't come to the house of God at present, and there partake of the soul-ravishing delights of the Ordinances, yet by Meditation I can in some measure supply that defect.

Psal. 64.

* Psal.42.9. & 119. 55. & 149.5. 7 Because thou hast been my help; therefore * in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoyce.

* Psal.61.4. 8 [14] My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

[14] *q. d.* Tho' my Body be absent from the Sanctuary and Ordinances there, yet my Soul is eagerly desirous of Communion with thee, and my thoughts are still running after thee.

[15] The state of the dead. † Heb. *make him run out* like water *by the hands of the sword.* * Deut.6.13. Zeph. 1.5. 9 But those *that* seek my soul to destroy *it*, [15] shall go into the [15] lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall † fall by the sword, they shall be a portion for foxes.

11 [16] But the king shall rejoyce in God, every one * that [17] sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies, shall be stopped.

[16] But I am that appointed and anointed King, who shall live to rejoyce in God's wondrous preservation of me, and setling me on the Throne. ¶ [17] Worships and serves him sincerely, (as *Isa.* 19.18. and 65.16.) shall rejoyce and triumph when God exalts me to the Throne.

PSAL. LXIV.

1 David prayeth for deliverance, complaining of his enemies. 7 He promiseth himself to see such an evident destruction of his enemies, as the righteous shall rejoyce at it.

¶ To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

HEar my [1] voice, O God, in my prayer; preserve my life [2] from fear of the enemy.

[1] *Psal.*27.7. ¶ [2] That I may have no cause to fear losing my life by any practice of my enemies.

[3] Those designs which they contrive in secret. * Psal. 11.2. 2 Hide me from the [3] secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 * Who [4] whet their tongue like a sword, *and* [5] bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows, *even* bitter words:

[4] *Psal.*57.4. *Jer.*9.3. Are ready upon all occasions to wound my reputation. ¶ [5] *Psal.* 58.7. Prepare themselves to vent their Calumnies against me.

4 That they may shoot in [6] secret at [7] the perfect: [8] suddenly do they shoot at him, [8] and fear not.

[6] *Psal.*10.8,9. ¶ [7] *i. e.* My self; who am perfectly clear of all they charge me with. ¶ [8] At the very first opportunity, they vent their slanders, and spread 'em abroad without any fear either of God or Man.

* See Prov.1. 11. ‖ Or, *speech.* † Heb. *to hide snares.* 5 * They [9] encourage themselves *in* an evil ‖ matter: they [10] commune † of laying snares privily; they say, [11] Who shall see them?

[9] Hearten one another in their wicked purposes and practices against me. ¶ [10] *Dan.*6.4. *&c.* ¶ [11] *Psal.*10.11. and 59.7. He'll never be able to discover 'em.

‖ Or, *or we are consumed by that which they have throughly searched.* † Heb. *a search searched.* 6 They [12] search out iniquities, ‖ they [13] accomplish † a diligent search: [14] both the inward *thought* of every one *of them*, and the heart *is* deep.

[12] *Dan.*6.6. *&c.* Study hard to find out some mischievous plot whereby to ruin me. ¶ [13] 1 *Kin.*18.10. Leave nothing unattempted to further their design. ¶ [14] They carry on their projects very closely and cunningly.

* Psal.7.12,13. [16] *Psal.*89.9. *Matth.*8.26. † Heb. *their wound shall be.* 7 But * God shall [15] shoot at them *with* an arrow; [16] suddenly † shall they be wounded.

[15] Find out some means to blast and disturb their counsels and destroy their persons. ¶ [16] Unexpectedly.

8 So [17] they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that [18] see them, shall [19] flee away.

[17] *Prov.*12.13. God shall so befool 'em, that those slanders and plots they design'd against me, shall prove their own ruin, and they shall accuse and condemn themselves. ¶ [18] Take notice of God's hand upon and against 'em. ¶ [19] *Rev.*18.10.

9 And

Pſal. 65.

9 And * [20] all men ſhall fear, and ſhall [21] declare the work of God; for they ſhall [22] wiſely conſider of his doing.

* Pſal. 52. 6.

[20] A great number of thoſe who ſhall ſee theſe events, ſhall fear to partake with 'em in their ſins, leſt they partake in their puniſhment. ¶ [21] Acknowledge his juſt vengeance on 'em, *Jer.* 50. 28. ¶ [22] *Pſal.* 111. 2. So as to be convinc'd of God's hand in it, and thereupon turn from thoſe lewd courſes.

* Pſal. 32. 11.

10 * The righteous ſhall be [23] glad in [24] the LORD, and ſhall truſt in him; and all the upright in heart ſhall [25] glory.

[23] *Pſal.* 58. 10. ¶ [24] In the ſenſe of his goodneſs manifeſted to me herein. ¶ [25] Boaſt of this, and count it an honour to 'em to have God ſo manifeſtly appearing for 'em.

PSAL. LXV.

1 *David praiſeth God for his grace.* 4 *The bleſſedneſs of Gods choſen by reaſon of benefits.*

¶ To the chief muſician, A † Pſalm *and* Song of David.

† In this Pſalm *David* celebrates God's praiſes for his providence over all the world.

†Heb. *is ſilent.*

1 PRaiſe † waiteth for thee, O God, [2] in Sion: and unto thee ſhall the vow be performed.

[2] *Pſal.* 62. 1. *q. d.* Thy people (tho' in ſome ſtraits at preſent) patiently wait for deliverance, and thereby to have occaſion to praiſe thee. ¶ [2] *Rev.* 19. 1. *q. d.* Tho' all others are bound to praiſe thee for mercies receiv'd, yet none are careful to perform it but thy people.

2 O thou that [3] heareſt prayer, unto thee ſhall [4] all fleſh come.

[3] *Iſa.* 45. 11. *Dan.* 9. 23. ¶ [4] All Nations ſhall thereupon be encourag'd to ſeek unto thee, in hope and confidence of like audience and mercy from thee.

†Heb. *words, or matters, of iniquities.*

3 † [5] Iniquities prevail againſt me: *as for* our tranſgreſſions, thou ſhalt [6] purge them away.

[5] *q. d.* True; Corruption many times gets the better of me, and I am foil'd thereby; (and therefore I come to thee for power over and againſt it.) ¶ [6] Cleanſe me from it, (by removing the guilt and ſubduing the power thereof.)

* Pſal. 33. 12.

4 * Bleſſed *is the man whom* thou [7] chooſeſt and [8] cauſeſt to approach *unto thee*, *that* he may [9] dwell in thy courts: we ſhall be ſatisfied with the † goodneſs of thy houſe, *even* of thy holy temple.

[7] *Pſal.* 4. 3. *Viz.* Out of the lump of Mankind, to be one of thy peculiar people. ¶ [8] Giv'ſt him a heart, and then afford'ſt opportunities to draw nigh unto thee, and have Communion with thee in the duties of thy Worſhip. ¶ [9] *Pſal.* 15. 1. and 23. -6. Be a conſtant attendant upon thy Ordinances. ¶ † *Pſal.* 36. 8. Thoſe comforts and mercies thou art pleas'd to diſpence in thine Ordinances.

5 [10] *By* terrible things [11] in righteouſneſs, wilt thou [12] anſwer us, O God of our ſalvation: *who art* the [13] confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off [14] *upon* the ſea.

[10] *Pſal.* 47. 2. See there. By executing ſtrange and unuſual Judgments upon our enemies, (which are terrible to them, and aſtoniſhing to us, and affect us with a holy awe and reverence of thee.) ¶ [11] Which thou doſt work in faithfulneſs to thy people, and juſtice on thy enemies. ¶ [12] Shew that thou heareſt our prayers. ¶ [13] The ſupport and ſafeguard of all Mankind, *Pſal.* 104. 27. *Acts* 17. 28. *Hebr.* 1. 3. ¶ [14] In the Iſles beyond the Sea.

6 Which by his ſtrength ſetteth faſt the mountains; *being* [15] girded with power.

[15] *Pſal.* 93. 1. Enabled to do whatſoever he pleaſes.

* Pſal. 107. 29. [16] *Pſal.* 89. 9. *Matth.* 8. -26. * Iſa. 17. 12, 13.

7 * Which [16] ſtilleth the noiſe of the ſeas, the noiſe of their waves, and * the tumult of the people.

8 They alſo that dwell in the uttermoſt [17] parts are afraid at thy [18] tokens: thou makeſt the [19] out-goings of the morning and evening to ‖ rejoyce.

‖ Or, *ſing.*

[17] *Viz.* Of the earth, (*v.* 5.) and are the moſt barbarous. ¶ [18] Thunder, Lightning, Storms, Earthquakes, Comets, and the like, (which are commonly counted ſigns of God's anger and diſpleaſure.) ¶ [19] The ſucceſſive courſes of the Morning and Evening to afford matter and occaſion of rejoycing to men.

Pſal. 66.

9 [20] Thou viſiteſt the earth and ‖ * [21] watereſt it: thou greatly enricheſt it with [22] the river of God *which* is full of water: thou prepareſt them corn, when thou haſt ſo [23] provided for it.

‖ Or, *after thou hadſt made it to deſire rain.*

* Pſal. 104. 13.

[20] Beſtoweſt manifold bleſſings upon the world in general, and *Canaan* in particular. ¶ [21] *Pſal.* 68. 9. *Jer.* 5. 24. ¶ [22] *Deut.* 11. 10, *&c.* Plentiful ſhowers from the Clouds. ¶ [23] Or, *prepared it, viz.* the Earth; which without this would be hard and barren.

10 Thou [21] watereſt the ridges thereof abundantly: thou ‖ ſettleſt the furrows thereof: thou † makeſt it ſoft with ſhowers, [24] thou bleſſeſt the ſpringing thereof.

‖ Or, *cauſeſt rain to deſcend into the furrows.*

† Heb. *diſſolveſt it.*

[24] 1 *Cor.* 3. 6, 7. All means without God's bleſſing will do no good.

11 [25] Thou crowneſt the year † with thy goodneſs, and thy [26] paths drop fatneſs.

† Heb. *of thy goodneſs.*

[25] Thou enricheſt and adorneſt it with variety of fruits in the ſeveral ſeaſons thereof. ¶ [26] The Clouds (upon which God walks, or rides, *Pſal.* 104. 3. *Nah.* 1. 3.) pour down ſhowers, which make the earth fat and fruitful.

12 They drop *upon* the paſtures of the wilderneſs: and the little hills † [27] rejoyce on every ſide.

† Heb. *are girded with joy.*

[27] Being fill'd with fruits.

13 The paſtures are clothed with flocks; the valleys alſo are covered over with corn; they ſhout for joy, they alſo ſing.

PSAL. LXVI.

1 *David exhorteth to praiſe God,* 5 *to obſerve his great works,* 8 *to bleſs him for his gracious benefits.* 12 *He voweth for himſelf religious ſervice to God.* 16 *He declareth Gods ſpecial goodneſs to himſelf.*

¶ To the chief muſician, A [1] ſong *or* pſalm.

[1] Pen'd after an eminent deliverance from ſome grievous and general calamity.

†Heb. *all the earth.*

MAke a joyful noiſe unto God, † [2] all ye lands.

[2] All Nations that have heard of God's great goodneſs to his people, (as *Deut.* 32. 43. 1 *Chron.* 16. 23, 24.)

2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praiſe [3] glorious.

[3] *Exod.* 15. 11. To be renown'd and advanc'd, ſo as may conduce much to his glory.

‖ Or, *yield feigned obedience.* † Heb. *lie.*

3 Say unto God, How [4] terrible *art thou in* thy [5] works! through the greatneſs of thy power ſhall thine enemies ‖ † [6] ſubmit themſelves unto thee.

[4] *Pſal.* 47. 2. See there. ¶ [5] *viz.* Towards thy enemies, See on *Pſal.* 65. 5. ¶ [6] *Pſal.* 18. -44.

4 [7] All the earth ſhall worſhip thee, and ſhall ſing unto thee, they ſhall ſing *to* thy name. Selah.

[7] The time will come when all Nations ſhall own, worſhip and ſerve thee.

[8] *Pſal.* 46. 8. Conſider well of 'em.

5 Come and [8] ſee the works of God: *he is* [4] terrible *in his* doing toward the children of men.

6 He [9] turned the ſea into dry land: they went through the flood [10] on foot: there did [11] we [12] rejoyce in him.

[9] *Exod.* 14. 21. ¶ [10] *Exod.* 14. 22. *Joſh.* 3. 16, 17. ¶ [11] Our Nation. ¶ [12] *Exod.* 15.

7 [13] He ruleth by his power for ever; [14] his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious [15] exalt themſelves. Selah.

[13] He is as able to help us ſtill as he was then. ¶ [14] *Pſal.* 11. -4. He obſerves all their ways, and will over-rule them as he pleaſes. ¶ [15] *viz.* Againſt God and his people.

[16] Of other Nations.

8 O bleſs our God, ye [16] people; and make the voice of his praiſe to be heard.

† Heb. *putteth.*

9 Which † [17] holdeth our ſoul in life: and ſuffereth not our feet to be [18] moved.

[17] Preſerves us from being deſtroy'd by our Enemies. ¶ [18] Fall into utter ruin, (as our enemies deſign'd.)

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10 [19] For thou, O God, hast [20] proved us: thou hast [20] tried us, [21] as silver is tried.

[19] Or, *Yet. q. d.* Tho' thou hast preserved us in trouble, and delivered us out of it, yet thou hast suffered us to be brought into it, for our trial and refining. ¶ [20] *Psal.*17.3. *Job* 23.10. 1 *Pet.*1.6,7. ¶ [21] With very sore and manifold afflictions, *Isa.*48.10.

11 Thou broughtest us into [22] the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loyns.

[22] *Lam.*1.13. Bondage and great straits and dangers on every side.

12 Thou hast caused men [23] to ride over our heads; * we went through [24] fire and through [24] water: but thou broughtest us out into a † [25] wealthy *place*.

* Isa. 43. 2.

† Heb. *moist.*

[23] *Isa.*51.23. To insult over us, trample upon us, and abuse us with all possible cruelty, scorn and contempt. ¶ [24] Divers and dangerous calamities. ¶ [25] A state of liberty, plenty and prosperity.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt-offerings: * I will pay thee my vows,

* Eccl. 5. 4.

14 Which my lips have † uttered, and my mouth hath spoken when I was in [26] trouble.

† Heb. *opened.*

[26] 1 *Sam.*1. 11. *Gen.* 28. 20. *&c. Judg.* 11. 30. *&c.*

15 I will offer unto thee burnt-sacrifices of † fatlings, with the [27] incense of rams: I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

†Heb. *marrow.*

[27] Fat of Rams; the Smoak whereof (when burnt) ascends up like Incense, and is as acceptable to God as Incense.

16 Come *and* [28] hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

[28] *Psal.*34. 11.

17 I [29] cried unto him [30] with my mouth, and he was [31] extolled with my tongue.

[29] *Viz.* For deliverance. ¶ [30] Earnestly and with a loud voice. ¶ [31] For answering my prayers.

18 If I [32] regard iniquity in my heart; the Lord will [33] not hear *me*.

[32] *Job* 11.13–15. and 36.21. *Prov.*28.9. *Isa.*1.15. *Jam.*4.8. Have any liking to, and affection for, any sin, especially Idolatry. ¶ [33] *John* 9.31. *Job* 27.8,9. *Prov.* 15. 29.

19 *But* verily God hath heard *me*: he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSAL. LXVII.

1 *A prayer for the enlargement of God's kingdom, 3 to the joy of the people, 6 and the increase of Gods blessings.*

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth, A † psalm *or* song.

† Containing a Prayer for the conversion of the Gentiles.

GOd be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his face to [1] shine † upon us. Selah.

† Heb. *with us.*

[1] *Psal.*4.6. and 31.16. 2 *Cor.*4.6. So manifest thy favor to us, as that it may be notorious in the eyes of the World.

2 [2] That thy way may be known upon earth; [3] thy saving health among all nations.

[2] That all Nations, by the observation and consideration of what thou hast done for us, may be induc'd to own and serve thee, and walk in the way which thou hast prescrib'd 'em, (according to that, *Zech.* 8. 23.) ¶ [3] The way thou hast ordain'd for the eternal salvation of thy people.

3 [4] Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

[4] Let the Gentiles every where partake of thy saving benefits, and thereupon be excited and engaged to praise thee (as they'l have abundant cause to do.)

4 O let the nations be glad and [5] sing for joy: for thou shalt [6] judge the people righteously, and † govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

† Heb *lead.*

[5] For bringing them to the knowledge of the true God. ¶ [6] Rule and govern all Nations according to the rules of equity and justice.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

6 *Then* shall the earth [7] yield her increase; *and* God, *even* our [8] own God shall bless us.

[7] *Psal.*85.–12. *Isa.*1.19. ¶ [8] By a peculiar covenant.

Psal. 68.

7 God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall [9] fear him.

[9] *Hos.* 3. 5. Own, worship and serve him

PSAL. LXVIII.

1 *A prayer at the removing of the ark, 4 An exhortation to praise God for his mercies, 7 for his care of the Church, 19 for his great works.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm, *or* song of David.

LEt God [2] arise, let his enemies be [3] scattered: let them also that hate him, flee † before him.

† Heb. *from his face.*

[1] These words were used at the removal of the Ark, (*Numb.*10.35.) whereby it appears that this Psalm was penn'd upon that occasion. ¶ [2] Shew himself in his power and wrath against his enemies, to discomfit 'em. ¶ [3] *Dan.*2. 35.

2 As smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away: as wax melteth before the fire, *so* let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be [4] glad: let them rejoyce [5] before God; yea, let them † exceedingly rejoyce.

† Heb. *rejoyce with gladness.*

[4] *Psal.*58.10. ¶ [5] That Presence of God which is destructive to the wicked, (*v.*–2.) is joyful to the godly.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that [6] rideth upon the heavens by [7] his name JAH, and rejoyce before him.

[6] *Vers.*33. *Deut.* 33. 26. See there. ¶ [7] *q. d.* Extol him who has manifested himself both in his Word, and by his Works to be the only true, eternal, unchangeable God.

5 [8] A father of the [9] fatherless, and a judge of the [9] widows, *is* God [10] in his holy habitation.

[8] *Psal.*10.–14. and 146.9. *Jer.*49.11. ¶ [9] His poor, oppressed people, when destitute of all outward Succours. ¶ [10] He'll manifest himself from Heaven so to be.

6 * God [11] setteth the solitary in † families: * he [12] bringeth out those which are bound with chains; but * the [13] rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

* 1 Sam. 2. 5. † Heb. *a house.* * Psal. 107. 10. & 146. 7. * Ps. 107. 34, 40

[11] (1) Provides yoke-fellows for single persons. (2) Bestows Children upon the barren (many times) *Psal.*113. 9. (3) Settles such as are destitute, in comfortable habitations. ¶ [12] *Act.*12.4,7. ¶ [13] Wicked Oppressors are depriv'd of all true comfort, and expos'd to manifold miseries.

7 O God, when thou [14] wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness, Selah.

[14] *Viz.* In the pillar of Cloud and Fire, *Exod.*13.21.

8 [15] The earth shook, the heavens also [16] dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai it self *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

[15] *Exod.*19.–18. *Judg.*5.4,5. See there. *Isa.*64. 1,3. With an Earthquake and Thunder. ¶ [16] *viz.* In showers of rain, *v.*9.

9 Thou, O God, [17] didst † send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst [18] confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

† Heb. *shake out.*

[17] Didst from time to time water the land of *Canaan* our Inheritance with seasonable and plentiful showers, *Deut.* 11. 10,11. *Ezek.*34.26. ¶ [18] Support and sustain the ground when it was dried with scorching heat, and not able to yield fruit any longer.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast [19] prepared of thy goodness for the [20] poor.

[19] *Viz.* Such a fruitful land and plentiful increase. ¶ [20] *Deut.* 26.5. Thy people Israel, when they were in such a mean condition.

11 The Lord [21] gave the word, great *was* the † company of those that [22] published *it*.

† Heb. *army.*

[21] Afforded matter of joy and thanksgiving in those Victories he gave us. ¶ [22] *Exod.*15.20,21. *Judg.*11.34. 1 *Sam.* 18.6. In Songs of praise and triumph.

12 Kings of armies † did [23] flee apace: and she that tarried at home, divided [24] the spoil.

† Heb. *did flee, did flee.*

[23] *Josh.*10.16. *Exod.*17.15. *Numb.*21.3. ¶ [24] Which the conquering

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conquering Soldiers brought home to their Wives and Children.

13 Though ye have [25] lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be* [26] *as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

[25] *Psal.*119.83. Endur'd great hardships in *Egypt*, and been in an afflicted, contemptible condition there. ¶ [26] In a more beautiful and amiable condition for the future.

‖ Or, *for her the was.*

14 When the Almighty scattered kings ‖ [27] in it, [28] it was *white* as snow in Salmon.

[27] In *Canaan, viz.* At the coming of the Israelites thither. ¶ [28] The Land and Nation then was in a very flourishing, joyful condition, and resplendent, by the establishment of God's pure Worship there.

15 [29] The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan: [30] an high hill *as* the hill of Bashan.

[29] Mount *Zion.* ¶ [30] *q. d.* Tho it be but a low, mean Hill in outward respects, yet it's advanc'd, even above *Bashan* it self, in spiritual respects, in regard of the glorious Priviledges of Gods Presence and Worship, (*Isa.*2.2. So *Mic.*5.2. with *Matth.*2.6.) So is the Church.

16 [31] Why leap ye, ye high hills? [32] *this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* [33] for ever.

[31] Why boast you of your outward priviledges, and look down upon *Zion* with scorn and contempt? ¶ [32] *Psal.*132. 13,14. and 2.6. ¶ [33] Till the Messia come.

‖ Or, *even many thousands.*

17 [34] The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, ‖ *even* thousands of angels: the [35] LORD *is* among them [36] *as* in Sinai in the holy *place.*

[34] 2 *King.*6. 15. *Deut.* 33. 2. *Dan.* 7. 10. *Heb.*12.22. The Armies of God are an innumerable company. ¶ [35] The Messia, God manifested in the flesh, is among 'em as their Lord, having 'em all under his power and command, upon whom they attend, and who reveals his Will unto 'em. ¶ [36] Where he is in as great Majesty and Grace, as he appeared on Mount *Sinai* in power and terror.

† Heb. *in the man.*

18 [37] Thou hast ascended on high, [38] thou hast led captivity captive: thou [39] hast received gifts † [40] for men; yea, [41] *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might [42] dwell *among them.*

[37] *Eph.*4.8. See there. *q. d.* Thou, O Lord Christ, after thou hadst humbled thy self to the very Grave, didst rise again, and hast ascended triumphantly into the highest Heavens. ¶ [38] Thou hast led them captive who led others into captivity. ¶ [39] Thou art enrich'd in thy humane Nature with all the glorious Graces and Excellencies that Heaven and the Divine Nature can furnish thee with, and are necessary either to the perfection of thy Nature, or discharge of thy Office, or good of thy Church. ¶ [40] And all this not for thy self, but that thou mighrest dispense 'em to thy people. ¶ [41] 1 *Tim.*1. 13. For the wilful and stubborn Opposers of thy Grace, to bring 'em into subjection to thee. ¶ [42] *viz.* In his Ordinances, and the tokens of his presence; and in their Hearts by Faith, *Eph.*3.17.

19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily [43] loadeth us *with benefits, even* the God of [44] our salvation. Selah.

[43] Makes us partakers of the happy fruits of Christ's Ascension. ¶ [44] To whom we owe all our deliverances.

20 He that is our God, *is* the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord *belong* the [45] issues from death.

[45] 2 *Cor.*1.10. *Rev.*1.18. Deliverance from the most deadly dangers.

* Psal.110.6. Hab. 3. 13.

21 But *God shall wound the head of his enemies: *and* the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord [46] said, I will [47] bring again [48] from Bashan; I will bring *my people* again from the depths of the [49] sea:

[46] Resolv'd, determin'd, and promis'd. From hence to the end of the Psalm he seems to speak of the glorious things God will do for the Jews in the latter days, by bringing 'em home from extream difficulties, (*v.*-22.) giving 'em victory, (*v.*23.) converting 'em to Christ, (*v.*24–29.) subduing their enemies, (*v.*30.) bringing all Nations to embrace Christ, *v.*31. *&c.* ¶ [47] Do as great things for my people now, as ever I did formerly, and make 'em as victorious as against Og, and at the Red Sea. ¶ [48] *Numb.* 21.33. ¶ [49] *Exod.*14.16,22.

‖ Or, *red.*

23 [50] That thy foot may be ‖ dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies, *and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

Psal. 68.

[50] *Psal.* 58. 10. *Rev.*19. 17. *q. d.* Such a slaughter shall be made among 'em, that thou mayest wade in their blood, and thy Dogs lick it up.

24 [51] They have seen thy goings, O God, *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

[51] Thy people have observ'd to their comfort, (and thy enemies to their terror) the solemn removal and procession of the Ark to *Zion*, and it's placing in the Tabernacle: A type of God's presence with his Church.

25 [52] The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; amongst *them were* the damsels playing with timbrels.

[52] 1 *Chron.*15.16. *Psal.*47.5. This notes the Beauty, Order, and Harmony that shall be in the Church in the latter days.

26 Bless ye God [53] in the congregations, *even* the Lord, ‖ [54] from the fountain of Israel.

‖ Or, ye that are *of the fountain.* Isa.48.1.

[53] In all your Assemblies. ¶ [54] *Deut.*33.28. Or, *Ye that are the fountain*—*i. e.* All ye people who are the Offspring of *Israel*: all the true seed of *Jacob.*

27 [55] There *is* * [56] little Benjamin *with* [57] their ruler, the princes of Judah ‖ *and* their [58] counsel; the princes of [59] Zebulun, *and* the princes of [59] Naphtali.

* 1 Sam.9.21.

‖ Or, with *their company.*

[55] Attending upon this Solemnity. ¶ [56] The least Tribe, (1 *Sam.*9.21.) and neareſt. ¶ [57] The Head of the Tribe. ¶ [58] Counsellors. ¶ [59] That were further off; and so there was a general meeting of all the Tribes; so all the ten Tribes shall return as well as the two.

28 Thy God hath [60] commanded thy strength: [61] strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

[60] *Psal.* 42. 8. Effectually procured and bestowed upon thee all that strength which at any time thou hast put forth in thy battels with, and conquest over thy enemies. ¶ [61] Increase our strength, and finish this good work thou hast begun among us.

29 [62] Because of thy temple at [63] Jerusalem, shall [64] Kings [65] bring presents unto thee.

[62] In regard of the presence of God in the assemblies of his people, even the greatest shall come and render their praises to thee for thy goodness to 'em. ¶ [63] Which shall be built there by *Solomon*; and the Gospel-Church in after-times. ¶ [64] *Psal.*72.10. 1 *King.*10.11,24,25. 2 *Chron.*32.23. ¶ [65] In token of their subjection to thee.

‖ Or, *beast of the reeds.*

30 [66] Rebuke the ‖ company of spear-men, [67] the multitude of the bulls, with the [68] calves of the people, *till every one* submit himself with pieces of silver: ‖ scatter thou the people *that* delight in war.

‖ Or, *he scattereth.*

[66] Humble and chastise those that will not bring Presents, and submit themselves, but still stand out, and are enemies to thy people. ¶ [67] The great Warriours and Commanders. ¶ [68] The vulgar underlings.

31 Princes shall [69] come out of Egypt: [70] Ethiopia shall soon * [71] stretch out her hands unto God.

* Psal. 44. 20

[69] *Viz.* To bring Presents, and acknowledg their subjection to God. ¶ [70] *Isa.*19.21. The greatest Enemies and Persecutors, *Am.*9.7. ¶ [71] *Act.*8.27. *viz.* In Prayer, offering gifts, *&c.*

32 Sing unto God, ye [72] kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises *unto* the Lord, Selah:

[72] *Rev.*11.15. All other Nations who partake of the same Grace with God's People.

* Psal.18.10. & 104.3.

† Heb. *give.*

33 To him * that [6] rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; lo, he doth † send out his [73] voice, *and that* a [73] mighty voice.

[73] *Psal.*29.3,4. The Gospel publish'd by Christ and his Apostles, which is the power of God to Salvation, *Rom.*1.16.

‖ Or, *heavens.*

34 [74] Ascribe ye strength unto God: his [75] excellency *is* over Israel, and [76] his strength *is* in the ‖ clouds.

[74] *Psal.*29.1. Acknowledg his Divine power, by a hearty submission to him. ¶ [75] His excellent power and goodness is in a special manner manifested among his People. ¶ [76] His power is eminently seen there in Thunder, *&c.*

Psal. 69.

35 O God, *thou art* [77] terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people: blessed *be* God.

[77] Thou putteſt forth ſuch Acts of power from Heaven, or in thy Church, as may juſtly terrifie thy Enemies. See on *Pſal.*42.7. and on *Pſal.*65.5.

PSAL. LXIX.

1 *David complaineth of his affliction.* 13 *He prayeth for deliverance.* 22 *He devoteth his enemies to deſtruction.* 30 *He praiſeth God with thankſgiving.*

*Pſal. 45. *tit.* ¶ To the chief muſician * upon Shoſhannim, *A pſalm* of David.

SAve me, O God, for the [1] waters are come in unto *my* ſoul.

[1] *Pſal.*42.7. *Jon.*2.5. Troubles have ſo far invaded me, that my life is in danger.

* Pſal.40.2. †Heb. *the mire of depth.* †Heb. *depth of waters.*

2 * [2] I ſink in † deep mire, where *there is* no ſtanding; I am come into † deep waters, where the flouds overflow me.

[2] *V.* 14. I am plunged into further and greater troubles, and can find no means to help my ſelf.

3 I am [3] weary of my crying; my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

[3] *Pſal.*6.6. Tired with crying to thee for help.

4 They that hate me [4] without a cauſe, are mo then the hairs of mine head: they that would deſtroy me *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then [5] I reſtored *that* which I took not away.

[4] *John* 15.25. ¶ [5] I was forc'd to part with my own right to make them ſatisfaction for pretended wrongs.

†Heb. *guiltineſs.*

5 O God, [6] thou knoweſt my fooliſhneſs; and my † ſins are not hid from thee.

¶ [6] *q.d.* But though I be innocent as to them, yet I confeſs my ſelf guilty of many ſins and follies before thee.

6 [7] Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hoſts, be aſhamed for [8] my ſake: let not thoſe that ſeek thee, be confounded for my ſake, O God of Iſrael.

[7] *Pſal.*25.3. ¶ [8] When they ſhall ſee me deſtitute of that deliverance which they expected thou wouldſt have afforded me.

7 Becauſe [9] for thy ſake I have [10] born reproch: [10] ſhame hath covered my face.

[9] For Obedience to thy Commands, Truſt in thy Promiſes, Zeal for thy Glory, and adhering to thy intereſt and appointment in taking the Kingdom upon me. ¶ [10] Been ſo ſcorn'd and derided, that I am aſham'd almoſt to ſhew my Head.

*Pſal.31.11. Iſa.53.3. John 1.11.

8 * [11] I am become a ſtranger unto my brethren; and an alien unto my mothers children.

[11] *John* 7.5. They carry themſelves to me as if I were a Stranger.

* See Pſal. 89. 50, 51.

9 [12] For the [13] zeal of thine houſe hath eaten me up; * and [14] the reproches of them that reproched thee are fallen upon me.

[12] *q.d.* And the reaſon thereof is, becauſe of my Zeal— ¶ [13] See on *John* 2.17. *Pſal.* 119.139. My earneſt deſire to have all things duly order'd about thy Worſhip, and my juſt diſpleaſure and indignation at all abuſes therein, has waſted my natural moiſture and vital Spirits. ¶ [14] *Jude* -15. The ſinful actions of others, or reproachful Speeches uttered againſt thy Providence, Truth or Worſhip, lay very heavy upon my Spirit, and greatly affected and afflicted me, (which is applied to Chriſt, *John* 2.17. *Rom.*15.3.)

*Pſ.35.13,14.

10 * When I wept, *and chaſtened* my ſoul with faſting, that was [15] to my reproch.

[15] I was upbraided for it as if I had done it only in hypocriſie and deſign.

11 I made ſackcloth alſo my garment; and I became a [16] proverb to them.

[16] As if they ſhould ſay, I value him no more than I do *David*: Or, He is a meer *David*; juſt ſuch a one as he.

†Heb. *drinkers of ſtrong drink.*

12 They that [17] ſit in the gate, ſpeak againſt me; and *I was* the [18] ſong of the † drunkards.

[17] Magiſtrates and Judges, to whom it belongs to right and vindicate me. ¶ [18] *Pſal.*35.16. *Job* 30.9.

Psal. 69.

13 But [19] as for me, my [20] prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD, [21] *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, [22] in the truth of thy ſalvation.

[19] In all theſe troubles, and notwithſtanding all theſe diſcouragements. ¶ [20] 1 *Cor.*4.13. 1 *Pet.*2.23. ¶ [21] *Iſa.*49.8. 2 *Cor.*6.2. *q. d.* I pray and ſeek unto thee in the time of my trouble, (*Pſal.* 50.15.) and having thee engag'd to me by promiſe; which therefore I hope will prove a time of favor and acceptance to me. ¶ [22] According to thy faithfulneſs beſtow ſalvation and deliverance upon me.

14 Deliver me out of the [23] mire, and let me not ſink: * let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the [24] deep waters.

[23] *V.* 2. This great diſtreſs, wherein I am in danger of periſhing. ¶ [24] The diſtreſſes and difficulties wherein they have involv'd me.

* Pſal.144.7.

15 Let not the water-floud overflow me, neither let the deep ſwallow me up, and let not the [25] pit ſhut her mouth upon me.

[25] *Pſal.*55.23. *Numb.*15.33. Irrecoverable deſtruction ſeize upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD, for thy loving kindneſs *is* [26] good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

[26] *Pſal.*63.3. Grateful and refreſhing in a high meaſure.

17 And [27] hide not thy face from thy ſervant, for I am in trouble: † hear me ſpeedily.

[27] See on *Pſal.* 27.9. † Heb. *make haſte to hear me.*

18 [28] Draw nigh unto my ſoul, *and* redeem it: deliver me [29] becauſe of mine enemies.

[28] Manifeſt thy ſelf for my reſcue, O thou who ſeemſt to be departed far from me. ¶ [29] *Deut.* 32.27. Becauſe their malice and rage is ſo great againſt me.

19 Thou haſt known * my reproch, and my ſhame, and my diſhonour: mine adverſaries *are* all before thee.

* Pſal.22.6,7. Iſa.53.3. Heb.12.2.

20 Reproch hath broken my heart, and I am full of heavineſs: and I * looked *for ſome* to † take pity, but *there was* [30] none; and for comforters, but I found [30] none.

[30] *Matth.* 26.56. *Luke* 23.49. Few or none.

* Pſal.142.4. Iſa.63.5. † Heb. *lament* with me.

21 * [31] They gave me alſo gall for my meat, and [32] in my thirſt they gave me vinegar to drink.

[31] *Lam.*3.-19. Inſtead of comforting me, they loaded me with reproaches, which were moſt diſpleaſing to me. ¶ [32] *Matth.*27.34,48. *Mar.* 15.36. *John* 19.29.

* Mat. 27. 34, 48. Mark 15.23.

22 [33] Let their table become a ſnare before them: and *that which ſhould have been* for *their* welfare, *let it become* a trap.

[33] *Rom.*11.9,10. Let their food, both for Body and Soul, be an occaſion of ſin to 'em, and conſequently of deſtruction. See *Pſal.*28.4. *n.* 8.

23 * Let their [34] eyes be darkened that they ſee not; and [35] make their loyns continually to ſhake.

[34] *Rom.* 11. 10. *John* 12. 39, 40. Their underſtandings and minds be left to their own wilful ignorance and error, that they mayn't diſcern God's truth, nor their own duty, nor the way of peace and ſalvation. ¶ [35] Deprive 'em of all ability to do good, or to follow that good counſel that is given 'em.

* Iſa.6. 9,10. Joh.12.39,40. 2 Cor.3.14.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them: and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their † [36] habitation be deſolate; *and* † let none dwell in their tents.

† Heb. *palace.* [36] Act.1. 20.

26 For * they [37] perſecute * *him* whom thou haſt [38] ſmitten: and they [39] talk to the grief of † thoſe whom thou haſt wounded.

[37] *Zech.*1.15. ¶ [38] *Iſa.*53.4. ¶ [39] Scoff at 'em, reproach 'em with, and triumph in their calamities.

* *Mat.* 23. -38. † Heb. *let not there be a dweller.* * See 2 Chr. 28.9. * Iſa.53.4. † Heb. *thy wounded.*

27 [40] Add ‖ iniquity to their iniquity: and let them [41] not come into thy righteouſneſs.

[40] Give 'em up to a reprobate ſenſe that they may fill up the meaſure of their ſins, *Matth.*23.32. ¶ [41] Not partake of thy pardoning mercy, nor of that righteouſneſs or faithfulneſs whereby thou art wont to juſtifie and pardon thoſe that truly repent and believe.

‖ Or, *puniſhment of iniquity.*

28 [42] Let

Pſal. 70.

28 [42] Let them be * blotted out of the book of the living; and not * be written with the righteous.

* Exod. 32. 32. Rev. 13. 8.

[42] *q. d.* Let their wickedneſs be ſo notorious, and the tokens of God's wrath ſo manifeſt, that all may diſcern that they were never choſen by God to Life everlaſting, (tho' by their profeſſion they ſeem'd to be ſo) nor ever were truly righteous perſons.

* Luke 10. 20. Heb. 12. 23.

29 But I *am* poor and ſorrowful: let thy ſalvation, O God, ſet me up on high.

30 I will praiſe the name of God with a ſong: and will magnifie him with thanksgiving.

[43] *viz.* Sacrifice of praiſe, *v.* 30.

31 [43] *This* alſo ſhall pleaſe the LORD better then an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

‖ Or, *meek.*

32 [44] The ‖ humble ſhall ſee [45] *this*, *and* be glad: and * your heart ſhall [46] live that ſeek God.

* Pſal. 22. 26.

[44] *Pſal.* 34. 2. Pious perſons. ¶ [45] My deliverance and exaltation, *v.* 29. ¶ [46] Be reviv'd and fill'd with Joy.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and deſpiſeth not his [47] priſoners.

[47] Thoſe that are in any ſtraits or troubles for his ſake.

* Pſal. 96. 11. Iſa. 44. 23. & 49. 13.

34 * Let the heaven and earth praiſe him; the ſeas, and every thing that † moveth therein.

† Heb. *creepeth.*

35 For God will [48] ſave Sion, and will [48] build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in poſſeſſion.

[48] *Pſal.* 51. 18. *Iſa.* 44. 26.

36 [49] The ſeed alſo of his ſervants ſhall inherit it: and they that love his name ſhall dwell therein.

[49] *Pſal.* 102. 28

PSALM. LXX.

David ſoliciteth God to the ſpeedy deſtruction of the wicked, and preſervation of the godly.

¶ To the chief muſician, *A pſalm* of David, [1] to bring to remembrance.

[a] See on *Pſal.* 38. title.

[2] MAke *haſte*, O God, to deliver me; make haſte † to help me, O LORD.

[b] See on *Pſal.* 40. 13. to the end.

† Heb. *to my help.*

2 * Let them be aſhamed and confounded that ſeek after my ſoul: let them be turned backward, and put to confuſion, that deſire my hurt.

* Pſal. 35. 4, 26. & 71. 13.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their ſhame, that ſay, Aha, aha.

4 Let all thoſe that ſeek thee, rejoyce, and be glad in thee: and let ſuch as love thy ſalvation ſay continually, Let God be magnified.

5 But I *am* poor and needy, make haſte unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer, O LORD, make no tarrying.

PSALM. LXXI.

1 *David in confidence of faith and experience of Gods favour, prayeth both for himſelf, and againſt the enemies of his ſoul.* 14 *He promiſeth conſtancy.* 17 *He prayeth for perſeverance.* 19 *He praiſeth God, and promiſeth to do it cheerfully.*

[1] IN thee, O LORD, do I put my truſt: let me never be put to confuſion.

[1] *Pſal.* 31. 1, 2. (See there) & 25. 2, 3. 1 *Chron.* 5. 20.

2 Deliver me in thy righteouſneſs, and cauſe me to eſcape: incline thine ear unto me, and ſave me.

† Heb. *to me for a rock of habitation.*

3 [2] Be thou † my ſtrong habitation, whereunto I may continually reſort: thou haſt [3] given commandment to ſave me: for thou *art* my rock and my fortreſs.

[2] *q. d.* Tho I have no place of ſafety to retreat unto, yet let thy almighty Protection ſecure me. ¶ [3] Purpoſed to ſave me; and will accordingly do it.

* Pſal. 140. 1, 4.

4 * Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked; out of the hand of † the unrighteous and cruel man.

† *Abſolom* and his complices.

5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my truſt from my youth.

Pſal. 71.

6 [1] By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mothers bowels; my praiſe *ſhall be* continually of thee.

[1] *Pſal.* 22. 9, 10. *Iſa.* 46. 3.

7 I am as a [6] wonder unto many; but thou *art* my ſtrong refuge.

[6] *Zech.* 3. 8. *Iſa.* 8. 18. 1 *Cor.* 4. 9. *Viz.* In regard of thy ſtrange dealing with me, in thoſe many and ſore calamities that have befaln me, at which they ſtand amaz'd.

8 Let my mouth be [7] filled *with* thy [8] praiſe, *and with* thy honour all the day.

[7] *Job* 8. 21. ¶ [8] *Viz.* For delivering me out of my preſent diſtreſs.

* V. 18.

9 * Caſt me not off in the time of old age: forſake me not when my ſtrength faileth.

† Heb. *watch*, or *obſerve.*

10 For mine enemies ſpeak againſt me: and they that † lay wait for my ſoul, [9] take counſel together,

[9] *Pſal.* 2. 2. & 83. 3.

[10] 2 *Sam.* 18. 30. *Pſal.* 3. 2.

11 Saying, God hath forſaken him: perſecute and take him, for *there is* [10] none to deliver *him.*

* Pſal. 70. 1.

12 * O God, be not far from me: O my God, [11] make haſte for my help.

* Pſal. 40. 14. & 70. 2.

13 * [12] Let them be confounded *and* conſumed, that are adverſaries to my ſoul: let them be covered *with* reproch and diſhonour, that ſeek my hurt.

[11] *Pſal.* 70. 1.

[12] *Pſal.* 35. 4, 26

14 But I will hope continually; and will yet praiſe thee [13] more and more.

[13] For renewed mercies which I know thou wilt vouchſafe to me.

15 My mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy [14] righteouſneſs, *and* thy [14] ſalvation all the day: for I know not the [15] numbers *thereof.*

[14] Thy faithfulneſs, and righteous dealing in delivering thy righteous ſervant. ¶ [15] *Pſal.* 40. 5. Of thy Salvation and mercies vouchſaf't to me.

16 I will [16] go in the ſtrength of the Lord God: I will [17] make mention of thy righteouſneſs, *even* of thine [18] only.

[16] Proceed in my buſineſs with courage and chearfulneſs, being aſſur'd of aſſiſtance and protection from thee. ¶ [17] Aſcribe the mercies vouchſaf't to me to thy faithfulneſs (as *v.* 2, 15, 24. 2 *Theſſ.* 1. 6.) in making good all thy promiſes to me. ¶ [18] *Iſa.* 26. 12. *Pſal.* 115. 1.

17 O God, thou haſt [19] taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I [20] declared thy wondrous works.

[19] Train'd me up from my youth in the frequent experiences of thy never-failing faithfulneſs. ¶ [20] Have had continual cauſe to declare, and accordingly have done it.

† Heb. *unto old age, and gray hairs.* † Heb. *arm.*

18 [21] Now alſo † when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forſake me not: [22] until I have ſhewed thy † ſtrength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

[21] *Phil.* 1. 6. ¶ [22] *q. d.* Let me ſurvive theſe calamities to proclaim thy power in my deliverance.

19 Thy righteouſneſs alſo, O God, *is* [23] very high, who haſt done great things: O God, [24] who *is* like unto thee?

[23] *Pſal.* 36. 5, 6. Moſt eminent, infinitely ſurpaſſing all our deſerts, yea expectations. ¶ [24] *Pſal.* 89. 6, 8.

20 *Thou* which haſt ſhewed me great and [25] ſore troubles, ſhalt [26] quicken me again, and ſhalt bring me up again from [27] the depths of the earth.

[25] 2 *Sam.* 12. 11. ¶ [26] *Hoſ.* 6. 2. Reſtore me to my former condition of peace and proſperity. ¶ [27] *Pſal.* 88. 6. Deſperate dangers, wherein I ſeem'd to be overwhelm'd.

21 Thou ſhalt [28] increaſe my greatneſs, and comfort me [29] on every ſide.

[28] Not only reſtore me to my former greatneſs, but make this humbling a ſtep to my further advancement. ¶ [29] *Zech.* 2. 5.

† Heb. *inſtrument of pſaltery.*

22 I will alſo praiſe thee with the † pſaltery; *even* [30] thy truth, O my God: unto thee will

[30] *Pſal.* 43. 4.

Psal. 72.

will I sing with the harp, O thou holy One [31] of Israel.

[30] *Psal.*25.10. ¶ [31] *Isa.* 5. 16. Whose incomparable excellencies are peculiarly known unto, and celebrated by thy people Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoyce when I sing
[32] *Psal.*103.2. unto thee: and [32] my soul which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall [33] talk of thy right-
*Vers. 13. teousness all the day long: for * [34] they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

[33] *Psal.*145. 11. It shall not be the subject only of my solemn Songs, (*v.*22,23.) but of my constant discourse. ¶ [34] I look upon 'em as utterly defeated already.

PSAL. LXXII.

1 *David praying for Solomon, sheweth the goodness and glory of his in type, and in truth of Christs kingdom.* 18 *He blesseth God.*

‖ Or, *of.* ¶ *A psalm* ‖ [1] for Solomon.

[1] Congratulating his Assumption to the Throne; but principally aiming at Christ, and his Kingdom and Government.

2 Give the king thy judgments, O God; and
thy [2] righteousness unto the kings son.

[2] Bestow upon *Solomon* my Son (whom I have now appointed King) and to all his Posterity that shall succeed him on the Throne, a Spirit of Wisdom and Judgment, to know what is right and agreeable to thy Law, and to govern himself and his people accordingly. ¶ [3] Uprightness of heart to perform every thing according to his understanding.

2 He shall [4] judge thy people with [5] righteous-
ness, and [6] thy poor with judgment.

[4] *Viz.* If thou dost this for him. ¶ [5] *Isa.*32.5. ¶ [6] Thy People, who are commonly in a low, afflicted condition.

* Psal.85.10. 3 [7] The mountains * shall bring peace to the people, and the little [7] hills, [8] by righteousness.

[7] *V.*16. *q. d.* All places of the land, even the most unlikely, shall abound with peace, plenty and prosperity. ¶ [8] *Isa.*32.17. By reason of the just and righteous administration of Affairs by all that are interested therein.

4 He shall [9] judge the poor of the people, he
shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

[9] Vindicate 'em from their powerful Oppressors.

5 They shall [10] fear thee as long as the sun
and moon endure, [11] throughout all generations.

[10] 1 *King.*3.28. Worship and serve thee, O God, (*v.* 1.) so that together with peace, true Religion shall flourish. ¶ [11] *Psal.*89.36,37.

* 2 Sam.23.4. 6 * [12] He shall come down like rain upon the
mowen grass: as showers *that* water the earth.

[12] *Deut.*32.2. *Hos.*6.3. The administration of his Government shall be so gentle and easie, that it shall refresh and revive the hearts of his Subjects, and make 'em a flourishing people.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish: and
† Heb. *till there be no moon.* [13] abundance of peace † so long as the moon endureth.

[13] This was most eminently fulfilled in Christ, *Luke* 2.14. *John* 14.27.

* Psal. 2. 8. & 80. 11. & 89. 25. See Exod. 23.31. 1 King. 4. 21,24. 8 * He shall have dominion also [14] from sea
to sea: and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

[14] *Zech.*6.–10. Of a larger extent than formerly, (and therein a type of Christs Kingdom, which shall spread it self all the world over.)

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow
before him; and his enemies shall [15] lick the dust.

[15] *Isa.*49.23, *Mic.*7.17. Prostrate themselves with the lowliest Reverence.

* Psal.45.12. & 68.29. *Isa.* 60.–6. [16] *Psal.* 45.12. [17] *Rev.*21.24. 10 * The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall
[16] bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba
[17] shall offer gifts.

11 Yea, [17] all kings shall fall down before him:
all nations shall serve him.

[18] *Job* 29.12. 12 For he shall [18] deliver the needy when
he crieth: the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.

Psal. 73.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy; and
shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit
and violence: and [19] precious shall their blood be in his sight.

[19] *Psal.*116.15. He shall be sparing in shedding their blood himself, (2 *King.*1.13.) and shall defend 'em from those that would shed it.

15 And he shall [20] live, and to him † shall be † Heb. one *shall give.*
[21] given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually, *and* daily shall he be praised.

[20] *Viz.* Long and prosperously, (so did *Solomon*) yea, eternally. So does Christ, *Rev.* 1. 18. ¶ [21] 1 *King.* 10.15. *Matth.*2.11.

16 [22] There shall be an handful of corn in
the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall [23] shake like Lebanon: and *they* [24] of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

[22] *q. d.* Such shall be the extraordinary fruitfulness of the Land in his days, that a handful of Corn sown on the top of the barren Mountains, shall bring forth a plentiful Crop. ¶ [23] The ears being so thick and tall shall make a noise with the wind, as the trees in *Lebanon* do. An Emblem of the great success of the Gospel, and the flourishing estate of the Church and Kingdom of Christ. ¶ [24] The Citizens of *Jerusalem*, and likewise all his Subjects every where, shall flourish in numbers, wealth, *&c.*

17 [25] His name † shall endure for ever: † his † Heb. *shall be.*
name shall be continued as long as the sun: † Heb. *shall be as a son to continue his fathers name for ever.*
and *men* shall be [26] blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

[25] His honour and renown. This was chiefly fulfilled in Christ. ¶ [26] *Gen.*12.3. and 22.18. Through the merits and mediation of Christ.

18 Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of
Israel, * who only doeth wondrous things. * Psal.136.4.

19 And blessed *be* his his glorious name for
ever: and [27] let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and amen.

[27] Let his Kingdom spread all the world over.

20 [28] The prayers of David the son of Jesse
are ended.

[28] Among the Psalms, (which consist much of Petitions, and Prayers) this is the last which *David* compos'd; being made but a little before his death.

PSAL. LXXIII.

1 *The prophet prevailing in a temptation,* 2 *sheweth the occasion thereof, the prosperity of the wicked;* 13 *The wound given thereby, diffidence;* 15 *the victory over it, knowledg of God's purpose, in destroying of the wicked, and sustaining the righteous.*

¶ A psalm ‖ of Asaph. ‖ Or, *for.*

‖ [1] TRuly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such ‖ Or, *Yet.*
as are † of a [2] clean heart. † Heb. *clean of heart.*

[1] Or, *Yet. q. d.* Tho God's dealings with his people many times seem to be very harsh and severe, and have raised many doubts and scruples in my mind, yet I am now fully satisfied, that, all things consider'd, he is really more bountiful and merciful to them than to Sinners, notwithstanding the Adversity of the one, and Prosperity of the other. ¶ [2] *John* 3.–3. Freed from the power of sin, by the grace of sanctification.

2 [3] But as for me, [4] my feet were almost gone:
5 my steps had well nigh slipt.

[3] *q. d.* But I must needs confess, tho I am now satisfied, yet time was when it was otherwise with me. ¶ [4] I was extremely stagger'd, my faith in God's promises and providences was almost overthrown, and I was ready to repent of my piety, *vs.* 13. ¶ [5] I was even going to shift for my self, by carnal-policy, and creature-confidence, as I saw others do.

3 * For I was [6] envious at the foolish, *when* I saw * Job 21. 7. Psal. 37. 1.
the prosperity of the wicked.

[6] *Job* 21.7. *Psal.*37.1. *Jer.*12.1. I grudg'd and murmur'd at it, and was secretly desirous to partake of their prosperity. Jer. 12. 1.

4 For

Psal. 73.

4 For [7] *there are* no bands in their death: but [8] their strength *is* † firm.

† Heb. *fat.*

[7] They are not violently dragg'd to an untimely death by the hand of the Magistrate, or by any dismal casualty, or any grievous torments of mind or body. ¶ [8] They continue strong and healthful all their days, till at last they go out quietly, like a Lamp when the oyl is spent.

† Heb. *in the trouble of* other *men.*

5 They *are* [9] not † in trouble *as other* men: neither are they plagued † like *other* men.

† Heb. *with.*

[9] *Hebr.* 12.8. They escape even common Calamities.

6 Therefore pride [10] compasseth them about as a chain: violence covereth them *as* a garment.

[10] Discovers it self on every side, in their countenance, speech, carriage, *&c.*

7 [11] Their eyes stand out with fatness: they † have more then heart could wish.

† Heb. *pass the thoughts of the heart.*

[11] *Job* 15.27. *Psal.* 119.70. *Jer.* 5.28. They live in great plenty and prosperity.

* Hos. 7.16.

8 They are [12] corrupt, and * [13] speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak [14] loftily.

[12] Dissolute and licentious, letting loose the reins to all manner of wickedness. ¶ [13] Wickedly boast of their oppressions. ¶ [14] *Exod.* 5.2. Bragging of their power to oppress, and breathing forth nothing but threatnings against the people of God.

9 They [15] set their mouth against the heavens; and their tongue [16] walketh through the earth.

[15] Bid defiance both to God and man, blaspheming God's Name, denying or deriding his Providence, reviling his Servants, *&c.* ¶ [16] Takes liberty to revile whom they please.

10 [17] Therefore his people [19] return hither: and [20] waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.

[17] *q. d.* Because the wicked prosper, and the godly are brought low, even sincere Believers themselves. ¶ [19] Or, *Turn, i. e.* are too apt to comply externally with the wicked in their courses, and to swim down the stream, because they see that the most likely way to thrive in the World. ¶ [20] *i. e.* A cup full of waters, *viz.* of affliction; *q. d.* and yet God disappoints 'em in their aims, and many times follows 'em with many and sore judgments.

11 And [21] they say, [22] How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

[21] *i. e.* The ungodly, mention'd *v.* 9. and so *v.* 10. comes in by way of Parenthesis. ¶ [22] *Job* 22.13,14. *Psal.* 10. 11. and 94.7. *Zeph.* 1.12. Sure he takes no notice of Affairs here below.

12 Behold, [23] these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

[23] This is their Condition and Carriage in it.

* Mal. 3.14.

13 * Verily I have cleansed my heart [24] in vain; and [25] washed my hands in innocency.

[24] *Job* 21.15. and 34.9. and 35.3. Got nothing by all my holiness and strictness. ¶ [25] *Psal.* 26.6. Kept my self innocent and pure from evil practices, *viz.* in vain.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and † chastened every morning.

† Heb. *my chastisement* was.

15 If I say, I will [26] speak thus: behold I should [27] offend *against* the generation of thy children.

[26] Approve of ungodliness and ungodly ones in this manner. ¶ [27] By condemning them as neglected and disregarded by God, and so tempting 'em to forsake God and his ways.

16 When I thought [28] to know this, it *was* † too painful for me.

† Heb. *labour in mine eyes.*

[28] To find out by my own reason why God dealt in this manner, I found it too hard a task to satisfie my self in that way.

* Psal. 77.13.

17 Until * I [30] went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I [31] their end.

[30] Consulted the Oracles of the Word, and was instructed by the preaching thereof in the Sanctuary. He was fain to plow with God's Heifer to find out God's Riddle. ¶ [31] *Psal.* 37.38. That there would quickly follow a dark and dismal night of eternal misery, after their fair day of outward prosperity.

[32] *Psal.* 35.6.

18 Surely thou didst set them [32] in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with [33] terrours.

[33] Dreadful Judgments unexpectedly seising upon 'em.

Psal. 74.

* Psal. 90.5.

20 * [34] As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so*, O Lord, when thou [35] awakest thou [35] shalt despise their image.

[34] *Isa.* 29.7, 8. *Job* 20.8. As men awaken'd slight their most pleasing dreams, (finding 'em to be but dreams.) ¶ [35] *Psal.* 7.6. and 78.65. Com'st to execute Judgments on 'em, thou shalt make 'em despicable, and make it appear that all their imaginary felicity was but a meer fancy and shadow.

21 [36] Thus my heart was grieved, and I was [37] pricked in my reins.

[36] *Viz.* So as I have formerly expresst, *v.* 2. ¶ [37] Inwardly griev'd and disquieted.

* Psal. 92.6.

† Heb. *I knew not.*

22 * So [38] foolish *was* I, and † ignorant: I was *as a* [39] beast † [40] before thee.

† Heb. *with.*

[38] *Prov.* 30.2. ¶ [39] Regarding only present things, and judging meerly by sense. ¶ [40] In thy sight and judgment.

23 [41] Nevertheless, I *am* continually [42] with thee: thou hast [43] holden *me* by my right hand.

[41] Notwithstanding these failings and miscarriages of mine. ¶ [42] In thy favour, and under thy care. ¶ [43] *Psal.* 16.8. 1 *Pet.* 1.5. Upheld me from miscarrying by this or such like temptations.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy [44] counsel, and afterward [45] receive me *to* glory.

[44] *Psal.* 32.8. Directions of thy Word, Motions of thy Spirit, and Passages of thy Providence. ¶ [45] 2 *Pet.* 1.11. Translate me to everlasting Glory in Heaven.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* [46] I desire besides thee.

[46] *Isa.* 26.8.

26 [47] My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the † strength of my heart, and [48] my portion for ever.

† Heb. *rock.*

[47] *q. d.* I find by sad experience my own weakness and inability to encounter with such temptations, and to uphold my self under such troubles as I meet withal; yea, I find my self a decaying Creature, that shall shortly return to the dust. ¶ [48] See on *Psal.* 16.5.

* Exod. 34.15. Numb. 15.39. James 4.4.

27 For lo, they that are [49] far from thee, shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that * [50] go a whoring from thee.

[49] *Psal.* 58.3. *Eph.* 2.13. In a state of enmity and opposition to thee, and do wholly withdraw themselves from their obedience to thee. ¶ [50] Having profest subjection to thee, do revolt from thee, and set their Affections on the Creatures more than God.

28 But [51] it is good for me to draw near to God: I have [52] put my trust in the Lord GOD, [53] that I may declare all thy works.

[51] Or, *nearness*, or *drawing nigh to God is good for me*; *i. e.* As, that I am in a state of nearness to thee, (*Eph.* 2.13.) by my special Relation to thee as thy Child and Servant; (*Psal.* 119.94. and 18. *title.*) So, my Actual drawing nigh unto thee upon all occasions, by the exercise of Faith, Love and other Graces, and by Meditation, Prayer, and the performance of all holy Duties, is my highest priviledge and honour, my chiefest interest and happiness. ¶ [52] Depend upon him alone for all my comfort and happiness. ¶ [53] *q. d.* And hereby it will come to pass that I shall have abundant cause of praising thee for all thy goodness and mercy to me.

PSAL. LXXIV.

1 *The prophet complaineth of the desolation of the sanctuary.* 10 *He moveth God to help, in consideration of his power,* 18 *of his reprochful enemies, of his children, and of his covenant.*

¶ || Maschil of [1] Asaph.

|| Or, *A Psalm for Asaph to give instruction.*

[1] Some of his Posterity: or, another of that name, living after the destruction of the Temple, and in the Captivity, which he bewails.

O God, why hast thou cast *us* off [2] for ever? *why* doth thine anger [3] smoke against the [4] sheep of thy pasture?

[2] *Psal.* 13.1. Without any visible hopes of recovery. ¶ [3] *Deut.* 29.20. ¶ [4] *Psal.* 95.7.

2 Remember thy congregation *which* thou hast [5] purchased of old: the || * [6] rod of thine inheritance *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion wherein thou hast dwelt.

|| Or, *tribe.* * Deut. 32.9. Jer. 10.16.

Psal. 74.

[5] *Exod.*15.-16. Redeem'd long ago out of their bondage in *Egypt*. ¶ [6] Thy people whom thou hast measur'd out as it were by Rod to be thy Portion and Inheritance.

3 [7] Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations: *even* all that the enemy hath done wickedly [8] in the sanctuary.

[7] *Psal.*68.1. Come speedily to deliver us from those miseries which otherwise are like to be perpetual. ¶ [8] *V.* 7. 2 *Kings* 25.9. *&c.*

4 Thine enemies [9] rore in the midst of thy congregations: they set up their ensigns [10] *for* signs.

[9] *Lam.*2.7. Make loud outcries in the Temple, Synagogues, and places of publick Worship, partly out of rage and fury, but chiefly in way of triumph. ¶ [10] *Viz.* Of their Conquest and Victories.

5 *A man* was famous according as he had [11] lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

[11] Contributed his help towards the building of the Temple, either by felling, squaring the Timber, or the like.

* 1 Kings 6. 18,29, 32, 35. 6 But now they break down * the carved work thereof at once, with axes and hammers.

†Heb. *sent thy sanctuary into the fire.* [12] 2 *Kin.* 25.9. 7 They have † cast [12] fire into thy sanctuary: they have defiled *by casting down* the dwelling-place of thy name to the ground.

† Heb. *break.* 8 They said in their hearts, Let us † destroy [13] them together: they have burnt up all the [14] synagogues of God in the land.

[13] *Psal.*83.4. Both place and people all at once. ¶ [14] *Acts* 13.27.

9 We see not our [15] signs; *there is* no more [16] any prophet; neither *is there* among us any that knoweth [17] how long.

[15] Miracles, Ordinances, or other Tokens of God's gracious Presence, which we and our Ancestors formerly used to enjoy. ¶ [16] 1 *Sam.*3.1. *Amos* 8.11. Few or none such Teachers, either ordinary, or extraordinary. ¶ [17] *Viz.* That we shall be thus reproach'd, (*v.*10.) and continue in this calamitous condition.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproch? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bosom.

12 For God *is* [18] my King of old, [19] working salvation in the midst of the earth.

[18] *Psal.*44.4. ¶ [19] Who has in an eminent and conspicuous manner delivered us.

† Heb. *break.* ‖ Or, *whales.* 13 Thou didst † [20] divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the ‖ [21] dragons in the waters.

[20] *Exod.*14.21. ¶ [21] *Pharaoh* and all his Host, (*Isa.*51.-9. *Ezek.*29.3.) in the Red Sea.

14 Thou brakest the heads of [22] leviathan in pieces, *and* gavest him *to be* [23] meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

[22] *Isa.* 27.1. *Pharaoh* and his Princes. ¶ [23] *Numb.* 14.9. *Deut.*10.-25. (1) A Prey to the Israelites, then in the Wilderness, who spoil'd their dead bodies cast upon the shore. (2) Matter of support and encouragement to the faith of thy people *Israel* in all their straits and necessities. And (3) their carkasses which were cast upon the shore, to be food for the wild Beasts.

† Heb. *rivers of strength.* 15 Thou didst [24] cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up † [25] mighty rivers.

[24] *Exod.*17.6. *Numb.*20.11. *Psal.* 105. 41. *Isa.* 48. 21. *i. e.* Cleave the Rock, and madest a Spring there. ¶ [25] *Josh.*3.13. Both *Jordan* and the Red Sea.

* Gen.1.14, &c. 16 [26] The day *is* thine, [26] the night also *is* thine: * thou hast prepared the [27] light and the sun.

[26] Both day and night were made by thee; (and therefore thou canst much more destroy thy enemies and deliver thy people.) ¶ [27] *Viz.* Of the Moon, for the Night.

* Gen.8.22. † Heb. *made them.* 17 Thou hast [28] set all the borders of the earth: * thou hast †made summer and winter.

[28] *Acts* 17.26. Fix'd the bounds of the world in general, and of every particular Country and Nation.

[29] *V.*-22. 18 [29] Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproched, O LORD, and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

Psal. 75.

19 O deliver not the [30] soul of thy [31] turtle-dove unto the multitude *of the wicked*; forget not the congregation of the thy poor for ever.

[30] The life. ¶ [31] *Cant.*2.14. The Church, (who is harmless, meek, and faithful.)

20 Have respect unto the [32] covenant: for the [33] dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

[32] *Psal.*105.8-11. The promises to *Abram* and our forefathers of giving 'em this land, and restoring 'em to it upon their repentance, when carried captive for their sins, *Deut.*30. 3,4. 1 *Kings* 8.46-50. ¶ [33] This Land where we now have our abode in captivity, is destitute of the knowledge of the true God.

21 O let not the oppressed [34] return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

[34] *Viz.* From seeking unto thee for relief.

22 Arise, O God, [35] plead thine own cause: * remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

* Verse 18.

[35] Maintain thine own Honour, Worship and Service.

23 Forget not the [36] voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee, † increaseth continually.

[36] The insu'ting, reproachful expressions † Heb. *ascendeth.*

PSAL. LXXV.

1 The prophet praiseth God. 2 He promiseth to judge uprightly. 4 He rebuketh the proud by consideration of Gods providence. 9 He praiseth God.

¶ To the chief musician, ‖ Al-taschith, A Psalm *or* Song ‖ of Asaph.

‖ Or, *Destroy not.* ‖ Or, *for.*

UNto thee, O God, do we give thanks; *unto thee* do we give thanks: for that thy [1] name *is* near, thy [2] wondrous works declare.

[1] Thy self in thy power and goodness, art ready to help us. ¶ [2] Wrought on my behalf, and for the good of thy people.

‖ Or, *take a set time.* 2 When I shall ‖ [3] receive the congregation, I will judge uprightly.

[3] Be fully possess'd of the government of the whole Body of the Nation.

3 [4] The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: [5] I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

[4] *Psal.*60.2,3. and 82.-5. The whole Land is out of joynt and frame, and all is in confusion by reason of the mal-administration of *Saul*, and the Civil wars among us. ¶ [5] I endeavour to support its tottering condition, by setting up good Magistrates, and maintaining Religion and Justice.

* Zech.1.21. 4 [6] I said unto the fools, [6] Deal not foolishly; and to the wicked, *[7] Lift not up the horn.

[6] I charg'd those that oppose me to desist from their wicked and injurious practices (which shall not now go unpunish'd as they have done.) ¶ [7] Carry not your selves proudly and insolently, persecuting and oppressing God's people.

5 [7] Lift not up your horn on high: [8] speak *not* with a stiff neck.

[8] Prate not against me and my government so peremptorily as you do.

† Heb. *desert.* * Psal.50.6. & 58.11. 6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the † south:

7 But * God *is* the judge: [9] he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

[9] 1 *Sam.*2.-7. *Psal.*143.7,8. (Therefore it's in vain to oppose him.)

* Job 21.20. Psal. 60.3. Jer.25.15. Rev.14.10. & 16.19. * Prov. 23.30. 8 [10] For * in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine *is* [12] red: it is *full of [13] mixture, and he [14] poureth out of the same: but the [15] dregs thereof all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.

[10] *q. d.* Carry not your selves proudly, (*v.*4,5.) because— ¶ [11] *Viz.* Of Vengeance and Judgment. ¶ [12] Strong, *i. e.* the Judgments are grievous. ¶ [13] Variety of Judgments. ¶ [14] Affliction is the portion of all. ¶ [15] *Isa.* 51. 17. The most dreadful part of those Judgments.

[16] *Viz.* The Praises of God. * Jer.48.25. * Psal.89.17. & 148.14. 9 But I will [16] declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All * the horns of the wicked also will I [17] cut off; *but* * the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

[17] *Zech.*

Psal. 76.

[17] *Zech.* 1. 20. Bereave 'em of their great power and dignity.

PSAL. LXXVI.

1 *A declaration of Gods majesty in the Church.*
11 *An exhortation to serve him reverently.*

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth; [1] A psalm or Song ‖ of Asaph.

‖ Or, *for.*

[1] Penn'd upon occasion of some eminent deliverance vouchsaf'd to the people of *Israel*, and especially to *Jerusalem*; probably that from *Sennacherib*.

IN Judah *is* God [2] known: his name *is* [3] great in Israel.

[2] *Psal.*147.19. Not only by his Word, but by his miraculous Works wrought among 'em. ¶ [3] *Psal.*48.1. *Isa.*63.-14.

[4] *Jerusalem*, *Gen.*14.18. *Hebr.*7.1.

2 [4] In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling-place in Zion.

* Psal.46.9. [5] Utterly ruin'd his enemies.

3 There * [5] brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battel. Selah.

4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent then the [6] mountains of prey.

[6] The most powerful enemies of thy people, who seek to make a prey of 'em.

5 The stout-hearted are spoiled, they have [7] slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

[7] *Jer.*51.39. They have slept now with a witness, even such a sleep as they shall never awake out of.

* Nah.3.18. Zech. 12.4. [8] The Riders in and on 'em.

6 * At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the [8] chariot and [8] horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, *even* thou *art* to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst [9] cause judgment to be heard from heaven; [10] the earth feared, and was still,

[9] Execute Judgment by an Angel from Heaven, the fame whereof was quickly spread abroad in the Land and World. ¶ [10] The Neighbour Nations were afraid to plot or act any thing further against thy people.

9 When God arose to judgment to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

* See Exod. 9. 16. & 18. 11.

10 * Surely the wrath of man shall [11] praise thee: [12] the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

[11] Be so over-rul'd by thy Providence, as to turn to the good of thy people; whereupon they may have occasion to praise thee. ¶ [12] That which is over and above what may turn to thy peoples good, and to advance thy praise.

* Eccl.5.4,5,6. * Psal.89.7. † Heb. *to fear.*

11 * Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God; * let all that be [13] round about him bring presents † unto him that ought to be feared.

[13] Neighbouring Nations who shall hear of this mighty work of God, 2 *Chron.*32.23.

12 He shall cut off the [14] spirit of princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

[14] Their pride, insolence, and contempt of others.

PSAL. LXXVII.

1 *The psalmist sheweth what fierce combat he had with diffidence.* 10 *The victory which he had by consideration of Gods great and gracious works.*

* Psal.62.tit. ‖ Or, *for.*

¶ To the chief musician, to * Jeduthun, A Psalm ‖ of Asaph.

I Cried unto God with my voice: *even* unto God with my voice, and he gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; [1] my † sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

[1] My sorrow seem'd incurable. † Heb. *hand.*

3 [2] I remembred God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was [3] overwhelmed. Selah.

[2] When I thought to asswage my grief with the Meditation of God's Goodness, Power, &c. all imploy'd formerly for me, it was but the more increas'd thereby, because I now apprehended 'em all engag'd against me. ¶ [3] To consider that I got no relief by my complaints.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes [4] waking: I am so troubled that I [5] cannot speak.

[4] *Viz.* By the sharpness of my sorrows, and perplexity of my spirit. ¶ [5] *Job* 2. 13.

5 I have [6] considered the [7] days of old, the years of ancient times.

[6] *Psal.* 143.5. *Deut.* 32. 7. ¶ [7] Remarkable passages of Providence in former times.

6 I call to remembrance [8] my song in the night: I [9] commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent [10] search.

[8] *Psal.*42.-8. *Job* 35.-10. Former mercies, which engag'd me to praise thee, even in the night. ¶ [9] *Psal.*4.4. ¶ [10] *Viz.* To find out the cause of these dealings; and Whether or When they may have an end, (*v.* 7.) and What means I should use to recover my former happy estate.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail † for evermore?

† Heb. *to generation and generation.*

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

10 And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the [11] years of the right hand of the most High.

[11] The great works which by his Almighty power he has in all Ages wrought for the deliverance of his people in like distresses.

11 I will remember the [11] works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 [12] Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is so* [13] great a God as *our* God?

[12] *Psal.*68.24. The dispensations of thy Providence in thus afflicting thy people, are above the reach of humane reason, and the grounds thereof to be found only in the Word; as *Psal.* 73. 17. See there. ¶ [13] (Who therefore can rescue his people out of their troubles, when he sees fit.)

14 Thou *art* the God that [14] doest wonders; thou hast declared thy strength among the people. [14] *Exod.*15.-11

15 Thou hast with *thine* arm [15] redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. [15] *Exod.*6.-6.

16 The waters [16] saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee: they were afraid; the [17] depths also were troubled.

[16] *Exod.*14.21. *Psal.*114.3. *Hab.* 3. 8. *&c.* Felt the visible effects of thy Divine Presence and Power. ¶ [17] The deep Sea was divided to the very bottom.

17 The clouds † poured out water, the skies sent out a sound: thine [18] arrows also went abroad. † Heb. *were poured forth with water.*

[18] Lightnings (*Psal.* 18. 14. and 144. 6.) and Thunderbolts, *v.*18.

18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: * the lightnings lightned the world; the earth trembled and shook. * Psal.97.4

19 Thy way [19] *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy foot-steps are [20] not known. [19] Nah. 1.4. [20] *Rom.*11.33.

20 * Thou leddest thy people [21] like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron. * Exod.14.19. Hos.12.13.

[21] *Psal.*78.52. With all possible care and tenderness, (and therefore I hope thou wilt take care of thy poor people, and bring 'em once again into their own Land.)

PSAL. LXXVIII.

1 *An exhortation both to learn and to preach the law of God.* 9 *The story of Gods wrath against the incredulous and disobedient.* 67 *The Israelites being rejected, God chose Judah, Zion, and David.*

¶ * Maschil of Asaph. * Psal.7 † tit.

* Give ear, O [1] my people, *to* [2] my law: [3] incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

[1] 2 *Kings*

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[1] 2 *King.*4.13. *Jer.*9.2. Of the same Country and Lineage with my self. ¶ [2] My Doctrin which from God I shall deliver to you for the Governing of your lives. ¶ [3] *Isa.*55.3.

2 [4] I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter [5] dark sayings of old;

[4] *Psal.*49.4. *Matth.* 13.35. I will with great seriousness and earnestness declare to you (as *Matth.*5.2.) such weighty, momentous passages as may tend to your instruction and advantage. ¶ [5] Doctrinal truths couch'd in historical examples (1 *Cor.*10.11.) shewing God's transcendent goodness to an unworthy people, and their prodigious Rebellion, Ingratitude, *&c.*

[6] *Psal.* 44. 1.

3 Which we have [6] heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide *them* from their children; shewing to the generation to come, [7] the praises of the LORD; and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

[7] The praiseworthy actions.

5 For he established a [8] testimony [9] in Jacob; and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers that they should [10] make them known to their children.

[8] His Law. See on *Deut.* 4.45. ¶ [9] *Psal.* 147. 19, 20. ¶ [10] *Deut.*4.9. and 6.7. and 11. 19.

6 That the generation to come might know *them*; *even* the children *which* should be born: *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:

7 [11] That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God; but keep his commandments.

[11] That by the consideration of God's gracious promises and wonderful works wrought for his people, they might be encourag'd to trust in him.

8 And might not be [12] as their fathers, [13] a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* † set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

† Heb. *prepared.*

[12] *Ezek.*20.18. *Mal.*3.7. *Act.*7.51. ¶ [13] *Exod.*32.9. and 33.3. and34.9. *Deut.*9.6,13. and 31.27.

9 [14] The children of Ephraim *being* armed *and* † carrying bows, turned back in the day of battel.

† Heb. *throwing forth.*

[14] The people of *Israel*, (called here by the name of *Ephraim*, which was an eminent Tribe) tho they were sufficiently armed in all respects, yet were worsted in that memorable battel, 1 *Sam.*4.10.

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and [15] refused to walk in his law.

[15] 2*Kin.*17.14.

11 And [16] forgat his works and his wonders that he had shewed them.

[16] *Isa.* 17. 10. Lived as if they had forgotten 'em.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of [17] Zoan.

[17] *Num.*13.22. *Isa.* 19. 11.

13 [18] He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to [19] stand as an heap.

[18] *Exod.*14.21. [19] *Exod.*15.8.

14 [20] In the day-time also he led them with a cloud; and all the night with a light of fire.

[20] *Exod.*13.21. and 14.24. *Psal.*105.39. *Neh.* 9.19.

15 * [21] He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink [22] as out of the great depths.

[21] *Exod.* 17.6. *Numb.* 20. 1,11. ¶ [22] In great abundance, *Numb.*20.11.

16 He brought * streams also out of the rock; and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him, by * provoking the most High in the wilderness.

18 And * they [23] tempted God in their heart, by asking meat for their [24] lust.

[23] *Exod.* 16.2. Desir'd a proof of his power. ¶ [24] *Num.* 11.4. To satisfie their luxurious appetite.

19 Yea, they spake against God: they said, [25] Can God † furnish a table in the wilderness?

† Heb. *order.*

20 Behold, he [26] smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed;

[26] *Exod.*17.6. *Numb.*20,11.

[25] can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

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21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth; so a [27] fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel:

[27] God's wrath

22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his [28] salvation.

[28] That he both could and would save 'em from destruction by famine.

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the [29] doors of heaven,

[29] 2 *King.* 7.2.

24 And had rained down [30] manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn [31] of heaven.

[30] *Exod.*16.4,14. *Psal.* 105. 40. *John* 6. 31. 1 *Cor.* 10. 3. ¶ [31] That came down out of the Air.

25 ‖ Man did eat [32] angels food: he sent them meat [33] to the full.

‖ Or, *every one did eat the bread of the mighty*, Psal. 103.20.

[32] Such delicious food as were fit for Angels, if they us'd any. ¶ [33] *Exod.*16.16.

26 He caused an [34] east-wind † to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south-wind.

† Heb. *to go.*

[34] *Num.*11.31.

27 He raineth [35] flesh also upon them as dust, and † feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.

[35] *Num.*11.52. † Heb. *fowl of wing.*

28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat and were well filled for he gave them their own desire.

30 They were [36] not estranged from their lust: but [37] while their meat *was* yet in: their mouths,

[36] Still greedily desirous of more, to gratifie their sensual appetite, tho they had glutted themselves therewith already. ¶ [37] *Numb.*11.33.

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the [38] fattest of them; and † smote down the ‖[39] chosen *men* of Israel.

† Heb. *made it bow.*

‖ Or, *young men.*

[38] Those that had fed most heartily. ¶ [39] The Ring-leaders in this disturbance.

32 For all this they [40] sinned still; and believed not for his wondrous works.

[40] *Num.* 14. & 16. & 17.

33 Therefore their days did he consume [41] in vanity, and their years in [42] trouble.

[41] In tedious and fruitless marches up and down, to and fro, to no purpose, but only to consume them, *Numb.*14.33. ¶ [42] In manifold diseases, dangers, and horrors of mind.

34 When he slew them then they [43] sought him; and they [44] returned and enquired early after God:

[43] *Hos.*5.15. ¶ [44] Presently seem to repent and return to God.

35 And they remembred that God *was* their [45] rock, and the high God their [46] redeemer.

[45] *Deut.*32.4. ¶ [46] That he only had, and could deliver 'em.

36 Nevertheless, they did [47] flatter him with their mouth, and they [47] lied unto him with their tongues.

[47] *Hos.* 11. 12. Made fair promises, but fail'd of performances.

37 For their heart was [48] not right with him, neither were they [48] stedfast in his covenant.

[48] *v.* 8, 10.

38 But he *being* full of compassion, [49] forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not; yea, many a time * turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

[49] Punished 'em not at that time. * Isa.48.9.

39 For * he [50] remembred * that they *were but* [51] flesh; [52] a wind that passeth away and cometh not again.

* Job 7. 7, 16. * Gen.6.3. John 3. 6.

[50] *Psal.*103.14. ¶ [51] Weak and frail, unable to bear the full wrath of God, and therefore a fitter object of pity, then of continual displeasure. ¶ [52] *Jam.*4.14.

40 How oft did they ‖ provoke him in the wilderness, *and* [53] grieve him in the desert?

‖ Or, *rebel against him.*

41 Yea, they [54] turned back and [55] tempted God, and [56] limited the holy One of Israel.

[53] *Psal.*95. 10.

[54] *Viz.* To the former evil ways, after they had pretended to

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to repent of 'em, 2 *Pet.*2.20. ¶ [55] *Numb.* 14. 22. ¶ [56] *v.* 20. Questioning his power, or prescribing him what to do, or when, or the like.

42 They remembred not [57] his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from ‖ the enemy.

‖ Or, *affliction.*

[57] The wonderful works of his Almighty power wrought in *Egypt* for their deliverance.

† Heb. *set.*

43 How he had † wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

[58] *Exod.*7.20.

44 And had turned their rivers into [58] blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He sent divers sorts of [59] flies among them, which [60] devoured them; and [61] frogs, which [62] destroyed them.

[59] *Exod.* 8. 24. ¶ [60] *viz.* By their poisonous stings. ¶ [61] *Exod.*8.6. ¶ [61] *viz.*By infecting the Air with their stink.

[63] *Exod.*10.13.

46 He gave also their increase to the caterpiller, and their labour unto [63] the locust.

† Heb. *killed.*

[64] *Exod.*9. 23.

‖ Or, *great hail-stones.*

† Heb. *shut up.*

‖ Or, *lightnings*

47 He † destroyed their vines with [64] hail, and their sycomore trees with ‖ frost.

48 He † gave up their cattel also to the hail; and their flocks to ‖ hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the [65] fierceness of his anger, wrath and indignation and trouble, by sending [62] evil angels *among them.*

[65] Other most grievous plagues, which came thick upon 'em, and were the clear evidences of God's fierce indignation against 'em. ¶ [66] Which, together with the storm of hail, thunder and lightning, (*v.*48.) terrified 'em by frightful apparitions.

†Heb. *weighed a path.*

‖ Or, *beasts to the murrain,* Exod.9.3,6.

50 [67] He † made a way to his anger, [67] he spared not their soul from death; but gave their ‖ life over to the pestilence.

[67] He afterwards inflicted greater Judgments upon 'em, whereby *he level'd a path* (as the word may be render'd) *i. e.* Clear'd a passage for his wrath, so that it might proceed without let or interruption, to do further execution on the obstinate Egyptians, by taking away the life both of Man and Beast.

51 And smote all the [68] first-born in Egypt: the [69] chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of [70] Ham:

[68] *Exod.* 12. 29. ¶ [69] *Gen.*49.3. ¶ [70] The Egyptians; the cursed Offspring of cursed *Ham*, (*Gen.* 9. 25.) and therefore proper objects of Divine Wrath and Vengeance.

[71] *Psal.*77. 20. See there.

52 But made his own people to go forth like [71] sheep; and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

† Heb. *covered.*

53 And he led them on safely, so that they [72] feared not: but the sea † [73] overwhelmed their enemies.

[72] *Viz.* That they should be drown'd as they passed through the Sea. ¶ [73] *Exod.*14,27. and 15.10.

54 And he brought them to the [74] border of his sanctuary; *even to* this [75] mountain, *which* his [76] right hand had purchased.

[74] The very skirts of *Canaan*, the land design'd for the special place of his Worship. ¶ [75] Mountainous Country, *Deut.*11.11. ¶ [76] *Psal.*44.3.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them; and [77] divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in [78] their tents.

[77] *Josh.*13.7.*Psal.*136.21,22. ¶ [78] The Habitations of the Heathen

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

57 But turned back and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like [79] a deceitful bow.

[79] *Hos.*7.16. Utterly deceiving his expectation, by declining from the Rule he gave 'em to walk by.

[80] *Deut.* 32.16, 21. See on *Lev.*26. 30.

[81] Perceived.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their [80] high-places; and moved him to jealousie with their graven images.

59 When God [81] heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

Jer.7.12,14. & 26.6,9.

60 * So that he [82] forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men.

[82] Suffering the Ark, the sign of his Presence, to be taken captive by the Philistines, 1 *Sam.*4.11.

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61 And delivered his [83] strength into captivity, and his [84] glory into the enemies hand.

[83] The Ark, (1 *Chron.* 16.11. *Psal.* 132,8.) the sign and pledg of his strength and power to be put forth on his people's behalf. ¶ [84] The seat of his glorious Presence.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

[85] *Judg.* 15. 6. God's wrath, *v.* 21.

63 The [85] fire consumed their young men; and * their maidens were not † given to marriage.

* Jer. 7. 34. & 16.9.& 25.10.

† Heb. *praised.* Ezek.24. 23.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and * their widows made [86] no lamentation.

[86] *Job* 27.15. Being overwhelm'd with the sense of publick Calamities.

65 Then the Lord [87] awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that [88] shouteth by reason of wine:

[87] *Psal.*44.23. ¶ [88] Whose spirit and courage is reviv'd and inflam'd by a liberal draught of generous Wine.

66 And he smote his [89] enemies in the [90] hinder parts: he put them to [91] a perpetual reproch.

[89] The Philistines. ¶ [90] 1 *Sam.* 5.6. and 6.4. ¶ [91] By causing 'em to send back the Ark with Golden Hemorroids, the lasting monuments of their shame.

67 [92] Moreover, he refused the tabernacle of Joseph; and chose not the tribe of Ephraim.

[92] *q.d.* Besides the punishments he inflicted on his enemies, he also punish'd his own people for their sins, and would not let the Ark abide any longer at *Shiloh* in the Tribe of *Joseph* or *Ephraim.*

68 But chose the tribe of [93] Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

[93] *Viz.* For the seat of the Ark, and of his Worship.

69 And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*; like the earth which he hath † established [94] for ever.

† Heb. *founded.*

[94] To be the setled place for his Worship till the coming of the Messia.

70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds;

71 † From following the * ews great with young; he brought him * [95] to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

† Heb. *from after.*

* Gen.33.13. Isa.40. 11.

* 1 Chr. 11.2.

[95] See on 2 *Sam.*5. 2.

72 So he fed them according to the [96] integrity of his heart; and guided them by the [97] skilfulness of his hands.

[96] Sincerely seeking the welfare of his people. ¶ [97] That prudence which appear'd in all his actions.

PSAL. LXXIX.

1 *The psalmist complaineth of the desolation of Jerusalem.* 8 *He prayeth for deliverance.*

¶ A psalm ‖ of Asaph.

‖ Or, *for.* 3417.

O God, the [1] heathen are come into thine [2] inheritance, * thy [3] holy temple have they defiled: they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

* 1 Macc. 1. 31,39.

[1] The Babylonians or Chaldeans. ¶ [2] *Exod.* 15. 17. *Judea.* ¶ [3] *Psal.* 74.7.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven; the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and *there was* [4] none to bury *them.*

[4] *Psal.*141.7. *Jer.*14. 16. & 16.4.

4 We are become a [5] reproch to our neighbours: [6] a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

[5] *Psal.*44.13. ¶ [6] *Psal.* 80.6. and 137.7. *Ezek.*35.12.&c.

[7] *Psal.*89.46.

5 [7] How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousie burn like fire?

[8] *Jer.*10. 25.

[9] 2 *Thess.*1.8.

6 [8] Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not [9] known thee; and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

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7 For they have devoured [10] Jacob, and laid waſte his dwelling-place.

[10] Thy people *Iſrael*, *Jacob*'s poſterity.

[11] *Iſa.*64.9.

8 O [11] remember not againſt us ‖ former iniquities: let thy tender mercies ſpeedily prevent [12] us; for we are brought very low.

‖ Or, *the iniquities of them that were before us.*

[12] Our utter ruin.

9 [13] Help us, O God of our ſalvation, for [14] the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our ſins for thy [15] names ſake.

[13] 2 *Chron.*14.11. ¶ [14] *Dan.* 3.-15. ¶ [15] *Pſal.* 106. 8. *Joſh.*7.-9.

[16] *Pſal.*115.2. & 42.10.

10 [16] Wherefore ſhould the heathen ſay, Where *is* their God? let him be [17] known among the heathen in our ſight *by* the † revenging of the blood of thy ſervants *which is* ſhed.

[17] *Pſal.*9.16.

† Heb. *vengeance.*

11 Let the [18] ſighing of the [19] priſoner come before thee; according to the greatneſs of † thy power, † preſerve thou thoſe that are appointed to die.

† Heb. *thine arm.*

† Heb. *reſerve the children of death.*

[18] *Pſal.* 102. 20. and 12.5. ¶ [19] Thy people now in Captivity.

12 And render unto our neighbours ſevenfold into their [20] boſom, their reproch wherewith they reproched thee, O LORD.

[20] *Iſa.*65.-6. Pay 'em home in their own perſons.

[21] *Pſal.*95. 7.

13 So we thy people and [21] ſheep of thy paſture, will give thee thanks for ever: we will ſhew forth thy praiſe † to all generations.

† Heb. *to generation and generation.*

PSAL. LXXX.

1 The pſalmiſt in his prayer complaineth of the miſeries of the Church. 14 He prayeth for deliverance.

* Pſal. 60. *tit.*

¶ To the chief muſician * upon [1] Shoſhannim, Eduth, A [2] pſalm ‖ of Aſaph.

‖ Or, *for.*

[1] A muſical Inſtrument. ¶ [2] Penn'd upon occaſion of ſome great calamity which befel the Tribes of Iſrael after the diviſion into two Kingdoms.

Give ear, O [3] ſhepherd of Iſrael, thou that [4] leadeſt [5] Joſeph like a flock; thou * that [6] dwelleſt *between* the cherubims, * [7] ſhine forth.

* 2 Sam.6. 2. Pſal. 99.1.

* Pſal.50.2. & 94. 1.

[3] See on *Pſal.*23.1. ¶ [4] *Pſal.*77.20. ¶ [5] *Pſal.* 77.-15. and 81. 5. Thy people Iſrael. ¶ [6] 1 *Sam.* 4. 4. See there. ¶ [7] *Pſal.*50.-2. Manifeſt thy favor to us in our deliverance.

2 [8] Before Ephraim, and Benjamin, and Manaſſeh, [9] ſtir up thy ſtrength, and † come *and* ſave us.

† Heb. *come for ſalvation to us*

[8] Before all the Tribes of Iſrael, (among whom theſe were eminent, and perhaps had a chief ſhare in the preſent calamity.) ¶ [9] *Pſal.* 44.23. Manifeſt thy favor towards us by ſubduing our Enemies.

3 [10] Turn us again, O God, and [11] cauſe thy face to ſhine, and we ſhall be ſaved.

[10] *V.* 19. *Pſal.* 126. 1. *viz.* To thy ſelf, by true repentance (1 *King.*18.-37.) and to our former flouriſhing condition. ¶ [11] *Numb.*6.25,26. *Pſal.*4.6. and 67.1. See there.

4 O LORD God of hoſts, how long wilt thou † be [12] angry againſt the prayer of thy people?

† Heb. *ſmoke.* Pſal.74. 1.

[12] Which thou ſeemeſt to be, by increaſing our miſeries, notwithſtanding our prayers.

[13] *Pſal.*42. 3. & 102.9. *Iſa.* 30.20.

5 Thou feedeſt them with the [13] bread of tears; and giveſt them tears to drink in great meaſure.

6 Thou makeſt us [14] a ſtrife unto our neighbours; and our enemies [15] laugh among themſelves.

[14] *Jer.*15.10. To be continually quarrel'd with by them. ¶ [15] *Pſal.*79.4. See there. Inſult over us, and take pleaſure in our calamities, *Judg.*16.25.

7 Turn us again, O God of hoſts, and cauſe thy face to ſhine, and we ſhall be ſaved.

8 Thou haſt brought a [16] vine out of Egypt: thou haſt [17] caſt out the heathen, and planted it.

[16] *Iſa.*5.2. *Jer.*2.21. *Ezek.*17.6. *Matth.*21.33. Thy Church and people *Iſrael.* ¶ [17] *Pſal.*44.2. and 78.55.

9 Thou [18] preparedſt *room* before it, and didſt cauſe it to take [19] deep root, and it filled the land.

[18] *Exod.* 23. 28. *Joſh.* 24. 12. Didſt root out idolatrous Nations. ¶ [19] To be firmly ſetled, that they might flouriſh the more.

Pſal. 81.

10 [20] The hills were covered with the ſhadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were* [21] *like* the † goodly cedars.

† Heb. *cedars of God.*

[20] They were ſo numerous, that they inhabited the Hills as well as Vallies. ¶ [21] A ſtrong and luſty people.

11 She ſent out her boughs unto the [22] ſea, and her branches unto the [22] river.

[22] *Pſal.*72. 8. *Gen.*15. 18.

12 Why haſt thou *then* [23] broken down her hedges, ſo that all they which paſs by the way, do pluck her?

[23] *Pſal.*89.40. *Iſa.* 5. 5. Withdrawn thy protection.

13 [24] The boar out of the wood doth waſte it; and the [24] wild beaſt of the field doth devour it.

[24] Fierce and furious enemies.

14 Return, we beſeech thee, O God of hoſts: *look down from heaven, and behold and viſit this vine;

* Iſa.63. 15.

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the [25] branch *that* thou madeſt ſtrong [26] for thy ſelf.

[25] Thy people whom thou didſt eſtabliſh and ſupport, (as men do Vines by ſtakes.) ¶ [26] For thy own ſpecial delight, ſervice and honor, *Iſa.*49.-3.

16 *It is* burnt with [27] fire; *it is* [27] cut down: they periſh [28] at the rebuke of thy countenance.

[27] Thy people are deſtroyed with fire and ſword. ¶ [28] *Pſ.* 39.11. By reaſon of thy diſpleaſure.

17 * [29] Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand; upon the [30] ſon of man *whom* thou madeſt [26] ſtrong for thy ſelf.

* Pſal.89.21.

[29] Let thy power and grace appear in protecting thy *Benjamin*, (v. 2. to whoſe name he ſeems here to allude) *i. e.* Thy people *Iſrael*, planted by thy right hand, (*v.* 15.) and beloved as a right hand, *Matth.*5.30. ¶ [30] Thy people Iſrael, *Exod.*4.22.

18 So will not we [31] go back from thee: [32] quicken us, and we will [33] call upon thy name.

[31] Revolt any more from thy true worſhip to Idolatry, or other wickedneſs, but truſt in thee, and yield obedience to thee. ¶ [32] Revive us by delivering us. ¶ [33] Praiſe and worſhip thee continually.

19 [10] Turn us again, O LORD God of hoſts, [11] cauſe thy face to ſhine, and we ſhall be ſaved.

PSAL. LXXXI.

1 An exhortation to a ſolemn praiſing of God. 8 God exhorting to obedience, complaineth of their diſobedience, which proveth their own hurt.

¶ To the chief muſician upon Gittith, [1] *A pſalm* ‖ of Aſaph.

[1] Penn'd for ſolemn feaſts

‖ Or, *for.*

[2] Sing aloud unto God our [3] ſtrength: make a joyful noiſe unto the God of Jacob.

[2] *Pſal.*149.-5. ¶ [3] 2 *Sam.* 22. 2, 3. *John* 15.-5.

2 Take a pſalm, and bring hither the timbrel; the pleaſant harp with the pſaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the [4] new-moon; in the time appointed, on our [5] ſolemn feaſt-day.

[4] *Numb.* 10. 10. ¶ [5] *Lev.*23. 24. *Numb.* 29. 1.

4 For this *was* a [6] ſtatute for Iſrael; *and* a law of the God of Jacob.

[6] *Numb.*10.10.

5 This he ordained in [7] Joſeph *for* a [8] teſtimony, when [9] he went out ‖ through the land of Egypt: *where* [10] I heard a language *that* I [11] underſtood not.

‖ Or, *againſt.*

[7] *Pſal.* 77. 15. and 80. 1. See there. ¶ [8] A memorial of that glorious deliverance mentioned in the following words. ¶ [9] When God appear'd as a Captain in the head, and on the behalf of his people, to execute Judgments upon the Egyptians. ¶ [10] My Progenitors, the people of Iſrael. ¶ [11] *Pſal.*114.1. Which was a great affliction and aggravation of their miſery, *Deut.* 28.-49. *Jer.* 5. 15.

Pſal. 82.

6 * I removed his ſhoulder from the [12] burden: his hands † were delivered from [13] the pots.

* Iſa. 9.4. & 10. 27.

† Heb. *paſſed away.*

[12] *Exod.* 1.11,14. ¶ [13] Thoſe Veſſels wherein they carried water, lime, ſtraw, brick, *&c.*

7 [14] Thou calledſt in trouble, and I delivered thee; I anſwered thee in the [15] ſecret place of thunder: I * [16] proved thee at the waters of || Meribah. Selah.

* Num. 20.13.

|| Or, *ſtrife.*

[14] *Exod* 2.23. and 14.10—11. ¶ [15] The Pillar of fire and cloud, from whence I thundred and fought againſt the *Egyptians*, *Exod.* 14. 24. See there. ¶ [16] *Exod.* 17.6,7. Tried thy Faith and Obedience, the want whereof thou didſt diſcover, and thereby, thy unworthineſs of any mercy.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will [17] teſtifie unto thee: O Iſrael, [18] if thou wilt hearken unto me;

[17] *Pſal.* 50.7. *Deut.* 4.26. and 31.-28. Declare thy duty in thoſe Laws which I gave thee, by obedience whereto thou mayeſt be happy. ¶ [18] *Exod.* 15.26.

9 There ſhall no [19] ſtrange God be in thee; neither ſhalt thou worſhip any ſtrange god.

[19] *Exod.* 20.3.

10 I *am* the LORD thy God which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: * [20] open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

* Pſal. 37.4. Eph. 3.20.

[20] *John* 15.-7. Ask freely, fully and boldly, and then prepare thy ſelf to receive abundantly.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Iſrael [21] would none of me.

[21] Rejected me and my ſervice.

12 So I [22] gave them up || unto their own hearts luſt; *and* they walked in their [23] own counſels.

|| Or, *to the hardneſs of their hearts, or imagination.*

[22] *Acts* 7.42. and 14.16. *Rom.* 1. 26. Withdrew the Reſtraints of my Providence and Grace, and left 'em to their own wicked inclinations. ¶ [23] *Iſa.* 30.1.

13 [24] O that my people had hearkened unto me; *and* Iſrael had walked in my ways!

[24] *Deut.* 5.29. & 32.29. *Iſa.* 48.18.

14 I ſhould ſoon have ſubdued their enemies, and turned my hand againſt their adverſaries.

15 The [25] haters of the LORD ſhould have || † [26] ſubmitted themſelves unto him: but [27] their time ſhould have endured for ever.

|| Or, *yielded feigned obedience.* Pſal. 66.3.

† Heb. *lied.*

[25] *Pſal.* 83.2. The enemies of God and his people. ¶ [26] *Pſal.* 18.44. Been forc'd to ſtoop, tho' but feignedly. ¶ [27] The *Iſraelites* flouriſhing condition.

16 He ſhould have fed them alſo with [28] the † fineſt of the wheat: and with hony * [29] out of the rock ſhould I have ſatisfied thee.

† Heb. *fat of wheat.* Pſal. 147.14.

* Job. 29.6.

[28] *Iſa.* 1.19. ¶ [29] *Deut.* 32.-13. 1 *Sam.* 14.25,26.

PSAL. LXXXII.

1 The pſalmiſt having exhorted the judges, 5 and reproved their negligence, 8 prayeth God to judge.

¶ A Pſalm || of Aſaph.

|| Or, *for.*

GOd ſtandeth in the [1] congregation of the mighty: he [2] judgeth among the gods.

[1] 2 *Chron.* 19.-6. All Courts of Juſtice. ¶ [2] Obſerves the proceedings of Magiſtrates, who are his Deputies, (*v.* 6. *Exod.* 12. 12. and 22. 28. *Acts* 23. 5.) and will deal with 'em accordingly.

2 How long will ye judge unjuſtly; and * [3] accept the perſons of the wicked? Selah.

* Deut. 1.17. 2 Chron. 19.7.

[3] See on *Lev.* 19.15.

3 † Defend the poor and fatherleſs: [4] do juſtice to the afflicted and needy.

† Heb. *Judge.*

[4] *Jer.* 22.3.

4 [5] Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

[5] *Job* 29.12. *Prov.* 24.11.

5 [6] They know not, [7] neither will they underſtand; [8] they walk on in darkneſs: [9] all the foundations of the earth are † out of courſe.

† Heb. *moved.*

[6] *q. d.* But, alas! it's in vain to ſpeak to theſe wicked, corrupt Rulers, who have no ſenſe of good or evil, right or wrong; or at leaſt carry themſelves as if they were wholly ignorant thereof. ¶ [7] They ſhut their eyes againſt the light, and are wilfully ignorant. ¶ [8] Perſiſt and proceed in their ways of ignorance, ſin and folly. ¶ [9] *Pſal.* 11.3. and 75.3. All Rulers and Governours that ſhould ſettle and eſtabliſh Juſtice and Order, have diſturb'd it by their irregular, and diſorderly proceedings.

6 [10] I have ſaid, Ye *are* gods: and [11] all of you *are* children of the moſt High.

[10] *q. d.* I have given you that Title of Gods, (*v.*-1.) becauſe you have a Commiſſion from God to act in his Name and ſtead, (as it's expounded by Chriſt, *John* 10. 34, 35.)

[11] Even Heathen Magiſtrates (*Rom.* 13. 1.) are Repreſentees of God's Perſon, and intruſted with his Authority.

Pſal. 83.

7 But * ye ſhall [12] die like men, and fall [13] like one of the princes.

* Pſal. 49.12. Ezek. 31.14.

[12] *Job* 21.32. ¶ [13] As other Princes and Grandees have done afore you.

8 [14] Ariſe, O God, judge the earth: for thou ſhalt [15] inherit all nations.

[14] *q. d.* Since Rulers and Judges are ſo corrupt that there's no hope of relief from them, be thou pleas'd to take the work into thy own hands, and render to every one according to his works. ¶ [15] Rule all the Nations of the World as thy own, and govern 'em by thy Word and Spirit.

PSAL. LXXXIII.

1 A complaint to God of the enemies conſpiracies. 9 A prayer againſt them that oppreſs the church.

¶ A Song *or* [1] Pſalm || of Aſaph.

|| Or, *for.*

[1] Penn'd upon occaſion of that Conſpiracy and Attempt made againſt *Judah* and *Jeruſalem* by *Sennacherib*, 2 *Chr.* 20.

2 KEep not thou ſilence, O God: [2] hold not thy peace, and [3] be not ſtill, O God.

[2] *Pſal.* 28.-1. Don't carry it as if thou wert unconcern'd in our Condition, but beſtir thy ſelf for us.

2 For lo, thine enemies make [3] a tumult: and they that [4] hate thee, have lift up the head.

[3] A tumultuous noiſe, by their reproaches, threatnings, and the like. ¶ [4] *Pſal.* 81.15.

3 They have taken crafty counſel againſt thy people, and conſulted againſt * thy [5] hidden ones.

* Pſal. 27.5.

[5] Thy people, whom thou hideſt as a precious Treaſure, and protecteſt from the rage of their Enemies.

4 They have ſaid, [6] Come, and * let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Iſrael may be no more in remembrance.

[6] *Exod.* 1.10. * Jer. 11.19. See Jer. 31.36.

5 For they have conſulted together with one † conſent: they are confederate againſt thee.

† Heb. *heart.*

6 * The tabernacles of Edom, and the Iſhmaelites: of Moab, and the Hagarenes.

* See 2 Chr. 20.1,10, 11.

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philiſtines with the inhabitants of Tyre.

8 Aſſur alſo is joyned with them: they have † holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

† Heb. *been an arm to.*

9 Do unto them as *unto* the [7] Midianites: as *to* [8] Siſera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kiſon:

[7] *Judg.* 7.25. [8] *Judg.* 4.15, 24. & 5.21.

10 *Which* periſhed at En-dor: they * became [9] *as* dung for the earth.

* 2 Kin. 9.37. Zeph. 1.17.

[9] Trodden under feet, and unburied, *Jer.* 16. 4.

11 Make their nobles like [10] Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as [11] Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

[10] *Judg.* 7.25. [11] *Judg.* 8.12, 21.

12 Who ſaid, Let us take to our ſelves the [12] houſes of God in poſſeſſion.

[12] The houſes and lands of the *Iſraelites*, which they pretend were given 'em by their God; (ſpoken by the Enemy by way of ſcorn.)

13 O my God, make them * [13] like a wheel: as the ſtubble before the wind.

* Iſa. 17.13.

[13] Uncertain in their counſels, unſetled in their poſſeſſions of this land, and unſtable in all their ways.

14 As the fire burneth the wood, and as the flame ſetteth the [14] mountains on fire;

[14] Trees and Woods on the Mountains.

15 So perſecute them with thy tempeſt, and make them afraid with thy ſtorm.

16 Fill their faces with [15] ſhame: that they may [16] ſeek thy name, O LORD.

[15] By croſſing their deſigns, diſappointing their hopes, and confounding their confidence. ¶ [16] *Pſal.* 58.11. Be wrought upon, or forc'd, to own and worſhip thee.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever: yea, let [17] them be put to ſhame, and periſh.

[17] Thoſe of 'em that will not ſeek to thee, *v.* 16.

Psal. 84.

* Psal. 59. 13.
[18] Find by experience.

18 * That *men* may [18] know, that thou whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth.

PSAL. LXXXIV.

1 *The prophet longing for the communion of the sanctuary,* 4 *sheweth how blessed they are that dwell therein.* 8 *He prayeth to be restored unto it.*

¶ To the chief musician upon Gittith, A [1] Psalm || for the sons of Korah.

|| Or, *of.*

[1] Penn'd upon occasion of *David*'s absence from the place of publick Worship, during *Absalom*'s rebellion.

2 HOw amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

[2] How affecting and delighting are the publick Ordinances to those that know the worth and use thereof?

2 My soul [3] longeth, yea, even [4] fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

[3] *Psal.* 27. 4. and 42. 1, 2. and 63. 1. ¶ [4] By the long deferring of my hopes, (*Prov.* 13. 12.) and earnest desire after 'em.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for her self, where she may lay her young; *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still [5] praising thee. Selah.

[5] Exercising themselves in thy praises, and other duties of thy publick Worship.

5 Blessed *is* the man [6] whose strength *is* in thee: [7] in whose heart *are* the ways *of them.*

[6] Who disclaiming his own strength, seeks to thee alone for assistance and ability, and accordingly receives strength for every duty, (*Phil.* 4. 13.) and thereupon desires to be much in the use of the Ordinances, to increase his strength thereby. ¶ [7] Whose heart is bent upon it, and is fully resolv'd to associate himself with those that go to thy House to enjoy Communion with thee there.

|| Or, *of mulberry-trees, make him a well,* &c.
† Heb. *covereth.*

6 [8] *Who* passing through the valley || of Baca, make it a well: [9] the rain also † filleth the pools.

[8] Who in their passage meet with many incommodious places, by reason of drought and other inconveniencies, and thereupon dig many wells and pits for the benefit of passengers, to encourage 'em in their way, and render their journey as easie and delightful to 'em as may be. ¶ [9] And God blesses their endeavours, and sends Rain to fill those places, and refresh the thirsty Traveller.

|| Or, *company to company.*

7 [10] They go from || strength to strength; *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

[10] They gather fresh strength as they pass along (so far are they from being tir'd and wearied with their journey) by their strong desires and earnest expectations of Communion with God in his Ordinances.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my [11] prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

[11] *Viz.* To restore me to thy House and Service.

[12] Cast a favourable eye upon me.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and [12] look upon the face of thine anointed.

† Heb. *I would choose rather to sit at the threshold.*

10 For a day in thy court *is* better then a thousand: † I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, then to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

* Prov. 2. 7.

11 For the LORD God *is* a [13] sun and * [14] shield: the LORD will give [15] grace and [16] glory: [17] no good *thing* will he withhold from them that [18] walk uprightly.

[13] *Isa.* 60. -19. To enlighten, quicken, direct and comfort his people. ¶ [14] *Gen.* 15. -1. *Psal.* 119. 114. To protect and preserve 'em from evil. ¶ [15] His favour and loving kindness, and all the blessed fruits of it. ¶ [16] Honour from himself in this world, (1 *Sam.* 2. -30.) and eternal Glory in the world to come. ¶ [17] *Psal.* 34. 9, 10. ¶ [18] Worship God sincerely, and order their Conversation aright.

[19] *Psal.* 2. 12.

12 O LORD of hosts, [19] blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

Psal. 86.

PSAL. LXXXV.

1 *The psalmist out of experience of former mercies, prayeth for the continuance thereof.* 8 *He promiseth to wait thereon, out of confidence of Gods goodness.*

¶ To the chief musician, A [1] Psalm || for the sons of Korah.

|| Or, *of.*

[1] Made after their Return from the Babylonian Captivity.

LORD, thou hast been || favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the [2] captivity of Jacob.

|| Or, *well pleased.*
[2] *Psal.* 14. 7.

2 Thou hast [3] forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

[3] Remov'd their punishment, *v.* 3.

3 Thou hast taken away all [4] thy wrath: thou hast turned || *thy self* from the fierceness of thine anger.

|| Or, *thine anger from waxing hot.*

[4] Those calamities which were the fruit of thy wrath.

4 [5] Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger towards us to cease.

[5] See on *Psal.* 80. 3. Free us fully from the remainders of those evils we yet groan under.

5 [6] Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

[6] *Psal.* 77. 7.

6 Wilt thou not [7] revive us again: that thy people may rejoyce in thee?

[7] *Hab.* 3. 2. Bring back the remainder of thy Captives, (as thou hast done some of 'em.)

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will [8] hear what God the LORD will [9] speak: for he will [10] speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

[8] *Hab.* 2. 1. Diligently observe. ¶ [9] *Viz.* By way of answer to my prayers. ¶ [10] *Zech.* 9. 10. Send freedom from these evils.

9 Surely [11] his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; [12] that glory may dwell in our land.

[11] Our compleat deliverance and redemption by Christ draws on apace. ¶ [12] That our Land may recover its former glory, by having the Worship of God restor'd in the purity of his Ordinances: but especially that the glorious Presence of God, yea the God of Glory himself, the Lord Christ, who is the Glory of *Israel*, (*Luke* 2. 32.) may come and dwell visibly among us.

10 [13] Mercy and truth are met together: * righteousness and peace have kissed *each other.*

* Psal. 72. 3. Isa. 32. 17.

[13] *q. d.* And when that time shall come, there will be a happy conjunction of Mercifulness and Faithfulness, of Justice and Peaceableness among men: but especially there shall be an admirable discovery of these several Attributes of God in the work of our Redemption by Christ: Mercy in sparing the sinner; Truth in fulfilling the promises of sending his Son and Spirit: Righteousness in punishing sin in his Son to the full; and Peace in the Reconciliation wrought between God and Man thereby.

11 * [14] Truth shall spring out of the earth; and [14] righteousness shall look down from heaven.

* Isa. 45. 8.

[14] God's Justice being fully satisfied, he shall graciously and favourably look down from heaven upon men: and then also these Graces shall so abound in the days of the Messiah, as if the earth brought forth nothing but Truth, and the heavens rain'd down nothing but Righteousness.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is* [15] good; and our land shall [16] yield her increase.

[15] All Spiritual and Temporal Blessings. ¶ [16] *Psal.* 67. 7.

13 [17] Righteousness shall go before him; and shall [18] set *us* in the way of his steps.

[17] *Psal.* 89. -14. *Isa.* 58. -8. Righteousness and holiness shall then flourish and have a free passage in every place. ¶ [18] Cause us to walk in his ways.

PSAL. LXXXVI.

1 *David strengtheneth his prayer by the conscience of his religion,* 5 *and by the goodness and power of God*

Pſal. 87.

God. 11 *He deſireth the continuance of former grace.* 14 *Complaining of the proud, he craveth ſome tokens of Gods goodneſs.*

¶ A ‖ prayer of David.

‖ Or, *A prayer being a pſalm of David.*

BOwe down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am* [1] poor and needy.

[1] *Pſal.*40.17. Unable to help my ſelf.

2 Preſerve my ſoul, for I *am* ‖ [2] holy, O thou my God, ſave thy ſervant that truſteth in thee.

‖ Or, *one whom thou favoureſt.*

[2] Sanctified by thy Grace, and devoted to thy Service.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee ‖ daily.

‖ Or, *all the day.*

4 Rejoyce the ſoul of thy ſervant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I [3] lift up my ſoul.

[3] *Pſal.* 25.1.

5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and [4] ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that [5] call upon thee.

[4] *V.*15. *Joel* 2.13. ¶ [5] *Viz.* In truth, (*Pſal.* 145.18.) and with an upright heart, *Pſal.* 66.18.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my ſupplications.

[6] *Pſal.*50.15. 7 [6] In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt anſwer me.

8 Among the gods *there is* [7] none like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any works* [8] like unto thy works.

[7] *Exod.*15.11. See there. *Deut.*3.24. *Pſal.*89.6. ¶ [8] *Pſal.* 136.4.

9 All nations whom thou haſt made ſhall come and worſhip before thee, O Lord; and ſhall glorifie thy name.

10 For thou *art* great, and doeſt [9] wondrous things: thou *art* God [10] alone.

[9] *Pſal* 72.18. and 77.14. ¶ [10] *Deut.* 4.39. and 6.4. and 32.39. *Iſa.*37.16. and 44.6. *Mark* 12.29. 1 *Cor.*8.4. *Eph.*4.6.

11 [11] Teach me thy way, O LORD, I will walk in [12] thy truth: [13] unite my heart to fear thy name.

[11] *Pſal.*5.8. and 25.4. and 119.33. and 143.8. *Jer.*10.23. ¶ [12] That way which is the only true rule of thy Worſhip, and the true way to happineſs. ¶ [13] Let my whole heart be ſet upon it to fear and ſerve thee, that no part of it may be beſtow'd upon any thing elſe.

12 I will praiſe thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will [14] glorifie thy name for evermore.

[14] 1 *Cor.*10.31. & 6.20.

13 For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou haſt delivered my [15] ſoul from the loweſt ‖ hell.

‖ Or, *grave.*

[15] My life from deſperate dangers and miſeries.

14 O God, the [16] proud are [17] riſen againſt me, and the aſſemblies of † violent *men* have ſought after my ſoul; and have not ſet thee before them.

† Heb. *terrible.*

[16] Wicked men. See on *Pſal.* 119.21. ¶ [17] *Pſal.*54.3.

15 * But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compaſſion, and [18] gracious: long-ſuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

* *Pſal.* 111.4. & 130.4,7.

[18] *V.*5. *Exod.*34.6. *Numb.*14.18. *Neh.*9.17. *Pſal.* 103.8. and 145.8. *Joel* 2.13.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy ſtrength unto thy [19] ſervant, and ſave the [19] ſon of thine hand-maid.

[19] *Pſal.*116.16.

17 [20] Shew me a token for good, that they which hate me may ſee *it*, and be aſhamed: becauſe thou, LORD, haſt holpen me, and comforted me.

[20] Vouchſafe ſome evident and eminent token of thy good will to me, for my enemies conviction and my comfort.

PSAL. LXXXVII.

1 *The nature and glory of the church.* 4 *The encreaſe, honour, and comfort of the members thereof.*

¶ A [1] Pſalm *or* Song ‖ for the ſons of Korah.

‖ Or, *of.*

[1] Compos'd ſoon after their return out of *Babylon*, when they met with many diſcouragements in rebuilding the Temple and City.

Pſal. 87.

2 HIs foundation *is* in the [3] holy [4] mountains.

[2] *i.e.* The foundation of God's Temple, (which perhaps was now newly laid, and he had been buſying his thoughts about) ¶ [3] *Pſal.*48.1. Set apart to be the place of God's ſpecial Preſence and Worſhip. ¶ [4] 2 *Chron.* 3.1. On Mount *Zion* or *Moriah*; to note the ſtability and perpetuity of the Church, *Matth.* 16.18.

2 The LORD loveth the [5] gates of Zion, more then all the dwellings of Jacob.

[5] The City *Jeruſalem*, and *Zion*, where the Temple and Ark is, more than any other City in the Land of *Canaan.*

3 [6] Glorious things are ſpoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

[6] Glorious Prophecies of ſpiritual Excellencies are recorded concerning thee, O Church of God, (tho' thy condition at preſent be mean) which are not yet fulfill'd, (as *Hag.* 2.9. *Iſa.*62.1,7. and 65.18. *&c.* and 66.10. *&c. Zech.* 1.14. *&c.* and 2.4,12. and 8.3. *&c.* and 12.2. *&c.*) and particularly concerning the Converſion of the *Gentiles*, (*v.* 4, 5.) and alſo precious promiſes, as *Matth.*16.18. and 28.20.

4 [7] I will make mention of [7] Rahab, and Babylon, [8] to them that know me; behold Philiſtia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia: [9] this *man* was born [10] there.

[7] I'll reckon upon the inhabitants of *Egypt* (*Pſal.* 89.10. *Iſa.*51.9.) and *Babylon*, (tho' moſt alienated from the profeſſion of the Truth) yea even all Nations, as thoſe that ſhall become Members of the Church. ¶ [8] Or, *Among them. i.e.* I'll reckon theſe Nations among the number of thoſe that ſhall be converted. ¶ [9] Theſe men or people now mention'd were converted, or born again, *John* 1.12. & 3.3,7. *Gal.*3.26. & 4.26. 1 *Pet.* 1.23. ¶ [10] Or, in *her*, (as 'tis *v.* 5.) *i. e.* The Gentiles ſhall become Members of the Jewiſh Church, and partake of all their priviledges.

5 And of [12] Zion it ſhall be ſaid, [13] This and that man was born in her: and the Higheſt himſelf ſhall [14] eſtabliſh her.

[12] Concerning the Church of God, it ſhall be mention'd by God, & acknowledg'd by men, as a great and wonderful work of God that—— ¶ [13] *Iſa.*19.24,25. and 44.5. Perſons of this and that Nation: not only a few of one Nation (as formerly) but now multitudes of all ſorts and conditions, without difference of Nations (*Gal.*4.28. *Col.*3.11.) ſhall become Members of the Church. ¶ [14] *Matth.*16.18. Uphold her to perpetuity.

6 * The LORD ſhall [15] count when he writeth up the people, [15] *that* this *man* was born there. Selah.

* Pſal. 22.30.

¶ [15] Eſteem ſuch a one a true Member of the Church, when he takes a particular account and ſurvey of all his Citizens and Subjects, *Iſa.*4.3. *Ezek.*13.9.

7 [16] As well the ſingers as the players on inſtruments *ſhall be* [16] *there*: [17] all my ſprings *are* in thee.

[16] *q. d.* The greateſt, and indeed the only cauſe of rejoycing is in the Church, and among the people of God. ¶ [17] All graces, comforts, priviledges, bleſſings are to be found, and are had only in thee, O Church, and in the uſe of the Ordinances.

PSAL. LXXXVIII.

A prayer containing a grievous complaint.

¶ A Song *or* Pſalm ‖ for the ſons of Korah, To the chief muſician upon Mahalath Leannoth, ‖ Maſchil of * Heman the Ezrahite.

‖ Or, *of.*
‖ Or, A pſalm *of Heman the Ezrahite, giving inſtruction.*

OLORD God of my ſalvation, I have cried [1] day *and* night before thee.

* 1 Kin. 4.31. 1 Chron. 2.26.
[1] *Pſal.*86.3. [1] *Lam.*3.8. [3] *v.*14—16.

2 Let my prayer [2] come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry.

3 For my ſoul is [3] full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4* I am counted [4] with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man *that hath* no ſtrength.

* Pſal. 31.12.
[4] No better than a dead man.

5 [5] Free among the dead, like the ſlain that lie in the grave, whom thou [6] remembreſt no more: and they are cut off ‖ from [7] thy hand.

‖ Or, *by.*

[5] One of that Company or Society. ¶ [6] Tak'ſt no more care of 'em. ¶ [7] The care and conduct of thy Providence.

6 Thou haſt laid me in the [8] loweſt pit; in [9] darkneſs, in the [10] deeps.

Psal. 89.

[9] The Grave. ¶ [9] *Psal.* 143.-3. ¶ [10] Helpless and remediless calamities.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast
[11] *Psal.* 42.-7. Judgments. afflicted *me* with all thy [11] waves. Selah.
* Psal. 31.11. & 142. 4. 8 * Thou hast [12] put away mine acquaintance far from me: thou hast made me an abomination unto them: *I am* [13] shut up, and I cannot come forth.

[12] *Job* 19.13. *Psal.* 142.4. ¶ [13] *Job* 19.8. *Viz.* In my house or chamber, being afraid or asham'd to go abroad.

9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction:
[14] *q. d.* But all to no purpose. LORD, I have called daily [14] upon thee; * I have stretched out my hands [14] unto thee.
* Job 11.13. Psal. 143.6. 10 * Wilt thou [15] shew wonders to the dead? [16] shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah.

[15] *Viz.* In raising 'em again to live in this world? No, thou wilt not; (and therefore hear and help me before it be too late.) ¶ [16] *Psal.* 6.-5. and 30.-9.

11 Shall thy loving kindness be delared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in [17] the dark? and thy righteousness in the [18] land of forgetfulness?

[17] The grave, *Job* 10. 21,22. ¶ [18] The grave, wherein men are forgotten. Now since none of all these can be, and this is like to be my condition very speedily, therefore prevent it.

* Psal. 5.3. [19] Come to thee before the usual time 13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD, and * in the morning shall my prayer [19] prevent thee.

14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die, from *my* youth up: *while* I suffer thy terrours, I am distracted.

[20] *Job* 6.-4. 16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; [20] thy terrours have cut me off.

‖ Or, *all the day.* 17 They came round about me ‖ daily like water; they compassed me about together.

* Psal. 31.11. & 38.11. 18 * [21] Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into [22] darkness.

[21] *V.* 8. ¶ [22] Made 'em to hide themselves from me.

PSAL. LXXXIX.

1 The psalmist praiseth God for his covenant, 5 for his wonderful power, 15 for the care of his church, 19 and for his favour to the kingdom of David.

¶ ‖ Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

‖ Or, A psalm *for Ethan the Ezrahite, to give instruction.* †Heb. *to generation and generation.* I Will [1] sing of the mercies of the LORD [2] for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy [3] faithfulness † to all generations.

[1] *Psal.* 101.1. This Psalm treats of the calamitous estate of the Kingdom of *David* about the time of the Babylonish Captivity. ¶ [2] As long as I live, and which shall be conveyed, by this Psalm, to all Generations. ¶ [3] Manifested not only in those mercies thou hast bestowed upon us, but in those Judgments, (*v.* 38. &c.) thou hast inflicted on us, which are acts of truth and faithfulness, *Psal.* 25.10.

2 For I have [4] said, [5] Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish [6] in the very heavens.

[4] Concluded thus within my self. ¶ [5] Thy mercy to *David's* Family, and thy people Israel shall be carried on to all Generations, till at last it be perfected in glory. ¶ [6] *Psal.* 119.87. As firmly and durably as the Heavens themselves.

3 [7] I have made a covenant with my chosen; I have [8] sworn unto David my servant.

[7] *q. d.* And this my confidence is built on Gods decree and promise, who said, *I have made*, &c. ¶ [8] 2 *Sam.* 7. 11. &c.

* Vers. 29. 36. 4 * Thy seed will I [9] establish for ever: and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.

[9] Which was literally and fully accomplish'd in Christ.

5 And the [10] heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the [10] saints.

[10] *Psal.* 19. 1. The Angels, called Saints, *Deut.* 33. 2. *Dan.* 4.-13,17. and 8.13.

6 For * [11] who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the [12] sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? Psal. 89.

* Psal. 86 8. & 113.5.

[11] *Exod.* 15. 11. See there. ¶ [12] The highest Angels.

7 God is greatly to be [13] feared in the assembly of the [14] saints; and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* [14] about him.

[13] *Rev.* 15.4. ¶ [14] Both Saints on Earth and Angels in Heaven.

8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness [15] round about thee?

[15] Which appears in all thy works.

9 [16] Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 Thou hast [17] broken ‖ Rahab in pieces, [18] as one that is slain: thou hast scattered thine enemies with † thy strong arm.

[16] *Psal.* 65. 7. *Matth.* 8.-26. ‖ Or, *Egypt.* †Heb. *the arm of thy strength*

[17] *Exod.* 14.26. Destroyed the Egyptians, (as *Psal.* 87.4.) ¶ [18] With a deadly blow.

11 The heavens *are* [19] thine, the earth also *is* [19] thine: *as for the* world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

[19] *Psal.* 24. 1. & 50. 12. 1 *Chron.* 29.11.

12 [20] The north and the south, thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall [21] rejoyce in thy name.

[20] *Job* 26. 7. ¶ [21] Be fruitful by thy favor.

13 Thou hast † a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* [22] high is thy right hand.

† Heb. *an arm with might.* [22] Exalted and put forth for thy people.

14 [23] Justice and judgment *are* the ‖ [24] habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall [25] go before thy face.

‖ Or, *establishment.*

[23] *Psal.* 97.-2. See there. *Jer.* 12. 1. (And therefore thy dealings with us at present, tho severe, (*v.* 38. *&c.*) yet are just.) ¶ [24] Or, *establishment*, and foundation of all thy proceedings. (*Prov.* 16.12.) *i. e.* All thy Administrations are grounded upon, and manag'd with righteousness. ¶ [25] *Ps.* 85. 13.

15 Blessed *is* the people that [26] know the joyful sound: they shall [27] walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

[26] Enjoy the publick Ordinances, *Numb.* 10.10. ¶ [27] Live comfortably all their days.

16 In [28] thy name shall they rejoyce all the day: and [29] in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

[28] In thy goodness manifested to 'em, and in their interest in thee and thy Attributes. ¶ [29] Through thy faithfulness they shall prosper and flourish.

17 For thou *art* the [30] glory of their strength: and in thy favor [31] our horn shall be exalted.

[30] All the honour of their valiant exploits is from thee, and belongs to thee. ¶ [31] 1 *Sam.* 2. 1.

18 For ‖ the LORD *is* our defence: and the holy one of Israel *is* our king.

‖ Or, *our shield is of the LORD, and our king is of the holy One of Israel.*

19 [32] Then thou spakest in [33] vision to thy holy one, and saidst, [34] I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty: I have exalted *one* [35] chosen out of the people.

[32] *Viz.* Of old; in thy appointed time. ¶ [33] *Numb.* 12.6. By divine Revelation to thy holy Prophets *Samuel* and *Nathan.* ¶ [34] Provided help for the relief of my people, by one endued with courage, and other qualifications fit for such an employment. ¶ [35] 1 *Sam.* 16.-1.

20 I have found David my servant: with [36] my holy oyl have I anointed him.

[36] Both with material Oyl (1 *Sam.* 16.13.) and with the Gifts and Graces of my holy Spirit, (signified thereby.)

21 With whom [37] my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

[37] *Psal.* 80.17. My power shall continually protect and assist him.

22 The enemy shall not [38] exact upon him: nor the [39] son of wickedness [40] afflict him.

[38] Bring him under tribute. ¶ [39] 2 *Sam.* 7.-10. ¶ [40] So as to prevail over him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mercy [28] *shall be*

Psal. 89. be with him: and in my [28] name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will [42] set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

[42] *Psal.*72.12. Enlarge his Dominion to the utmost extent and bounds that I ever promis'd or assign'd to him.

26 He shall [43] cry unto me, Thou *art* my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

[43] Make his addresses to me in a child-like manner, for all needful supplies.

27 Also I will make *my* [44] first born [45] higher then the kings of the earth.

[44] In respect of his dignity, and my affection to him, fully accomplish'd in Christ, *Heb.*1.6. *Rom.*8.29. *Col.*1.15. ¶ [45] *Num.* 24.7. *Rev.*21.24.

[46] *Isa.* 55. 3. 2 *Sam.* 7. 15. [47] *Isa.* 54. 10.

28 [46] My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and [47] my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make *to endure* [48] for ever; and his throne [49] as the days of heaven.

[48] *Luke* 1.33. Accomplish'd only in Christ. ¶ [49] *Deut.*11. 21. *Jer.*31.35,36.

30 If his children [50] forsake my law, and [50] walk not in my judgments;

[50] Become guilty of any sins, whether greater or lesser.

†Heb. *profane.*

31 If they † [50] break my statutes, and [50] keep not my commandments:

[51] 2 *Sam.*7.14.

32 Then will [51] I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

† Heb. *make void from him*

33 Nevertheless, my loving kindness will I not † [52] utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness † to fail.

[52] 2 *Sam.*7.15. *Rom.*8. 35.

† Heb. *lie.*

34 My covenant will I not [53] break; nor [53] alter the thing *that is* gone out of my lips.

[53] *Mal.*3.6. *Rom.*11. 29.

† Heb. *If I lie.*

35 [54] Once have I [55] sworn by my holiness, † that I will not lie unto David.

[54] Never to be alter'd. ¶ [55] *Heb.* 6.17.

36 [56] His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne [57] as the sun before me.

[56] 2 *Sam.*7.16. *Luke* 1.33. *John* 12. 34. ¶ [57] *Psal.*72.5,17.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and [58] *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

[58] *q. d.* And tho the Moon be subject to Eclipses and manifold changes, yet it still abides in Heaven as a Witness of my Covenant of the Night, (*Jer.*33.20.) so shall the house and Kingdom of *David* continue for ever, notwithstanding all the changes and calamities that may befal it.

38 [59] But thou hast cast off, and abhorred: thou hast been wrath with thine anointed.

[59] *q.d.* But tho thou hast made such glorious promises to us, yet thy present dispensations seem to contradict 'em, and therefore I can't but bemoan our condition, and beg leave to argue humbly with thee, and implore thy favor.

39 Thou hast made [60] void the covenant [61] of thy servant: thou hast [62] profaned his crown, *by casting it* to the ground.

[60] *Viz.* As to outward appearance, and the judgment of sense, in regard of thy present dealings with us. ¶ [61] Made with him. ¶ [62] *Lam.*5.16. Dealt with it as a profane, polluted thing, by suffering the Enemy to dethrone him, and trample upon him.

40 Thou hast broken down all his [63] hedges: thou hast brought his strong holds to ruine.

[63] *Psal.*80.12. Strong holds, (as the next words explain it) and means of safety.

[64] *Psal.*80.12.

41 [64] All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproch to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast [65] set up the right hand of his adversaries: thou hast made all his enemies to rejoyce.

[65] Given strength, courage and success to 'em.

[66] *Deut.*28.25. Caused him to battel.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword; and hast [66] not made him to stand in the

flee.

† Heb. *brightness.*

44 Thou hast made his † glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

45 † The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.

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† The most flourishing time of *David's* Kingdom for Strength, Wealth, Valour, &c.

Psal. 90.

46 [67] How long, LORD, wilt thou [68] hide thy self for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?

[67] *Psal.*13.1. and 79.5. ¶ [68] *Job* 23.8,9. *Cant.* 3. 1, 2. and 5. 6. *Isa.*45. 15.

47 Remember * [69] how short my time is: * Psal. 39.4,5. wherefore hast thou made all men [70] in vain.

[69] (And therefore make it not shorter by thy Judgments.) ¶ [70] To so little purpose to be so suddenly destroyed assoon almost as we have a Being, and before we can feel where we are, and for what we were made.

48 [71] What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not * see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah. * Hebr. 11. 5.

[71] *Psal.*49.9. *q. d.* Every man by the necessity of Nature must soon die; (and therefore don't take us away by such untimely deaths.)

49 Lord, where *are* thy former loving kindnesses, *which* thou * swarest unto David in thy truth? * 2 Sam. 7. 15. Isa. 55. 3.

50 Remember, Lord, the reproch of thy servants; * *how* I do [72] bear in my bosom *the reproch* of all the mighty people; * Psal. 69. 9.

[72] *Num.*11.12.

51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproched, O LORD; wherewith they have reproched [73] the footsteps of thine anomted. Lay it sadly to heart.

[73] The hope and expectation of thy people concerning the coming of the Messiah (one of *David's* Posterity) to restore his Kingdom to its former glory; all which seem now to blasted by their present distresses.

52 [74] Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. [75] Amen, and amen.

[74] *Rom.*7.24,25. *q.d.* But notwithstanding all these seeming discouragements and cross Providences, I do firmly believe and hope for the accomplishment of thy promises, and thereupon bless thee for 'em. ¶ [75] *Psal.*41.13. & 72.19.

PSAL. XC.

1 *Moses setting forth Gods providence,* 3 *complaineth of humane fragility,* 7 *divine chastisements,* 10 *and brevity of life.* 12 *He prayeth for the knowledg and sensible experience of Gods good providence.*

¶ A ‖ prayer of [1] Moses the [2] man of God. ‖ Or, *A prayer,* being a psalm of *Moses.*

[1] Penn'd upon occasion of that severe doom, *Num.*14. 29. for the use and comfort of Gods people then, and in after-times. ¶ [2] *Deut.*33. 1. See there.

LOrd, thou hast been our [3] dwelling-place † in all generations. 2514. † Heb. *in generation and generation.*

[3] Refuge, shelter and protection to us in all our wanderings and unsettlements.

2 * Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world: even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God. * Prov. 8. 25.

3 [4] Thou turnest man to destruction; and [5] sayest, [6] Return ye children of men.

[4] *q. d.* But its otherwise with man. ¶ [5] Didst pass that Sentence. ¶ [6] *viz.* To the dust, *Gen.*3. 19. *Psal.*146.4. *Eccl.*12.7.

4 [7] For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when ‖ it is past, and *as* a watch in the night. ‖ Or, *he hath passed* them.

[7] *q. d.* Yea, tho he should live a thousand years, what's that in thy account, and in comparison of thee? (*Psal.*39.5. 2 *Pet.*3.8.) for all that, he must return to the earth, *v.* 3.

5 Thou carriest them away [8] as with a flood; they are [9] *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* [10] like grass *which* ‖ groweth up. ‖ Or, *is changed.*

[8] Violently and irresistibly. ¶ [9] *Psal.* 73. 20. Suddenly gone. ¶ [10] *Psal.*103.15.

6 In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is [11] cut down, and withereth. [11] *Matth.*6.30.

7 For [12] we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

[12] All men in general, and especially we of this Nation at this time do molder away by frequent Judgments.

8 Thou

Pſal. 91.

8 Thou haſt [13] ſet our iniquities before thee; our ſecret *ſins* in [14] the light of thy countenance.

[13] *Pſal.*50. 21. *viz.* To call us to account, and puniſh us for 'em. ¶ [14] *Jer.*16.17.

† Heb. *turned away.* ‖ Or, *as a meditation.* [15] Without any great regard. † Heb. As for *the days of our years, in them are ſeventy years.*

9 For all our days are † paſſed away in thy wrath: we ſpend our years ‖ [15] as a tale *that is told.*

10 † [16] The days of our years *are* threeſcore years and ten; and if by reaſon of ſtrength *they be* fourſcore years, yet *is* [17] their ſtrength labour and ſorrow: for it is ſoon cut off, and we [18] flie away.

[16] The ordinary rate of man's life. ¶ [17] Thoſe remainders of ſtrength which the beſt do then enjoy, are full of trouble through the infirmities of Age. ¶ [18] Haſten apace to our end.

11 [19] Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even [20] according to thy fear, *ſo is* thy wrath.

[19] How few do rightly apprehend, firmly believe, or ſeriouſly conſider ſo as to be awakened thereby to true repentance: And none can fully comprehend, how able thou art to deſtroy thoſe that provoke thee to wrath, and what are the dreadful effects of thy diſpleaſure. ¶ [20] As men are more or leſs poſſeſs'd with a ſenſe and dread of thy infinite Majeſty and Almighty Power, and live under the awe thereof, ſo doſt thou proportionably manifeſt thy wrath againſt them.

12 [21] So teach *us* [22] to number our days, that we may † apply *our* hearts [23] unto wiſdom.

† Heb. *cauſe to come.*

[21] *Pſal.*39.4. See there. ¶ [22] To conſider and be affected with the frailty and uncertainty of our lives. ¶ [23] To the obtaining true ſpiritual wiſdom, and the exerciſe of true Piety.

13 [24] Return, O LORD, [25] how long? and let it [26] repent thee concerning thy ſervants.

[24] Be gracious to us, as thou haſt been formerly; (tho' now thou ſeemeſt to have forſaken us.) ¶ [25] *viz.* Will it be ere thou returneſt. ¶ [26] *Deut.* 32. 36. *viz.* Of theſe evils thou haſt brought upon us.

14 O ſatisfie us [27] early with thy mercy; that we may [28] rejoyce, and be glad all our days.

[27] Speedily, before we are utterly deſtroyed. ¶ [28] *Pſ.*85.6.

15 Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou haſt afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have ſeen evil.

16 Let thy [29] work appear unto thy ſervants, and thy [29] glory unto their children.

[29] Glorious works of mercy and deliverance; and particularly of bringing us into the land of *Canaan*, as thou haſt promis'd.

17 And let the [30] beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and [31] eſtabliſh thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands [32] eſtabliſh thou it.

[30] *Pſal.*27.-4. Thy bleſſing and favor, which may make us amiable and honourable in the eyes of all. ¶ [31] *Iſa.* 26. 12. Direct us in, and give ſucceſs to all our undertakings and endeavours. ¶ [32] Carry it on, by thy continual aid and bleſſing, unto perfection.

PSAL. XCI.

1 The ſtate of the godly. 3 Their ſafety, 9 their habitation, 11 their ſervants, 14 and their friends; with the effects of them all.

† Heb. *lodge.*

HE that [1] dwelleth in the ſecret place of the moſt High, ſhall † [2] abide under the ſhadow of the Almighty.

[1] *Pſal.*27.5. and 31.20. (See there.) and 32. 7. Makes God his refuge, by relying upon him in times of danger and diſtreſs; particularly of Peſtilence, (upon which occaſion it ſeems to have been penn'd.) ¶ [2] *Judg.*9.15. *Pſal.*17.8. and 57.1. Be ſecure under the ſafe and comfortable protection of God.

‖ *Pſal.* 18. 2. 2 I will ſay of the LORD, *He is* my [3] refuge, and my [3] fortreſs: my God, in him will I truſt.

3 Surely he ſhall deliver [4] thee from [5] the ſnare of the fowler; *and* from the noiſom peſtilence.

[4] Who truſts in him, *v.*-2. ¶ [5] The Peſtilence, which ſeiſes upon men ſuddenly and unexpectedly; and from all other dangers.

Pſal. 92.

4 * He ſhall cover thee with his feathers, and under his [6] wings ſhalt thou truſt: [7] his truth *ſhall be thy* ſhield and buckler.

* Pſal.17.8. & 61.4.

[6] *Pſal.*57.1. *Matth.*23.39. ¶ [7] In fulfilling his promiſes; and particularly, that of protection in danger.

5 Thou ſhalt not be [8] afraid for the [9] terrour by night; *nor* for the [9] arrow *that* flieth by day:

[8] *Pſal.*112.7. *Job* 5.19. &c. *Prov.*3.23. *Iſa.*43.1. ¶ [9] *Deut.* 32. 23,42. *Lam.*3. 12, 13. The Peſtilence, (*v.* 6.) or any other unſeen danger.

6 *Nor* for the peſtilence *that* walketh in darkneſs; *nor* for the deſtruction *that* waſteth at noon-day.

7 A thouſand ſhall fall at thy ſide, and ten thouſand at thy right hand: *but* it ſhall not [10] come nigh thee.

[10] *V.*-10. *Pſal.* 32.-6. *viz.* When God ſees preſervation good for thee.

8 Only with thine eyes ſhalt thou [11] behold, and ſee the [12] reward of the wicked.

[11] *Pſal.*37.-34. *Mal.*1. 5. [12] *Iſa.*3.11.

9 Becauſe thou haſt made the LORD *which is* my refuge, *even* the moſt High, [13] thy habitation.

[13] *Pſal.*90. 1. See there.

10 There ſhall [14] no evil befall thee; neither ſhall any plague [10] come nigh thy dwelling.

[14] *Prov.* 12. 21.

11 For he ſhall give his [15] angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all [16] thy ways.

[15] *Pſal.*34.7. *Matth.*4.6. *Heb.*1. 14. ¶ [16] 2 *Chron.* 15. 2. Thy lawful undertakings.

12 They ſhall bear thee up in *their* hands, * leſt thou [17] daſh thy foot againſt a ſtone.

* Job 5. 23. [17] Do thy ſelf any miſchief.

13 Thou ſhalt [18] tread upon the lion and ‖ adder: the young lion and the dragon ſhalt thou [18] trample under feet.

‖ Or, *aſp.*

[18] Subdue thy bittereſt enemies, and the fierceſt creatures.

14 Becauſe he hath [19] ſet his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will ſet him [20] on high, becauſe he hath [21] known my name.

[19] Shew'd his love to me by truſting in me. ¶ [20] *Iſa.*33.16. Out of the reach of evil. ¶ [21] *Pſal.*9. 10. So as to love me, and truſt in me.

15 He ſhall [22] call upon me, and I will anſwer him: I *will be* [23] with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and [24] honour him.

[22] *Pſal.*50.15. ¶ [23] *Iſa.*43.2. ¶ [24] 1 *Sam.* 2. -30. Both here and hereafter.

16 With † long life will I ſatisfie him, and [25] ſhew him my ſalvation.

† Heb. *length of days.* [25] *Pſal.*50.23. See there.

PSAL. XCII.

1 The prophet exhorteth to praiſe God, 4 for his his great works, 6 for his judgments on the wicked, 10 and for his goodneſs to the godly.

¶ A pſalm *or* ſong for the ſabbath-day.

IT *is a* [1] good *thing* to give thanks unto the LORD, and to ſing praiſes unto thy name, O moſt High:

[1] *Pſal.*147. 1.

2 To ſhew forth thy loving kindneſs in the [2] morning, and thy faithfulneſs † every [2] night.

[2] *Pſal.*55.17.

3 Upon an inſtrument of ten ſtrings, and upon the pſaltery, ‖ upon the harp with † a ſolemn ſound.

† Heb. *in the nights.* ‖ Or, *upon the ſolemn ſound with the harp.*

4 For thou, LORD, haſt made me glad through [3] thy work: I will triumph in the works [3] of thy hands.

† Heb. *Higgaion.*

[3] Not only of Creation, but eſpecially of peculiar Providence over thy Church and People.

5 O LORD, [4] how great are thy [5] works! *and* thy [5] thoughts are very deep.

[4] *Pſal.*40.5. ¶ [5] Counſels and diſpenſations of thy Providence, in the proſperity of the wicked, *v.* 7.

6 [6] A brutiſh man knoweth not: neither doth [6] a fool underſtand [7] this.

[6] *Pſal.*94.8. A carnal wicked perſon. ¶ [7] The deſtruction of the wicked, (*v.* 9.) or God's end in ſuffering 'em to flouriſh, *v.* 7.

7 When

Psal. 93.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do [8] flourish, *it is* [9] that they shall be [10] destroyed for ever.

[8] *Job* 12.6. *Psal.*73.12. *Jer.*12.1,2. *Mal.* 3. 15. ¶ [9] This will be the issue and event (which is hastened and promoted by their worldly felicity.) ¶ [10] *Psal.*37.2. and 73.18–20.

8 [11] But thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.

[11] *q. d.* Tho wicked men be very high for the present, yet it shall not be long so, for thou art above 'em, (*Exod.*18. 11. being most high) to pull 'em down, and punish 'em for ever, *v.*9.

9 For lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for lo, thine enemies shall perish: all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But [12] my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be [13] anointed with fresh oyl:

[12] *Psal.*75.–10. Advance me and all thy faithful Servants to true and everlasting honor. ¶ [13] *Psal.*23.5. Have great cause of rejoycing (as they were wont to anoint themselves in Festivals) being favoured and bless'd by thee.

* Psal.54.7. & 59. 10. & 112.8.

11 * Mine eye also shall [14] see *my desire* on mine enemies: *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

[14] *Psal.*91. 8. & 37.–34. *Job* 22. 19.

12 * The righteous shall flourish like [15] the palm-tree: he shall grow like a [15] cedar in Lebanon.

* Isa.65.22.

[15] *Cant.*7.7,8. *Psal.*52.8. *Hos.*14.5. Always green and flourishing.

[16] Made living members of the Church.

13 Those that be [16] planted in the house of the LORD, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be [17] fat and † flourishing.

† Heb. *green.*

[17] Endued with the rich measure of grace and holiness.

15 [18] To shew that the LORD *is* upright: * *he is* my rock, and * *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

* Deut.32.4. * Rom.9.14.

[18] *q. d.* And thus God, by dealing thus both with the wicked and godly, does clearly manifest his Justice and Righteousness in the Government of the World.

PSAL. XCIII.

The majesty, power, and holiness of Christ's kingdom.

* Isa. 52.7.

* THE LORD [1] reigneth, he is [2] clothed with majesty: the LORD is clothed with strength *wherewith* he hath [3] girded himself: [4] the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

[1] *Psal.*96.10. and 97.1. and 99.1. Sets up his Kingdom in the World, (in the days of the Messiah.) ¶ [2] *Psal.*104.1. ¶ [3] *Isa.*8.–9. Is ready prepar'd for the exercise thereof upon all occasions. ¶ [4] He'll so compose and calm all the confusions and tumults of the World, (*v.*3,4.) that they shall end in a peaceable and happy settlement, and in the erection of that Kingdom of the Messiah which can never be mov'd.

[5] *Psal.*45.6. [6] *Psal.*90.–2. † Heb. *from then.*

2 [5] Thy throne *is* established † of old: thou *art* [6] from everlasting.

3 [7] The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

[7] *Jer.*46.7,8. *Isa.*17.12,13. The Enemies of thy Church and People.

* Psal.89.9.

4 The LORD on high *is* [8] mightier then the noise of many waters; *yea, then* the mighty waves of the sea.

5 [9] Thy testimonies are very sure: [10] holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, † for ever.

† Heb. *to length of days.*

[9] The word of God in general, (See on *Psal.*19.7.) and particularly, thy promises concerning the Kingdom of the Messiah. ¶ [10] Thou wilt shew thy self a holy, righteous, and faithful God in fulfilling thy promises, especially to those that attend upon thee in thine Ordinances.

Psal. 94.

PSAL. XCIV.

1 The prophet calling for justice, complaineth of tyranny and impiety. 8 He teacheth Gods providence. 12 He sheweth the blessedness of affliction. 16 God is the defender of them that are afflicted.

O LORD † God, to whom [1] vengeance belongeth: O God,* to whom vengeance belongeth, † shew thy self.

† Heb. *God of revenges.* [1] *Deut.*32.35. * Nah.1.2. † Heb. *shine forth.* Psal.80.1.

2 [2] Lift up thy self, thou [3] judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

[2] *Psal.* 7.6. Punish thine Enemies. ¶ [3] *Gen.* 18. 25.

3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 *How long* shall they utter *and* speak [4] hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity [5] boast themselves?

[4] *Jude* 15. *Psal.*31.18. Cruel threatnings, and proud, insolent reproaches, grievous to be heard. ¶ [5] *Viz.* Of their power, and success in their designs.

5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The LORD shall [6] not see; neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.

[6] *Psal.*10.11,13. and 64.5. and 59.–7. *Job* 22. 13, 14. *Isa.* 29.–15. and 47.10. (See there.) *Ezek.* 8.12. Will not punish us, but carries himself as if he took no notice of what we do.

8 Understand, ye [7] brutish among the people; and *ye* fools, when will ye be wise?

[7] *Psal.*92.6.

9 He that planted the ear, shall [8] he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

[8] *Exod.*4.11. *Prov.*20.12.

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he [9] correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*

[9] *Viz.* You, for your insolent words and wicked actions, who profess your selves to be his people.

11 The LORD [10] knoweth the thoughts of man, that they [11] *are* vanity.

[10] *Psal.*139.–2. 1 *Cor.*3.20. (Much more their words and actions.) ¶ [11] Do but delude themselves to think that God knows 'em not.

* 1Cor. 11.32.

12 * [12] Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and [13] teacheſt him out of thy law:

[12] *Hebr.*12.6. *q. d.* And tho' you may think your selves happy in your impunity, (*v.*7.) and the people of God miserable in regard of their afflictions, yet the contrary is most true. ¶ [13] *Job* 33.16. *Psal.*119.67,71. *Prov.*29.15. Dost by correction powerfully and effectually convince him of his duty contain'd in thy Law.

13 [14] That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, [15] until the pit be digged for the wicked.

[14] That by his careful and more exact obedience to thy Laws he may be fitted for, and brought to eternal rest and freedom from all trouble, *Rev.* 14.13. and 21.4. ¶ [15] *q. d.* True, God suffers the wicked to afflict the righteous till the measure of their sins is filled up, and they are ripe for destruction, and destruction is ready for them, (and then he'll bring it upon 'em.)

14 For the LORD will [16] not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

[16] 1 *Sam.*12.22. *Rom.*11.1,2. *Hebr.*13.5. *q. d.* And it appears that God's people are blessed notwithstanding their correction, because even then he'll not forsake 'em, but will do 'em good by it, *v.*15.

† Heb. *be after it.*

15 [17] But judgment shall return unto righteousness; and all the upright in heart shall † [18] follow it.

[17] *q. d.* But tho' for the present God seems not to regard 'em, but his dealings with 'em seem to decline from the rule of Righteousness, yet the time is coming when his Judgment, or proceedings with 'em shall return into the way of righteousness, so that all shall be satisfied of the equity thereof. ¶ [18] Approve of and imitate this Justice of God in all their actions.

16 [19] Who

Pſal. 95.

16 [19] Who will riſe up for me againſt the evil doers? *or* who will ſtand up for me againſt the workers of iniquity?

17 [20] Unleſs the LORD *had been* my help, my ſoul had ‖ almoſt dwelt [21] in ſilence.

[19] *viz.* Of all my friends and acquaintance. ‖ Or, *quickly.*

[20] *Pſal.* 124. 1. *&c.* ¶ [21] In the place and ſtate of ſilence, *viz.* Death and the Grave, *Pſal.* 115. 17.

[22] When I gave my ſelf for loſt.

18 [22] When I ſaid, My foot ſlippeth, thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my [23] thoughts within me, [24] thy comforts delight my ſoul.

[23] Troubled, perplexing thoughts, What would become of me. ¶ [24] *Pſal.* 119. 50, 76. Fetch'd from thee, and the conſideration of thy goodneſs, power, *&c.* and alſo reach'd forth to me by thee.

* Amos 6. 4. * Pſal. 58. 2. Iſa. 10. 1.

20 [25] Shall * the throne of iniquity have fellowſhip with thee, [26] which * frameth miſchief by a law?

[25] Shall wicked and unrighteous Magiſtrates and Rulers, who perſecute and oppreſs thy people, (*v.* 21.) be admitted into the Seat of Judicature with thee? Wilt thou ſuffer ſuch to continue in places of Authority which belong to thee? ¶ [26] *Iſa.* 10. 1. Make miſchievous Laws on purpoſe to undo men.

[27] *Dan.* 6. 6. *Pſal.* 2. 2.

21 They [27] gather themſelves together againſt the ſoul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent bloud.

22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.

23 And he [28] ſhall bring upon them [29] their own iniquity, and ſhall cut them off in their own wickedneſs; *yea*, the LORD our God ſhall cut them off.

[28] See on *Pſal.* 7. 16. ¶ [29] *Prov.* 5. 22. The evil which they thought to bring on others.

PSAL. XCV.

1 *An exhortation to praiſe God,* 3 *for his greatneſs,* 6 *and for his goodneſs;* 8 *and not to tempt him.*

* Pſal. 100. 1.

O Come, let us ſing unto the [1] LORD: * let us make a joyful noiſe to the rock of our ſalvation.

[1] *Viz.* For his goodneſs in ſending the Meſſiah.

† Heb. *prevent his face.*

2 Let us † come before his preſence with thankſgiving; and make a joyful noiſe unto him with pſalms.

3 For the [2] LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

[2] *Pſal.* 96. 4. and 135. 5. *Deut.* 10. 17. The Meſſiah.

† Heb. *in whoſe.* ‖ Or, *the heights of the hills* are *his.* † Heb. *whoſe the ſea* is.

4 † [3] In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: ‖ [4] the ſtrength of the hills *is* his alſo.

[3] Under his Government. ¶ [4] The ſtrongeſt and higheſt Mountains.

5 † The ſea *is* his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, [5] let us worſhip and bowe down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

[5] *q.d.* Since all parts of the world are ſubject to him, therefore let us own, worſhip and ſerve him.

7 For he *is* our God, and we *are* the people [6] of his paſture, and the ſheep [7] of his hand: [8] to day if ye will hear his voice,

[6] *Pſal.* 79. 13. and 100. 3. Whom he in a ſpecial manner guides, governs and provides for. ¶ [7] Under his own immediate power and providence. ¶ [8] *Hebr.* 3. 7-11. See there on all the reſt of the *Pſalm.*

* Exod. 17. 2, 7. Numb. 14. 22. &c. & 20. 13. Deut. 6. 16. † Heb. *converſion.* † Pſal. 78. 18, 40, 56. 1 Cor. 10. 9.

8 Harden not your heart, * as in the † provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderneſs,

9 When * your fathers tempted me, proved me, and ſaw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and ſaid, *It is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways.

11 Unto whom I ſware in my wrath, † that they ſhould not enter into my reſt.

Pſal. 97.

† Heb. *if they enter.*

PSAL. XCVI.

1 *An exhortation to praiſe God,* 4 *for his greatneſs,* 8 *for his kingdom,* 11 *for his general judgment.*

O Sing unto the LORD [1] a new ſong: ſing unto the LORD [2] all the earth.

[1] 1 *Chron.* 16. 23–33. *Pſal.* 33. 3. ¶ [2] Upon this new and great occaſion, *viz.* the coming of the Meſſiah into his Church on earth, typified by the removal of the Ark to *Sion.* ¶ [3] Who ſhall then be brought to the knowledge of the true God.

2 Sing unto the LORD; bleſs his name: ſhew forth [4] his ſalvation from day to day.

[4] That Redemption and Salvation which is purchas'd for us by Chriſt.

[5] This glorious and wonderful work.

3 Declare [5] his glory among the heathen; his wonders among all people.

* Pſal. 145. 3.

4 For * the LORD *is* [6] great, and * greatly to be praiſed: he *is* to be feared above all gods.

[6] *Pſal.* 95. 3.

* Pſal. 18. 3. * See Jer. 10. 11, 12.

5 For * all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

6 Honour and majeſty *are* before him: [7] ſtrength and beauty *are* in his ſanctuary.

[7] In the Church doth God ſhew forth his Honour, Majeſty, Strength and Beauty.

[8] *Pſal.* 29. 1, 2. See there.

7 [8] Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people; give unto the LORD glory and ſtrength.

† Heb. *of his name.*

8 Give unto the LORD the glory † *due unto* his name: bring an offering and come into his courts.

‖ Or, *glorious ſanctuary.* [9] *Pſal.* 110. 3. In the Aſſemblies of his Saints.

9 O worſhip the LORD in the ‖ [9] beauty of holineſs: fear before him all the earth.

10 [10] Say among the heathen, *that* the [11] LORD reigneth: [12] the world alſo ſhall be eſtabliſhed that it ſhall not be moved: he ſhall judge the people [13] righteouſly.

[10] *Rom.* 15. 9. You converted Gentiles declare this to thoſe that yet remain in the darkneſs of Heatheniſm. ¶ [11] *Pſal.* 93. 1. and 97. 1. God has now ſet up his Throne and Kingdom in the world by publiſhing the Goſpel to all Nations. ¶ [12] *Pſal.* 93. 1. The whole world ſhall then enjoy a laſting peace, (*Pſal.* 72. 3, 7. *Iſa.* 9. 6, 7. and 66. 12. *Mich.* 5. 5. *Zech.* 9. 10. *Luke* 2. 14.) but eſpecially the Chriſtian Church gathered out of the world, ſhall be firmly ſetled, *Matth.* 16. 18. ¶ [13] *Iſa.* 11. 4. and 32. 16.

* Pſal. 69. 34. * Pſal. 98. 7. &c.

11 * Let the [14] heavens rejoyce, and let the earth be glad: * let the ſea [15] rore, and [16] the fulneſs thereof.

[14] *Rev.* 12. 12. ¶ [15] *Pſal.* 98. 7. (Which is all the expreſſion of joy it can make.) ¶ [16] All the Creatures that belong to it.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then ſhall all the trees of the wood rejoyce

13 [17] Before the LORD; for he cometh, for he cometh [18] to judge the earth: * he ſhall judge the world with [19] righteouſneſs, and the people with his [20] truth.

* Pſal. 67. 4.

[17] When the Lord Chriſt ſhall ſhew himſelf to the world. ¶ [18] To govern his Church, and ſet up his Spiritual Kingdom and Government among all Nations. ¶ [19] *Rev.* 19. 11. ¶ [20] Fulfilling all the promiſes of God to his people.

PSAL. XCVII.

1 *The majeſty of Gods kingdom.* 7 *The church rejoyceth at Gods judgments upon idolaters.* 10 *An exhortation to godlineſs and gladneſs.*

THE LORD [1] reigneth, let the [2] earth rejoyce: let the † [3] multitude of iſles be glad *thereof.*

† Heb. *many* or *great iſles.*

[1] See on *Pſal.* 93. 1. and on 96. 10. ¶ [2] The inhabitants of the world every where. ¶ [3] *Iſa.* 42. 4. and 60. 9. The Gentiles, even in the remoteſt parts.

* 1 King. 8. 12. Pſal. 18. 11.

2 * [4] Clouds and darkneſs *are* round about him;

Pſal. 98.

him: [3] righteouſneſs and judgment *are* the || habitation of his throne.

|| Or, *eſtabliſhment.*

[2] 2 *Sam.* 22. 12. *i. e.* Chriſt's coming will be terrible to his enemies, and thoſe that will not ſubmit to him, *v.* 3. *&c. Pſal.* 29. 12. *Mal.* 4. 1. ¶ [3] *Pſal.* 89. 14. See there.

3 A [4] fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

[4] Dreadful Judgments ſhall befal the unbelieving Jews for their infidelity and rejecting the Meſſiah, and all other refuſers of Goſpel-grace.

* Pſal. 77. 18. & 104. 32.

4 * His [5] lightnings enlightned the world: the earth ſaw and [6] trembled.

* Judg. 5. 5. Mich. 1. 4. Nah. 1. 5.

5 * [7] The hills [6] melted like wax [8] at the preſence of the LORD: at the preſence of the Lord of the whole earth.

[7] The Grandees of the world who reject the Meſſiah. ¶ [8] When he comes in Judgment againſt 'em.

* Pſal. 19. 1.

6 * [9] The heavens declare his righteouſneſs: and [10] all the people ſee his glory.

[9] *Pſal.* 50. 6. The Angels, yea God himſelf gives teſtimony from heaven of the righteouſneſs of Chriſt. ¶ [10] Both Jews and Gentiles ſhall partake of the glorious fruits and benefits of his coming.

* Exod. 20. 4. Lev. 26. 1. Deut. 5. 8.

7 * [11] Confounded be all they that ſerve graven images, that boaſt themſelves of idols: worſhip him all *ye* [12] gods.

[11] They ſhall be aſham'd of their folly, (when they ſee the Glory and Majeſty of Chriſt) and ſo ſubmit to him; or elſe be utterly deſtroy'd, *Rev.* 14. 9, 10. ¶ [12] Angels, *Hebr.* 1. 6.

8 [13] Zion heard, and was glad; and the [13] daughters of Judah rejoyced; becauſe of [14] thy judgments, O LORD.

[13] Thy Church and people. ¶ [14] *Pſal.* 58. 10. Deſtruction of enemies, and advancement of the Kingdom of Chriſt.

[15] Chriſt. [16] *Phil.* 2. 9. [17] *Eph.* 1. 21.

9 For thou, [15] LORD, *art* [16] high above all the earth: * thou art [16] exalted [17] far above all gods.

* Pſal. 95. 3. & 96. 4.

10 [18] Ye that love the LORD, [19] hate evil: he preſerveth the ſouls of his ſaints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

[18] *q. d.* Many indeed ſhall then be pretenders to, and followers of him, but if you are ſuch as do ſincerely love him, ſhew it by your hatred of Idolatry, and all other wickedneſs. ¶ [19] *Pſal.* 34. 14. *Prov.* 8. 13. *Amos* 5. 15. *Rom.* 12. 9.

11 [20] Light *is* [21] ſown for the righteous, and gladneſs for the upright in heart.

[20] Joy, *Eſth.* 8. 16. ¶ [21] *Pſal.* 112. 4. Prepar'd, and laid up in ſtore, (and therefore bear your affliction for Chriſt with patience and chearfulneſs.)

12 [22] Rejoyce in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks || at the [23] remembrance of his holineſs.

|| Or, *to the memorial.*

[21] *Pſal.* 32. 11. See there. ¶ [23] Conſideration of that faithful Covenant he has made by his Holineſs (*Pſal.* 89. 35.) of ſending the Meſſiah.

PSAL. XCVIII.

1 The pſalmiſt exhorteth the Jews, 4 the Gentiles, 7 and all the creatures to praiſe God.

¶ A Pſalm.

* Pſal. 33. 3. Iſa. 42. 10.

1 O * Sing unto the LORD a new ſong, for he hath done [2] marvellous things: his right hand and [3] his holy arm hath gotten him the [4] victory.

[2] *Pſal.* 96. 1. See there. ¶ [2] *Rev.* 15. 3. *viz.* In and by Chriſt. ¶ [3] *Iſa.* 59. 16. and 63. 5. His own immediate power. ¶ [4] *Viz.* Over Sin, Satan, Death and Hell.

|| Or, *revealed.*

2 The LORD hath [5] made known his ſalvation: his [6] righteouſneſs hath he || openly ſhewed in the ſight of the heathen.

[5] *Iſa.* 52. 10. Publiſh'd to the Heathen, by the preaching of the Goſpel, the way to eternal life and ſalvation. ¶ [6] *Pſal.* 22. 31. See there.

3 He hath [7] remembred his mercy and his truth toward the houſe of Iſrael: all [8] the ends of the earth have [9] ſeen the ſalvation of our God.

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[7] *Luke* 1. 54. ¶ [8] *Iſa.* 52. 10. ¶ [9] Been made partakers of.

Pſal. 99.

4 [10] Make a joyful noiſe unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noiſe, and rejoyce and ſing praiſe.

[10] *Pſal.* 95. 1. & 100. 1.

5 Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a pſalm.

6 With trumpets and ſound of cornet: make a joyful noiſe before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the ſea [11] rore, and the fulneſs thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

[11] *Pſal.* 96. 11.

8 Let the flouds clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together

9 [12] Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteouſneſs ſhall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

[12] *Pſal.* 96. 13. See there.

PSAL. XCIX.

1 The prophet ſetting forth the kingdom of God in Zion, 5 exhorteth all, by the example of forefathers, to worſhip God at his holy hill.

THE LORD [1] reigneth, let [2] the people tremble: * he [3] ſitteth *between* the cherubims, let the [4] earth be † moved.

* Exod. 25. 22. Pſal. 80. 1.

† Heb. *ſtagger.*

[1] *Pſal.* 93. 1. See there. ¶ [2] His enemies. ¶ [3] 1 *Sam.* 4. 4. See there. ¶ [4] The Inhabitants be ſtricken with fear and trembling.

2 The LORD *is* great in [5] Zion, and he *is* [6] high above all people.

[5] *Pſal.* 48. 2. [6] *Pſal.* 97. 9.

3 Let them praiſe, thy great and [7] terrible name: *for* it *is* [8] holy.

[7] *Viz.* To thy Enemies. ¶ [8] In making good all thy promiſes.

4 * [9] The kings ſtrength alſo loveth judgment; thou doſt [10] eſtabliſh equity: thou executeſt judgment and righteouſneſs in Jacob.

* Job 36. 5.

[9] *q. d.* This moſt ſtrong King, the Almighty God. ¶ [10] Fix that as the Rule of all thy proceedings.

5 * Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worſhip at his * foot-ſtool: *for* || he *is* holy.

* Verſe 9. * 1 Chr. 28. 2. || Or, *it is holy.*

6 * [11] Moſes and Aaron among his [11] prieſts, and [11] Samuel among them that call upon his name: they called upon the LORD and he [12] anſwered them.

* Jer. 15. 1.

[11] *Exod.* 29. 11. *q. d.* Theſe perſons interceded with God for the people with good ſucceſs, (which may encourage you to praiſe and worſhip God, *v.* 5.) ¶ [12] *Exod.* 32. *Numb.* 16. 1 *Sam.* 7. 9. *Jer.* 15. 1.

7 * He ſpake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they [13] kept his teſtimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

* Exod. 33. 9.

[13] (For otherwiſe God would not have heard 'em,) *Pſal.* 66. 18. *John* 9. 31.

8 Thou anſweredſt them, O LORD our God: thou waſt a God that forgaveſt [14] them, though * thou tookeſt vengeance of their inventions.

* Deut. 9. 20.

[14] The Body of the people, (*Exod.* 32. 10, 14. *Numb.* 14. 19, 20.) tho' thou didſt ſeverely puniſh many particular perſons, *Exod.* 32. 34. *Numb.* 14. 26–23.

9 [15] Exalt the LORD our God, and worſhip at his holy hill: for the LORD our God *is* holy.

[15] *V.* 5.

PSAL. C.

1 An exhortation to praiſe God cheerfully 3 for his greatneſs, 4 and for his power.

¶ A * Pſalm of || praiſe.

* Pſal. 145. tit. || Or, *thankſgiving.*

1 MAke a joyful noiſe unto the LORD, † all ye lands.

[1] *Pſal.* 98. 4. † Heb. *all the earth.*

2 Serve the LORD with gladneſs: come before his preſence with ſinging.

* Pſal. 119. 73. & 139. 13. &c. & 149. 2.

3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: * *it is* he *that* hath [2] made us, || and not we our ſelves; * *we are* [3] his people, and the [3] ſheep of his paſture.

[2] *Eph.* 2. 10. || Or, *and his we are.* * Ezek. 34. 30, 31. [3] *Pſal.* 95. 7.

Pſal. 102.

4 * Enter into his gates with thankſgiving, *and* into his courts with praiſe: be thankful unto him, *and* bleſs his name.

* Pſal. 66. 13.

* Pſal. 136. 1. &c.

5 For the LORD *is* good; his * mercy *is* everlaſting: and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

PSAL. CI.

David maketh a vow and profeſſion of godlineſs.

¶ A pſalm of [1] David.

[1] Penn'd when he was near poſſeſſion of the Kingdom.

I Will ſing of [2] mercy and [3] judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I ſing.

[2] *Viz.* To my ſelf, in making good thy promiſe of beſtowing the Kingdom on me, and in all other particulars throughout my life. ¶ [3] In the deſtruction of my enemies: and accordingly I do by this Song engage my ſelf to govern with Mercy towards the good, and Juſtice on incorrigible Offenders.

2 I will [4] behave my ſelf wiſely in a perfect way; O when wilt thou [5] come unto me? I will [6] walk within my houſe with a perfect heart.

[4] 1 *Sam.* 18. 14. Manage all my Affairs with wiſdom and integrity. ¶ [5] Settle me in the Kingdom, that I may then have opportunity to perform this engagement. ¶ [6] Govern my Family, as well as my Kingdom, ſo as I may manifeſt the uprightneſs of my heart, and my ſincere deſire of doing good to them, and bringing glory to thy Name.

† Heb. *thing of Belial.*

* Pſal. 97. 10.

3 I will [7] ſet no † wicked thing before mine eyes: * I hate the work of them that [8] turn aſide, *it* ſhall not cleave to me.

[7] Not ſeek occaſions of doing evil, nor ſuffer my ſelf by any temptations, or perſwaſions of others, or ſuggeſtions of my own corrupt heart, to be drawn to that which is evil, but rather ſhun it with deteſtation. ¶ [8] *Pſal.* 125. 5. To ſinful courſes.

4 [9] A froward heart ſhall depart from me: I will not [10] know a wicked *perſon.*

[9] Perſons of a wicked diſpoſition, diſaffected to God and goodneſs, ſhall be caſt off and ſent out of my family. ¶ [10] *Matth.* 7. 23. Own or countenance.

* Pſal. 18. 23. Prov. 6. 17.

[11] *Pſal.* 131. 1.

5 Whoſo privily ſlandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: * him that hath [11] an high look, and a [11] proud heart, will not I ſuffer.

|| Or, *perfect in the way.*

6 [12] Mine eyes *ſhall be* upon the [13] faithful of the land, that they may [14] dwell with me: he that walketh || in a perfect way, he ſhall ſerve me.

[12] I'll ſeek out and employ ſuch. ¶ [13] *Rev.* 17.-14. ¶ [14] Become my Courtiers, Counſellors, and Miniſters of State.

† Heb. *be eſtabliſhed.*

7 He that [15] worketh deceit, ſhall not dwell within my houſe: he that telleth lies, ſhall not † tarry in my ſight.

[15] Uſes any fraudulent dealing to wrong any.

8 I will [16] early deſtroy all the wicked of the land: that I may cut off all wicked doers from the [17] city of the LORD.

[16] *Jer.* 21. 12. Upon the firſt opportunity. ¶ [17] The Church and Commonwealth of *Iſrael.*

PSAL. CII.

1 *The prophet maketh a grievous complaint.* 18 *The mercies of God are to be recorded.* 23 *He ſuſtaineth his weakneſs by the unchangeableneſs of God.*

|| Or, *for.*

¶ A prayer || of the [1] afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

[1] The Jews in the Babylonian Captivity towards the end of it, (*v.*-13.) and may be us'd by any of God's people in trouble.

[2] *Pſal.* 5. 2.

[3] See on *Pſal.* 27. 9.

HEar my prayer, O LORD, and let my [2] cry come unto thee.

2 [3] Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call, anſwer me ſpeedily.

3 For my days are conſumed || [4] like ſmoke: and my [5] bones are burnt as an hearth.

Pſal. 102.

|| Or, as ſome read *into ſmoke.*

4 [6] My heart is ſmitten and withered like graſs: ſo that I forget to eat my bread.

[4] *Pſal.* 37.-20. & 119. 83.

[5] *Job* 30. 30.

[6] My courage fails, and my Spirits are waſted by the greatneſs of my ſorrow.

[7] *Job* 19. 20. *Lam.* 4. 8. *Prov.* 17.-22.

5 By reaſon of the voice of my groning, [7] my bones cleave to my || ſkin.

|| Or, *fleſh.*

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderneſs: I am [8] like an owl of the deſert.

[8] *Job* 30. 29. In a ſolitary condition; declining the ſociety of men through bitterneſs of ſpirit.

7 [9] I watch, and am as a ſparrow [8] alone upon the houſe-top.

[9] *Pſal.* 77. 4. I am deprived of ſleep through grief.

8 Mine enemies reproch me all the day: *and* they that are [10] mad againſt me, are ſworn [11] againſt me.

[10] *Acts* 26. 11. ¶ [11] *Acts* 23. 14. *Viz.* To deſtroy us all.

9 For I have [12] eaten aſhes like bread, and [13] mingled my drink with weeping:

[12] Cover'd and roll'd my ſelf in duſt and aſhes, (2 *Sam.* 13. 19.) ſo that they were mingled with my meat. ¶ [13] *Pſal.* 42. 3. and 80. 5.

10 Becauſe of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou haſt [14] lifted me up, and caſt me down.

[14] Advanc'd me to great dignity formerly, (the remembrance whereof is a great aggravation of my preſent miſery.)

* Eccl. 6. 12.

11 * [15] My days *are* like a [16] ſhadow that declineth; and I am [17] withered like graſs.

[15] The time of our proſperous ſtate. ¶ [16] *V.* 3. *Pſal.* 109. 23. and 144. 4. ¶ [17] *v.*-5. *Iſa.* 40. 6, 7. *James* 1.-10.

12 But thou, O LORD, ſhalt endure [18] for ever; and [19] thy remembrance unto [18] all generations.

[18] *Pſal.* 135. 13. *Lam.* 5. 19. *Viz.* To fulfil thy promiſes, and deliver thy people. ¶ [19] Thy Name, or Self, *Exod.* 3.-15.

13 Thou ſhalt ariſe, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the [20] ſet time is come.

[20] The time fix'd for our deliverance, *viz.* after ſeventy years, is nigh at hand.

* Pſal. 79. 1.

14 For thy ſervants [21] take pleaſure in * her ſtones, and [22] favour the duſt thereof.

[21] Delight in it ſtill, tho' ruinous. ¶ [22] Paſſionately wiſh to ſee it rebuilt.

15 [23] So the heathen ſhall fear the name of the LORD: and [23] all the kings of the earth thy glory.

[23] *q.d.* When thou ſhalt have ſhew'd mercy to *Zion* (*v.* 13.) in delivering thy people out of *Babylon*, and rebuilding the Temple, but eſpecially in gathering the Goſpel-Church by Chriſt, the Heathen ſhall be brought by the conſideration thereof to own and ſerve thee, *Pſal.* 126. 2. *Iſa.* 60. 3. *Rev.* 21. 24.

16 When the LORD ſhall build up Zion, he ſhall [24] appear in his glory.

[24] Manifeſt himſelf to be ſuch a one as indeed he is, *viz.* A God of infinite Excellencies and Perfections.

17 He will regard the prayer of the deſtitute, and not deſpiſe their prayer.

18 [25] This ſhall be written for the generation to come: and the [26] people which ſhall be created, ſhall praiſe the LORD.

[25] This wonderful deliverance and happineſs of the Church. ¶ [26] *Pſal.* 22. 31. The Jews which ſhall be reſtor'd, and Gentiles which ſhall be converted, *Eph.* 2. 10, 15.

* Pſal. 14. 2. & 33. 13.

19 For * he hath looked down from the height of his ſanctuary: from heaven did the LORD behold the earth:

20 To hear the groning of the [27] priſoner, to looſe † thoſe that are [27] appointed to death;

† Heb. *the children of death.*

[27] *Pſal.* 79. 11. The poor Captives in *Babylon*, deſtin'd to deſtruction: eſpecially the Bondſlaves of Satan.

21 To [28] declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praiſe in Jeruſalem:

[28] *i.e.* He ſhall deliver 'em, That they may proclaim his praiſes every where.

22 [29] When

Psal. 103.

22 [29] When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms to serve the LORD.

[29] Which they shall do when the Gentiles shall be converted, and joyn together in the worship and praises of the true God.

† Heb. *afflicted.*

23 He † [30] weakened my strength in the way; he shortened [15] my days.

[30] Soon impair'd the prosperity and flourishing condition of our Church and Commonwealth, in the course of our Affairs.

24 I said, O my God, [31] take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* [32] throughout all generations.

[31] Destroy not our State before thou hast accomplish'd thy promises of our deliverance, and sending the Messiah. ¶ [32] See *n.*18. (And therefore wilt preserve thy Church and every particular Member thereof for ever.)

25 Of old hast [33] thou laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

[33] Thou, O Lord Christ, (to whom the Apostle applies these three Verses, *Hebr.*1.10,11,12.)

* Isa.51.6. Rom.8.20. † Heb. *stand.*

26 * They shall [34] perish, but thou shalt † endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed.

[34] *Viz.* As to their present nature and use, being changed and made new, *Isa.*65.17. and 66.22. 2 *Pet.*3.7,10,11,13.

[35] *Hebr.*13.8.

27 But thou *art* [35] the same, and thy years shall have no end.

* Psal.69.36.

28 * [36] The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

[36] *q.d.* Tho' the heavens perish, and we in our persons die, yet thou wilt continue thy Church for ever, *Matth.*16.18.

PSAL. CIII.

1 *An exhortation to bless God for his mercy,* 15 *and for the constancy thereof.*

¶ *A Psalm* of David.

1 BLess the LORD, [2] O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

[1] Blessing God is for his mercies and benefits to us, (*v.*2–5.) Praising him is for his own Excellencies and Perfections. ¶ [2] *V.*-22. *Psal.*104.1 and 146.-1. All the powers and faculties thereof.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget

[3] *Psal.*116.12.

not all his [3] benefits.

* Psal.130.8. Mark 2.11.

3 * Who [4] forgiveth all thine iniquities: who [5] healeth all thy [6] diseases.

[4] *Matth.*9.2,6. *Luke* 7.47. *Isa.* 33.24. ¶ [5] *Exod.* 15.-26. *Psal.* 41.4. *Isa.*53.-5. ¶ [6] Both of soul and body.

* Psal.5.12.

4 Who redeemeth thy life from [7] destruction: * who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.

[7] *Job* 33. 24. Both Temporal and Eternal.

5 Who satisfieth thy [8] mouth with good *things;* [9] *so that* thy youth is [9] renewed like the eagles.

[8] Just desires and necessities. ¶ [9] *Isa* 40.31. 2 *Cor.* 4.16. So that thy bodily health and strength continues vigorous and lively, (as the Eagle's doth) even till old age.

[10] *Psal.*146.7.

6 The LORD [10] executeth righteousness and judgment for all *that are* oppressed.

* Psal.147.19.

7 * He made known [11] his ways unto Moses, his [12] acts unto the children of Israel.

[11] The special passages of his Providence. ¶ [12] His extraordinary and miraculous works.

* Num.14.18. Deut.5.10. Neh. 9.17 Psal.86.15. Jer.32.18. [13] *Exod.* 34.6,7. See there. † Heb. *great of mercy.*

8 * The LORD *is* [13] merciful and gracious; slow to anger, and † plenteous in mercy.

9 * He will not always [14] chide: neither will he [15] keep *his anger* for ever.

[14] *Isa.*57.16. *Mich.*7.-18. Or, *contend, viz.* with sinners by his judgments, but is ready to be reconcil'd to 'em upon their true repentance. ¶ [15] *Jer.*3.5.

* Psal.30.5. [16] *Ezra* 9. 13.

10 He hath [16] not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For † as the heaven is high above the earth, [17] *so* great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Psal. 104.

† Heb. *according to the heighth of the heaven.*

12 As far as the east is from the west; *so* far hath he [18] removed our transgressions from us.

[17] Above their deserts and expectations. [18] Fully pardon'd 'em, *Isa.*43.25. *Jer.*31.-34.

13 Like as a [19] father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

[19] *Mal.*3.-17.

14 For he [20] knoweth our [21] frame: he [20] remembreth that we *are* [21] dust.

[20] Considers it so as to deal with us accordingly. ¶ [21] *Psal.* 78.39. The weakness and frailty of our natures.

15 *As for* man, his days *are* [22] as grass: as a [23] flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

[22] *Psal.*90.-5,6. 1 *Pet.*1.24. ¶ [23] *Job* 14. 1,2. *Jam.* 1. 10, 11.

16 For the [24] wind passeth over it, and † it is gone; and the [25] place thereof shall know it no more.

† Heb. *it is not.*

[24] *Isa.*40.7. ¶ [25] *Job* 7.-10. and 20.-9. *Psal.*37. 36.

17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* [26] from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him: and his [27] righteousness unto [28] childrens children.

[26] *Eph.*1.4. ¶ [27] In performing his promises. ¶ [28] *Exod.* 20. 6.

18 To such as keep his [29] covenant; and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

[29] *Deut.*7.-9.

19 The LORD hath [30] prepared his throne in the heavens: and his kingdom ruleth over all.

[30] Establisht his universal Dominion.

20 * Bless the LORD, ye his angels that † [31] excel in strength; that [32] do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

* Psal.148. 2. † Heb. *mighty in strength.* See Psal.78.25.

[31] 2 *King.*19.35. Are free from the impotencies and infirmities of mankind. ¶ [32] *Matth.*6.-10.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his [33] hosts; *ye* [34] ministers of his that do his pleasure.

[33] *Gen.*32.2. 1 *King.*22.19. 2 *Chron.*18.18. *Luke.*2.13. *Rev.* 19. 14. ¶ [34] *Heb.*1.14.

22 Bless the LORD, [35] all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, [2] O my soul.

[35] *Psal.*150. 6.

PSAL. CIV.

1 *A meditation upon the mighty power,* 7 *and wonderful providence of God.* 31 *Gods glory is eternal.* 33 *The prophet voweth perpetually to praise him.*

BLess the LORD, [1] O my soul: O LORD my God, thou art very great: thou art [2] clothed with honour and majesty.

[1] *Psal.*103. 1. See there. [2] *Psal.*93.1.

2 Who coverest *thy self* with [3] light, as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

[3] *Gen.*1.3.

3 * Who [4] layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: * who [5] maketh the clouds his chariot: who [5] walketh upon the wings of the wind.

* Am.9.6. * Isa. 19. 1.

[4] Hast founded, as it were, the Heavens upon the Clouds, (as the earth upon the Seas, *Psal.*24.2.) ¶ [5] *Psal.* 18.10. Does manifest his Presence there, in Thunder, Lightning, *&c.*

4 Who maketh his angels [6] spirits: his ministers [7] a flaming fire.

[6] *Heb.*1.14. ¶ [7] Like Lightning; speedy and irresistible in the execution of his commands.

5 † *Who* laid the [8] foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever.

† Heb. *He hath founded the earth upon her bases.*

[8] *Job* 38.4. and 26.7. *Psal.*24. 2. and 136. 6.

6 Thou [9] coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

[9] *Gen.*1. 9.

7 At thy [10] rebuke they [11] fled: at the [10] voice of thy thunder they [11] hasted away.

[10] Powerful command. [11] *Gen.*1.-9.

Psal. 104.

8 ‖ They [12] go up by the mountains: they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou haſt founded for them.

‖ Or, *the mountains aſcend, the valleys deſcend.*

[12] Become Springs, which uſually riſe in Mountains and Hills.

9 Thou haſt ſet [13] a bound that they may [14] not paſs over: that they [14] turn not again to cover the earth.

[13] *Job* 26. 10. See there. ¶ [14] *Gen.* 9. 11, 15.

10 † He ſendeth the ſprings into the [15] valleys, *which* † run among the hills.

† Heb. *who.* † Heb. *walk.*

[15] Which run thither from the Mountains, *v.* 8.

11 They give drink to every beaſt of the field: the wild aſſes † quench their thirſt.

† Heb. *break.*

12 [16] By them ſhall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* † ſing among the branches.

† Heb. *give a voice.*

[16] Near the Rivers, upon trees growing there.

13 He watereth the hills [17] from his chambers: the earth is [18] ſatisfied with the [19] fruit of thy works.

[17] With rain from Heaven, *v.* 3. ¶ [18] *Pſal.* 65. 9. ¶ [19] The effects of thoſe ſweet ſhowers, which are thy work, *Jer.* 10. 13. and 14. 22.

14 He cauſeth the graſs to grow for the cattel, and herb for the ſervice of man: [20] that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

[20] That God by means of the rain, (*v.* 13.) may cauſe the earth to bring forth food.

15 And wine *that* [23] maketh glad the heart of man, *and* † oyl to make *his* face [22] to ſhine, and bread *which* [23] ſtrengtheneth mans heart.

† Heb. *to make his face ſhine with oyl*, or *more then oyl.*

[21] *Prov.* 31. 6. *Judg.* 9. 13. ¶ [22] *Pſal.* 23. 5. ¶ [23] *Pſ.* 105. 16.

16 The trees [24] of the LORD are full *of ſap*: the cedars of Lebanon which he [25] hath planted.

[24] Which are of his planting and feeding, without mans care and induſtry. ¶ [25] *Numb.* 24. 6.

17 Where the birds make their neſts: *as for* the ſtork, the fir-trees *are* her houſe.

18 The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats, *and* the rocks for the [26] conies.

[26] *Prov.* 30. 26.

Gen. 1. 14.

19 * He appointeth the moon for [27] ſeaſons; the ſun [28] knoweth his going down.

[27] To diſtinguiſh the Months, and to govern the ebbing and flowing of the Sea, and the humours in mans body. See on *Gen.* 1. 14. ¶ [28] *Job* 38. 12.

20 Thou makeſt [29] darkneſs, and it is night, wherein † all the beaſts of the foreſt do creep *forth.*

[29] *Iſa.* 45. 7. † Heb. *all the beaſts thereof do trample on the foreſt.*

21 The young lions [30] roar after their prey, and ſeek their meat [31] from God.

[30] *Am.* 3. 4. [31] *Job* 38. 39.

22 The ſun ariſeth, they gather themſelves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in † wiſdom haſt thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

† *Prov.* 3. 19. *Jer.* 10. 12. Manifeſted in the Variety, Beauty, and Harmony of 'em all.

25 *So is* this great and wide ſea; wherein *are* things creeping innumerable, both ſmall and great beaſts.

26 There go the ſhips; *there is* that [32] leviathan, *whom* thou haſt † made to play therein.

[32] See on *Job* 41. 1. † Heb. *formed.*

27 Theſe [33] wait all upon thee; that thou mayeſt give *them* their meat in due ſeaſon.

[33] *Pſal.* 136. 25. and 145. 15. and 147. 9. *Job* 38. 41.

28 *That* thou giveſt them, they gather: thou openeſt thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 Thou [34] hideſt thy face, they are troubled; * thou takeſt away their breath, they die, and return to their [35] duſt.

Job. 34. 14, 15

[34] With-holdeſt thy favor, and the care of thy Providence. ¶ [35] *Pſal.* 146. 4. *Eccl.* 12. 7.

* Iſa. 32. 15. Ezek. 37. 9.

30 * Thou ſendeſt forth thy [36] ſpirit, they are created: and thou [37] reneweſt the face of the earth.

Pſal. 105.

[36] Quickning power, whereby life is produc'd in the Creatures from time to time, (as by the Spirit of God they were at firſt created, *Job* 26. 9. and 33. 4. *Pſal.* 33. 6.) ¶ [37] *Eccl.* 1. 4. Still preſerveſt the ſucceſſion of Creatures one after another.

31 [38] The glory of the LORD † ſhall endure for ever: the LORD ſhall [39] rejoyce in his works.

† Heb. *ſhall be.*

[38] Theſe glorious works of God's infinite Power, Wiſdom and Goodneſs. ¶ [39] *Gen.* 1. 31. Take pleaſure in the preſervation of 'em from time to time.

32 He [40] looketh on the earth, and it trembleth; he [41] toucheth the hills, and they ſmoke.

[40] *Viz.* In anger. ¶ [41] *Pſal.* 144. 5. *viz.* With his fiery Preſence.

33 I will ſing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will ſing praiſe unto my God, [42] while I have my being.

[42] *Pſal.* 146. 2

34 My meditation of [43] him ſhall be [44] ſweet: I will be glad [45] in the LORD.

[43] Concerning the goodneſs of God in his wonderful works. ¶ [44] *Pſal.* 63. 5, 6. Refreſhing and delightful to me. ¶ [45] In the meditation of his works.

35 Let the [46] ſinners be conſumed out of the earth, and let the [46] wicked be no more: bleſs thou the LORD, O my ſoul. Praiſe ye the LORD.

[46] Who conſider not, nor regard theſe works of God to praiſe and glorifie him for 'em, but rather diſhonour him by the abuſe of his Creatures.

PSAL. CV.

1 *An exhortation to praiſe God, and to ſeek out his works.* 7 *The hiſtory of Gods providence over Abraham,* 16 *over Joſeph,* 23 *over Jacob in Egypt,* 26 *over Moſes delivering the Iſraelites,* 37 *over the Iſraelites brought out of Egypt, fed in the wilderneſs, and planted in Canaan.*

O * [1] Give thanks unto the LORD; [1] call upon his name; [2] make known his deeds among the people.

* Iſa. 12. 4.

[1] 1 *Chron.* 16. 8—22. They who are careful to give thanks for mercies received, may with confidence call upon him for what they want. ¶ [2] *Pſal.* 40. 10. and 145. 5, 6, 11. *Jer.* 50. 28. and 51. 10.

2 Sing unto him; ſing pſalms unto him: [2] talk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 [3] Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoyce that [4] ſeek the LORD.

[3] 1 *Cor.* 1. 31. ¶ [4] 1 *Chron.* 22. 19. Endeavour to know and truſt in him, 1 *Chron.* 28. 9.

4 [5] Seek the LORD, and his [5] ſtrength: ſeek his face [6] evermore:

[5] Labor to get an intereſt in God and his ſtrength. ¶ [6] *Pſ.* 27. 8.

5 [7] Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments [8] of his mouth;

[7] *Pſal.* 77. 11. ¶ [8] Threatned and executed by his command.

6 O ye ſeed of Abraham his ſervant; ye children of Jacob his choſen.

7 He *is* the LORD our God; his [9] judgments *are* in all the earth.

[9] *Iſa.* 26. 9. The Judgments which he executed on his enemies are known all the World over, (and therefore you have great cauſe to praiſe him, who have had ſo much experience of his mercy.)

8 [10] He hath remembred his covenant for ever; [11] the word *which* he commanded to a thouſand generations.

[10] In 1 *Chron.* 16. 15. 'tis, *Be ye mindful.* There its ſpoken to us, ſhewing our duty; here, of God, ſhewing his mercy, in performing his Covenant. ¶ [11] The promiſe which he eſtabliſh'd with, and will make good to all ſucceeding Generations.

9 * Which

Psal. 105.

9 *Which *covenant* he made [12] with Abraham; and his oath unto [13] Isaac.

* Gen.26.3. & 28.13. & 35. 11. Heb.6.17.

[12] *Gen.*17.2. and 22.16. *Luke* 1.73. ¶ [13] *Gen.* 26. 3,4.

10 And confirmed the same unto [14] Jacob [15] for a law; *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant;

[14] *Gen.* 28. 13. and 35. 11. ¶ [15] To be inviolably observ'd, like a Law.

11 Saying, [16] Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, [17] the † lot of your inheritance.

† Heb. *cord.*

[16] *Gen.* 13. 15. and 15. 18. ¶ [17] *Josh.* 13. 6. and 14. 2. *Psal.*78.55.

12 When they were *but* [18] a few men in number: yea, [18] very few, and [19] strangers in it.

[18] *Gen.*34.-30. *Deut.*7.7. and 26.-5. ¶ [19] *Gen.*17. 8. and 28.4. and 37.1. *Heb.*11.9,13.

13 When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people.

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved [20] kings for their sakes;

[20] *Gen.*12.17. & 20.2.

15 *Saying*, [21] Touch not mine anointed; and do my prophets no harm.

[21] *Gen.*26.11,29.and 20.7. Hurt not the people consecrated to my self by the Gifts and Graces of my Spirit, nor those especially among 'em to whom I do familiarly reveal my Will, that they may teach others.

16 Moreover, he [22] called for a [23] famine upon the land: he brake the whole [24] staff of bread.

[22] *Matth.*8.9. ¶ [23] *Gen.*41.54. ¶ [24] *Lev.*26.26. *Isa.*3.1. *Ezek.*4.16. *Psal.*104.-15.

17 [25] He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant:

[25] *Gen.*45.5. & 50.20.

18 Whose feet they hurt with [26] fetters: † he was laid in iron;

[26] *Gen.*39. 20. † Heb. *his soul came into iron.*

19 Until the time that [27] his word came: the [27] word of the LORD tried him.

[27] God's Word, which came first to *Pharaoh* in a dream, and then to *Joseph* concerning the interpretation of it, which discover'd him to *Pharaoh* and his Courtiers, how innocent and knowing a person he was.

20 The king [28] sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

[28] *Gen.*41. 14.

21 He made him [29] lord of his house, and ruler of all his † substance:

[29] *Gen.*41. 20. †Heb. *possession.*

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

23 Israel also came [30] into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

[30] *Gen.*46.6.

24 And he [31] increased his people greatly; and made them stronger then their enemies.

[31] *Exod.*1.7.

25 He [32] turned their heart to hate his people, to [33] deal subtilly with his servants.

[32] See on *Exod.* 7. 13. By multiplying his People he gave occasion to the Egyptians of hating 'em, and did not restrain their malice. ¶ [33] *Exod.*1.10.

26 He [34] sent Moses his servant, *and* Aaron whom he had chosen.

[34] *Exod.*3.10. & 4.12.

27 *They [35] shewed † his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

* Ps.78.43.&c [35] *Exod.*7.9. † Heb. *words of his signs.*

28 He sent [36] darkness, and made it dark; and [37] they rebelled not against his word.

[36] *Exod.* 10. 22. ¶ [37] *Moses* and *Aaron*, (*v.* 26.) tho threatned by *Pharaoh*, (*Exod.*10.10.) yet denounc'd and inflicted this plague.

29 He [38] turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

[38] *Exod.*7.20.

30 Their land brought forth [39] frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

[39] *Exod.*8.6.

31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of [40] flies, *and* lice in all their coasts.

[40] *Ex.*8.17,24.

32 He gave † them [41] hail for rain: *and* flaming fire in the land.

† Heb. *their rain hail.* [41] *Exod.*9.23.

33 He smote their vines also and their fig-trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 He spake, and the [42] locusts came; and caterpillars, and that without number,

[42] *Ex.*10.4,13.

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land; and devoured the fruit of their ground.

Psal. 106.

36 He smote also all the [43] first-born in their land: the [44] chief of all their strength.

[43] *Exod.* 12.29. ¶ [44] *Gen.* 49. 3. *Psal.* 78. 51.

37 He [45] brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.

[45] *Exod.*12.35

38 Egypt was [46] glad when they departed: for the [47] fear of them fell upon them.

[46] *Exod.*12.33. ¶ [47] *Viz.* Lest they should be utterly destroyed for their sakes.

39 He spread a [48] cloud for a [49] covering; and fire to give light in the night.

[48] *Exod* 13.21. ¶ [49] *viz.* From the heat of the Sun.

40 *The people* asked, and he brought [50] quails; and satisfied them with the [51] bread of heaven.

[50] *Exod.*16.12. &c. ¶ [51] *Psal.*78.24,25. See there. Manna.

41 *He [52] opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.

* Psal.70. 16. 1 Cor.10. 4. [52] *Exod.* 17.6. *Numb.*20.11. 1 Cor.10. 4.

42 For he remembred his holy [53] promise, *and* Abraham his servant.

[53] *Gen.*15.14.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with † gladness:

† Heb. *singing.*

44 And [54] gave them the lands of the heathen; and they inherited the labour of the people:

[54] *Deut.*6. 10, 11. *Josh.*3. 17.

45 [55] That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. † Praise ye the LORD.

[55] *Deut.*4.1,40 & 26. 24,25. † Heb. *Hallelujah.*

PSAL. CVI.

1 The psalmist exhorteth to praise God. 4 He prayeth for pardon of sin, as God did with the fathers. 7 The story of the peoples rebellion, and Gods mercy. 47 He concludeth with prayer and praise.

† PRaise ye the LORD, [1] O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* [2] good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*

[1] 1 *Chron.*16.34. *Psal.*107.1. and 118.1. and 136.1. 1 *Thess.* 5.18. ¶ [2] *Psal.*119.68. *Matth.*19.17.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his [3] praise?

[3] Praise-worthy actions.

3 Blessed *are* they that [4] keep judgment; *and* he that [5] doth righteousness [6] at all times.

[4] Observe that which is just and right both towards God and Man. ¶ [5] *Psal.*15.2. ¶ [6] *Gal.* 6. 9. *Act.*24. 16. Both in prosperity and adversity.

4 [7] Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou beareſt unto* thy people: O visit me with thy salvation:

[7] *Psal.*25. 6.

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen; that I may rejoyce [8] in the gladness of thy nation: that I may glory with thine inheritance.

[8] In that cause of rejoycing thou affordest them.

6 [9] We have sinned with [10] our fathers: we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedly.

[9] *Dan.*9.5. [10] *Lev.*26.40.

7 Our fathers [11] understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembred not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked *him* at the sea, *even* [12] at the Red sea.

[11] Were not duly affected with 'em, so as to be led thereby to fear and trust in thee, and to obey thee. ¶ [12] *Exod.* 14. 11; 12.

8 Nevertheless, he saved them for [13] his names sake: that he might make his mighty power to be known.

[13] *Numb.* 14.13. &c. *Ezek.*20.44

9 [14] He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths as through the wilderness.

[14] *Exod.*14. 21. *Nah.*1.4. *Matth.*8.26.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*; and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And

Psal. 106.

11 And the waters [15] covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 Then [16] believed they his words; they [17] sang his praise.

13 They † [18] soon forgat his works; they waited not for his [19] counsel.

[15] *Exod.*14.27. & 15.5. [16] *Exod.*14.31. [17] *Exod.*15.1. † Heb. *made haste, they forgat.*

[18] *Exod.*15.24. ¶ [19] The discovery of his counsel and purpose concerning them, in those gracious supplies and provisions he made for 'em from time to time.

14 But † [20] lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

† Heb. *lusted lust.*

[20] *Numb.*11.4. *Psal.*78.-18 Inordinately desir'd flesh.

15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into [21] their soul.

[21] *Isa.* 10. 16. Their persons, (which were not nourish'd thereby, but were destroyed upon that occasion, *Num.*11.33.)

16 [22] They envied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the [23] saint of the LORD.

[22] *Numb.* 16. 1. &c. ¶ [23] Set apart for the Priesthood, *Lev.*21.6–8.

17 The [24] earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a [25] fire was kindled in their company; the flame burnt up the wicked.

[24] *Num.*16.31. *Deut.*11.16. [25] *Num.*16.35.

19 [26] They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their [27] glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

[26] *Exod.*32. 4. [27] *Jer.*2.-11. *Rom.*1.23. See there.

21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt:

22 Wondrous works in * the land of Ham, *and* terrible things by the Red sea.

* Psal.78.51. & 105. 23,27.

23 * Therefore [28] he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen [29] stood before him in the [30] breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them.*

* Deut.9.19. & 10.10.

[28] *Exod.*32.10. ¶ [29] *Exod.*32.11,32. ¶ [30] *Ezek.* 22. 30. *viz.* Which they had made by their sin, and at which God was ready to enter with his Judgments against 'em, (as an Enemy into a besieged Town.)

24 Yea, they [31] despised † the [32] pleasant land: they believed [33] not his word.

†Heb. *a land of desire.*

[31] *Numb.*14.3,4. ¶ [32] *Deut.*8.7. and 11.11,12. *Jer.*3.19. *Ezek.*20.-6. ¶ [33] His Promise of subduing their enemies, and giving them possession of it.

25 But [34] murmured in their tents, *and* hearkened not unto the [35] voice of the LORD.

[34] *Numb.* 14. 2. ¶ [35] Commanding 'em to march forward and take possession of the land, but talk't of returning back, *Numb.*14.4.

26 * Therefore he [36] lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

* Num.14.28. *Psal.*95. 11. *Ezek.* 20. 15. [36] Manifested his Power.

27 † To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to [37] scatter them in the lands.

† Heb. *to make them fall.* [37] *Lev.* 26.33. *Psal.*44. 11. *Ezek.*20.23.

28 They [38] joyned themselves also unto Baal-peor, and are the sacrifices of [39] the dead.

[38] *Numb.*25.2,3. and 31.16. 1 *Cor.*10.-20. In the worship of that Idol, and by fornication in his Temple, to his honour. ¶ [39] Idols, (*Rev.*2.-14.) which are dead stocks and stones, *Psal.*115.4–7.

29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and [40] executed judgment; and *so* the plague was [41] stayed.

[40] *Numb.*25.7. [41] *Jos.*1.-15.

31 And that was [42] counted unto him for righteousness, [42] unto all generations for evermore.

[42] *Deut.*24.-13. Owned and accepted by God (tho done without any publick Authority) as an eminent act of Justice and Piety, for which God conferr'd upon him and his Posterity, as a Reward for that service, the Office of the Priesthood, *Numb.*25.13.

32 [43] They angred *him* also at the waters of strife; so that it [44] went ill with Moses for their sakes,

[43] *Numb.*20. 3. [44] *Num.*20.12.

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did [45] not destroy the nations concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 * But were [46] mingled among the heathen, and learned their works;

36 And they served their idols, which were a [47] snare unto them.

37 Yea, they [48] sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto [49] devils,

[45] *Judg.*1.21,27 * Judg.2. 2. [46] *Judg.*3. 5, 6. [47] *Exod.*23.33. See there.

[48] 2 *King.*16.3. *Ezek.* 16. 20. ¶ [49] See on *Lev.* 17. 7. *Deut.*32.17. 1 *Cor.*10.20. *Rev.*9.20.

38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and * the land was polluted with blood.

* Num.35.33.

39 Thus were they defiled with their [51] own works, and *went [50] a whoring with their [51] own inventions.

* Lev.17.7. Numb.15.39.

[50] See on *Exod.*34.15. Committed Idolatry, (which is spiritual Whoredom.) ¶ [51] Which kind of Worship, both as to the object and matter of it, was but a humane device and invention.

40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he [52] gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them, ruled over them.

[52] *Judg.* 3.8. & 4. 2.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 [53] Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their [54] counsel, and were ‖ brought low for their iniquity.

‖ Or, *impoverished,* or *weakned.*

[53] *Judg.*2.16. *Neh.*9.28,30. ¶ [54] By following their own inventions.

44 Nevertheless, he regarded their affliction when he [55] heard their cry.

[55] *Judg.*3.9. and 4.3. and 6.7. and 10.10. 2 *King.*14.26,27.

45 * And he remembred for them his covenant, and [56] repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

* Deut.30. 3. [56] See on *Gen.* 6.6.

46 He made them also to be [57] pitied of all those that carried them captives.

[57] 1 *King.*8.-50 *Jer.*15.11. and 50.12.

47 * [58] Save us, O LORD our God, and [59] gather us from [60] among the heathen, to [61] give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to [61] triumph in thy praise.

* 1 Chron. 16. 35,36.

[58] *Viz.* As thou hast done formerly. ¶ [59] *viz.* From our dispersion or captivity. ¶ [60] The Psalmist here by the Spirit of Prophecy foresaw that for their sins they'd be carried Captives into strange lands, and so fits this Psalm for such a season. ¶ [61] Rejoyce in that we have such an occasion to praise thee.

48 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen. † Praise ye the LORD.

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*

Psal. 107.

PSAL. CVII.

1 *The psalmist exhorteth the redeemed in praising God, to observe his manifold providence,* 4 *over travellers,* 10 *over captives,* 17 *over sick men,* 23 *over sea-men,* 33 *and in divers varieties of life.*

1 O Give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* [1] good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[1] See on *Psal.* 106.1.

2 Let the [2] redeemed of the LORD say *so,* whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy:

[2] Whom the Lord has delivered out of the following, or any other calamities.

3 And [3] gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the † south.

†Heb. *the sea.*

[3] *Psal.*106.47. Brought 'em back from Captivity, Banishment, *&c.* to their own Country and Habitation.

4 They

Psal. 107.

4 They * wandred in the wilderneſs in a ſolitary way; they found [5] no city to dwell in.

[4] *Gen.*21.-14. ¶ [5] No place inhabited where they might refreſh themſelves, *v.*7.

[6] *Judg.* 15.18. 5 Hungry and thirſty, their ſoul [6] fainteth in them.

* V.13,19,28. [7] *Hoſ.*5.15. 6 * Then they [7] cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their diſtreſſes.

[8] *Ezra* 8.21. 7 And he led them forth by the [8] right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

* V.15,21,31. 8 * O that *men* would praiſe the LORD *for* his goodneſs, and *for* his wonderful works to the [9] children of men!

[9] Not only his own people, but to all mankind in general.

9 For he ſatisfieth the longing ſoul, and filleth the hungry ſoul with [10] goodneſs.

[10] Such good things as they ſtand in need of, *Pſal.* 103. 5. *Acts* 14.17. *Luke* 1.53.

10 ¶ Such as ſit in [11] darkneſs and in the [12] ſhadow of death, *being* bound in [13] affliction and iron:

[11] Dark priſons and dungeons. ¶ [12] See on *Job* 3. 5. ¶ [13] *Pſal.*105.18. Iron fetters, or chains, which afflict 'em, *Job* 36. 8.

* Pſal. 73. 24. & 119.24. 11 Becauſe they rebelled againſt the [14] words of God, and contemned * the [14] counſel of the moſt High:

[14] *Luke* 7.30. Either the written Word of God, or Light of Nature, *Rom.*2.12,14,15.

12 Therefore he brought down [15] their heart with labour; they [16] fell down and *there was* none to help.

[15] Their proud ſtomacks with ſome trouble or other. ¶ [16] Sunk under the burden of their trouble.

* V.6,19,28. 13 * Then they [7] cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he ſaved them out of their diſtreſſes.

[17] *Pſal.*68.6. & 146.-7. *Acts* 5.19. & 12.7. * V.8,21,31. 14 He [17] brought them out of [11] darkneſs, and the [11] ſhadow of death, and brake their bands in ſunder.

15 * Oh that *men* would praiſe the LORD *for* his goodneſs, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

[18] *Iſa.*45.2. Remov'd all impediments. 16 For he hath [18] broken the gates of braſs, and cut the bars of iron in ſunder.

17 ¶ [19] Fools, [20] becauſe of their tranſgreſſion, and becauſe of their iniquities, are [21] afflicted.

[19] Wicked men. ¶ [20] *Pſal.*38.5. *Lam.* 1.8. *Hebr.*3.10,11. ¶ [21] *Viz.* With ſickneſs.

[22] *Job* 33.20. * Pſal.9.13. & 88.3. 18 Their ſoul [22] abhorreth all manner of meat, and they * draw near unto the gates of death.

* V.6,13,28. 19 * Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, he ſaveth them out of their diſtreſſes.

* Pſal.147.15, 20.Matth.8.8. [23] 2 *Kings* 20. 4,5.*Job* 33.28. [24] *Pſal.* 103.4. 20 * He ſent his [23] word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their [24] deſtructions.

* V.8,15,31. 21 * Oh that *men* would praiſe the LORD *for* his goodneſs, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

† Heb. *ſinging.* 22 And let them ſacrifice the [25] ſacrifices of thankſgiving, and declare his works with † rejoycing.

[25] *Pſal.* 50. 14. and 116. 17. *Hebr.* 13. 17. *Lev.* 7. 12.

23 ¶ They that go down to the ſea in ſhips; that do buſineſs in great waters:

24 Theſe ſee the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

[26] *Jon.*1.4. † Heb. *maketh to ſtand.* 25 For he [26] commandeth, and † raiſeth the ſtormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

* Pſal.22.14. & 119.28. 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; * their ſoul is [27] melted becauſe of trouble.

[27] *Nah.*2.10. Their hearts faint, and their ſpirits fail.

27 They reel to and fro, and ſtagger like a drunken man, and † are at their wits end.

Pſal. 102.

28 * Then they [28] cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their diſtreſſes.

† Heb. *all their wiſdom is ſwallowed up.* * V.6,13,19. [28] *Matth.*8.25. [29] *Matth.* 8.26.

29 He maketh the ſtorm a [29] calm, ſo that the waves thereof are ſtill.

30 Then are they glad becauſe they be quiet; ſo he bringeth them unto their deſired haven.

* V.8,15,21. 31 * Oh that *men* would praiſe the LORD *for* his goodneſs, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him alſo in the congregation of the people, and praiſe him in the aſſembly of the [30] elders.

[30] *Pſal.*119.46. Not only in private, but in the moſt publick Aſſemblies, whether Eccleſiaſtical or Civil.

[31] Moiſt wariſh grounds. 33 ¶ He turneth [31] rivers into a wilderneſs, and the water-ſprings into dry ground:

† Heb. *ſaltneſs.* 34 A fruitful land into † barrenneſs, [32] for the wickedneſs of them that dwell therein.

[32] Tho' judgments upon particular perſons may be inflicted for trial and exerciſe of their graces, yet general judgments are always the fruit of ſin.

* Pſal. 114. 8. 35 * He [33] turneth the wilderneſs into [34] a ſtanding water, and dry ground into water-ſprings.

[33] *Iſa.*41.-18. ¶ [34] A well-water'd and fruitful Land.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And ſow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increaſe.

* Exod.1.7. 38 * He bleſſeth them alſo, ſo that they are multiplied greatly, and ſuffereth not their cattel to decreaſe.

39 [35] Again they are miniſhed and brought low through oppreſſion, affliction and ſorrow.

[35] On the other hand, when they prove ungrateful, and abuſe his mercies.

[36] *Job* 12.21. [37] *Job* 12.-24. ‖ Or, *void place.* 40 [36] He poureth contempt upon princes, and [37] cauſeth them to wander in the ‖ wilderneſs, *where there is* no way.

* 1 Sam. 2.8. Pſal.137. 7, 8. ‖ Or, *after.* * Pſal.63.6. * Prov. 10.11. 41 * Yet ſetteth he the poor on high ‖ from affliction, and * maketh *him* families like a flock.

42 The righteous ſhall [38] ſee *it*, and rejoyce; and all * [39] iniquity ſhall ſtop her mouth.

[38] *Job* 22.19. Diligently obſerve theſe various paſſages of Providence. ¶ [39] See on *Job* 5.16.

43 Whoſo *is* [40] wiſe, and will [41] obſerve thoſe *things*, even they ſhall [42] underſtand the loving kindneſs of the LORD.

[40] *Hoſ.*14.9. *Jer.*9.12. *Dan.*12.-10. *Pſal.*25.12. ¶ [41] Conſider and lay to heart. ¶ [42] Will ſee cauſe to acknowledge God's goodneſs and kindneſs to all, *Pſal.* 145.9.

PSAL. CVIII.

1 *David encourageth himſelf to praiſe God.* 5 *He prayeth for God's aſſiſtance according to his promiſe.* 11 *His confidence in Gods help.*

¶ A Song *or* Pſalm of David.

[1] From hence to *v.*6. See on *Pſal.*57.7-11. 1 O God, my heart is fixed; I will ſing and give praiſe, even with my glory.

2 Awake pſaltery and harp: I *my ſelf* will awake early.

3 I will praiſe thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will ſing praiſes unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the ‖ clouds.

‖ Or, *skies.*

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

[2] From hence to the end. See on *Pſ.*60.5,&c. 6 [2] That thy beloved may be delivered: ſave *with* thy right hand and anſwer me.

7 God hath ſpoken in his holineſs, I will rejoyce, I will divide Shechem, and meet out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead

Pſal. 109.

8 Gilead *is* mine, Manaſſeh *is* mine, Ephraim alſo *is* the ſtrength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver.

9 Moab *is* my waſhpot, over Edom will I caſt out my ſhoe: over Philiſtia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the ſtrong city? who will lead me into Edom?

11 *Wilt* not *thou*, O God, *who* haſt caſt us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hoſts?

12 Give us help from trouble; for vain *is* the help of man.

13 Through God we ſhall do valiantly: for he *it is that* ſhall tread down our enemies.

PSAL. CIX.

1 *David complaining of his ſlanderous enemies, under the perſon of Judas, devoteth them.* 16 *He ſheweth their ſin.* 21 *Complaining of his own miſery, he prayeth for help.* 30 *He promiſeth thankfulneſs.*

¶ To the chief muſician, A Pſalm of David.

* Pſal. 83. 1. *HOld not thy peace, O God [1] of my praiſe.

[1] *Rom.* 2.-29. Who haſt given me cauſe to praiſe thee.

† Heb. *deceit.* † Heb. *have opened* themſelves. 2 For the [2] mouth of the wicked, and the mouth of † the [3] deceitful † are opened againſt me: they have ſpoken againſt me with a lying tongue.

[2] 1 *Sam.* 24. 9. ¶ [3] Perfidious, diſſembling perſons.

[4] *Pſal.* 35. 7. & 69. 4. *Joh.* 11. 24, 25. 3 They compaſſed me about alſo with words of hatred: and fought againſt me [4] without a cauſe.

4 For my love they are my adverſaries: but I *give my ſelf unto* [5] prayer.

[5] *Pſal* 35. 13. and 69. 13. *Luke* 23. 34. For my own protection and their converſion.

[6] *Pſal.* 35. 12. & 38. 20. 5 And they have [6] rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a [7] wicked man over [8] him; and let

‖ Or, *an adverſary.* ‖ Satan ſtand at his [9] right hand.

[7] Some cruel, oppreſſing Tyrant. ¶ [8] Some particular perſon more implacable than the reſt: a Type of *Judas.* ¶ [9] *Zech.* 3. 1. *John* 13. 2, 27. *viz.* To accuſe him.

† Heb. *go out guilty*, or *wicked.* 7 When he ſhall be judged, let him † be condemned; and let his prayer [10] become ſin.

[10] *Prov.* 28.-9. and 15. 8. Be rejected; yea charg'd upon him as a crime.

[11] *Matth.* 27. 5. [12] *Acts* 1. 20. ‖ Or, *charge.* 8 Let his [11] days be few, *and* [12] let another take his ‖ office.

* Exod. 22. 24. 9 * Let his children be fatherleſs, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually [13] vagabonds, and beg: let them ſeek *their bread* alſo out of their [14] deſolate places.

[13] *Gen.* 4. 12, 14. *Iſa.* 16. 2. ¶ [14] Thoſe pitiful cotages and holes where they hide their heads.

* *Job* 5. 5. [15] All that he has gotten by his labour. 11 * Let the extortioner catch all that he hath: and let the ſtranger ſpoil his [15] labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherleſs children.

[16] *Job* 18. 19. [17] *Prov.* 10. 7. 13 Let his poſterity be [16] cut off, *and* in the generation following let their [17] name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be [18] remembred with the LORD: and let not the ſin of his mother be blotted out.

[18] *Exod.* 20. 5. So as that the puniſhment thereof may light upon him.

15 Let [19] them be before the LORD continually; that he may [20] cut off the memory of [21] them from the earth.

[19] The ſins of his Anceſtors. ¶ [20] *Job* 18. 17. *Pſal.* 34.-16. ¶ [21] His Anceſtors.

Pſal. 110.

16 Becauſe that he remembred not to ſhew mercy; but perſecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even ſlay [22] the broken in heart.

[22] *Pſal.* 34. 18. My ſelf, who was extreamly dejected and afflicted in ſpirit, by reaſon of my great preſſures.

17 [23] As he loved curſing, ſo let it come unto him: as he delighted not in [24] bleſſing, ſo let it be far from him.

[23] *Ezek.* 35.-6. As he delighted in and deſired miſchief to me. ¶ [24] Deſiring and procuring the welfare of others.

† Heb. *within him.* 18 As he clothed himſelf with curſing like as with his garment; ſo let it come † into his [25] bowels like water, and like oyl into his bones.

[25] *Numb.* 5. 22. Reach his moſt hidden parts, that ſo no part may eſcape free.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him; and for a [26] girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

[26] Let him be hamper'd in ſtraits and difficulties.

[27] To take away my life. 20 *Let* this *be* the reward of mine adverſaries from the LORD, and of them that ſpeak evil [27] againſt my ſoul.

[28] for thy names ſake: becauſe thy mercy *is* [29] good, deliver thou me. 21 But [28] do thou for me, O God the Lord,

[28] Appear for me, for the vindication of thy own honour, which is concern'd in my welfare. ¶ [29] Eminent, illuſtrious, exceeding bountiful.

22 For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

[30] *viz.* Into the grave. 23 I am [30] gone * like the [31] ſhadow, when it declineth: I am toſſed up and down as the locuſt.

* Pſal. 144. 4. [31] *Pſal.* 102. 11. 24 My knees are weak through faſting: and my fleſh faileth of fatneſs.

* Pſal. 22. 7. 25 I became alſo a reproch unto them: *when* they looked upon me, * they [32] ſhaked their heads.

[32] *Job* 16. 4. See there. Out of contempt and ſcorn.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O ſave me according to thy mercy:

27 That they [33] may know, that this *is* thy hand: *that* thou, LORD haſt done it.

[33] *Pſal.* 41. 11. May ſee evident marks of thy power in my deliverance.

28 Let them curſe, but [34] bleſs thou: when they [35] ariſe, let them be aſhamed; but let thy ſervant [36] rejoyce.

[34] 2 *Sam.* 16. 12. ¶ [35] Set themſelves about any buſineſs, or to do any thing againſt me. ¶ [36] *Iſa.* 65.-13, 14.

29 Let mine adverſaries be clothed with ſhame: and let them cover themſelves with their own confuſion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praiſe the LORD with my mouth: yea, I will praiſe him among the multitude.

* Pſal. 16. 8. & 73. 23. & 110. 5. & 121. 5. † Heb. *the judges of his ſoul.* 31 For * he ſhall ſtand at the right hand of the poor, to ſave *him* from † thoſe that condemn his ſoul.

PSAL. CX.

1 *The Kingdom,* 4 *the prieſthood,* 5 *the conqueſt,* 7 *and the paſſion of Chriſt.*

¶ A pſalm of David.

[1] THe LORD ſaid unto [2] my Lord, [3] Sit thou at my right hand, [4] until I make [5] thine enemies [6] thy footſtool.

[1] *Matth.* 22. 44. *Mark* 12. 36. *Luke* 20. 42. *Act.* 2. 34. 1 *Cor.* 15. 25. *Heb.* 1. 13. God the Father has decreed from all eternity that it ſhould be ſo, and in time has made it known, (*Pſal.* 2. 7.) and after his Reſurrection has actually executed it at his Aſcenſion into Heaven. ¶ [2] The Meſſiah, my Saviour, who being God by nature is my Lord, and God-Man by Office, is Lord of all. ¶ [3] Take the poſſeſſion of that ſupream Authority and Honour, and God-like Excellency, which

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Psal.111.

no Creature is capable of, *Hebr.* 1. 13. See there. *Eph.* 1. 20. ¶ 4 Much more then, for ever after, when all his enemies are destroy'd, (as *Psal.*112.-8.) ¶ 5 Sin, Death, the Devil and all wicked Men his Instruments, 1 *Cor.*15.26. *Luke* 19.14. ¶ 6 1 *Kings* 5.-3. *Psal.*91.13. *Josh.*10.-24. Perfectly subdued unto thee,

2 The LORD shall [7] send the rod of thy strength [8] out of Zion: [9] rule thou in the mids of thine enemies.

[7] Cause the Gospel to be publish'd by Christ and his Apostles and Ministers, which (being accompanied with his Spirit) is the powerful instrument and means for the administration of his Kingdom. [8] *Isa.*2.-3. *Mich.*4.-2. Which shall be first preach'd at *Jerusalem*, and to the Church of the Jews, (*Acts* 3.26. and 13. 46.) and from thence shall be spread all the world over. ¶ [9] Or, *Thou shalt rule*, *viz.* Safely and securely; not only by destroying thy implacable Enemies, but by subduing some to thy self by the Almighty power of thy converting grace, *v.*3.

3 [10] Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, [11] in * the beauties of holiness || from the womb of the morning: [12] thou hast the dew of thy youth.

* Psal.96.9.
|| Or, *more then the womb, &c. thou shalt have, &c.*

[10] The Elect, who are given to thee by the Father, shall become Voluntiers, and yield ready and chearful obedience to thee, when thou shalt put forth the Almighty power of thy converting grace in bringing 'em home to thy self. ¶ [11] Who shall be converted in the Assemblies of the Faithful from the very first preaching of the Gospel, *Acts* 2.-41. and 4.4. and 5.14. ¶ [12] And of these there shall be an innumerable company (like drops of dew) born unto thee in the earliest Gospel-times.

* See Zech. 6. 13.

4 * The LORD hath [13] sworn, and will not repent, [14] Thou *art* a priest [15] for ever, [16] after the order of Melchizedek.

[13] *Hebr.*7.21. and 8.6. To shew (1) the immutability of his Counsel. (2) The unchangeableness of Christ's Priesthood. (3) Its excellency above that of *Aaron*. (4) The strong Consolation which the Saints may receive from thence. ¶ [14] I have constituted thee so. ¶ [15] *Hebr.*7.3, 23, 24. ¶ [16] See on *Hebr.*5.10.*n.*33.

* Psal.16.8.

5 [17] The Lord * at thy right hand shall [18] strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

[17] The Lord Christ who sits at the Father's right hand, *v.*1. These are the words of the *Psalmist* to God the Father concerning his Son. ¶ [18] Utterly subdue and destroy his most potent enemies, when the time for the execution of his Judgments is come.

6 He shall [19] judge among the heathen; he shall fill *the places* with the dead [20] bodies: * he shall wound the [21] heads over || many countreys.

* Psal.68.21. Hab.3.13.
|| Or, *great.*

[19] Condemn and punish his Enemies of all Nations. ¶ [20] *Viz.* Of his Enemies. ¶ [21] The greatest Princes who have the largest Empires.

7 [22] He shall drink of the brook in the way: [23] therefore shall he [24] lift up the head.

[22] In the course of his life on Earth he shall be in a mean condition, (*Phil.*2.7,8.) and shall willingly indure many bitter sufferings, and undergo all the wrath of God that was due to Man for sin. *John* 18.11. ¶ [23] *Phil.*2.9. ¶ [24] *Psal.*3.4. and 27.6. *Jer.*52.-31. Rise victoriously out of the grave, ascend triumphantly into Heaven, and there enjoy the greatest Dignity, Authority and Happiness.

PSAL. CXI.

1 The psalmist by his example inciteth others to praise God for his glorious, 5 and gracious works.

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*
[1] *Psal.*33.-1. Sincere worshippers of God.

†PRaise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the [1] upright, and *in* the congregation.

2 [2] The works of the LORD *are* [3] great, [4] sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

[2] *Viz.* Towards his Church and People especially. ¶ [3] *Rev.* 15. 3. ¶ [4] Highly valued and regarded, and also frequently and diligently consider'd by those who take delight in the observation and consideration of 'em.

3 [5] His work *is* honourable and glorious: and [6] his righteousness endureth for ever.

[5] Every one of his works; and particularly his Providence over his people, brings honour to him. ¶ [6] His faithfulness in performing his promises.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be [7] remembred: * the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

Psal.112.
* Psal.86.5. & 103.8.

[7] Partly by appointing set times for the commemorating of 'em, and principally by their own nature, which were such that they could not be forgotten.

5 He hath given †[8] meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

† Heb. *prey.*
[8] All necessary provision; (as *Mat.*6.11.)

6 He hath [9] shewed his people [10] the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

[9] *Jer.*33.3. ¶ [10] His mighty power in the works wrought for 'em.

7 [11] The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his [12] commandments *are* sure.

[11] His works for his people and against their enemies are exactly agreeable to his promises and the rules of Justice. ¶ [12] His promises, threatnings and purposes shall certainly come to pass, *Psal.*19.7.

8 They †[13] stand fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and [14] uprightness.

† Heb. are *established.*
[13] *Isa.*40.8. *Matth.*5.-18. ¶ [14] With a sincere respect to all mens good and happiness.

9 He sent [15] redemption unto his people; he hath [16] commanded his covenant for ever: holy and [17] reverend *is* his name.

[15] Many particular deliverances, especially that from *Egypt*, as types and pledges of our eternal Redemption by Christ. ¶ [16] 1 *Chron.*16.-15. *Psal.* 42. 8. Appointed and firmly establish'd. ¶ [17] Terrible to his enemies, and to be reverenc'd of his people.

10 * [18] The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: || a [19] good understanding have all they that † do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

[18] See on *Job* 28.28.
[19] *Deut.*4.6.
* Prov.1.7. & 9.10. Eccles.12. 13. Ecclus 1.16.
|| Or, *good success.*
† Heb. *do them.*

PSAL. CXII.

1 Godliness hath the promises of this life, 4 and of the life to come. 10 The prosperity of the godly shall be an eye-sore to the wicked.

†PRaise ye the LORD: [1] *Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* [2] delighteth greatly in his commandments.

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*
* Psal.128.1.

[1] He is in the high-way to everlasting happiness, (and therefore truly wise, *Psal.*111.10.) ¶ [2] *Psal.* 1.2. and 119. 16,47,70.

2 His seed shall be [3] mighty upon earth: [4] the generation of the upright shall be [5] blessed.

[3] Numerous and prosperous. ¶ [4] The posterity. ¶ [5] *Psal.*37.-26.

3 [6] Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his [7] righteousness endureth for ever.

[6] *Prov.*3.-16. ¶ [7] *V.*9. (1) The Remembrance of his Bounty is very durable. (2) The Effects thereof continue long. (3) He entails a Blessing on his Posterity. (4) He shall have an eternal Reward in Heaven.

4 * Unto the upright there ariseth [8] light in the darkness: [9] *he is* gracious, and [9] full of compassion, and [9] righteous.

* Job 11.17. Psal.97.11.

[8] Joy and comfort (as *Esth.* 8. 16.) in the greatest calamities that can befal 'em, *Zech.* 14.-7. ¶ [9] The upright man is kind, merciful and favourable.

5 * A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with † [10] discretion.

* Psal.37.26. Luke 6.35.
† Heb. *judgment.*

6 Surely he shall [11] not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in [12] everlasting remembrance.

[10] *Prov.*13.16. *Eph.*5.15.
[11] See on *Psal.* 15.-5.
[12] *Prov.* 10.7.

7 He shall [13] not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is [14] fixed, trusting in the LORD.

[13] *Prov.*1.-33. *Isa.* 26.3.
[14] See on *Psal.* 57.7.

8 His heart *is* established; he shall not be afraid, [15] until he see *his desire* upon his enemies.

[15] (Much less then, afterwards; as *Psal.* 110. 1.)

9 He hath [16] dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his [17] righteousness endureth for ever; [17] his horn shall be exalted with honour.

[16] 2 *Cor.*9.9. *Eccl.*11.1.
[17] *Psal.*75.-10.

10 * The wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved;

* See Luke 13.28.

Psal. 115. * he ſhall gnaſh with his teeth, and * melt away: * the [18] deſire of the wicked ſhall periſh.

[18] To do the righteous a miſchief, or to ſee evil befal him.

* Pſal. 37.12.
* Pſal. 58.7,8.
* Prov. 10.28.

PSAL. CXIII.

1 *An exhortation to praiſe God for his excellency,* 6 *for his mercy.*

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*

† PRaiſe ye the LORD. Praiſe, O ye ſervants of the LORD, praiſe the name of the LORD.

[1] *Dan.* 2.20. *Luke* 1.68.

2 [1] Bleſſed be the name of the LORD, from this time forth and for evermore.

* Iſa. 59.19.

3 * [2] From the riſing of the ſun unto the going down of the ſame, the LORDs name *is* to be [3] praiſed.

[2] *Mal.* 1.11. ¶ [3] *Viz.* For his works of Creation and Providence, which all Nations do partake of at preſent; and for the riches of his grace in Chriſt, which all Nations alſo ſhall partake of in due time.

[4] *Pſal.* 97.9. [5] *Pſal.* 8.-1.

4 The LORD *is* [4] high above all nations; *and* his [5] glory above the heavens.

* Pſal. 89.6. [6] See on *Exod.* 15.11.

5 * [6] Who *is* like unto the LORD our God, who † dwelleth on high?

† Heb. *exalteth* himſelf *to dwell.*

6 * Who humbleth *himſelf* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth?

* Pſal. 138.6. Iſa. 57.15. [7] 1 *Sam.* 2.8. *Pſal.* 107.4. *Lam.* 4.5. [8] 2 *Sam.* 7.8. *Job* 36.-6,7. [9] 1 *Sam.* 2.-5. *Pſal.* 68.6.

7 [7] He raiſeth up the poor out of the duſt, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghil.

8 That he may [8] ſet *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the [9] barren woman to † keep houſe, *and to be* a joyful mother of children. Praiſe ye the LORD.

† Heb. *dwell in an houſe.*

PSAL. CXIV.

An exhortation by the example of the dumb creatures, to fear God in his church.

* Exod. 13.3. [1] *Pſal.* 81.-5. See there. n. 11 * Exod. 6.7. & 19.6. Deut. 27.9.

WHen * Iſrael went out of Egypt, the houſe of Jacob from a people of [1] ſtrange language;

2 * [2] Judah was his ſanctuary, *and* Iſrael [3] his dominion.

[2] The people of *Iſrael* (among whom *Judah* was the chief Tribe) became in a more eminent manner than formerly, his peculiar people, among whom he'd make himſelf known, and be worſhip'd, as in his Temple and Sanctuary, 2 *Cor.* 6.16. ¶ [3] The people over whom he'd rule, in a ſpecial manner, as their King, by his Word and Spirit.

[4] *Exod.* 14.21. *Pſal.* 77.16. [5] *Joſh.* 3.15,16. [6] *Exod.* 19.18. *Pſal.* 68.8. *Hab.* 3.10. [7] *Hab.* 3.8.

3 [4] The ſea ſaw *it*, and fled; [5] Jordan was driven back.

4 [6] The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.

5 [7] What *ailed* thee, O thou ſea, that thou fleddeſt? thou Jordan, *that* thou waſt driven back?

6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills like lambs?

7 [8] Tremble thou earth at the preſence of the Lord, at the preſence of the God of Jacob.

[8] *q. d.* No wonder that the Mountains and Hills did thus dance and skip, ſince this is nothing but what even the whole Earth it ſelf ought to do upon ſuch an occaſion.

* Pſal. 107.35. [9] *Exod.* 17.6. *Numb.* 20.11. *Deut.* 8.-15.

8 * Which [9] turned the rock *into* a ſtanding water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSAL. CXV.

1 *Becauſe God is truly glorious,* 4 *and idols are vanity,* 9 *he exhorteth to confidence in God.* 12 *God is to be bleſſed for his bleſſings.*

* Ezek. 36.32. * [1]

NOt unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto [2] thy name give glory; [3] for thy mercy, *and* for thy truths ſake.

[1] *q. d.* We deſire the good ſucceſs of our Armies againſt the Heathen, not ſo much out of reſpect to our ſelves, as for thy honour. ¶ [2] *Iſa.* 48.11. ¶ [3] That hereby it may be manifeſted how merciful thou art to thy people.

Psal. 116.

2 Wherefore ſhould the heathen [4] ſay, [5] Where *is* now their God?

[4] Have cauſe to ſay, (as they will have if thou ſhould'ſt now give us up into their hands.) ¶ [5] *Pſal.* 42.-10. and 79. 10. *Joel* 2.-17.

[6] *Pſal.* 135.6. *Rev.* 4.-11.

3 But our God *is* in the heavens; [6] he hath done whatſoever he pleaſed.

[7] *Pſal.* 135.15. *Deut.* 4.28. *Rev.* 9.20. ¶ [8] *Jer.* 10.3. *&c.*

4 [7] Their idols *are* ſilver and gold; the [8] work of mens hands.

[9] *Hab.* 2.18,19.

5 They have mouths, but they [9] ſpeak not; eyes have they, but they ſee not.

6 They have ears, but they hear not; noſes have they, but they ſmell not.

7 They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not; neither [10] ſpeak they through their throat.

[10] *V.* 5. Not ſo much as make the leaſt ſound, (as a very fly can.)

8 They that [11] make them are like unto them; [12] *ſo is* every one that truſteth in them.

[11] *Iſa.* 44.10. *&c.* Or, *Worſhip them.* ¶ [12] No more able to hurt the people of God than theſe Idols are.

* See Pſal. 118. 2,3,4. * Pſal. 33.20. Prov. 30.5.

9 * O Iſrael, truſt thou in the LORD: * he *is* their help and their ſhield.

10 O houſe of Aaron, truſt in the LORD: he *is* their help and their ſhield,

11 [13] Ye that fear the LORD, truſt in the LORD: he *is* their help and their ſhield.

[13] Of what Nation ſoever, *Acts* 2. 5. and 10. 35.

[14] Formerly.

12 The LORD [14] hath been mindful of us, he will bleſs *us*: he will bleſs the houſe of Iſrael; he will bleſs the houſe of Aaron.

* Pſal. 128.1,4. [15] *Gal.* 3.28. † Heb. *with.*

13 * He will bleſs them that fear the LORD, *both* [15] ſmall † and great.

14 The LORD ſhall [16] increaſe you more and more; you and your children.

[16] Multiply his mercies upon you, both ſpiritual and temporal.

15 You *are* bleſſed of the LORD, [17] which made heaven and earth.

[17] (And therefore can effectually bleſs you in ſpite of all your enemies.)

16 The heaven, *even* the heavens *are* the LORDs; but the earth hath he [18] given to the children of men.

[18] For their Habitation, Poſſeſſion and Uſe.

* Pſal. 6.5. Iſa. 38.18.

17 * [19] The dead praiſe not the LORD; neither any that go down into [20] ſilence.

[19] *Pſal.* 88.10-12. (And therefore we hope thou wilt not ſuffer us to be reduc'd into ſuch a condition.) ¶ [20] *Pſal.* 94.-17.

* Dan. 2.20.

18 * [21] But we will bleſs the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praiſe the LORD.

[21] We doubt not but we ſhall have occaſion ſo to do.

PSAL. CXVI.

1 *The pſalmiſt profeſſeth his love and duty to God for his deliverance.* 12 *He ſtudieth to be thankful.*

[1] *Pſal.* 18.1.

I [1] Love the LORD, becauſe he hath heard my voice, *and* my ſupplications.

† Heb. *in my days.*

2 Becauſe he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* † as long as I live.

† Heb. *found me.*

3 [2] The ſorrows of death compaſſed me, and [3] the pains of hell † gat hold upon me: I found trouble and ſorrow.

[2] *Pſal.* 18.4. Such pains and horrours as dying perſons uſe to feel.

4 Then

Pſal. 117.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beſeech thee deliver my ſoul.

5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and [3] righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

[3] To perform his promiſes, and ſave the innocent from their Oppreſſors.

6 The LORD preſerveth the [4] ſimple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

[4] Sincere and plain-hearted perſons, who dare not uſe thoſe crafty contrivances to ſave themſelves, as ſome do.

7 Return unto [5] thy reſt, O my ſoul; for the LORD hath [6] dealt bountifully with thee.

[5] That calmneſs and compoſure of Spirit which thou didſt formerly enjoy. ¶ [6] *Pſal.*13.16. Given thee freſh experience of his goodneſs.

8 For thou haſt [7] delivered my ſoul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from [8] falling.

[7] *Pſal.*56.13. See there. ¶ [8] *viz.* Into miſchief.

[9] See on *Pſal.* 56.13.

9 I will [9] walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

10 [10] I believed, therefore have I [11] ſpoken: I was greatly afflicted.

[10] 2 *Cor.* 4.13. *viz.* That God would be as good as his word. ¶ [11] Did thus boaſt of thy goodneſs and faithfulneſs in my greateſt ſtraits, and made open profeſſion of my confidence in thy promiſes.

11 I ſaid in [12] my haſte, All men *are* [13] liars.

[12] *Pſal.*31.12. Raſhly and unadviſedly. ¶ [13] *Rom.* 3. 4. Either liable to miſtakes, or willing to deceive; and therefore I had not beſt truſt to what *Samuel*, or others have ſaid, to put me in hope of the Kingdom, (for 1 *Sam.*27.1.)

12 [14] What ſhall I render unto the LORD, *for* all his benefits towards me?

[14] *q.d.* Yet notwithſtanding my diſtruſt, God has been better to me than my fears, and beſtowed many bleſſings upon me.

13 [15] I will take the cup of ſalvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

[15] I'll offer the Sacrifice of thanksgiving, (*v.* 17.) and praiſe the Lord in a ſolemn and joyful manner.

[*] Pſal. 22. 25. Verſ. 18.

14 * I will pay my vows unto the LORD, now in the preſence of all his people.

15 [16] Precious in the ſight of the LORD, *is* the death of his ſaints.

[16] *Pſal.* 72. 14. *q. d.* I have found by experience that tho mine enemies ſeek my death and deſtruction, yet God will not eaſily ſuffer 'em to have it at their diſpoſal; and if any ſons of violence procure it, they ſhall pay dearly for it.

[17] *Pſal.*86.-16.

16 O LORD, truly I *am* [17] thy ſervant, I *am* thy ſervant, *and* the ſon of thy handmaid: thou haſt looſed my bonds.

[18] *Lev.*7.12.

17 I will offer to thee the [18] ſacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

[*] Verſ. 14.

18 * I will pay my vows unto the LORD, now in the preſence of all his people.

19 In the courts of the LORDs houſe, in the midſt of thee, O Jeruſalem. Praiſe ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXVII.

An exhortation to praiſe God for his mercy and truth.

O Praiſe the LORD, [1] all ye nations: praiſe him, all ye people.

[1] Therefore all Nations ſhall be converted to Chriſt, of which this Pſalm is a Prophecy, *Rom.*15.11.

2 For his merciful kindneſs is great towards [2] us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praiſe ye the LORD.

[2] *Viz.* As well as to the Jews, in making us the Spiritual Seed of *Abram*.

PSAL. CXVIII.

Pſal. 118.

1 An exhortation to praiſe God for his mercy. 5 The pſalmiſt by his experience ſheweth how good it is to truſt in God. 19 The coming of Chriſt's kingdom typified.

[1] O * Give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: becauſe his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[1] *Pſal.*106.1. & 107.1. * 1 Chr.16.8.

2 Let [2] Iſrael now ſay, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[2] *Pſ.*115.9,10, 11. See there.

3 Let the [2] houſe of Aaron now ſay, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 Let them now that [2] fear the LORD, ſay, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD † in [3] diſtreſs: the LORD anſwered me, *and ſet me* in [4] a large place.

† Heb. *out of diſtreſs.*

[3] *Pſal.*120.1. ¶ [4] See on *Pſal.*18.19. and 31.-8.

6 * The LORD *is* † [5] on my ſide, I will [6] not fear: what can man do unto me?

* Pſal. 27. 1. Iſa. 51. 12. † Heb. *for me.*

7 [7] The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore ſhall I [8] ſee *my deſire* upon them that hate me.

[5] *Heb* 13. 6. [6] *Pſal.*56.4,11. [7] *Pſal.*54.4. [8] *Pſal.*54.-7.

8 [9] *It is* better to truſt in the LORD, then to put confidence in man.

[9] *Pſal.*62. 8,9. *Jer.* 17. 5,7.

9 *It is* better to truſt in the LORD, then to put confidence in [10] princes.

[10] *Pſal.*146. 3.

10 All nations compaſſed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I † deſtroy them.

† Heb. *cut them off.*

11 They [11] compaſſed me about, yea, they [11] compaſſed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will deſtroy them.

[11] *1 Sam.*23.26.

12 They compaſſed me about like [12] bees, they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will † deſtroy them.

[12] *Deut.*1.44. † Heb. *cut down*

13 Thou haſt thruſt ſore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD *is* my [13] ſtrength and ſong, and is become my ſalvation.

[13] *Exod.*15.2. *Pſal.* 18. 2.

15 The voice of rejoycing and [14] ſalvation *is* in the tabernacle of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

[14] Thanksgiving for that deliverance vouchſafed to me.

16 The right hand of the LORD [15] is exalted: the right hand of the LORD [15] doeth valiantly.

[15] Has appeared eminently, and wrought gloriouſly and powerfully on my behalf.

17 * [16] I ſhall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

* Hab. 1. 12.

[16] *q.d.* And from hence I conclude that God will not give me up into their hands.

18 The LORD hath chaſtened me ſore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 [17] Open to me the gates [18] of righteouſneſs: I will go in to them, *and* I will praiſe the LORD.

[17] *Pſal.* 24. 7. ¶ [18] The Gates of the Lords Houſe, (which have been long ſhut againſt me indeed, but ought to be open to all righteous perſons; and ſuch were all they to be that did enter into thoſe Gates, *v.*20. *Iſa.*26. 2.)

20 This gate of the LORD, into which [19] the righteous ſhall enter.

[19] *Rev.*21. 27.

21 I will praiſe thee, for thou haſt heard me, and art become my ſalvation.

22 * [20] The ſtone *which* the builders refuſed, is become the head *ſtone* of the corner.

* Mark 12.10. Luke 20.17. Acts 4. 11. Eph.2.20.

[20] *Matth.* 21.42. See there. And on 1 *Pet.*2.7.

23 This is † the [21] LORDs doing, it *is* marvellous in our eyes.

† Heb. *from the LORD.*

[21] The wonderful work of his infinite wiſdom and power.

24 [22] This *is* the day *which* the LORD [23] hath made, we will rejoyce and be glad in it.

[22] 2 *Cor.*6.2. ¶ [23] Made remarkable and illuſtrious by this marvellous work.

25 [24] Save now, I beſeech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beſeech thee, ſend now proſperity.

Psal. 119.

[24] Preserve and prosper the Kingdom of the Messiah (for this was applied to Christ even by the common sort of the Jews themselves, *Mark* 11.9. *John*.12. 13.)

26 [25] Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: [26] we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

[25] See on *Matth*. 21.9. ¶ [26] The Priests and Levites, whose Office it is to bless in Gods name, *Numb*. 6. 23. *Deut*.10.-8.

27 God [27] *is* the LORD, which hath [28] shewed us light; [29] bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

[27] Has shewed himself to be so by the accomplishment of his promises, *Exod*.6.3. ¶ [28] Brought us into a joyful, prosperous condition. ¶ [29] Solemnize this day with festival Joys and Sacrifices.

28 Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee; *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSAL. CXIX.

This psalm containeth sundry prayers, praises, and professions of obedience.

ALEPH.

‖ Or, *perfect*, or *sincere*.

† BLessed *are* ‖ the [1] undefiled [1] in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

† *David* having passed through variety of conditions, and in all of them having found wonderful benefit by the Word of God, thereupon recollects and leaves upon record in this Psalm his experiences concerning it, for the instruction of the Church in all succeeding Ages, and to quicken us to the diligent study and constant practice of it. ¶ [1] *Rev*. 14.4. Who sincerely endeavour to keep themselves free from the defilement of sin, throughout the whole course of their lives.

2 Blessed *are* they that keep his [2] testimonies, *and that* [3] seek him with the [4] whole heart.

[2] The Declarations of God's Will concerning what is to be known, believed, practised and expected by us. ¶ [3] In the exercise of Faith and Love, and the use of the Word and Prayer. ¶ [4] *v*.10. *Deut*.4.29. *Jer*.29. 13.

[5] 1 *John* 3.9. See there.

3 They also [5] do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts [6] diligently.

[6] *Deut*.6. 17.

5 [7] O that my ways were directed to keep thy [8] statutes.

[7] O that all my thoughts, counsels, inclinations, speeches and actions were so guided and establish'd by thy Word and Spirit that I might— ¶ [8] Thy Laws, enacted for the Government of the World.

6 Then shall I not be [9] ashamed, when I have [10] respect unto [11] all thy commandments.

[9] *V*. 80. 1 *John* 2.-28. and 4.17. *Dan*.12.-2. ¶ [10] A high valuation, hearty affection, diligent study, and constant practice. ¶ [11] *Luke* 1.6.

† Heb. *judgments of thy righteousness*.

7 I will [12] praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have [13] learned † thy [14] righteous judgments.

[12] *V*.171. Worship thee. ¶ [13] Been throughly instructed by thy Spirit in the meaning of thy Word, which is the only Rule of thy Worship, *Jer*.7.-31. and 19.-5. ¶ [14] Thy Law, which is thy judicial Sentence concerning our state and actions, according to which every man shall receive his Doom.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O [15] forsake me not [16] utterly.

¶ [15] Strengthen me in this work. ¶ [16] *Isa*.64.9.

BETH.

9 Wherewith shall a [17] young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to [18] thy word.

[17] One in the heat and strength of his Lusts; (and so most apt to transgress) a lover of sensual delight and pleasure, (*Eccl*.11.9. *Luke* 15.13.) and Liberty; to be at his own disposal (*John* 21.18.) and finding, *Luke* 15.12. ¶ [18] *V*. 11. *Psal*.37.31. *John* 15.3. and 17.17.

10 With my [19] whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from my commandments.

Psal. 119.

[19] *v*.-34,58,69

11 Thy word have I [20] hid [21] in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

[20] *Psal*.37.31. *Exod*.25.-21. *Josh*.1.8. *Job* 22.-22. *Prov*.2.1. *Col*.3.16. Laid it up carefully, as a choice treasure. ¶ [21] *i.e.* (1) In my understanding, by knowledg, *Prov*.2.10. (2) In my Will, by Faith, *Heb*.4.2. (3) In my affections, by love, delight, *&c*. *v*.97. *Psal*.1.2. (4) In my Judgment to prize it, *v*.72. (5) In my Memory, to retain it, *v*.15.97.

12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: [22] teach me thy [8] statutes.

[22] *V*.26,27,33,64,68,108, 124, 135. and 25.4,5. and 27.11. and 86.11. Both to know and practise 'em better, that so I may partake of thy blessedness.

13 With my lips have I [23] declared all [14] the judgments of thy mouth.

[23] *Psal*.34. 11.

14 I have rejoyced in the [24] way of thy [2] testimonies, as *much as* in [25] all riches.

[24] Study and practice. [25] *v*.72, 162.

15 I will [26] meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

[26] *v*.-23, 48, 97. & *Psal*.1.2.

16 I will [27] delight my self in thy statutes: I will [28] not forget thy word.

[27] *V*.24,47,77,92. and 1.2. and 40.8. ¶ [28] *v*.83,93,109, 141,157,176.

GIMEL.

17 Deal [29] bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may [29] live, and [30] keep thy word.

[29] God's Bounty and free Grace (not our own merit) is the cause of life. ¶ [30] And Gods service (not the satisfaction of our own Lusts) is the end of Life.

† Heb. *reveal*.

18 † [31] Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold [32] wondrous things out of thy law.

[31] Inlighten my mind by thy holy Spirit. ¶ [32] *v*.-27. The wonderful Purity, (*Psal*.19.8.) Equity, (*Rom*. 7. 12.) and wisdom of the Law, (*Deut*.4.6.) but especially the mysteries of the Gospel, 1 *Tim*.3.16.

* 1 Chr.29.15. Psal.39. 12. 2 Cor.5.6. Heb.11.13.

19 * I *am* [33] a stranger in the earth, [34] hide not thy commandments from me.

[33] *Gen*.47.9. See there. ¶ [34] Lest I should wander out of the way thereof, (being a stranger.)

20 My soul [35] breaketh for the longing *that it hath* [36] unto thy judgments at all times.

[35] *V*.40,131. and 42.1. Faints, (for *Prov*.13.12.) ¶ [36] To a more sound knowledge, and serious practice of 'em.

21 Thou hast [37] rebuked the [38] proud *that are* cursed, which do [39] err from thy commandments.

[37] Punish'd (and therefore I long for thy Judgments, (*v*.20.) lest I should be punish'd for the transgression of 'em.) ¶ [38] *V*.69,78,85,122. Wicked men (as *Psal*.10.2. & 40.-4. *Mal*.3.15. and 4.1. *Neh*. 9.16,29. *Jer*.13.15,17.) Who despise God and his laws and ways, affect worldly pomp and splendor, and sin with contempt of God's Laws and Judgments. ¶ [39] That proudly transgress and exalt themselves against God.

22 Remove from me [40] reproch and contempt; for I have kept thy [41] testimonies.

[40] *Psal*.39.-8. ¶ [41] (And therefore deserve not to be ill spoken of by 'em.)

† Heb. *men of my counsel*. [42] *Deut*.17. 19. *Josh*.1. 8.

23 [42] Princes also did [43] sit *and* [44] speak against me: *but* thy servant did [45] meditate in thy [8] statutes.

[42] *V*.161. *Saul*'s Courtiers and Grandees. ¶ [43] *viz*. In Counsel to ruine me, and in Judgment to pass sentence against me. ¶ [44] *Ezek*.33.30. ¶ [45] Study how to behave my self unblameably, and approve my self to thee.

24 Thy [2] testimonies also *are* my [27] delight, *and* † my [46] counsellors.

DALETH.

25 [47] My soul cleaveth unto the dust: [48] quicken thou me according to thy word.

[47] I am in extremity of distress and danger, (*Psal*.22.-15.) and of sorrow, *Psal*.44.25. ¶ [48] *v*.37,40, 50, 88, 93,107, 149,154,156,159. *Psal*.71.20. and 80.-18. Raise me up, by renewing my Comforts, and exciting my Graces. See on *v*.-50.

* Psal.25.4. & 27. 11. & 86.11.

26 I have [49] declared my ways, and thou heardest me: * [22] teach me thy [50] statutes.

[49] Distinctly and without hypocrisie laid open the state of my

Psal. 119. my heart, and all my concerns, my sorrows and dangers, my temptations and sins. ¶ 50 Which may counsel and comfort me in all cases.

27 Make me to 51 understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy 52 wondrous works.

51 *V.*12. *viz.* More fully and throughly. ¶ 52 *v.*18. and 145.5. Deliverances and Mercies, both to my self and others, recorded in thy Word.

†Heb. *droppeth* 28 My soul † 53 melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

53 *Psal.*107.26.and 22.-14. Languishes and pines away under extremity of sorrow for my sin, and thy displeasure upon it.

29 54 Remove from me the way of lying: and 55 grant me thy law 56 graciously.

54 Keep me from falling (1) Into any error or mistake about Religion. (2) Into a course of sinning, (as *Prov.*30.8.) (3) Into any indirect, deceitful course of dealing with others. ¶ 55 Write thy Law in my heart, (*Psal.* 37. 31. *Heb.*8.10.) that I may live according to it. ¶ 56 According to thy own favour and good pleasure.

30 I have 57 chosen the way of truth: 58 thy judgments have I 59 laid *before me.*

57 *V.*173. See there. 1 *King.* 8. 36. Taken up the profession of true Religion, and the strict observance thereof, 2 *Pet.*2. 2. Holiness must be our Choice, not our Refuge. ¶ 58 The precepts and directions of thy Word, according to the sentence of which every man shall receive his doom. ¶ 59 *Deut.* 17.19. Propounded 'em as the rule of my life.

31 I have 60 stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, 61 put me not to shame.

60 Kept close to the rule of thy Word, notwithstanding all temptations and discouragements. ¶ 61 Let me not fall into any sinful course, whereby either my self or Religion may be expos'd; or that I should be disappointed of my hopes and confidence in thee, which I boast of.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt 62 enlarge my heart.

62 Free me (by the actual assistance of thy Spirit, *Cant.* 4. 16.) from those shackles and restraints which confine my thoughts and affections that I can't let 'em out freely towards thee in holy duties, and bestow upon me (1) A greater measure of knowledge, 1 *King.*4.29. (2) Stronger degrees of love to God and goodness, 2 *Cor.* 6. 11. (3) And chiefly, An increase of comfort through the assurance of thy love in Christ, *Isa.*60.5. *Psal.*51.12.

H E.

33 22 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy
63 *Rev.*2. 15. *Mat.* 10. -22. statutes, and I shall keep it *unto* the 63 end.

64 *v.* 27. 34 64 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* 19 whole heart.

35 65 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

65 Direct my mind into the right way, incline my Will, and strengthen my Resolution.

36 66 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to 67 covetousness.

66 *v.*112. *Psal.* 141. 4. ¶ 67 An inordinate love to, and greedy desire after worldly things, which is the root of all evil, (1 *Tim.*6.20.) and the great hindrance of obedience and profiting by the Word, (*Matth.*13.22. *Luke* 16.14.) and therefore especially to be avoided by Magistrates, *Exod.*18.21.

†Heb. *make to pass.* 37 † Turn away mine eyes from 68 beholding 69 vanity; *and* 48 quicken thou me in thy way.

68 *Numb.*15.-39. 2 *Sam.*11.2. *Job.*31.1. *Prov.*4.25. and 23. 5. *Isa.*33.-15. *Matth.*5.28. *viz.* With admiration and inordinate affection. ¶ 69 Carnal and worldly things.

38 70 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.

70 2 *Sam.* 7. 25. Let me be confirmed more and more in the belief of thy promise, that I may look upon it as a firm and stable thing; and let it be confirmed and made good to me, by the actual performance of it.

39 Turn away 71 my reproch which I fear: for 72 thy judgments *are* good.

71 *V.*31. The calumnies of my enemies (by reason of my failings and infirmities.) ¶ 72 Thy Word contains Rules and Directions by the observation whereof the credit and reputation of thy people will be maintain'd and secur'd.

* Ver.25,88, 107,149, 156, 159. 40 Behold, I have 73 longed after 74 thy precepts: * 48 quicken me 75 in thy righteousness.

¶ 73 See on *v.*20. ¶ 74 A greater confirmation of 'em. ¶ 75 In obedience to thy righteous Law, and according to thy faithful promise.

Psal. 119.

V A U.

41 Let thy mercies 76 come also unto me, O LORD; *even* thy salvation according to thy word.

76 See on *v.*77.

42 ‖ So shall I have wherewith to 77 answer him that reprocheth me: for I trust in thy word.

‖ Or, *So shall I answer him that reproacheth me in a thing.*

77 Confute them that reproach my piety, and trust in thee, by shewing that I have not trusted thee in vain.

43 And 78 take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have 79 hoped in thy judgments.

78 Deny me not for ever the Liberty, Opportunity, Grace and Courage to make open profession of my Faith in thy Word, which I have always owned and asserted to be infallibly certain, and accordingly have made my boast of it as such. ¶ 79 *v.*-49,74,81, 147. *Psal.*130.-5. Plac'd all my confidence there, (and therefore would openly profess what my expectations are from it.)

44 80 So shall I keep thy law continually, for ever and ever.

80 *q. d.* By hoping in thy Judgments, (*v.*-43.) I shall be engaged, encouraged, and enabled to keep——

45 And I will walk † 81 at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

†Heb. *at large.*

81 Being freed from my straits and difficulties, I'll serve thee with greater chearfulness and comfort.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also 82 before kings, and will not be ashamed.

82 *Mat.*10. 18. *Dan.*3.16-18. *Act.*26.1,2.

47 And I will 27 delight my self in thy commandments which I have loved.

48 83 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments which I have loved: and I will 26 meditate in thy statutes.

83 I'll apply my self diligently to the observation of thy Commandments, and set vigorously about it.

Z A I N.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to 84 hope.

50 83 This *is* my 85 comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath 86 quickened me.

84 Thy Word. ¶ 85 *v.*-143. ¶ 86 Communicated and maintained spiritual Life in me, and also made me lively and vigorous in the exercise of Grace, and performance of Duty. See *n.*48.

51 38 The proud have had me greatly 87 in derision: *yet* have I not declined from thy law.

87 *viz.* For adhering to thy law.

52 I remembred 88 thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted my self.

88 Thy righteous dispensations recorded in Scripture, which, as a just Judge, thou hast executed in all Ages, in punishing the wicked, and delivering the godly, *Psal.*77.5,11, 12. & 143.5. & 105.5.

53 89 Horrour hath taken hold upon me, because of the wicked that 90 forsake thy law.

89 *V.*136,158. *Ezr.*9.3. and 10.-6. *Isa.*24.16. *Jer.* 13. 17. *Dan.*4.19. *Hab.*3.16. 2 *Pet.*2.8. *Mark* 3.-5. *Luke* 19.41,42. 2 *Cor.*12.21. ¶ 90 (And thereby bring dishonour to God, and Judgments upon themselves, and the place where they live.)

54 Thy statutes have been my 91 songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

91 Matter of pleasure, joy and refreshing in the places of my wandring.

55 I have remembred thy 92 name, O LORD, 93 in the night, and 94 have kept thy law.

92 Thy holy Nature and Attributes, thy blessed Word, and wonderful Works. ¶ 93 *Psal.*63.6. ¶ 94 Have thereupon resolved to persevere in obedience to thy law.

56 95 This I had, because I kept thy 96 precepts.

95 These benefits forementioned; particularly, This comfortable and profitable remembrance and contemplation of thy Name and Statutes, *v.* 54, 55. ¶ 96 (Which if I had transgress'd, they would but have brought trouble and fear upon me, and not afforded comfort.)

C H E T H.

57 *Thou art* my 1 portion, O LORD: I have said, that I would keep thy words.

1 *Psal.*16.5. & 73.26. & 142.5. *Lam.*3. 24.

Psal. 119.

† Heb. *face.*
[2] *v.*10,134.

58 I intreated thy † favor with *my* [2] whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

59 [3] I thought on my ways, and [3] turned my ways unto thy testimonies.

[3] *Luke* 15. 17. I consider'd both what I had done, and what I ought to do, and thereupon have ordered my whole conversation according to the rule of thy Word.

[4] *Luke* 19. 6. *Gal.*1.16.

60 [4] I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

‖Or, *companies*

61 [5] The ‖ bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law.

[5] Multitudes of my enemies, who combin'd together against me, have done me many injuries for my respect to thy Law, 1 *Sam.*30.3,5. 2 *Sam.*16.22.

62 [6] At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, [7] because of thy [8] righteous judgments.

[6] *Act.*16.25. ¶ [7] *v.*-164. ¶ [8] *v.*7. In delivering the Godly, and punishing the wicked, according to thy Word.

[9] *v.*79. *Psal.* 16.-3.

63 I *am* a [9] companion of all *them* that fear thee; and of them that keep thy precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: [10] teach me thy statutes.

[10] *V.*12. Which I desire above all other blessings wherewith thou hast stor'd the earth.

TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me [11] good judgment, and [11] knowledge: for I have believed [12] thy commandments.

[11] Ability to judge aright of things, and also spiritual and experimental knowledg. ¶ [12] That they come from thee, and that the promises and threatnings thereof are sure and certain: *q. d.* I believe I must stand or fall by this Rule, and therefore let me know all my Duty.

67 Before I was afflicted, I [13] went astray: [14] but now have I kept thy word.

[13] *Deut.*32.15. *Prov.* 1.-32. *Jer.* 22. 21. ¶ [14] *v.* 71,75. *Jer.*31.18,19. *Heb.*12.10.

68 [15] Thou *art* good, and [16] doest good; teach me thy statutes.

[15] *Matth.*19.17. ¶ [16] *Matth.* 5. 45. Even by Afflictions, *v.*67,71.

69 [17] The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* [18] whole heart.

[17] See on *v.*21. They that disdain to be tied to the common and plain rules of honesty. ¶ [18] *v.* 10,34,58,69.

* Psal.17.10.

70 * Their heart is as [19] fat as grease, *but* I delight in thy law.

[19] *Isa.*6.10. *Act.*28.27. Carnal, sottish and senseless, being glutted with worldly, sensual delights.

*Heb.12. 10, 11.

71 * *It is* [20] good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy [21] statutes.

[20] *v.*67. ¶ [21] To observe 'em better than ever I did afore.

72 [22] The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me, then thousands of gold and silver.

[22] *V.*14.162. *Psal.*19.10. *Prov.*8.10,11,19. and 3. 14. and 16.16.

JOD.

73 [23] Thy hands have made me, and fashioned me: give me [24] understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

[23] *Job* 10. 8. *Psal.* 139. 14-16. ¶ [24] Such a spiritual knowledge of thy Will, as may bring me to a more perfect and entire submission thereto.

74 [25] They that fear thee, will be glad when they [26] see me: because I have [27] hoped in thy word.

[25] *V.* 79. ¶ [26] *Psal.*34.5. *viz.* Supported in my troubles, and deliver'd out of 'em, and so become a monument of thy mercy and truth, and a notable example of the benefit of hoping in thy Grace. ¶ [27] And that not in vain, but have found the benefit thereof.

† Heb. *righteousness.*

75 [28] I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* † right; and *that* thou [29] in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Psal. 119.

[28] I fully understand, and am well assur'd of this Truth, both by thy Word, (*Deut.* 32. 4.) and my own observation and experience, that thy judicial dispensations in punishing the wicked, and correcting thy Children (which are acts of Justice) are agreeable to the rules of Justice and Wisdom, both as to the cause, not above their desert (*Job* 34.23.) the measure, not above their strength, (*Isa.*27.8. *Jer.*30.11.) the end or use, being fitted to the purpose for which they are appointed. ¶ [29] *Psal.*25.10. In pursuance of thy promises, and in order to my good. God is not only faithful notwithstanding afflictions, but faithful in sending afflictions.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be † for my comfort, according to thy word, unto thy servant.

† Heb. *to comfort me.*

77 Let thy tender mercies [30] come unto me, that I may [31] live; for thy law *is* [32] my delight.

[30] Be effectually and sensibly applied unto me, so as that I may have experience thereof in my own Soul. ¶ [31] *viz.* Comfortably and chearfully. ¶ [32] *v.* 16,24,47,92,143,174.

78 Let the [33] proud be ashamed, for they dealt [33] perversly with me without a cause; *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.

[33] Out of meer malice and perverseness of Spirit.

79 Let those that fear thee, [34] turn unto me; and those that have [35] known thy testimonies.

[34] Desert the Society of these proud men, and joyn themselves to me; as acknowledging the equity of that Cause that thou ownest, and willingly conversing with him whom thou disdainest not to take into favor. ¶ [35] Loved and practis'd.

80 Let my heart be [36] sound in thy statutes; that I be not [37] ashamed.

[36] By an enlightned Judgment, awakened Conscience, regular Will, and sanctified affections. ¶ [37] Neither before God, but may appear in his presence, and at the day of Judgment with confidence; nor before men, by reason of any scandalous sin, or grievous punishment, whereby I should be made a laughing-stock to 'em.

CAPH.

81 My soul [38] fainteth for thy salvation: *but* [39] I hope in thy word.

[38] *Psal.*84.2. Sinks under the burden of grievous and tedious afflictions, and can hold out no longer in waiting for deliverance. ¶ [39] I'll still continue to hope, even against hope, that in due time thou wilt fulfil thy promise.

82 [40] Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

[40] *V.*123. *Psal.*63.-9. *Isa.*38.14. *Deut.* 28. 32. With long looking for the accomplishment of thy promise.

83 For I am become [41] like a bottle in the smoke: *yet* do I not [42] forget thy statutes.

[41] Wrinkled and shrivel'd up with sorrow. ¶ [42] *v.* 16. Neglect.

84 How many *are* the [43] days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

[43] *Psal.*89.47. and 37.-13. *Rev.* 6. 10. *viz.* Wherein I must lie in this calamitous condition.

85 The [44] proud have [45] digged pits for me, [46] which *are* not after thy law.

[44] See on *v.*21. ¶ [45] *Psal.*35.7. *Prov.*16.27. ¶ [46] Which practice of theirs is absolutely contrary to thy Law.

† Heb *faithfulness.*

86 All thy commandments *are* † faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They almost had consumed me [47] upon earth; but [48] I forsook not thy precepts.

[47] As to this present Life, or the comforts of this world. ¶ [48] When at lowest I still kept Faith and a good Conscience.

88 [49] Quicken me after thy loving kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

[49] *V.*25,50. See there. Enliven my Graces, and bring me out of this forlorn condition.

LAMED.

89 [50] For ever O LORD, [51] thy word is setled in heaven.

[50] *V.*-152,160. *Psal.*89.2. ¶ [51] *Psal.*89.-2. *Isa.*40.8. *q. d.* The being and order of the heavenly Bodies, and their constancy in keeping that course and method wherein they were at first setled by thy word and will, is an emblem of the constancy and invariable truth of thy Gospel-covenant, *Matth.* 5.18. and 24, 30.

Psal.119.

90 Thy faithfulneſs *is* †[1] unto all generations: thou haſt eſtabliſhed the [2] earth, and it † [3] abideth.

† Heb. *to generation and generation.*
† Heb. *ſtandeth.*

[1] And not only the conſtancy of the heavenly Bodies, (*v.*51.) but alſo the ſtability of the Earth is an emblem of thy faithfulneſs. ¶ [3] *Eccl.* 1.4.

91 [4] They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* [5] thy ſervants.

[4] Heaven and Earth and all Creatures remain in the ſame ſtate wherein thou didſt place 'em, by virtue of thy appointment at firſt, *Pſal.*148.6. (and therefore thy word and promiſes alſo are invariable.) ¶ [5] *Iſa.* 48.13. *Pſal.*135. 6. and 148.8. *Job* 38.12. *Judg.*5.20. *Mich.*8.9.

92 Unleſs * [6] thy law *had been* [7] my delights, I ſhould [8] then have periſhed in mine affliction.

* Verſe 24.

[6] The whole Word of God; chiefly the promiſes of ſupport and deliverance. ¶ [7] *V.*-77, 143. See on *v.* 16. *Rom.*15.4. My chief, continual, and only delight, wherewith I was refreſh'd. ¶ [8] At that very inſtant, while I was under thy afflicting hand.

93 I will [9] never forget [10] thy precepts: for with them thou haſt [11] quickned me.

[9] Ever retain a lively ſenſe of 'em upon my heart, and prize and cleave faſt to 'em. ¶ [10] Thy Word in general, eſpecially the Goſpel part of it, and ſome particular Truths bleſſed to his comfort. ¶ [11] See on *v.* 50.

94 I *am* [12] thine, [13] ſave me: for I have ſought thy precepts.

[12] By Covenant, Contract and Reſignation. ¶ [13] *Iſa.* 64. 8,9. 1 *Tim.*5.8.

95 The wicked have waited for me to deſtroy me: *but* I will conſider thy [14] teſtimonies.

[14] As the beſt defence againſt bloody Attempts.

96 I have ſeen [15] an end of all perfection; *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding [16] broad.

[15] A ſtreightneſs and defect, in the moſt excellent of all Creatures, and in the greateſt glory of all natural accompliſhments, as to the making of men happy. ¶ [16] Both for its uſe, being ſuited to all perſons, in all times and conditions, and for all purpoſes, reaching to all actions, motions and circumſtances attending 'em; and alſo for continuance, (*Matth.* 5.18. and 24.35.) It's of eternal obligation, and everlaſting efficacy, and will make men happy both here and hereafter.

MEM.

[17] V.127,159, 163,167.
[18] *Pſal.*1.-2.
† Heb. *it is ever with me.*

97 O how [17] love I thy law! it *is* my [18] meditation all the day.

98 Thou through thy commandments haſt made me [19] wiſer then mine enemies; for † they *are* [20] ever with me.

[19] *Deut.*4.6. 1 *Sam.*18.-30. As having thy Wiſdom to guide me, not only in ſpiritual but temporal concerns; and I find that piety is the beſt policy; even as to the things of this world. ¶ [20] Continually in my eye, thoughts and heart to guide me in all my ways.

99 I have more [21] underſtanding then all my teachers; for thy teſtimonies *are* my meditation.

[21] Spiritual, experimental knowledge, above the generality of the publick Teachers of thoſe times, (who probably were very corrupt.)

100 I underſtand more then the [22] ancients; becauſe I keep thy precepts.

[22] *Job* 32. 9. Perſons of much age and experience.

101 I have [23] refrained my feet from [24] every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

[23] Kept a ſtrict hand over my Affections and Converſation. ¶ [24] *v.*104,128.

[25] See on *v.* 7.

102 I have not departed from thy [25] judgments: for thou haſt taught me.

[26] *Pſ.* 19.-10. *Prov.*8.11.
† Heb. *palate.*

103 How [26] ſweet are thy words unto my † taſte! *yea, ſweeter* then hony to my mouth.

[27] *v.*128. *Pſal.* 97.10. & 101. 3. *Prov.* 8.13.
‖ Or, *candle.*

104 Through thy precepts I get underſtanding: therefore I [27] hate every falſe way.

NUN.

105 Thy word *is* a ‖ [28] lamp unto my [29] feet; and a [28] light unto my [29] path.

[28] *Prov.*6.23. 2 *Pet.*1.19. Of uſe both by day and night; in proſperity and adverſity, for direction in the way of duty, (*Pſal.*43.3.) for conviction of ſin, (*Eph.*5.13. 1 *Cor.*14, 24,25.) and for comfort in diſtreſs, *Pſal.*19.8. and 23.-4. ¶ [29] Both in the particular actions and general courſe of my life.

106 I have [30] ſworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

Pſal. 119.

[30] 2 *Chr.*15.15. *Neh.*10.29.

107 I am afflicted very much: [31] quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

[31] *V.*25,50. See there. Keep me from fainting, by reviving the ſenſe of thy love, and the hopes of glory.

108 Accept, I beſeech thee, the [32] freewill-offerings of my mouth, O LORD; and * teach me thy judgments.

* V.12,26.

[32] *Lev.*22.18. *Numb.*29.39. The Sacrifices of prayer and praiſe.

109 [33] My ſoul *is* continually in my hand: yet [34] do I not forget thy law.

[33] *Judg.*12.3. 1 *Sam.*19.5. *Job* 13.14. My life is expos'd to continual danger, 1 *Cor.* 15. -31. *Matth.* 10. 16. *Rom.* 8. 36. 2 *Cor.*11.23. ¶ [34] *V.*83,109,153. I am not thereby diſcouraged to truſt in thy promiſes, or induc'd to tranſgreſs thy commands.

110 The wicked have [35] laid a ſnare for me: yet [36] I erred not from thy precepts.

[35] *Pſal.*140.5. and 141.9. ¶ [36] I us'd no indirect courſes to bring my ſelf out of danger.

111 Thy [37] teſtimonies have I taken as [38] an heritage for ever: for * they *are* the rejoycing of my heart.

* V.77,92,174

[37] See on *v.*2. ¶ [38] *Deut.*33.4. My chief portion, from which I'll never depart.

112 I have [39] inclined mine heart † to perform thy ſtatutes alway, *even unto* the end.

† Heb. *to do.*

[39] *V.*36. A godly man acts, not only as enjoyn'd, but as inclin'd.

SAMECH.

113 I hate [40] *vain* thoughts: but thy law do I love.

[40] *Jer.*4.14.

114 Thou *art* my [41] hiding-place, and [42] my ſhield: I hope in thy word.

[41] *Pſal.*32.7. and 31.20. and 91.1. There is ſecreſie (*Pſal.* 27.5.) to keep us out of danger. ¶ [42] There's ſecurity to keep us in danger.

115 * [43] Depart from me, ye evil doers; for I will [44] keep the commandments of my God.

* Pſal. 6.8. & 139.19.

[43] *Matth.*7.-23. If we would keep cloſe to the commands of God, we muſt keep at a diſtance from wicked men: Separation from them is neceſſary to a conjunction with God. ¶ [44] (Wherein I ſhall be but hindred by your ſociety.)

116 [45] Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may [46] live: and let me not be aſhamed of my hope.

[45] Strengthen me by thy grace againſt aſſaults and temptations. ¶ [46] Be lively and chearful.

117 Hold thou me up, and I ſhall be ſafe: and I will have reſpect unto thy ſtatutes continually.

118 Thou haſt [47] trodden down all them that [48] err from thy ſtatutes: for [49] their deceit *is* falſhood.

[47] *Mal.*4.3. Brought under, yea reduc'd to a contemptible condition. ¶ [48] See on *v.*21. ¶ [49] All their pretences of piety and juſtice are found to be fraud and impoſtures, and their crafty devices to enſnare and ruin me, ſhall fail and tend to their own ruin.

† Heb. *cauſeſt to ceaſe.*
* Ezek.22.8.

119 [1] Thou † putteſt away all the wicked of the earth * *like* droſs: [2] therefore I love thy teſtimonies.

[1] *Matth.*3.10,12. ¶ [2] Becauſe I am thereby taught ſo to live that I may not periſh with the wicked.

120 My fleſh [3] trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy [4] judgments.

[3] *Hab.*3.16. ¶ [4] Executed on the wicked, *v.* 118,119.

AIN.

[5] 2 *Sam.* 8.15.

121 I have done [5] judgment and [5] juſtice: leave me not to mine oppreſſors.

122 [6] Be ſurety for thy ſervant for good: let not the [7] proud oppreſs me.

[6] *Iſa.*38.14. Undertake to ſecure and protect me. ¶ [7] See on *v.*21.

123 Mine eyes fail for [8] thy ſalvation; and [9] for the word of thy righteouſneſs.

[8] In

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Pſal.119.

[8] In looking for deliverance by thee from thoſe evils I lye under. ¶ [9] *V.*82. For the accompliſhment of that promiſe which thou wilt at length faithfully perform.

124 Deal with thy ſervant according unto
[10] 2 *Tim.*1.16, 18. thy [10] mercy, and * teach me thy ſtatutes.
* Verſe 12.

125 I *am* thy ſervant; give me underſtanding, that I may know thy teſtimonies.

126 *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, [11] to work: *for* they have [12] made void thy law.

[11] To puniſh thy enemies and deliver thy people. ¶ [12] Caſt off all regard to it.

* Pſal.19.10. Verſe 72. Prov.8.11.

127 [13]* Therefore I love thy commandments [14] above gold, yea above fine gold.

[13] *Viz.* Becauſe others deſpiſe thy ways and laws, *v.*—126. ¶ [14] See on *v.*72.

128 [15] Therefore I eſteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* [15] right; *and* I * [16] hate every falſe way.
* Verſe 104.

[15] Exactly agreeable to the rules of right reaſon. ¶ [16] *v.* 104.

PE.

129 Thy teſtimonies *are* [17] wonderful: therefore doth my ſoul keep them.

[17] *V.*18. Far above the reach of all natural abilities to find out or comprehend, and containing excellent directions and precious promiſes.

130 [18] The entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth underſtanding unto the [19] ſimple.

[18] *Prov.*1.4. When men firſt enter upon the ſtudy of the Word, and begin to be acquainted with it, they preſently feel their Underſtandings marvelouſly enlightned with clear and uſeful knowledge. ¶ [19] See on *Pſal.*19.—7.

131 I opened my mouth, and [20] panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

[20] *V.* 20. Was out of breath, as it were, by my eager purſuit after the ſaving knowledge of thy Word, and to find the light, comfort and power thereof in my own ſoul.

* 2 Theſſ.1.6, 7. † Heb. *according to thy cuſtom towards thoſe*, &c.

132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, *-† as thou [21] uſeſt to do unto thoſe that love thy name.

133 * [22] Order my ſteps in thy word; and [23] let not my iniquity have dominion over me.

[22] Direct and govern all my ways according to the rule of thy Word. ¶ [23] *Pſal.* 19.13.

134 Deliver me from the oppreſſion of man: [24] ſo will I keep thy precepts.

[24] This will be a freſh and ſtrong engagement upon me ſo to do.

[25] *Num.*6.25. *Pſal.*4.6. [26] *v.*12. [27] See on *v.*53. * Jer. 9.1. & 14.17. See Ezek. 9.4.

135 Make thy face to [25] ſhine upon thy ſervant; and [26] teach me thy ſtatutes.

136* [27] Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, becauſe they keep not thy law.

TSADDI.

137 [28] Righteous *art* thou, O LORD; and upright *are* thy [29] judgments.

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151 Thou *art* [48] near, O LORD; and all thy commandments *are* [37] truth.

152 Concerning thy teſtimonies, I have known [49] of old, that thou haſt founded them [50] for ever.

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157 Many *are* my perſecutors, and mine enemies: [55] *yet* do I not decline from thy teſtimonies.

158 I beheld the tranſgreſſours, and [56] was grieved: becauſe they kept not thy word.

|| Or, *many.* * Verſe 149. [55] *Pſal.*44.17. [56] *v.*53. See there.

159 Conſider how I [57] love thy precepts: * quicken me, O LORD, according to thy loving kindneſs.

[57] *v.*97. * Verſe 88.

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166 LORD, I have [66] hoped for thy ſalvation; and [66] done thy commandments.

[66] *V.* 174. *Gen.* 49.-18. There can be no ſound hope of Salvation without Obedience.

167 My ſoul hath kept thy teſtimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy teſtimonies: for all my ways *are* [67] before thee.

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[71] *V.* 166. Both temporal, ſpiritual, and eternal. ¶ [72] *v.* 77. See there.

175 [73] Let my ſoul live, and it ſhall praiſe thee; and let thy [74] judgments help me.

[73] Let me be preſerv'd from the deſtructive attempts of my enemies. ¶ [74] Providential diſpenſations in puniſhing the wicked.

176 I have [75] gone aſtray like a loſt ſheep: ſeek thy ſervant: for I do not [76] forget thy commandments.

[75] *Iſa.* 53.6. 1 *Pet.* 2.25. *Luke* 15.5. Turn'd aſide from the way of thy Commandments, and been forc'd to wander up and down. ¶ [76] Not wilfully neglect the keeping of 'em.

PSAL. CXX.

1 *David praying againſt Doeg,* 3 *reproveth his tongue.*

¶ A ſong of [1] degrees.

[1] To be ſung with a loud voice on high, (2 *Chron.* 20.19.) or, on the ſtairs of the Temple, *Neh.* 9.4.

[2] Jon. 2.2. Luke 22.44. * Pſal. 118.5.

[2] IN * my diſtreſs I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

2 Deliver my ſoul, O LORD, from [3] lying lips, *and* from a [4] deceitful tongue.

[3] *Pſal.* 52.-3. Slanders and falſe ſuggeſtions. ¶ [4] *Pſal.* 52. 2,4.

‖ Or, *What ſhall* the deceitful tongue *give unto thee? or what ſhall it profit thee?* [5] What doſt thou hope to get hereby? † Heb. *added.*

3 ‖ [5] What ſhall be given unto thee? or what ſhall be † done unto thee, thou falſe tongue?

‖ Or, It is as *the ſharp arrows,* &c. * Jer. 49.29.

4 ‖ [6] Sharp arrows of the mighty, with [7] coals of [8] juniper.

[6] *Pſal.* 52.5. and 7.13. and 15. 6. Dreadful judgments and plagues from God. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 140. 10. ¶ [8] Which burns fiercely and keeps fire long.

5 Wo is me, that I ſojourn in [9] Meſech; *that* I dwell in * the tents of [9] Kedar.

[9] Among barbarous and inhumane perſons, my own Countrymen, who ſeek to do me all the miſchief they can.

6 My ſoul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

‖ Or, a man *of peace.*

7 I *am* ‖ *for* peace: but when I ſpeak, they *are* for war.

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‖ Or, *Shall I lift up mine eyes to the hills? whence ſhould my help come?* See Jer. 3.23.

The great ſafety of the godly, who put their truſt in Gods protection.

¶ A ſong of degrees.

‖ I Will lift up mine eyes unto the [1] hills from whence cometh my help.

[1] To God that dwells in Mount *Zion* and *Moriah,* *Pſal.* 87. 1.

Pſal. 123.

2 My help *cometh* from the [2] LORD, which made heaven and earth.

[2] *Pſal.* 124.8.

3 He will not [3] ſuffer thy foot to be moved: * he that keepeth thee will not ſlumber.

* Pſal. 127.1.

[3] 1 *Sam.* 2. 9. Let thee fall into any miſchief.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Iſrael, ſhall neither ſlumber nor ſleep.

5 The LORD *is* thy [4] keeper: the LORD *is* thy [5] ſhade * upon thy right hand.

* Pſal. 16.8. & 109.31.

[4] *Iſa.* 27.3. ¶ [5] *Iſa.* 25.4. and 32.-2. *Exod.* 13.21. To refreſh and protect thee.

6 * The ſun ſhall not [6] ſmite thee by day; nor the [7] moon by night.

* Pſal. 91.5. Iſa. 49.10. Rev. 7.16.

[6] *Viz.* With his exceſſive heat. ¶ [7] By it's cold and moiſt influences; *i. e.* Thou ſhalt be kept from all evil, both by day and night.

7 The LORD ſhall preſerve thee from all evil: he ſhall preſerve thy ſoul.

8 The LORD ſhall * preſerve thy going out, and thy coming in; from this time forth and even for evermore.

* Deut. 28.6.

PSAL. CXXII.

1 *David profeſſeth his joy for the church,* 6 *and prayeth for the peace thereof.*

¶ A ſong of degrees of David.

I Was glad when they ſaid unto me, [1] Let us go into the houſe of the LORD.

[1] *Iſa.* 2.3.

2 Our feet ſhall ſtand within thy gates, O Jeruſalem.

3 Jeruſalem is builded as a city, that is [2] compact together:

[2] 2 *Sam.* 5.9. *Eph.* 2.21. Not only in the Uniformity of its Buildings, but in the Unity of its Inhabitants in the worſhip of God and love to one another.

4 Whither the tribes [3] go up; the tribes of the LORD, unto the [4] teſtimony of Iſrael; to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

[3] *Exod.* 23.17. *Deut.* 16.16. [4] The Ark, *Exod.* 16.34. and 26.33,34.

† Heb. *do ſit.*

5 For there † are ſet [5] thrones of judgment: the thrones of the houſe of David.

[5] 2 *Chron.* 19. 8. The Supreme Courts of Judicature.

[6] *Pſal.* 51.18.

6 [6] Pray for the peace of Jeruſalem: they ſhall proſper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* proſperity within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions ſakes, I will now ſay, Peace *be* within thee.

9 Becauſe of the houſe of the LORD our God, I will [7] ſeek thy good.

[7] *Neh.* 2.-10.

PSAL. CXXIII.

1 *The godly profeſs their confidence in God,* 3 *and pray to be delivered from contempt.*

¶ A ſong of [1] degrees.

[1] See on *Pſal.* 120.

UNto thee [2] lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwelleſt [3] in the heavens.

[2] *Pſal.* 25.1. & 121.1.

[3] *Pſal.* 115.3.

2 Behold, as the eyes of ſervants [4] *look* unto the hand of their maſters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her miſtreſs; ſo our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, [5] until that he have mercy upon us.

[4] For help and defence againſt thoſe that wrong 'em. ¶ [5] *Luke* 18. 1. *Gen.* 32.20.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our ſoul is exceedingly filled with the ſcorning of thoſe that are at eaſe; *and* with the contempt of the [6] proud.

[6] See on *Pſal.* 119.21.

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[8] In looking for deliverance by thee from those evils I lye under. ¶ [9] *V.*82. For the accomplishment of that promise which thou wilt at length faithfully perform.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto
[10] 2 *Tim.*1.16, 18. thy [10] mercy, and * teach me thy statutes.
* Verse 12.

125 I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

126 *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, [11] to work: *for* they have [12] made void thy law.

[11] To punish thy enemies and deliver thy people. ¶ [12] Cast off all regard to it.

* Psal.19.10. Verse 72. Prov.8.11. 127 [13]* Therefore I love thy commandments [14] above gold, yea above fine gold.

[13] *Viz.* Because others despise thy ways and laws, *v.*—126. ¶ [14] See on *v.*72.

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* Verse 104.

[15] Exactly agreeable to the rules of right reason. ¶ [16] *v.* 104.

PE.

129 Thy testimonies *are* [17] wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

[17] *V.*18. Far above the reach of all natural abilities to find out or comprehend, and containing excellent directions and precious promises.

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[18] *Prov.*1.4. When men first enter upon the study of the Word, and begin to be acquainted with it, they presently feel their Understandings marvellously enlightned with clear and useful knowledge. ¶ [19] See on *Psal.*19.—7.

131 I opened my mouth, and [20] panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

[20] *V.* 20. Was out of breath, as it were, by my eager pursuit after the saving knowledge of thy Word, and to find the light, comfort and power thereof in my own soul.

* 2 Thess.1.6, 7. † Heb. *according to thy custom towards those*, &c. [21] *Psal.*106.4. * Psal.17.5. 132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, * † as thou [21] usest to do unto those that love thy name.

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[22] Direct and govern all my ways according to the rule of thy Word. ¶ [23] *Psal.* 19.13.

134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: [24] so will I keep thy precepts.

[24] This will be a fresh and strong engagement upon me so to do.

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* Jer. 49.29.

[9] Among barbarous and inhumane persons, my own Countrymen, who seek to do me all the mischief they can.

6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

‖ Or, a man *of peace.*

7 I *am* ‖ *for* peace: but when I speak, they *are* for war.

PSAL. CXXI.

The great safety of the godly, who put their trust in Gods protection.

¶ A song of degrees.

‖ Or, *Shall I lift up mine eyes to the hills? whence should my help come?* See Jer. 3.23.

I ‖ Will lift up mine eyes unto the [1] hills from whence cometh my help.

[1] To God that dwells in Mount *Zion* and *Moriah,* *Psal.* 87. 1.

Psal. 123.

2 My help *cometh* from the [2] LORD, which made heaven and earth.

[2] *Psal.* 124.8.

3 He will not [3] suffer thy foot to be moved: * he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

* Psal. 127.1.

[3] 1 *Sam.* 2. 9. Let thee fall into any mischief.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel, shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD *is* thy [4] keeper: the LORD *is* thy [5] shade * upon thy right hand.

* Psal. 16.8. & 109.31.

[4] *Isa.* 27.3. ¶ [5] *Isa.* 25.4. and 32.–2. *Exod.* 13.21. To refresh and protect thee.

6 * The sun shall not [6] smite thee by day; nor the [7] moon by night.

* Psal. 91.5. Isa. 49.10. Rev. 7.16.

[6] *Viz.* With his excessive heat. ¶ [7] By it's cold and moist influences; *i. e.* Thou shalt be kept from all evil, both by day and night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

8 The LORD shall * preserve thy going out, and thy coming in; from this time forth and even for evermore.

* Deut. 28.6.

PSAL. CXXII.

1 *David professeth his joy for the church,* 6 *and prayeth for the peace thereof.*

¶ A song of degrees of David.

I Was glad when they said unto me, [1] Let us go into the house of the LORD.

[1] *Isa.* 2.3.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is [2] compact together:

[2] 2 *Sam.* 5.9. *Eph.* 2.21. Not only in the Uniformity of its Buildings, but in the Unity of its Inhabitants in the worship of God and love to one another.

4 Whither the tribes [3] go up; the tribes of the LORD, unto the [4] testimony of Israel; to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

[3] *Exod.* 23.17. *Deut.* 16.16. [4] The Ark, *Exod.* 16.34. and 26.33,34.

5 For there † are set [5] thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.

† Heb. *do sit.*

[5] 2 *Chron.* 19. 8. The Supreme Courts of Judicature.

6 [6] Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

[6] *Psal.* 51.18.

7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will [7] seek thy good.

[7] *Neh.* 2.–10.

PSAL. CXXIII.

1 *The godly profess their confidence in God,* 3 *and pray to be delivered from contempt.*

¶ A song of [1] degrees.

[1] See on *Psal.* 120.

UNto thee [2] lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest [3] in the heavens.

[2] *Psal.* 25.1. & 121.1.

[3] *Psal.* 115.3.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants [4] *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, [5] until that he have mercy upon us.

[4] For help and defence against those that wrong 'em. ¶ [5] *Luke* 18. 1. *Gen.* 32.20.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease; *and* with the contempt of the [6] proud.

[6] See on *Psal.* 119.21.

Psal. 126.

PSAL. CXXIV.

The church blesseth God for a miraculous deliverance.

¶ A song [1] of degrees of David.

[1] See on *Psal.* 120.

IF *it had not been* the LORD who was [2] on our side, now may Israel say:

[2] *Psal.*118.6.

2 If *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

[3] *Numb.*16.32. *Jon.*1.17.

3 Then they had [3] swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

[4] See on *Psal.* 69.1.

4 Then the [4] waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

[5] *Job* 38.-11. Our proud enemies.

5 Then the [5] proud waters had gone over our soul.

6 Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

[6] *Psal.*91.3. *Prov.*6.5.

7 Our soul is [6] escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

[7] *Psal.*121.2.

8 [7] Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who madeth heaven and earth.

PSAL. CXXV.

1 *The safety of such as trust in God.* 4 *A prayer for the godly, and against the wicked.*

¶ A song of degrees.

[1] THey that trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be [2] removed; *but* abideth for ever.

[1] The Church and every true Member thereof. ¶ [2] *Mat.* 16. 18.

2 *As* the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* [3] round about his people, from henceforth even for ever.

[3] *Zech.*2.5.

[*] Prov.22.8. Isa.14.5. † Heb. *wickedness.*

3 For [*] the [4] rod of †the wicked shall not [5] rest upon the [6] lot of the righteous; lest the righteous [7] put forth their hands unto iniquity.

[4] Persecuting, oppressing power. ¶ [5] 1 *Cor.* 10. 13. ¶ [6] Habitations, or persons. ¶ [7] Seek to relieve themselves by some unlawful means.

[8] *Psal.*51.18. [9] *Psal.*73.1.

4 [8] Do good, O LORD, unto *those that be* good; and to *them that are* [9] upright in their hearts.

[*] Prov. 2.15.

5 As for such as turn aside unto [10] their [*] crooked ways the LORD shall [11] lead them forth with the [12] workers of iniquity: *but* [13] peace *shall be* upon Israel.

[10] Sinful courses, for fear of suffering; though they be great Professors of Religion. ¶ [11] Like Malefactors to execution. ¶ [12] The most notorious, scandalous sinners. ¶ [13] *Psal.*128.-6. *Gal.*6.16.

PSAL. CXXVI.

1 *The church celebrating her incredible return out of captivity,* 4 *prayeth for, and propheseth the good success thereof.*

¶ A song of degrees.

† Heb. *returned the returning of Zion.*

WHen the LORD † [1] turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that [2] dream.

[1] Brought back the Jews from *Babylon* to their own Country again. ¶ [2] *Acts* 12.-9. *Luke* 24.11.

† Heb. *magnified to do with them.*

2 Then was our [3] mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with [4] singing: then said [5] they among the heathen, The LORD hath † done great things for them.

[3] *Job* 8.21. ¶ [4] *Rev.* 14.3. ¶ [5] The Heathen among whom we dwelt.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

4 [6] Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

[6] *Psal.*85.4. Bring home the rest of our Brethren also that still remain in *Babylon*, or in any other Countries, as sometimes thou dost send floods of water into hot and dry Countries, to refresh 'em.

Psal. 128.

5 [7] They that sow in tears, shall reap in ‖ joy.

‖ Or, *singing.*

[7] *Psal.*97.11. *Jer.*31.5. *&c. q. d.* Thus it fares many times with the people of God, that they are in a sad and sorrowful condition at first, but afterwards they have cause of rejoycing, *Psal.*37.-37. *Hos.*6.1,2.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing ‖ precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoycing, bringing his sheaves *with him.*

‖ Or, *seed-basket.*

PSAL. CXXVII.

1 *The vertue of Gods blessing.* 3 *Children are his gift.*

¶ A song of degrees ‖ for Solomon.

‖ Or, *of.*

EXcept the LORD [1] build the house, [1] they labour in vain that † build it: * except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

† Heb. *are builders of it in it.* * Psal.121.3, 4.

[1] *Psal.*33.16,17. *Prov.*16.9. and 20.24. and 21.31. *Eccl.*9. 11. 1 *Cor.*3.7. Assist and bless those that build a House, Family or Kingdom, they'l never succeed well in their attempts.

2 *It is* [2] vain for you to [3] rise up early, to [3] sit up late, to [2] eat the bread [3] of sorrows: *for* [4] so he giveth his beloved sleep.

[2] *Viz.* Except God give his blessing. ¶ [3] Gotten with much labour and sorrow, *Gen.* 3.19. ¶ [4] *Viz.* By his blessing upon their labours and endeavours he bestows upon his people quiet rest both of mind and body.

[*] Josh.24.3,4. [*] Deut.28.4.

3 Lo, * children *are* an [5] heritage of the LORD; *and* * the fruit of the womb *is his* [6] reward.

[5] *Gen.*33.-5. and 30.2. The gift of God, (as an Inheritance is from Fathers.) ¶ [6] A gift of Free-grace.

4 As [7] arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

[7] For defence of himself and annoyance of his enemy.

† Heb. *hath filled his quiver with them.* * See Job 5.4. Prov.27.11. ‖ Or, *subdue,* as Psal. 18.47. or, *destroy.*

5 Happy *is* the man that † hath [8] his quiver full of them: * they shall not be [9] ashamed; but they shall ‖ [10] speak with the enemies in the gates.

[8] Has a numerous issue. ¶ [9] *Viz.* By reason of barrenness. ¶ [10] Be able undauntedly to plead their own cause against all opposers, and not be afraid to vindicate themselves.

PSAL. CXXVIII.

The sundry blessings which follow them that fear God.

¶ A song of [1] degrees.

[1] See on *Psal.* 120.

*BLessed *is* every one that feareth the LORD: that [2] walketh in his ways.

* Psal. 112.1. & 115.13. [2] *Psal.*119.1.

2 For thou shalt [3] eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* [4] well with thee.

[3] *Isa.* 3.-10. Succeed in thy honest labour, and freely make use of what thou hast gotten. ¶ [4] *Isa.*3. 10.

3 Thy wife *shall be* as a [5] fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like [6] olive-plants round about thy table.

[5] *Ezek.* 19. 10. ¶ [6] *Psal.* 52. 8. *Jer.* 11. 16. *Hos.* 14.6.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

[*] Psal.134.3.

5 * The LORD shall bless thee [7] out of Zion; and thou shalt see the [8] good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

[7] *Psal.*20.2. From Heaven, the place of his habitation; whereof the Ark in *Zion* was a type. ¶ [8] The prosperity of the Church.

[9] *Psal.*125.-5.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy childrens children; *and* [9] peace upon Israel.

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Psal. 129.

PSAL. CXXIX.

1 *An exhortation to praise God for saving Israel in their great afflictions.* 5 *The haters of the church are cursed.*

[1] See on *Psal.* 120.

¶ A song of [1] degrees.

‖ Or, *much.* * Psal. 124. 1.

MAny a time have they afflicted me [2] from my youth, * may Israel now say:

[2] *Jer.* 2. 2. *Ezek.* 23. 3. Ever since we began to be a People.

2 Many a time have they afflicted me [2] from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 [3] The plowers plowed upon my back; they [4] made long their furrows.

[3] My enemies have dealt very cruelly and severely with me. ¶ [4] Long continued their oppression.

4 The LORD *is* [5] righteous: he hath [6] cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

[5] Faithful and merciful. ¶ [6] *Psal.* 140. 5. Depriv'd 'em of any further ability or opportunity to oppress us.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6 Let them be [7] as the grass *upon* the house-tops, which [8] withereth afore it groweth up.

[7] *Psal.* 37. 2. ¶ [8] So all their designs shall be frustrated and never come to perfection.

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves, his bosom:

[9] *Ruth* 2. 4.

8 Neither do they which go by, say, [9] the blessing of the LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSAL. CXXX.

1 *The psalmist professeth his hope in prayer,* 5 *and his patience in hope.* 7 *He exhorteth Israel to hope in God.*

¶ A song of degrees.

* Lam. 3. 55. Jon. 2. 2.

OUt * of the [1] depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

[1] Great misery and distress, where I can see no end of it.

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, LORD, shouldest [2] mark iniquities: O Lord, [3] who shall stand?

[2] Take exact notice of all my sins, and deal with me accordingly. ¶ [3] *Psal.* 145. 2. and 1. 5. I should certainly be condemned.

* 1 King. 8. 40. Psal. 2. 11. Jer. 33. 9.

4 But *there is* [4] forgiveness with thee: that * thou mayest be [5] feared.

[4] *Exod.* 34. 7. ¶ [5] Worship'd, serv'd and sought unto for mercy.

5 [6] I wait for the LORD; my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

[6] *Psal.* 27. 14. and 40. 1. *Gen.* 49. 18. *viz.* For favor and pardon.

* Ps. 119. 147. ‖ Or, *which watch unto the morning.*

6 * My soul *waiteth* for the Lord, more then they that watch for the morning: ‖ *I say*, *more then* they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* [7] plenteous redemption.

[7] *Psal.* 86. 5. *Isa.* 55. 7. Pardon for all sins, to penitent Sinners, (*v.* 8.) and also variety of ways to save his people.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all [8] his iniquities.

[8] *Matth.* 1. 21. *John* 1. 29. The guilt and punishment thereof.

Psal. 131.

PSAL. CXXXI.

1 *David professing his humility,* 3 *exhorteth Israel to hope in God.*

¶ A song of degrees of David.

† Heb. *walk.* † Heb. *wonderful.*

LORD, my heart is not [1] haughty, nor [2] mine eyes lofty: neither do I †[3] exercise my self in great matters, or in things too † high for me.

[1] *Deut.* 17. 20. Ambitiously aspiring to the Throne. ¶ [2] *Prov.* 6. 17. and 21. 4. ¶ [3] *Job* 42. 3. *Deut.* 29. 29. Meddle with things above my place and calling, or affect worldly glory and Dominion.

† Heb. *soul.* * Mat. 18. 3. 1 Cor. 14. 20.

2 Surely [4] I have behaved and quieted my † self * as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child.

[4] I am no more greedy after, nor desirous of Court-preferments, and worldly Grandeur, than a weaned Child is of the Breast.

† Heb. *now.*

3 Let Israel hope in the LORD, from † henceforth and for ever.

PSAL. CXXXII.

1 *David in his prayer commendeth unto God the religious care he had for the ark.* 8 *His prayer at the removing of the ark,* 11 *with a repetition of God's promises.*

¶ A song of degrees.

LORD, [1] remember David, *and* [2] all his afflictions.

[1] Shew thy self mindful of *David's* eminent Piety and Zeal for thy service. ¶ [2] All the care and pains he took in removing the Ark, (1 *Chron.* 13. 1. &c.) Providing a place for it, (1 *Chron.* 15. 1.) Preparing materials for the Temple, (1 *Chron.* 22.) Ordering the service thereof, (1 *Chron.* 23. and 24. and 25. and 26.) or whatever labor or hardship he underwent for thy sake.

[3] *Ps.* 119. 106.

2 How he [3] sware unto the LORD, *and* vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob.

3 Surely [4] I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed:

[4] *Hag.* 1. 4. *q. d.* I value not my own private, domestick enjoyments and accommodations in comparison of the settlement of God's publick Worship.

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eye-lids.

5 Until I [5] find out a place for the LORD, † an habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.

[5] *Act.* 7. 46. Prepare a place for the Ark to abide in.

† Heb. *habitations.*

* 1 Sam. 7. 1.

6 Lo, [6] we heard of it at Ephratah: * we found it in the [7] fields of the wood.

[6] *q. d.* We heard it from our Fore-fathers, that the ancient place of the Ark was *Shiloh*, which was in the land of *Ephraim*, or *Ephratah*, but now God has rejected that Tribe, *Psal.* 78. 67. ¶ [7] At *Kirjath-jearim*, (which signifies, A City of Wood) in the Fields or Territory whereof it was seated for twenty years, (1 *Sam.* 7. 1, 2.) and from thence removed to *Zion*, 2 *Sam.* 6. 1. *&c.*

7 [8] We will go into his tabernacles: we will [9] worship at his [10] footstool.

[8] *q. d.* But now since the Ark is brought to a place of setled abode, we'll now diligently frequent that place. ¶ [9] *Psal.* 99. 5. ¶ [10] The Ark.

8 [11] Arise, O LORD, into thy [11] rest: thou and the ark [11] of thy strength.

[11] *Psal.* 68. 1. *Numb.* 10. 35. 2 *Chron.* 6. 41, 42. See there.

* Job 29. 14. Isa. 61. 10.

9 Let thy priests * be clothed with [12] righteousness; and let thy saints [13] shout for joy.

[12] *V.* 16. Inward holiness, as well as outward Ornaments: and that's the way to be clothed with salvation, (as it's express'd, *v.* 16. and 2 *Chron.* 6. 41.) ¶ [13] Exceedingly rejoyce in the manifold mercies, which through thy favor they enjoy, 1 *King.* 8. 66.

10 For thy servant [14] Davids sake, [15] turn not away the face of thine anointed.

[14] Thy covenant and promise made to him, and mercies vouchsaf'd him, 2 *Chron.* 6. 42. ¶ [15] Reject not my prayers, 1 *King.* 2. 16.

11 The LORD hath [16] sworn *in* truth unto

Pſal. 135. David, he will not turn from it, [17] Of the fruit of thy † body will I ſet upon thy throne.

† Heb. *belly.*

[16] *Pſal.*89.3. ¶ [17] 2 *Sam.* 7. 12. 1 *King.* 8.25. 2 *Chron.* 6. 16. *Act.* 2.30.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my teſtimony, that I ſhall teach them; their children alſo ſhall ſit upon thy throne for evermore.

[18] *Pſal.*78.-68. 13 For the LORD hath choſen [18] Zion: he hath deſir'd *it* for his habitation.

[19] *Pſal.*68. 16. 14 This *is* my reſt for [19] ever: here will I dwell, for I have [19] deſired it.

‖ Or, *ſurely.* 15 I will ‖ [20] abundantly bleſs her proviſion: I will ſatisfie her poor with bread.

[20] Make abundant proviſion of all ſorts for their bodily nouriſhment, and for the offerings of my Houſe.

* 2 Chr. 6. 41. Pſal. 149. 4. 16 * I will alſo [21] clothe her prieſts with ſalvation; and her ſaints ſhall ſhout aloud for joy.

[21] (1) Preſerve and continue them in their ſtation and miniſtration. (2) Endue and adorn them with thoſe Gifts and Graces which ſhall bring them to ſalvation. (3) Render their miniſtration effectual for the ſalvation of the people.

‖ Or, *candle.* See 1 King. 11. 36. & 15.4. 17 [22] There will I make the [23] horn of David to bud: I have ordained a ‖ [24] lamp for mine anointed.

[22] In *Jeruſalem.* ¶ [23] *Ezek.* 29.21. *Luke* 1.69. His Regal Power and Majeſty to ſpring out afreſh, and flouriſh in his Succeſſors, and chiefly in the Meſſiah. ¶ [24] A Succeſſor; and particularly the Meſſiah, 1 *Kings* 11.36. and 15.4.

[25] *Job* 8.22. 18 His enemies will I [25] clothe with ſhame: but upon himſelf ſhall his crown flouriſh.

PSAL. CXXXIII.

The benefit of the communion of ſaints.

¶ A ſong of [1] degrees of David.

[1] See on *Pſal.*120. Penn'd upon occaſion of ending the civil Wars between the Houſes of *David* and *Saul.*

† Heb. *even together.* BEhold, how good and how pleaſant *it is*, for brethren to dwell † together in unity.

2 *It is* like the [2] precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard; *even* Aarons beard; that went down to [3] the skirts of his arments.

[2] *Exod.*30.25,30. As delightful and acceptable both to God and Man as that Oyntment. ¶ [3] The Collar of his upper Garment; noting the effuſion of Chriſts Spirit upon his loweſt Members.

* Deut. 4. 48. 3 [4] As the dew of * Hermon, *and as the dew* that deſcended upon the mountains of Zion; for

* Lev. 25. 2. Deut. 28. 2. Pſal. 45. 8. * [5] there the LORD [6] commanded the bleſſing, *even* [7] life for evermore.

[4] It is as grateful and deſireable as the dew— ¶ [5] In *Zion.* ¶ [6] Ordain'd and beſtow'd all manner of bleſſings for his people that worſhip him there. ¶ [7] Not only a long and proſperous life here, but eternal life in heaven.

PSAL. CXXXIV.

An exhortation to bleſs God.

¶ A ſong of degrees.

BEhold, bleſs ye the LORD, all *ye* [1] ſervants of the LORD, which by night ſtand in the [2] houſe of the LORD.

[1] Prieſts and Levites. ¶ [2] To keep watch there, 1 *Chron.* 9.-33.

‖ Or, *holineſs.* 2 Lift up your hands *in* ‖ the ſanctuary; and bleſs the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth, bleſs [3] thee [4] out of Zion.

[3] Thee, O King, or Prieſt, who doſt thus encourage us in this ſervice. ¶ [4] *Pſal.*128.5.

PSAL. CXXXV.

1 *An exhortation to praiſe God for his mercy,* 5 *for his power,* 8 *for his judgments.* 15 *The vanity of idols.* 19 *An exhortation to bleſs God.*

PRaiſe ye the LORD, praiſe ye the name of the LORD, praiſe *him*, O [1] ye ſervants of the LORD.

[1] *Pſal.*134. 1.

2 Ye that [2] ſtand in the houſe of the LORD, in the courts of the houſe of our God.

Pſal. 136.

[2] Both Prieſts and People.

3 Praiſe ye the LORD, for the LORD *is* [3] good: ſing praiſes unto his name, for *it is* [4] pleaſant.

[3] *Pſal.*119. 68. [4] *Pſal.*147. 1.

4 For the LORD hath [5] choſen Jacob unto himſelf; *and* Iſrael for his [5] peculiar treaſure.

[5] *Exod.*19. 5. *Deut.*7.6. *Tit.*2.14.

5 For I know that the LORD *is* [6] great; and *that* our LORD *is* [7] above all gods.

[6] *Pſal.*95. 3. [7] 1 *Tim.* 6. 15. *Deut.*10.17.

6 [8] Whatſoever the LORD pleaſed, *that* did he in heaven and in earth, in the ſeas, and in all deep places.

[8] *Pſal.*115.3

7 [9] He cauſeth the vapours to aſcend from the [10] ends of the earth, he maketh lightnings [11] for the rain: he bringeth the wind out of his [12] treaſuries.

[9] *Jer.*10.13. and 51.16. ¶ [10] All parts of the earth, in every quarter of the World. ¶ [11] *Job* 38. 25, 26. To make way for the Rain, by breaking the Clouds, and cauſing 'em to diſſolve in Rain. ¶ [12] *Job* 38. 22. Thoſe ſecret places where he reſerves them, and whence he brings 'em out.

* Pſal. 78. 51. & 136. 10. † Heb. *from man unto beaſt.* 8 * [13] Who ſmote the firſt-born of Egypt, † both of man and beaſt.

[13] *Exod.*12.12, 29.

9 * *Who* ſent tokens and wonders into the midſt of thee, O Egypt; upon Pharaoh, and upon all his ſervants.

* Exod. 7, & 8, & 9, & 10, & 14. 10 [14] Who ſmote great nations, and ſlew mighty kings.

[14] *Num.*21.24. *&c.*

11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Baſhan, and [15] all the kingdoms of Canaan.

[15] *Joſh.*12. 7. *&c.*

12 And gave their land *for* an [16] heritage, an heritage unto Iſrael his people.

[16] *Joſh.*12. -7.

* Exod. 3. 15. Pſal. 102. 12. †Heb. *to generation and generation.* 13 * [17] Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever, *and* [18] thy memorial, O LORD, † throughout all generations.

[17] *i. e.* Thy ſelf, *Pſal.* 102. 12. ¶ [18] Thoſe wonderful works whereby thou ſhalt be remembred.

[19] See on *Deut.*32.36. 14 For the LORD will [19] judge his people; and he will [19] repent himſelf concerning his ſervants.

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16 [20] They have mouths, but they ſpeak not; eyes have they, but they ſee not.

17 [20] They have ears, but they heart no; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.

18 [20] They that make them are like unto them; *ſo is* every one that truſteth in them.

19 Bleſs the LORD, O houſe of Iſrael: bleſs the LORD, O houſe of Aaron.

20 Bleſs the LORD, O houſe of Levi; ye that fear the LORD, bleſs the LORD.

21 Bleſſed be the LORD [21] out of Zion, which dwelleth at [22] Jeruſalem. Praiſe ye the LORD.

[21] By his people which reſort thither. ¶ [22] In the Temple and Ark there.

PSAL. CXXXVI.

An exhortation to give thanks to God for particular mercies.

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[3] *Deut.*10. 17

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[4] *Rev.*19.16.

4 To him who alone doeth [5] great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[5] *Pſal.* 72.-18. [6] *Pſal.*104.24. *Jer.*10. 12.

5 To him that [6] by wiſdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[7] *Gen.*1.9. *Jer.* 10.- 12. *Pſal.* 24. 2.

6 To him that [7] ſtretched out the earth above the

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7 To him that made [8] great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[8] *Gen.* 1. 14.

†Heb. *for the rulings by day.*

8 The ſun † to rule by [9] day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[9] *Gen.* 1. 16. See there.

9 The moon and ſtars to rule by [9] night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

10 To him that [10] ſmote Egypt in their firſtborn: for his [10] mercy *endureth* for ever.

[10] *Exod.* 12. 29. Judgments on Enemies are mercies to God's people.

[11] *Exod.* 12. 51. & 13. 17.

11 And [11] brought out Iſrael from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[12] *Exod.* 6. -6.

12 With a [12] ſtrong hand, and with a [12] ſtretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[13] *Exod.* 14. 21, 22. *Pſal.* 74. 13. & 78. 13.

13 To him which [13] divided the Red ſea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

14 And made Iſrael to paſs through the midſt of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

† Heb. *ſhaked off.*

15 But † [14] overthrew Pharaoh and his hoſt in the Red ſea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[14] *Exod.* 14. 28.

[15] *Exod.* 15. 22.

16 To him which [15] led his people through the wilderneſs: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[16] *Pſal.* 135. 10, 11.

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18 And [17] ſlew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[18] *Num.* 21. 23.

19 [18] Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[19] *Num.* 21. 33.

20 And [19] Og the king of Baſhan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[20] *Pſal.* 135. 12. *Joſh.* 12. -7.

21 And gave their land for an [20] heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

22 *Even* an heritage unto Iſrael his ſervant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

23 Who remembred us in our low eſtate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[21] *Luke* 1. 74.

24 And hath [21] redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[22] *Pſal.* 104. 27. & 145. 15, 16. & 147. 9.

25 Who [22] giveth food to all fleſh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSAL. CXXXVII.

1 *The conſtancy of the Jews in captivity.* 7 *The prophet curſeth Edom and Babel.*

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we [1] ſat down: yea, we wept, when we remembred [2] Zion.

[1] In a mournful poſture, (*Job* 2. 12. *Lam.* 2. 10. *Jer.* 15. 17.) full of ſorrow and ſadneſs. ¶ [2] Our former enjoyments there, and its preſent deſolations.

2 [3] We hanged our harps upon the willows, in the midſt thereof.

[3] We laid aſide all ſuch ſigns and means of mirth.

3 For there they that carried us away captive, required of us † a ſong; and they that † [4] waſted us, *required of us* mirth, *ſaying*, Sing us *one* of the ſongs of Zion.

† Heb. *the words of a ſong.*

† Heb. *laid us on heaps.*

[4] *Pſal.* 79. -1. *Jer.* 9. 11. Plunder'd and pillag'd us, and laid our City on heaps.

4 [5] How ſhall we ſing the [6] LORD's ſong in a † ſtrange land?

† Heb. *land of a ſtranger.*

[5] Alaſs! What heart do you think we can have to ſing in this condition we are in? ¶ [6] *Am.* 8. 3. Made to be us'd for his honour, in his Service.

5 If I [7] forget thee, O Jeruſalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.

[7] Don't retain a lively and ſorrowful ſenſe of thy ruine and miſery, but indulge my ſelf in mirth and jollity, while thou art in ſo ſad a condition, as if I had forgotten thee, *Iſa.* 5. 12–14. *Ezek.* 21. 10.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I [8] prefer not Jeruſalem above † my chief joy.

† Heb. *the head of my joy.*

[8] Deſire not its welfare above any particular ſatisfaction to my ſelf; ſo as to take delight in nothing in compariſon of that.

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7 [9] Remember, O LORD, the [10] children of Edom, in the day [11] of Jeruſalem; who [12] ſaid, † Raſe *it*, raſe *it*, *even* to the foundation thereof.

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[9] So as to puniſh 'em for all their malicious carriage towards us. ¶ [10] *Ezek.* 25. 12. *Obad.* 10. *&c.* ¶ [11] Of its calamity and deſtruction, (as *Ezek.* 30. 9. *Job* 18. 20. *Obad.* 12.) ¶ [12] *viz.* To the *Babylonians*, whom they aſſiſted, and provoked againſt *Jeruſalem*, *Ezek.* 25. 12. *Obad.* 11. *&c.*

8 [13] O daughter of Babylon, who art [14] to be † deſtroyed: [15] happy *ſhall he be* that [16] † rewardeth thee as thou haſt ſerved us.

† Heb. *waſted.*

† Heb. *recompenſeth unto thee thy deed which thou didſt to us.*

[13] Ye People of *Babylon*. ¶ [14] Devoted to deſtruction, *Iſa.* 47. 1. *&c.* ¶ [15] It ſhall be much to his honour and advantage. ¶ [16] *Jer.* 50. -15, 29. *Rev.* 18. 6.

9 Happy *ſhall he be* that taketh and [17] daſheth thy little ones againſt the † ſtones.

[17] *Iſa.* 13. 16.

† Heb. *rock.*

PSAL. CXXXVIII.

1 *David praiſeth God for the truth of his word.* 4 *He propheſieth that the kings of the earth ſhall praiſe God.*

¶ *A pſalm* of David.

I will praiſe thee with my whole heart; before the [2] gods will I ſing praiſe unto thee.

[1] *Pſal.* 9. 1. ¶ [2] Kings and Princes, *Pſal.* 119. 46. and 107. -32.

2 I will worſhip [3] towards thy holy temple, and praiſe thy name, for thy loving kindneſs, and for thy truth: for thou haſt [4] magnified thy word above all thy name.

[3] *Pſal.* 5. -7. and 28. -2. 1 *Kings* 8. 29. *Dan.* 6. 10. ¶ [4] *Iſa.* 42. 21. Made all thy Attributes ſubſervient to the accompliſhment of thy promiſe in advancing me to the Throne.

3 In the day when I cried, thou anſweredſt me: *and* [5] ſtrengthenedſt me *with* ſtrength in my ſoul.

[5] Enabled me to hold out under the affliction, (as to *Paul*, 2 *Cor.* 12. 9.) tho thou didſt not ſee good to remove it.

4 * All the kings of the earth ſhall [6] praiſe thee, O LORD, when they hear [7] the words of thy mouth.

*Pſ. 102. 15, 22

[6] *Pſal.* 72. 11. Be converted, and worſhip thee. ¶ [7] The Goſpel preach'd to 'em.

5 Yea, they ſhall [8] ſing in the ways of the LORD: for [9] great *is* the glory of the LORD.

[8] Worſhip thee; they themſelves in the mean while walking in thy ways. ¶ [9] The worſhip of God ſhall be extended all the world over, *Mal.* 1. 11.

6 [10] Though the LORD *be* high, * yet hath he [11] reſpect unto the lowly: but the [12] proud he knoweth afar off.

* Jam. 4. 6. 1 Pet. 5. 5.

[10] *Iſa.* 57. 15. ¶ [11] *Iſa.* 66. -2. *Pſal.* 51. 17. ¶ [12] *Prov.* 3. 34. Such as are highly conceited of themſelves and their own righteouſneſs, he looks upon with contempt and diſdain, *Luke* 18. 14.

7 Though I walk in the mids of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou ſhalt ſtretch forth thine hand againſt the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand ſhall ſave me.

8 The LORD will [13] perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: [14] * forſake not the works of thine own hands.

* See Job 10. 8.

[13] *Pſal.* 57. -2. *Phil.* 1. 6. Fully bring about my deliverance and advancement. ¶ [14] Give not over thy work in my deliverance and advancement, which has been carried on thus far by thy own extraordinary power and providence.

PSAL. CXXXIX.

David praiſeth God for his all-ſeeing providence.

¶ To the chief muſician, A † pſalm of David.

† In this Pſalm *David* appeals to God's Omniſcience, for his Innocency, from thoſe cenſures and reproaches wherewith he was loaded by his Enemies.

Pſal. 135. David, he will not turn from it, [17] Of the fruit of thy † body will I ſet upon thy throne.

† Heb. *belly.*

[16] *Pſal.*89.3. ¶ [17] 2 *Sam.* 7. 12. 1 *King.* 8.25. 2 *Chron.* 6. 16. *Act.* 2.30.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my teſtimony, that I ſhall teach them; their children alſo ſhall ſit upon thy throne for evermore.

[18] *Pſal.*78.-68. 13 For the LORD hath choſen [18] Zion: he hath deſir'd *it* for his habitation.

[19] *Pſal.*68. 16. 14 This *is* my reſt for [19] ever: here will I dwell, for I have [19] deſired it.

‖ Or, *ſurely.* 15 I will ‖ [20] abundantly bleſs her proviſion: I will ſatisfie her poor with bread.

[20] Make abundant proviſion of all ſorts for their bodily nouriſhment, and for the offerings of my Houſe.

* 2 Chr. 6. 41. Pſal. 149. 4. 16 * I will alſo [21] clothe her prieſts with ſalvation; and her ſaints ſhall ſhout aloud for joy.

[21] (1) Preſerve and continue them in their ſtation and miniſtration. (2) Endue and adorn them with thoſe Gifts and Graces which ſhall bring them to ſalvation. (3) Render their miniſtration effectual for the ſalvation of the people.

‖ Or, *candle.* See 1 King. 11. 36. & 15.4. 17 [22] There will I make the [23] horn of David to bud: I have ordained a ‖ [24] lamp for mine anointed.

[22] In *Jeruſalem.* ¶ [23] *Ezek.* 29.21. *Luke* 1.69. His Regal Power and Majeſty to ſpring out afreſh, and flouriſh in his Succeſſors, and chiefly in the Meſſiah. ¶ [24] A Succeſſor; and particularly the Meſſiah, 1 *King.* 11.36. and 15.4.

[25] *Job* 8.22. 18 His enemies will I [25] clothe with ſhame: but upon himſelf ſhall his crown flouriſh.

PSAL. CXXXIII.

The benefit of the communion of ſaints.

¶ A ſong of [1] degrees of David.

[1] See on *Pſal.*120. Penn'd upon occaſion of ending the civil Wars between the Houſes of *David* and *Saul.*

† Heb. *even together.* BEhold, how good and how pleaſant *it is*, for brethren to dwell † together in unity.

2 *It is* like the [2] precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard; *even* Aarons beard; that went down to [3] the skirts of his arments.

[2] *Exod.*30.25,30. As delightful and acceptable both to God and Man as that Oyntment. ¶ [3] The Collar of his upper Garment; noting the effuſion of Chriſts Spirit upon his loweſt Members.

* Deut. 4. 48. 3 [4] As the dew of * Hermon, *and as the dew* that deſcended upon the mountains of Zion; for

* Lev. 25. 2. Deut. 28. 2. Pſal. 45. 8. * [5] there the LORD [6] commanded the bleſſing, *even* [7] life for evermore.

[4] It is as grateful and deſireable as the dew— ¶ [5] In *Zion.* ¶ [6] Ordain'd and beſtow'd all manner of bleſſings for his people that worſhip him there. ¶ [7] Not only a long and proſperous life here, but eternal life in heaven.

PSAL. CXXXIV.

An exhortation to bleſs God.

¶ A ſong of degrees.

BEhold, bleſs ye the LORD, all *ye* [1] ſervants of the LORD, which by night ſtand in the [2] houſe of the LORD.

[1] Prieſts and Levites. ¶ [2] To keep watch there, 1 *Chron.* 9.-33.

‖ Or, *holineſs.* 2 Lift up your hands *in* ‖ the ſanctuary; and bleſs the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth, bleſs [3] thee [4] out of Zion.

[3] Thee, O King, or Prieſt, who doſt thus encourage us in this ſervice. ¶ [4] *Pſal.*128.5.

PSAL. CXXXV.

1 *An exhortation to praiſe God for his mercy,* 5 *for his power,* 8 *for his judgments.* 15 *The vanity of idols.* 19 *An exhortation to bleſs God.*

[1] *Pſal.*134. 1. PRaiſe ye the LORD, praiſe ye the name of the LORD, praiſe *him*, O [1] ye ſervants of the LORD.

2 Ye that [2] ſtand in the houſe of the LORD, in the courts of the houſe of our God.

Pſal. 136. 3 Praiſe ye the LORD, for the LORD *is* [3] good: ſing praiſes unto his name, for *it is* [4] pleaſant.

[2] Both Prieſts and People. [3] *Pſal.*119. 68. [4] *Pſal.*147. 1.

4 For the LORD hath [5] choſen Jacob unto himſelf; *and* Iſrael for his [5] peculiar treaſure.

[5] *Exod.*19. 5. *Deut.*7.6. *Tit.*2.14.

5 For I know that the LORD *is* [6] great; and *that* our LORD *is* [7] above all gods.

[6] *Pſal.*95. 3. [7] 1 *Tim.*6. 15. *Deut.*10.17.

6 [8] Whatſoever the LORD pleaſed, *that* did he in heaven and in earth, in the ſeas, and in all deep places.

[8] *Pſal.*115.3

7 [9] He cauſeth the vapours to aſcend from the [10] ends of the earth, he maketh lightnings [11] for the rain: he bringeth the wind out of his [12] treaſuries.

[9] *Jer.*10.13. and 51.16. ¶ [10] All parts of the earth, in every quarter of the World. ¶ [11] *Job* 38. 25, 26. To make way for the Rain, by breaking the Clouds, and cauſing 'em to diſſolve in Rain. ¶ [12] *Job* 38. 22. Thoſe ſecret places where he reſerves them, and whence he brings 'em out.

* Pſal. 78. 51. & 136. 10. † Heb. *from man unto beaſt.* * Exod. 7, & 8, & 9, & 10, & 14. *&c.* 8 * [13] Who ſmote the firſt-born of Egypt, † both of man and beaſt.

[13] *Exod.*12.12, 29.

9 * *Who* ſent tokens and wonders into the midſt of thee, O Egypt; upon Pharaoh, and upon all his ſervants.

10 [14] Who ſmote great nations, and ſlew mighty kings.

[14] *Num.*21.24. *&c.*

11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Baſhan, and [15] all the kingdoms of Canaan.

[15] *Joſh.*12. 7. *&c.*

12 And gave their land *for* an [16] heritage, an heritage unto Iſrael his people.

[16] *Joſh.*12. -7.

* Exod. 3. 15. Pſal. 102. 12. † Heb. *to generation and generation.* 13 * [17] Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever, *and* [18] thy memorial, O LORD, † throughout all generations.

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8 [13] O daughter of Babylon, who art [14] to be † destroyed: [15] happy *shall he be* that [16] † rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

† Heb. *wasted.* † Heb. *recompenseth unto thee thy deed which thou didst to us.*

[13] Ye People of *Babylon*. ¶ [14] Devoted to destruction, *Isa.* 47. 1. *&c.* ¶ [15] It shall be much to his honour and advantage. ¶ [16] *Jer.* 50. -15, 29. *Rev.* 18. 6.

9 Happy *shall he be* that taketh and [17] dasheth thy little ones against the † stones.

[17] *Isa.* 13. 16. † Heb. *rock.*

PSAL. CXXXVIII.

1 *David praiseth God for the truth of his word.* 4 *He propheseth that the kings of the earth shall praise God.*

¶ *A psalm* of David.

I will praise thee with my whole heart; before the [2] gods will I sing praise unto thee.

[1] *Psal.* 9. 1. ¶ [2] Kings and Princes, *Psal.* 119. 46. and 107. -32.

2 I will worship [3] towards thy holy temple, and praise thy name, for thy loving kindness, and for thy truth: for thou hast [4] magnified thy word above all thy name.

[3] *Psal.* 5. -7. and 28. -2. 1 *Kings* 8. 29. *Dan.* 6. 10. ¶ [4] *Isa.* 42. 21. Made all thy Attributes subservient to the accomplishment of thy promise in advancing me to the Throne.

3 In the day when I cried, thou answeredst me: *and* [5] strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul.

[5] Enabled me to hold out under the affliction, (as to *Paul*, 2 *Cor.* 12. 9.) tho thou didst not see good to remove it.

4 * All the kings of the earth shall [6] praise thee, O LORD, when they hear [7] the words of thy mouth.

*Psl. 102. 15, 22

[6] *Psal.* 72. 11. Be converted, and worship thee. ¶ [7] The Gospel preach'd to 'em.

5 Yea, they shall [8] sing in the ways of the LORD: for [9] great *is* the glory of the LORD.

[8] Worship thee; they themselves in the mean while walking in thy ways. ¶ [9] The worship of God shall be extended all the world over, *Mal.* 1. 11.

6 [10] Though the LORD *be* high, * yet hath he [11] respect unto the lowly: but the [12] proud he knoweth afar off.

* Jam. 4. 6. 1 Pet. 5. 5.

[10] *Isa.* 57. 15. ¶ [11] *Isa.* 66. -2. *Psal.* 51. 17. ¶ [12] *Prov.* 3. 34. Such as are highly conceited of themselves and their own righteousness, he looks upon with contempt and disdain, *Luke* 18. 14.

7 Though I walk in the mids of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD will [13] perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: [14]* forsake not the works of thine own hands.

*See Job 10. 8.

[13] *Psal.* 57. -2. *Phil.* 1. 6. Fully bring about my deliverance and advancement. ¶ [14] Give not over thy work in my deliverance and advancement, which has been carried on thus far by thy own extraordinary power and providence.

PSAL. CXXXIX.

David praiseth God for his all-seeing providence.

¶ To the chief musician, A † psalm of David.

† In this Psalm *David* appeals to God's Omniscience, for his Innocency, from those censures and reproaches wherewith he was loaded by his Enemies.

Psal. 139.

O LORD, thou hast [1] searched me, and [1] known *me*.

[1] *Psal.*17.3. *Jer.* 12. 3. Seest that I am free from those ill designs against *Saul*, that I am charg'd with.

2 Thou knowest my [2] down-sitting, and mine up-rising: thou understandest [3] my thoughts afar off.

[2] *Lam.*3.63. ¶ [3] *Psal.*94.11. What my thoughts will be long before they come into my mind; even from all eternity.

‖ Or, *winnowest* [4] observest me on every side, *v.* 5.

3 Thou ‖ [4] compassest my path, and my lying down; and art acquainted *with* all my ways.

4 For *there is* not a word [5] in my tongue, *but* lo, O LORD, thou [6] knowest it altogether.

[5] Before its fully utter'd. ¶ [6] *Heb.* 4. 13.

5 Thou hast [7] beset me behind and before; and [8] laid thine hand upon me.

[7] Disposed and over-ruled me in every thing. ¶ [8] Keepest me continually in thy sight, and under thy power.

6 *Such* knowledge *is* [9] too wonderful for me; it is [10] high, I cannot *attain* unto it.

[9] Past my apprehension to understand the manner of it. ¶ [10] *Psal.*131.-1.

7 [11] Whither shall I go from [12] thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

[11] *Jer.*23.24. ¶ [12] Thy knowledge and observation.

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.

9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea:

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me; and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

† Heb. *darkneth.* †Heb. *as* is *the darkness so* is *the light.*

12 Yea, the darkness † [13] hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: † the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee*.

[13] *Job* 26. 6. and 34. 22. *Isa.* 29. 15. *Jer.* 23. 24.

13 For thou hast [14] possessed my reins: thou hast [15] covered me in my mothers womb.

[14] Rulest over my most secret desires, and hidden designs, (and therefore must needs know 'em.) ¶ [15] *Job* 10.11. Cherish'd, preserv'd, and taken care of me there.

14 I will praise thee, for I am [16] fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous *are* thy † Heb. *greatly.* [17] works, and *that* my soul knoweth † right well.

[16] So many wonders concur, and such infinite wisdom is discover'd in the admirable and curious composure of my Body, that it fills me with wonder and astonishment; yea, with dread of thy Majesty. ¶ [17] All in general, and particularly this of forming and framing the Body of Man

‖ Or, *strength*, or *body*.

15 [18] My ‖ substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret; *and* [19] curiously wrought [20] in the lowest parts of the earth.

[18] The whole bulk of my Body. ¶ [19] *Job* 10. 8, 10. *Eccl.*8.11. With such exquisite art and skill, that even Heathens upon the contemplation thereof have been wrapt with pangs of admiration, and adoration of the Creator of Man. ¶ [20] *Eph.*4.9. In a place as secret and far from the reach of any mortal eye, as if it had been in some deep and dark Cave of the earth.

† Heb. *all of them.* ‖ Or, what *days they should be fashioned.*

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being [21] unperfect; and in thy [22] book † all *my members* were written ‖ [23] *which* in continnance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

[21] Before the rude, liquid matter had received any shape. ¶ [22] Counsel and purpose. ¶ [23] These words should be read in a Parenthesis.

17 How [24] precious also are thy [25] thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

[24] Delightful to me to think of. ¶ [25] *Psal.*40.5. Thy tender care and providence in forming me at first, and still preserving me.

18 *If* I should count them, they are mo in number then the sand: when I wake, I am still [26] with thee.

[26] *Psal.*16. 8. Meditating of thy works, and still have some fresh matter of Meditation.

Psal. 140.

19 Surely thou wilt [27] slay the wicked, O God: * [28] depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. * Pf. 119. 115.

¶ [27] Punish 'em for all their wickedness; (and therefore I'll shun their society and courses.) ¶ [28] *Psal.*6. 8.

20 For they speak [30] against thee [29] wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.

[29] Openly and impudently. ¶ [30] *Jude* 15. ¶ [31] Abuse it with hellish Oaths and Blasphemies.

21 Do not I [32] hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am I not grieved with those that rise up against thee?

[32] *Psal.*31.6. 2 *Chron.*19.2. (and therefore am far from that wickedness that they charge me with.)

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 [33] Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. [33] *v.*1. *Psal.*26. 2. *Job.*31.6.

24 And see if *there be* [34] *any* † wicked way in me; and [35] lead me in the way [36] everlasting. † Heb. *way of pain*, or *grief.*

[34] *Psal.*7.3. If I allow my self in any course that may be justly offensive either to God or Man. ¶ [35] *Psal.* 5. 8. and 143.10. ¶ [36] That leads to life everlasting.

PSAL. CXL.

David prayeth to be delivered from Saul and Doeg.

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

DEliver me, O LORD, from the [1] evil man: * preserve me from the †[1] violent man. * Verf. 4. † Heb. *man of violences.*

[1] *Hab.*1.2, 3. The calumnies and treacheries of my malicious enemies; particularly, *Saul* and *Doeg*.

2 Which [2] imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together [3] *for* war.

[2] *Psal.*38.12. *Prov.*12.20. ¶ [3] *Psal.* 120. -7. To oppress me by violence.

3 They have [4] sharpened their tongues like a serpent; [5] adders poyson *is* under their lips. Selah.

[4] Fram'd their slanders so as to wound my reputation. ¶ [5] *Psal.*58.4. *Rom.*3. -13.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man, who have [6] purposed to overthrow my goings. [6] Design'd to ruin me.

5 [7] The proud have [8] hid a snare for me, and cords; they have [9] spread a net by the [10] wayside: they have set grins for me. Selah.

[7] See on *Psal.* 119. 21. ¶ [8] *Psal.* 35. 7. and 57. 6. and 141. 9. *Jer.* 18. -22. Us'd subtil Stratagems to destroy me. ¶ [9] *Prov.*29.5. ¶ [10] *Psal.*142.-3. *viz.* Where I use to go.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

7 O GOD the Lord, the [11] strength of my salvation; thou hast [12] covered my head in the day of battel.

[11] By whose power alone I hope for deliverance and preservation. ¶ [12] Preserv'd me in the greatest dangers.

8 [13] Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; [13] further not his wicked device, ‖ [14] *lest* they exalt themselves. Selah. ‖ Or, *let them not be exalted*

[13] Suffer not their desires and designs to be accomplish'd. ¶ [14] *Deut.*32.27.

9 *As for* the [15] head of those that compass me about, let the [16] mischief of their own lips cover them.

[15] The politick contrivances of their Heads and Ring-leaders. ¶ [16] *Psal.*7.16. and 64.8. and 94.23. *Prov.* 12. 13. and 18.-7. That mischief which by their slanders they design'd against me, fall upon themselves.

10 Let [17] burning coals fall upon them; let them be cast into the fire; into [18] deep pits, that they rise not up again.

[17] *Psal.* 11. 6. Divine vengeance, *Psal.*18.-12. ¶ [18] Irrecoverable ruin.

11 [19] Let

Pſal. 141.

11 [19] Let not † ‖ an evil ſpeaker be eſtabliſhed in the earth: [20] evil ſhall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.

† Heb. *a man of tongue.*
‖ Or, *an evil ſpeaker, a wicked man of violence be eſtabliſhed in the earth: let him be hunted to his overthrow.*

[19] Let a forger and ſpreader of lies and ſlanders be ſoon diſcover'd and overthrown. ¶ [20] Miſchief ſhall purſue him to his deſtruction.

12 I know that the LORD will [21] maintain the cauſe of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous ſhall [22] give thanks unto thy name, the upright ſhall [23] dwell in thy preſence.

[21] 1 Kin. 8.45.

[22] Have occaſion ſo to do, through thy mercy to 'em. ¶ [23] Conſtantly enjoy thy favour and protection.

PSAL. CXLI.

1 *David prayeth that his ſuit may be acceptable,* 3 *his conſcience ſincere,* 7 *and his life ſafe from ſnares.*

¶ A Pſalm of David.

LORD, I cry unto thee, [1] make haſte unto me; give ear unto my voice; when I cry unto thee.

[1] *Pſal.* 70.1.

2 Let * my prayer be † [2] ſet forth before thee [2] *as* incenſe; *and* the * lifting up of my hands, [2] *as* the evening ſacrifice.

* Rev. 5.8. & 8.3,4.
† Heb. *directed.*
* Pſal. 134.2.

[2] Directed by the aſſiſtance of thy Spirit, ſo as to find acceptance with thee, *Exod.* 30.7. and 29.39. *&c.*

3 [3] Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

[3] Help me ſo to bridle my tongue that I may not utter any raſh, unbecoming ſpeeches, (for which our own endeavours alſo muſt be us'd, *Pſal.* 39.1.)

4 [4] Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing; to practiſe wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not [5] eat of their dainties.

[4] *Matth.* 6.13. Govern all my thoughts, affections and inclinations that I may not be led to any evil. ¶ [5] Be allur'd by any of their worldly advantages to partake with 'em in their wickedneſs.

5 ‖ Let the [6] righteous [7] ſmite me, *it ſhall be* a kindneſs; and let him [7] reprove me, *it ſhall be* an excellent oyl, *which* ſhall [8] not break my head: [9] for yet my prayer alſo *ſhall be* in their calamities.

‖ Or, *Let the righteous ſmite me kindly, and reprove me; let not* their *precious oyl break my head,* &c.

[6] *Gal.* 6.1. [7] *Prov.* 27.5. and 6.23. and 19.25. and 15.-5, 31,33. Severely and freely reprove me, for what they judge amiſs. [8] Shall heal, and pleaſe me, *Prov.* 9.-8. ¶ [9] *q. d.* And that it may appear that I take it kindly from 'em, I'll pray heartily for 'em, if at any time they fall into any calamity.

6 [10] When their judges are overthrown in ſtony places, [10] they ſhall hear my words; for [11] they are ſweet.

[10] When the Ringleaders of my enemies are deſtroy'd, the common people will be more ready to hearken to my wholſom counſels. ¶ [11] *q. d.* And tho' now they can't reliſh nor indure 'em, yet then they'l be acceptable and profitable to 'em.

7 [12] Our bones are ſcattered at the graves mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.

[12] *q. d.* But notwithſtanding my good intentions towards 'em, yet they do ſtill ſo furiouſly perſecute me, that the caſe of my ſelf and followers is almoſt deſperate.

8 But * [13] mine eyes *are* unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my truſt, † leave not my ſoul deſtitute.

* Pſal. 123.1,2.
[13] 2 Chr. 20.12.
† Heb. *make not my ſoul bare.*

9 Keep me from * the [14] ſnare *which* they have laid for me; and the grins of the workers of iniquity.

* Pſal. 119.110.
[14] *Pſal.* 140.5. & 142.-3.

10 * Let the wicked [15] fall into their own nets, [16] whilſt that I [17] withal † eſcape.

* Pſal. 35.8.
† Heb. *paſs over.*

[15] *Pſal.* 7.16. and 94.23. ¶ [16] *Prov.* 11.8. ¶ [17] Together with my followers.

Pſal. 143.

PSAL. CXLII.

David ſheweth that in his trouble, all his comfort was in prayer unto God.

¶ * Maſchil of David; a prayer when he was in the [1] cave.

* Pſal. 32. tit.
[1] 1 *Sam.* 24.3,4.

I Cried unto the LORD with my voice: with my voice unto the LORD did I make my ſupplication.

2 [2] I poured out my complaint before him; I [3] ſhewed before him my trouble.

[2] *Pſal.* 102. Title. *Iſa.* 26.16. ¶ [3] *Iſa.* 37.-14.

3 When * my ſpirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou kneweſt [4] my path: [5] in the way wherein I walked, have they privily laid a ſnare for me.

* Pſal. 143.4.

[4] My innocence (*Pſal.* 1.6.) and what danger I was in; and didſt direct me what courſe to take to eſcape it. ¶ [5] *Pſal.* 140.5.

4 ‖ * I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but * *there was* [6] no man that would know me; refuge † [7] failed me; no man † cared for my ſoul.

‖ Or, *Look on the right hand and ſee.*
* Pſal. 69.20.
* Pſal. 31.11.
† Heb. *periſhed from me.*
† Heb. *ſought after.*

[6] *Pſal.* 88.8. 2 *Tim.* 4.16. ¶ [7] 2 *Chron.* 20.12.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD, I ſaid, * Thou *art* my refuge, *and* my *[8] portion in [9] the land of the living.

* Pſal. 46.1. & 91.2.
* Pſal. 16.5. & 73.26. Lam. 3.24.
[8] *Pſal.* 119.57. See there.
[9] *Pſal.* 27.13.

6 Attend unto my cry, for I am [10] brought very low: deliver me from my perſecutours, for they are ſtronger then I.

[10] *Pſal.* 116.-6.

7 Bring my ſoul out of [11] priſon, that I may praiſe thy name: * the righteous ſhall [12] compaſs me about; for thou ſhalt deal bountifully with me.

* Pſal. 34.2.

[11] Theſe ſtraits I am in; and particularly, this Cave, where I am forc'd to hide my ſelf; and ſet me at liberty. ¶ [12] To congratulate my deliverance.

PSAL. CXLIII.

1 *David prayeth for favour in judgment:* 3 *He complaineth of his griefs:* 7 *He prayeth for grace,* 9 *for deliverance,* 10 *for ſanctification,* 12 *for the deſtruction of his enemies.*

¶ A Pſalm of David.

HEar my prayer, O LORD; [1] give ear to my ſupplications: in thy faithfulneſs anſwer me, *and* in thy [2] righteouſneſs.

[1] *Pſal.* 31.2. ¶ [2] Which inclines thee to favour righteous perſons and juſt cauſes.

2 And [3] enter not into judgment with thy ſervant: for * [4] in thy ſight ſhall no man living be juſtified.

* Exod. 34.7. Job 4.17. & 9.2. & 15.14. & 25.4.

[3] *Job* 14.4. *Pſal.* 130.3. *q. d.* True; I confeſs my ſins have juſtly brought theſe Judgments upon me, but I beſeech thee call me not to a ſtrict account for 'em, but pardon 'em. ¶ [4] *Rom.* 3.20. *Gal.* 2.16. At the Tribunal of ſtrict Law-juſtice, none can be acquitted, and accounted and dealt with as righteous.

3 [5] For the enemy hath perſecuted my ſoul; he hath [6] ſmitten my life down to the ground: he hath made me to dwell [7] in darkneſs, as thoſe that have been long dead.

[5] *q. d.* Hear my prayer (*v.* 1.) becauſe —— ¶ [6] Brought me into a very low and almoſt hopeleſs condition. ¶ [7] In a diſconſolate condition.

4 Therefore is my ſpirit [8] overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is [9] deſolate.

[8] *Pſal.* 61.2. and 142.3. ¶ [9] Depriv'd of all hope and comfort.

5 I remember the [10] days of old; I meditate on all thy [10] works: I muſe on the [10] work of thy hands.

[10] *Pſal.* 77.5,11. What thou haſt done for thy people, and my ſelf in particular, formerly.

Psal. 144.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul [11] *thirsteth* after [12] thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

7 Hear me speedily, O LORD, my spirit faileth: [13] hide not thy face from me, ‖ * lest I be like unto them that [14] go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy loving kindness * in the morning; for in thee do I trust: [15] cause me to know the way wherein I should [16] walk; for [17] I lift up my soul unto thee.

[11] *Psal.* 63.1. [12] Thy favour and help. [13] *Psal.* 27.9. See there. ‖ Or, *for I am become like*, &c. * Psal. 28.1. * See Psal. 46. 5. [14] *Psal.* 88.4. [15] *Psal.* 5.8. and 25.4. ¶ [16] Whereby to please thee, and secure my self. ¶ [17] *Psal.* 25.1.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I † flee unto thee to hide me.

† Heb. *hide me with thee.*

10 [18] Teach me to do thy will, for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* [19] good, [20] lead me into the [21] land of uprightness.

[18] *Psal.* 25.4, 5. & 139.—24. Inable me by thy grace. ¶ [19] *Neh.* 9.20. Holy and gracious. ¶ [20] *Viz.* By that good Spirit. ¶ [21] *Isa.* 26.10. Into such a condition that nothing may draw me aside from the way of obedience.

11 [22] Quicken me, O LORD, for thy names sake: for thy righteousness sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am* [23] thy servant.

[22] *Psal.* 119.25. See there. [23] *Psal.* 116.16.

PSAL. CXLIV.

1 David blesseth God for his mercy both to him and to man: 5 He prayeth that God would powerfully deliver him from his enemies: 9 He promiseth to praise God.

¶ *A Psalm* of David.

BLessed *be* the LORD [1] my † strength, * which [2] teacheth my hands † to war, *and* my fingers to fight.

2 * [3] My ‖ goodness and my [4] fortress; my high tower and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust: who [4] subdueth my people under me.

[1] *Psal.* 18.2. † Heb. *rock.* [2] 2 Sam. 22.35. * *Psal.* 18.34. See there. † Heb. *to the war*, &c. * 2 Sam. 22.2, 3, 40, 48. ‖ Or, *mercy.* [4] Exceeding merciful to me. ¶ [4] Inclines the hearts of my people to submit themselves to me.

3 LORD, [5] what *is* man, that thou [6] takest knowledge of him? *or* the son of man, that thou [6] makest account of him?

[5] *Job* 7.17. *Prov.* 8.4. *Hebr.* 2.6. Man in general; and my self in particular, a mean person. ¶ [6] Hast any care and kindness for him.

4 Man is like to [7] vanity: his days *are* [8] as a shadow that passeth away.

[7] *Job* 14.2. *Psal.* 39.5. and 62.9. ¶ [8] *Psal.* 102.11. and 109.23.

5 [9] Bowe thy heavens, O LORD, and [10] come down: [11] touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

[9] *Psal.* 18.9. *Isa.* 64.1. ¶ [10] *Viz.* To help me. ¶ [11] *Psal.* 104.—32. Shew thy self in a way of vengeance upon my enemies.

6 [12] Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

7 [13] Send thine † hand from above; * rid me, and deliver me out of great waters; from the hand of * [14] strange children:

[12] *Psal.* 18.13, 14. † Heb. *hands.* * Psal. 69.2, 14. Verse 11. * Psal. 54.3. [13] *Psal.* 18.16. ¶ [14] Rebellious *Israelites*, who are no better than Heathens, *Isa.* 1.10.

8 Whose mouth speaketh [15] vanity; and their [16] right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

[15] *Psal.* 12.2. Vain brags and threatnings, and also deceitful promises and professions of friendship. ¶ [16] Their promis'd assistance is but deceit.

9 I will * sing a [17] new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery, *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

[9] Psal. 33.2, 3. [17] *Psal.* 33.3. See there. *Viz.* For my deliverance, which I know thou wilt vouchsafe me.

10 *It is he* that giveth ‖ salvation unto kings: who [18] delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

‖ Or, *victory.* [18] *Psal.* 18.50. * Verse 7.

11 * Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of [14] strange children; whose mouth speaketh [15] vanity, and their [16] right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

12 [19] That our sons *may be* as [20] plants [21] grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* [22] as corner-stones, † [23] polished *after* the similitude of a palace:

† Heb. *our.* [19] *q. d.* Grant deliverance from mine enemies (v. 11.) for my people's sake, that they may enjoy those blessings thou hast promis'd 'em. ¶ [20] *Psal.* 128.3. ¶ [21] In a thriving and flourishing condition. ¶ [22] Strong and beautiful, and adorn'd with all the ornaments belonging to their sex.

13 *That* our garners *may be* full, affording † all manner of store; *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands, and ten thousands in our streets:

† Heb. *from kind to kind.*

14 *That* our oxen *may be* † strong to labour; *that there be* no [23] breaking in, nor [24] going out; that *there be* no [25] complaining in our streets:

† Heb. *able to bear burdens*; or *loaden* with flesh. [23] Invasion of enemies. ¶ [24] Carrying into Captivity. ¶ [25] By reason of any publick grievance or calamity.

15 Happy *is that* people that is in such a case: *yea*, happy *is that* people, [26] whose God *is* the LORD.

[26] *Psal.* 33.12. & 65.4. *Deut.* 33.29. *

PSAL. CXLV.

1 David praiseth God for his fame, 8 goodness, 11 kingdom, 14 providence, 17 and for his saving mercy.

¶ To Davids * *Psalm* of praise.

* Psal. 100. tit.

I Will extol thee, my God, O King, and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 * Great *is* the LORD, and [1] greatly to be praised; † and his greatness *is* [2] unsearchable.

* Psal. 96.4. † Heb. *of his greatness* there *is no search.* [1] *Rev.* 5.12. ¶ [2] *Rom.* 11.33. *Job* 5.9. and 9.10. [3] *Psal.* 78.5, 6. *Isa.* 38.—19.

4 [3] One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honour of the majesty, and of thy wondrous † works.

† Heb. *things*, or *words.*

6 And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts; and I will † declare thy greatness.

† Heb. *declare it.*

7 They shall abundantly utter the [4] memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

[4] The many glorious things thou hast done for thy people, which are as so many Memorials of thy goodness.

8 The LORD *is* [5] gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and † of great mercy.

† Heb. *great in mercy.* [5] *Exod.* 34.6, 8. *Numb.* 14.18. *Psal.* 86.5, 15. and 103.8.

9 The LORD *is* [6] good to all; and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.

[6] *Matth.* 5.45.

10 All thy works shall [7] praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.

[7] Give occasion to men to praise thee, (as *Psal.* 19.1.)

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men, his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13 * Thy kingdom *is* † an [8] everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

* 1 Tim. 1.17. † Heb. *a kingdom of all ages.* [8] 2 *Pet.* 1.11.

14 The LORD upholdeth [9] all that fall, and [10] raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down.

[9] *Viz.* That seek to him for help. ¶ [10] *Psal.* 146.8.

15 The eyes of all ‖ [11] wait upon thee, and [12] thou givest them their meat in due season.

‖ Or, *look unto thee.* [11] *Psal.* 104.21, 27. Seek for their food, by the instinct of Nature, in that way that thy Providence has appointed for the feeding of 'em. ¶ [12] *Psal.* 104.27, 28. and 136.25.

Psal.147.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

[11] *Rev.* 19.-11.

17 The LORD *is* [13] righteous in all his ways; and ‖ holy in all his works.

‖ Or, *merciful, or bountiful.*

18 The LORD *is* [14] nigh unto all them that call upon him; to all that call upon him in truth.

[14] *Deut.* 4.7.

[15] *Psal.* 37.-4. See there.

19 He will [15] fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSAL. CXLVI.

1 *The Psalmist voweth perpetual praises to God.* 3 *He exhorteth, not to trust in man.* 5 *God for his power, justice, mercy, and kingdom, is only worthy to be trusted.*

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*

† PRaise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, [1] O my soul.

[1] *Psal.* 103.1.

2 [2] While I live, will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God, while I have any being.

[2] *Psal.* 104.33.

[3] *Psal.* 118.8,9.

3 [3] Put not your trust in princes; *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no ‖ help.

‖ Or, *salvation.*

4 [4] His breath goeth forth; [5] he returneth to his earth: [6] in that very day * his thoughts perish.

* See 1 Cor. 2.6.

[4] *Psal.* 104.29. *Isa.* 2.22. ¶ [5] *Eccl.* 12.7. ¶ [6] Assoon as ever he is dead all his great designs and purposes of helping others come to nothing.

[7] *Psal.* 144.-15. *Jer.* 17.7.

5 [7] Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help; whose hope *is* in the LORD his God;

* Gen. 1.1.

6 * Which made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever:

[8] *Psal.* 103.6.

7 Which [8] executeth judgment for the oppressed; which giveth food to the hungry: the LORD [9] looseth the prisoners.

[9] *Psal.* 68.6. *Isa.* 61.-1.

8 The LORD [10] openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD [11] raiseth *them that are* bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.

[10] *Matth.* 9.30. *John* 9.-7,32. Gives spiritual understanding to the ignorant. ¶ [11] *Psal.* 145.14. *Luke* 13.11-13.

9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he [12] relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he [13] turneth upside down.

[12] *Deut.* 10.18. *Psal.* 68.5. ¶ [13] Utterly overthrows all their counsels and enterprises, (and therefore let all good men be hence encouraged to trust in God in all their straits.)

[14] *Exod.* 15.8. *Psal.* 10.16. & 145.13.

10 The LORD shall [14] reign for ever; *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXLVII.

1 *The prophet exhorteth to praise God, for his care of the church,* 4 *his power,* 6 *and his mercy:* 7 *to praise him for his providence:* 12 *to praise him for his blessings upon the kingdom.*

* Psal. 135.3.
[1] *Psal.* 92.1.
[2] *Psal.* 33.1. See there.

PRaise ye the LORD: for * *it is* [1] good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant, *and* praise is [2] comely.

2 The LORD doth [3] build up Jerusalem: he [4] gathereth together [5] the out-casts of Israel.

[3] *Zech.* 4.-6. Establish and enlarge his Church. ¶ [4] *Deut.* 30.3. ¶ [5] *Isa.* 11.12. Those that were dispers'd into strange Regions and foreign Countries in the Babylonish Captivity: and also the Gentiles, (before counted Out-casts, *Eph.* 2. 12,13,19.)

3 * He healeth the [6] broken in heart, and bindeth up their † wounds.

[6] Such as are sorrowful, either for their sins or sufferings.

* Psal. 51.17. Isa. 57.15. & 61.1.
† Heb. *griefs.*

4 * [7] He telleth the number of the stars: [7] he calleth them all by *their* names.

[7] *Isa.* 40.26. Knows their Offices, Influences, Order, Motion, *&c.* much more knows all the concerns and circumstances of his people, tho' some of 'em be in great obscurity; and knows those that are fit to be instruments of their deliverance.

* See Gen. 15.5.

5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: † his understanding *is* [8] infinite.

† Heb. *of his understanding* there is *no number.*

6 The LORD [9] lifteth up the meek: he [10] casteth the wicked down to the ground.

[8] *Isa.* 40.-28.

[9] He only can comfort 'em, and raise 'em to a better condition. ¶ [10] *Psal.* 73.-18. and 146.-9.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving: sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

8 Who [11] covereth the heaven with clouds; who [11] prepareth rain for the earth; who [11] maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

[11] 1 *Kin.* 18.45. *Job* 38.26. *Psal.* 104.14.

9 [12] He giveth to the beast his food; *and* * to the [13] young ravens which cry.

* Matth. 6.26.

[12] *Psal.* 104.27,28. and 136.25. and 145.15. ¶ [13] *Job* 38.41.

10 [14] He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

[14] *Psal.* 33.17. *Hos.* 1.7. *q. d.* God needs no such outward helps for the delivering of his people out of trouble.

11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them [15] that fear him; in those that hope in his mercy.

[15] *Psal.* 148.4. *Prov.* 11.-20.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Zion.

13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates: he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 † [16] He maketh peace *in* thy borders; *and* [17] filleth thee with the † finest of the wheat.

† Heb. *who maketh thy border peace.*
[16] *Isa.* 60.-17, 18.
[17] *Psal.* 132.15.
† Heb. *fat of wheat.* Deut. 32.14. Psal. 81,16.

15 [18] He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

[18] *i. e.* Whatsoever he commands is presently done, (and therefore he can make what alteration he pleases in the condition of his people.)

16 [19] He giveth snow like wooll: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

[19] *Job* 37.6.

17 He casteth forth his [20] ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

[20] Great icy hail-stones.

18 * He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

* Psal. 107.20.

19 * [21] He sheweth his † word unto Jacob; * his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

* Psal. 78.5. & 103.7.
† Heb. *words.*
* Mal. 4.4.

[21] *Rom.* 3.2. *q. d.* But besides these instances and works of his Providence, he teaches his people more fully by his written Law.

20 He hath [22] not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* [23] judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

[22] *Deut.* 4.32,33. ¶ [23] His Law and the Declarations of his Will. See on *Psal.* 119.7.

PSAL. CXLVIII.

1 *The Psalmist exhorteth the celestial,* 7 *the terrestrial,* 11 *and the rational creatures to praise God.*

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*

† PRaise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD [1] from the heavens: praise him in the [2] heights.

[1] *Rev.* 5.13. ¶ [2] In those high and heavenly places.

[3] *Psal.* 103.20, 21.

2 Praise ye him all his [3] angels: praise ye him all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him [4] sun and [4] moon: praise him all ye [4] stars of light.

[4] *q. d.* Were you able to do it, you have abundant cause to do it, and therefore let it be done by others on your behalf.

4 Praise him * ye [5] heavens of heavens; and

* 1 Kin. 8.27.

Psal. 149.

ye waters that *be* [6] above the [5] heavens.

[5] The highest heavens, or third heaven. ¶ [6] See on *Gen.*1.7.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for * he [7] commanded, and they were created.

*Gen.1.1,6. [7] *Psal.*33.9.

6 * He hath also [8] stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a [9] decree which shall not pass.

* Psal.89.37. Jer.31.35,36. & 33.25.

[8] *Psal.*119.91. Made 'em unchangeable in respect of their nature and substance, (tho' in respect of some qualities there will be a change at the end of the world, *Psal.* 102. 6. 2 *Pet.*3.10–12.) ¶ [9] *Viz.* For their continuance for ever, never to be repeal'd and made void.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons and all [10] deeps,

[10] Creatures in the depths of the Sea.

8 [11] Fire and hail, snow and vapour, stormy wind fulfilling his [12] word,

[11] Lightning. ¶ [12] Either for refreshment or punishment.

9 Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars,

10 Beasts and all cattel, creeping things, and † flying fowl,

† Heb. *birds of wing.*

11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth,

12 Both young men and maidens, old men and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is † [13] excellent; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.

†Heb. *exalted.* [13] *Psal.*8.1. *Isa.* 12.–4.

14 * He also [14] exalteth the horn of his people, * [15] the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel; a people [16] near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

* Psal.75.10. * Psal.149.9.

[14] In respect of spiritual and eternal priviledges. ¶ [15] *i.e.* He is the chief object of the praises of his people. ¶ [16] *Deut.* 4.7. *Eph.*2.13.

PSAL. CXLIX.

The prophet exhorteth to praise God for his love to the church, &c.

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*

† PRaise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a [1] new song; *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

[1] See on *Psal.* 33.3.

2 Let Israel rejoyce in * him that [2] made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their [3] King.

* Isa. 54.5. See Job 35.10.

[2] *Psal.*100.3. *Viz.* To be his people, and adorn'd 'em with many priviledges. ¶ [3] *David* and his posterity; especially the Messiah.

3 * Let them praise his name ‖ in the dance:

* Psal. 81.2. ‖ Or, *with the pipe.*

let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

Psal. 150.

4 For * the LORD [4] taketh pleasure in his people: * [5] he will beautifie the meek with salvation.

* Psal.35.27. * Psal.132.16.

[4] *Psal.*147.11. *Prov.*11.–20. ¶ [5] *Psal.* 91.–15. He'll dispose by his good Providence, his afflicted, despised people that meekly wait upon him, into a convenient and decent condition of life.

5 Let the saints be joyful [6] in glory: let them * sing aloud [7] upon their beds.

* Job 35.10.

[6] For that glory God shall put upon 'em, by bringing 'em into a flourishing condition again. ¶ [7] By night, as well as by day, for that security and sweet repose he affords 'em.

6 *Let* the high *praises* of God *be* in their † mouth; and a * two-edged sword in their hand;

† Heb. *throat.* * Hebr.4.12. Rev. 1.16.

7 [8] To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;

[8] To punish all the Enemies of the Church for all their cruelties towards her.

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 * To execute upon them the judgment [9] written: * [10] this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

* Deut.7.1,2. * Psal.148.14.

[9] *Viz.* In the Scriptures, *Numb.* 24.–17. *Deut.* 32. 43. ¶ [10] *Viz.* Of executing Vengeance on God's implacable Enemies.

PSAL. CL.

1 *An exhortation to praise God,* 3 *with all kind of instruments.*

† PRaise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the [1] firmament of his power.

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*

[1] In the heavens; which are such an admirable evidence of his power.

2 Praise him for his [2] mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

[2] *Psal.*145.5,6.

3 Praise him with the sound of the ‖ trumpet: * praise him with the psaltery and harp.

‖ Or, *cornet.* * Psal.81.2. & 149.3.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and ‖ dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

‖ Or, *pipe.*

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

PRO-

PROVERBS.

The ARGUMENT.

AS Solomon *was endued with an extraordinary measure of Wisdom and Understanding in all things, both Natural, Moral, and Divine, above all Mortals that ever lived; so he gives a Proof and Demonstration thereof in this Book. For, tho all Scripture is of Divine Inspiration, yet it pleased the infinitely wise God, in the dictating of it, to accommodate himself, either for the Matter, or Style, to the particular Temper, Abilities, Employment, or the like, of the Instrument he made use of. Hence* Esay, *a Courtier, writes in a lofty, sublime Style.* Amos, *a Herdman, has many passages that savor of such an Employment.* Paul, *who was both a great Scholar, and also wrapt up into the Third Heaven, shews more Learning than any of the other Apostles, and treats of the most sublime, and Divine Mysteries of the Gospel. Accordingly,* Proverbs *containing the Quintessence and Marrow of Wisdom,* Solomon *is directed and inspired by God to write this Book of* Proverbs: *The first Nine Chapters whereof are more coherent than the rest, and contain a Commendation of, and exhortation to true Wisdom, which is the fear of God. The following contain Directions how to govern our selves in all respects and capacities, both towards God and Man, in all Estates and Conditions of Life, both as we are Members of Church, Commonwealth, Families, and in our own Personal Concerns, whether high or low, rich or poor, young or old, bond or free.*

CHAP. I.

1 *The use of the proverbs.* 7 *An exhortation to fear God, and believe his word:* 10 *To avoid the enticings of sinners.* 20 *Wisdom complaineth of her contempt.* 24 *She threatneth her contemners.*

THE [1] proverbs of [2] Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

[1] *Ch.*1. 10. and 25. 1. Choice, Divine, Master-Sentences, containing excellent matter of Doctrin and Instruction (*Job* 27.1.) but many times veiled with dark expressions, *John* 16.25. *Ezek.*20.49. ¶ [2] 1 *King.*4.31,32.

2 [3] To know [4] wisdom and [5] instruction, to perceive the words of understanding.

[3] *Deut.*4.5,6. 2 *Tim.*3.15. Written for this end, to teach and excite men to the kowledge of their Duty, in order to happiness. ¶ [4] To make men understand such lessons as are given 'em by their Teachers, and may effectually convey this Wisdom to 'em. ¶ [5] To enable men to apprehend those wise and weighty Sayings which come from men of great understanding, and are fitted to beget true understanding in us how to discern between Truth and Error, Good and Evil.

3 [6] To receive the instruction of [6] wisdom, † Heb. *equities* [7] justice, and [8] judgment, and † [9] equity;

[6] *Job* 22. 22. To encline and perswade men to hearken to such counsels as may teach 'em how to behave themselves wisely, so as they may prosper. ¶ [7] Particularly, such Wisdom as teaches men how to give to every one, both God and Man, their due. ¶ [8] How to discern what is right. ¶ [9] Integrity in all.

4 To give [10] subtilty to the [11] simple, to the ‖ Or, *advisement.* [12] young man knowledge and ‖ discretion.

[10] Understanding to prevent dangers, *Matth.* 10.-16. ¶ [11] Such as are easily led into error or danger for want of judgment and discretion. See *n.*47. ¶ [12] Who wants both experience and self-government.

5 [13] A wise *man* will [14] hear, and will [15] increase learning: and [16] a man of understanding shall attain unto [17] wise counsels.

[13] One that has already attained some good measure of divine and heavenly knowledge (for whom this Book is useful, as well as for the simple, *v.*4.) ¶ [14] Give heed to these Proverbs. ¶ [15] *ch.*9.9. ¶ [16] 1 *Chron.*12.32. One that has a better capacity than others. ¶ [17] Skill how to govern both himself and others after the best manner.

6 [18] To understand a proverb, and ‖ the [19] in ‖ Or, *an eloterpretation*; the words of the wise, and their *quent speech.* [20] dark sayings.

[18] To find out the meaning of the wise Sayings of God or Men. ¶ [19] To be able to expound and apply 'em for the benefit both of himself and others. ¶ [20] Such as are hard to be understood; especially, by unthinking, ungodly men.

7 ¶ [21] The fear of the LORD *is* the ‖ [22] be- ‖ Or, *principal part.* ginning of knowledge: *but* [23] fools despise [3] wisdom and † instruction.

[21] See on *Job* 28.28. The choicest wisdom is to know and serve the true God aright, without which all other knowledge is vain and useless. ¶ [22] The chief and principal point or part. ¶ [23] Wicked and ungodly men, who are destitute of the fear of God.

8 [24] My son, [25] hear the instruction of thy [26] father, and forsake not the law of thy [27] mother.

[24] *Gal.* 4. 19. O young man, whom I love as a Child. ¶ [25] *ch.*23.22. See *n.*14. ¶ [26] *ch.*6.20. 1 *Sam.*2.-25. ¶ [27] *ch.* 31.1. 2 *Tim.*1.5. and 3.14,15.

9 For they *shall be* an † [28] ornament of grace † Heb. *adding.* unto thy head, and [28] chains about thy neck.

[28] Render thee both amiable and honourable, *viz.* If they be observ'd.

10 ¶ [24] My son, if sinners [29] entice thee, [29] *Rom.*16.-18 [30] consent thou not. [30] *Gen.*39.8. *Eph.*5. 11.

11 If they [31] say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood; let us lurk privily for [32] the innocent [33] without cause:

[31] Not in expres terms, but in a more plausible manner; which yet is really the substance of what they do design, and which it will come to at the last. ¶ [32] Harmless Travellers that think no body any hurt. ¶ [33] Who have never given us any cause to deal thus with 'em.

12 Let us swallow them up alive as [34] the grave, and whole, as those that go down into [34] Undiscover'd. the [34] pit:

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

14 [35] Cast in thy lot among us, [35] let us all have one purse:

[35] Do as we do, and thou shalt fare as we fare.

15 My son, [36] walk not thou in the way with [36] *ch.*4.14.

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them; refrain thy foot from their path.

16 For [37] their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

[37] *Isa.*59. 7. *Rom.*3. 15.

17 Surely [38] in vain the net is spread in the † sight of any bird.

† Heb. *eyes of every thing that hath a wing.*

[38] *q. d.* As a foolish Bird, tho the Net be spread before it, yet will not take warning, but flies into it; so these persons, tho they cannot be ignorant of the danger of such courses, yet will venture upon 'em to their own destruction.

18 And they [39] lay wait for their *own* blood, they lurk privily for their *own* lives.

[39] *q. d.* But in conclusion, all their pains and cunning against others recoils upon themselves, and proves their own destruction.

19 So *are* the ways of every one that is [40] greedy of gain: [41] *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

[40] *Ch.*15.27. That seeks gain by unrighteous and wicked practices. ¶ [41] Which Gain in the issue of it, brings ruin upon its Possessors, *ch.* 5.22.

† Heb. *Wisdoms* that is, *excellent wisdom.*

20 ¶ † [43] Wisdom [44] crieth [45] without, she uttereth her voice in the [45] streets:

[43] The word of God publish'd by Christ, the Eternal, Essential Wisdom of the Father, (*Luke* 11.49. 1 *Cor.* 1.-24.) and other Messengers of God, whereby Sinners are invited to repentance and obedience, (as before they were enticed to wickedness, *v.*10. *&c.*) ¶ [44] *ch.*8. 1. ¶ [45] Openly and publickly, in the hearing of all.

[46] *ch.* 8. 2.

21 She crieth in the [46] chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying,*

22 How long, ye [47] simple ones, will ye [48] love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

[47] Ignorant, easie, credulous persons, soon cheated by the World and the Devil, and don't understand your own interest. ¶ [48] Persist in your sinful courses.

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will [49] pour out my spirit unto you, I will [49] make known my words unto you.

[49] *Isa.*44.-3. Fully and freely declare my mind to you, and what my Will is.

24 ¶ Because I have [50] called, and ye refused, I have streched out my hand, and no man regarded.

[50] *Isa.*65.2. and 66.4. *Jer.*7.13. *Ezek.*8.-18. *Rev.* 3.20.

25 But ye have [51] set at nought all my counsel, and [52] would none of my reproof.

[51] *Psal.*107.-11. *Zech.* 7.11. *Luke* 7.30. ¶ [52] Rejected.

26 I also will [53] laugh at your calamity, I will mock when [54] your fear cometh;

[53] *Matth.* 7. 2. *Psal.* 2. 4. Destroy you without pity. ¶ [54] Those Calamities you are afraid of.

27 When your fear cometh [55] as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

[55] *Job* 30.14. Like some devouring Judgment which destroys all afore it.

28 [56] Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me [57] early, but they shall not find me:

[56] *Job* 27.9. *Psal.*18.41. *Isa.*1. 15. *Jer.* 11. 11. and 14. 12. *Ezek.*8.18. *Mic.*3.4. *Zech.*7. 13. ¶ [57] With much seeming diligence and eagerness.

[58] *Job* 21.14. [59] Refused.

29 For that they [58] hated knowledge, and did [59] not choose the fear of the LORD.

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

* Job 4. 8. Jer.6.19.

31 Therefore * shall they [60] eat of the fruit their own way, and be [60] filled with their own devices.

[60] *Ch.* 14.14. *Isa.*3.-11. Meet with such punishments as their sinful courses deserve, *Gal.*6.7,8.

‖ Or, *ease.*

32 For the [61] turning away of the [47] simple shall slay them, and the ‖ prosperity of fools shall [62] destroy them.

[61] *Viz.* From the Counsels of Wisdom and Directions of the Word. ¶ [62] *Eccl.* 5.-15. See there. Shall occasion their more sudden and grievous destruction, by making 'em more proud, presumptuous, secure, scornful, worldly, forgetful of God, *&c.* and thereby exposing 'em the more to God's wrath.

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33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me, [63] shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

[63] *Lev.*26. -5. *Psal.* 91.1,3,10.

CHAP. II.

1 *Wisdom promiseth godliness to her children,* 11 *and safety from evil company,* 20 *and direction in good ways.*

1 MY son, if thou wilt receive my words, and [2] hide my commandments with thee;

[1] *Solomon* still speaks to Youngsters. See on *ch.*1.8. ¶ [2] *ch.* 7.1. See on *Psal.*119. 11.

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* [3] apply thine heart to understanding:

[3] In good earnest dost endeavour the attaining of it, (which will appear by thy Prayers, *v.* 3. and endeavours, *v.*4.)

3 Yea, if thou [4] criest after knowledge, *and* † liftest up thy voice for understanding:

† Heb. *give thy voice.*

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8 [16] It ſhall be † health to thy navel, and † marrow to thy bones.

[16] This is the way to preſerve thy bodily health and ſtrength.

9 [17] Honour the LORD with thy ſubſtance, and with the [18] firſt-fruits of all thine increaſe.

[17] Employ thy eſtate in ſuch a way as may moſt conduce to the honour of God, *viz.* In works of Charity to the Members of Chriſt, of Piety for the maintenance of God's Worſhip, and of Juſtice to all. ¶ [18] *Exod.*23.19. and 34.26. *Deut.*26.2. *Mal.*2.10.

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[20] See on *Job* 5.17. ¶ [21] As if it were an intollerable burden; but on the one hand, be ſenſible of God's Hand, and on the other, be patient under it.

12 For whom the LORD [22] loveth he correcteth, even [23] as a father the ſon, *in whom* he delighteth.

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14 For the [25] merchandiſe of it *is* [26] better then the merchandiſe of ſilver, and the gain thereof then fine gold.

[25] The profit that is got by this trade and employment. ¶ [26] *ch.*8.11,19. and 16.16. *Job* 28.15. &c. *Pſal.*19.-10.

15 She *is* more precious then rubies: and all the things thou canſt deſire, are not to be compared unto her.

16 [4] Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand [27] riches and honour.

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18 She *is* a [30] tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

[30] *Ch.*11.30. and 13. 12. A ſure means to preſerve Life here, and to bring to eternal Life hereafter.

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[31] *Ch.*8.27. *Pſal.*136.5. ¶ [32] Framed and ſetled 'em in the exquiſite order which now they have.

* Gen.1. 9.

20 * By his knowledge [33] the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

[33] That great Abyſs or depth of Waters which was mixt with, and contain'd in the bowels of the earth, did break forth into Fountains and Rivers.

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22 So ſhall they be [37] life unto thy ſoul, and [38] grace to thy neck.

[37] *v.*2.

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them; refrain thy foot from their path.

16 For [37] their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

[37] *Isa.*59.7. *Rom.*3.15.

17 Surely [38] in vain the net is spread in the † sight of any bird.

† Heb. *eyes of every thing that hath a wing.*

[38] *q. d.* As a foolish Bird, tho the Net be spread before it, yet will not take warning, but flies into it; so these persons, tho they cannot be ignorant of the danger of such courses, yet will venture upon 'em to their own destruction.

18 And they [39] lay wait for their *own* blood, they lurk privily for their *own* lives.

[39] *q. d.* But in conclusion, all their pains and cunning against others recoils upon themselves, and proves their own destruction.

19 So *are* the ways of every one that is [40] greedy of gain: [41] *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

[40] *Ch.*15.27. That seeks gain by unrighteous and wicked practices. ¶ [41] Which Gain in the issue of it, brings ruin upon its Possessors, *ch.* 5.22.

† Heb. *Wisdoms* that is, *excellent wisdom.*

20 ¶ † [43] Wisdom [44] crieth [45] without, she uttereth her voice in the [45] streets:

[43] The word of God publish'd by Christ, the Eternal, Essential Wisdom of the Father, (*Luke* 11.49. 1 *Cor.* 1.-24.) and other Messengers of God, whereby Sinners are invited to repentance and obedience, (as before they were enticed to wickedness, *v.*10. *&c.*) ¶ [44] *ch.*8.1. ¶ [45] Openly and publickly, in the hearing of all.

[46] *ch.* 8. 2.

21 She crieth in the [46] chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying,*

22 How long, ye [47] simple ones, will ye [48] love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

[47] Ignorant, easie, credulous persons, soon cheated by the World and the Devil, and don't understand your own interest. ¶ [48] Persist in your sinful courses.

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will [49] pour out my spirit unto you, I will [49] make known my words unto you.

[49] *Isa.*44.-3. Fully and freely declare my mind to you, and what my Will is.

24 ¶ Because I have [50] called, and ye refused, I have streched out my hand, and no man regarded.

[50] *Isa.*65.2. and 66.4. *Jer.*7.13. *Ezek.*8.-18. *Rev.* 3.20.

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[51] *Psal.*107.-11. *Zech.* 7.11. *Luke* 7.30. ¶ [52] Rejected.

26 I also will [53] laugh at your calamity, I will mock when [54] your fear cometh;

[53] *Matth.* 7. 2. *Psal.* 2. 4. Destroy you without pity. ¶ [54] Those Calamities you are afraid of.

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[55] *Job* 30.14. Like some devouring Judgment which destroys all afore it.

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[61] *Viz.* From the Counsels of Wisdom and Directions of the Word. ¶ [62] *Eccl.* 5.-15. See there. Shall occasion their more sudden and grievous destruction, by making 'em more proud, presumptuous, secure, scornful, worldly, forgetful of God, *&c.* and thereby exposing 'em the more to God's wrath.

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[15] *Ch.*16.12. *Iſa.* 5. 21. *Rom.* 12.-16. 1 *Cor.* 3. 18. Be not puff'd up with a vain conceit of thy own wiſdom, as if that were ſufficient, without God's aſſiſtance, and others advice.

† Heb. *medicine*
† Heb. *watering*, or *moiſtning.*

8 [16] It ſhall be † health to thy navel, and † marrow to thy bones.

[16] This is the way to preſerve thy bodily health and ſtrength.

9 [17] Honour the LORD with thy ſubſtance, and with the [18] firſt-fruits of all thine increaſe.

[17] Employ thy eſtate in ſuch a way as may moſt conduce to the honour of God, *viz.* In works of Charity to the Members of Chriſt, of Piety for the maintenance of God's Worſhip, and of Juſtice to all. ¶ [18] *Exod.*23.19. and 34.26. *Deut.*26.2. *Mal.*2.10.

10 [19] So ſhall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy preſſes ſhall burſt out with new wine.

[19] *Deut.* 28.8. 1 *Tim.*4.8. *Mal.*3.10. *q. d.* Hereby thou ſhalt be ſo far from diminiſhing thy eſtate, that thou ſhalt encreaſe it abundantly.

11 ¶ [1] My ſon, [20] deſpiſe not the chaſtening of the LORD: neither be [21] weary of his correction.

[20] See on *Job* 5.17. ¶ [21] As if it were an intollerable burden; but on the one hand, be ſenſible of God's Hand, and on the other, be patient under it.

12 For whom the LORD [22] loveth he correcteth, even [23] as a father the ſon, *in whom* he delighteth.

[22] *Rev.*3.19. *Am.*3.2. ¶ [23] *Deut.* 8.5. *Heb.* 12. 6.

[24] (Tho never ſo much afflicted.)
† Heb. *draweth out.*

13 ¶ Happy *is* the [24] man *that* findeth wiſdom, and the man *that* † getteth underſtanding.

14 For the [25] merchandiſe of it *is* [26] better then the merchandiſe of ſilver, and the gain thereof then fine gold.

[25] The profit that is got by this trade and employment. ¶ [26] *ch.*8.11,19. and 16.16. *Job* 28.15. &c. *Pſal.*19.-10.

15 She *is* more precious then rubies: and all the things thou canſt deſire, are not to be compared unto her.

16 [4] Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand [27] riches and honour.

[27] 1 *Tim.*4.8. and 6. 6. 2 *Cor.*6. 10.

17 Her ways *are* ways of [28] pleaſantneſs, and all her paths *are* [29] peace.

[28] *Matth.* 11. 29,30. ¶ [29] *Pſal.*119.165. *Rom.*5. 1. *Pſal.* 37. 37. Procure a bleſſed tranquility of mind and conſcience, proſperity and ſucceſs of Affairs, and eternal reſt with God in Glory.

18 She *is* a [30] tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

[30] *Ch.*11.30. and 13. 12. A ſure means to preſerve Life here, and to bring to eternal Life hereafter.

* Jer.10.12. & 51.15.
‖ Or, *prepared.*

19 * The LORD by [31] wiſdom hath founded the earth; by underſtanding hath he ‖ [32] eſtabliſhed the heavens.

[31] *Ch.*8.27. *Pſal.*136.5. ¶ [32] Framed and ſetled 'em in the exquiſite order which now they have.

* Gen.1. 9.

20 * By his knowledge [33] the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

[33] That great Abyſs or depth of Waters which was mixt with, and contain'd in the bowels of the earth, did break forth into Fountains and Rivers.

21 ¶ [1] My ſon, let not [34] them depart from thine [35] eyes: keep [36] ſound wiſdom and diſcretion.

[34] Sound wiſdom and diſcretion. ¶ [35] Thy thoughts, *i. e.* Think often upon 'em, and upon thoſe excellents Rules that proceed from 'em. ¶ [36] See on *ch.*2.7.

22 So ſhall they be [37] life unto thy ſoul, and [38] grace to thy neck.

[37] *v.* 2.

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[37] *V.*2. *Iſa.*38.16. The means to beget and preſerve Spiritual Life in thy Soul. ¶ [38] *V.*3. *ch.*1. 9.

* Pſal.37.24. & 91.11,12.

23 * Then ſhalt thou [39] walk in thy way ſafely, and thy foot ſhall not [41] ſtumble.

[39] Manage all thy Affairs without fear of hurt (having caſt thy care upon God.) ¶ [41] So as to fall either into ſin or miſchief.

24 When thou lieſt down, thou ſhalt [42] not be afraid: yea, thou ſhalt lie down, and thy ſleep ſhall be [43] ſweet.

[42] *Lev.*26.6. *Pſal.* 3. 5. and 4.8. ¶ [43] *Act.* 12. 6. Being free from diſtracting cares and terrors, and thy mind compoſed, through ſenſe of God's favor, and thy own integrity.

* Pſal.91.5. & 112. 7.

25 * [44] Be not afraid of ſudden fear, neither of the deſolation [46] of the wicked, when it cometh.

[44] Make uſe of Wiſdom to embolden thee in danger and unexpected evils, (which cauſe the greateſt fear.) ¶ [46] Which befals the wicked.

26 For the LORD ſhall be thy [47] confidence, and ſhall keep thy foot from being taken.

[47] In whom thou mayeſt ſafely confide in all dangers.

† Heb. *the owners thereof.*

27 ¶ [48] Withhold not good from † them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.

[48] (1) Pay thy debts juſtly and honeſtly, if thou art able, (*Rom.*13.8.) (2) Refuſe not to do any office of kindeſs for any. (3) Relieve thoſe that are in want, as thou haſt ability and opportunity.

28 Say not unto thy neighbour, [49] Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou haſt it by thee.

[49] *Deut.*24.15. *Jam.*2.15. As thou muſt not deny, (*v.*27.) ſo neither delay, what is due.

‖ Or, *practiſe no evil.*

29 ‖ [50] Deviſe not evil againſt thy neighbour, ſeeing he dwelleth [51] ſecurely by thee.

[50] *Jer.*18.18. ¶ [51] Fearing no hurt, but expecting all neighbourly kindneſs.

30 ¶ [52] Strive not with a man without cauſe, if he have done thee no harm.

[52] Be not quarrelſom and contentious, 2 *Tim.* 2. 24.

† Heb. *a man of violence.*

31 ¶ [53] Envy thou not † the oppreſſour, and [54] chooſe none of his ways.

[53] *Pſal.*37.1. ¶ [54] (*viz.* Tho thou mighteſt thereby become as rich as he.)

32 For the [55] froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his [56] ſecret *is* with the righteous.

[55] The wilful obſtinate Oppreſſor. ¶ [56] See on *Pſal.*25.14. His ſecret Counſels, (*Matth.*11.25.) and Comforts, *ch.*14.10.

[57] *Mal.*2. 2. *Zech.*5.4.

33 ¶ The [57] curſe of the LORD *is* in the houſe of the wicked: but he bleſſeth the habitation of the juſt.

34 ¶ Surely he [58] ſcorneth the [59] ſcorners: but he giveth [60] grace unto the lowly.

[58] Will expoſe to ſcorn and contempt. ¶ [59] *ch.* 21. 24. Such as deride all Religion. ¶ [60] *Jam.*4.6. 1 *Pet.*5.5. Favor and reſpect both from himſelf and men.

†Heb. *exalteth the fools.*

35 The wiſe ſhall [61] inherit glory, but [63] ſhame † ſhall be the [64] promotion of fools.

[61] Continue to poſſeſs and partake of honour both from God and Man. ¶ [63] Contempt from God and Man. ¶ [64] The higheſt honour they can attain unto.

CHAP. IV.

1 Solomon, to perſwade obedience, 3 ſheweth what inſtruction he had of his parents. 5 To ſtudy wiſdom, 14 and to ſhun the path of the wicked. 20 He exhorteth to faith, 23 and ſanctification.

HEar, [1] ye children, the inſtruction of [2] a father, and attend to know underſtanding.

[1] See on *ch.*1.8. ¶ [2] Of me, who bear a Fatherly Affection to you.

2 For I give you [3] good doctrine, forſake you not my law.

[3] 1 *Tim.*4.-6. *Tit.*1.9. Wholſom, profitable counſel.

3 [4] For I was my fathers [5] ſon, [6] tender and only *beloved* in the ſight of my mother.

[4] *q. d.* Hearken to my counſel, becauſe its no other than what was given me by my Father and Mother, thoſe extraordinary perſons, out of their entire affection to me. ¶ [5] His beſt beloved Son, and deſign'd to be his Succeſſor on the Throne. ¶ [6] 1 *Chron.*29.1. Young and carefully educated.

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4 [7] He taught me alſo, and ſaid unto me, Let [8] thine heart retain my words: [9] keep my commandments and [10] live.

[7] 1 *Chron.*28.9. *Prov.*22.6. *Gen.*18.19. *Eph.*6.4. 2 *Tim.*3.15. ¶ [8] See on *ch.*3.-1. ¶ [9] *ch.* 2.7. ¶ [10] *Lev.*18.5. *Iſa.*55.3. This is the way to live happily both here and hereafter.

5 [11] Get wiſdom, get underſtanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. [11] *ch.*2.2,3,4.

6 Forſake her not, and ſhe ſhall [12] preſerve thee; [13] love her, and ſhe ſhall [12] keep thee.

[12] *Ch.*2.11. ¶ [13] 2 *Theſſ.* 2.-10. 'Tis not enough to do good, but we muſt heartily love it.

7 Wiſdom *is* the [14] principal thing, *therefore* get wiſdom: and [15] with all thy getting, get underſtanding.

[14] *Matth.*13.44. ¶ [15] With the expence of all thou haſt gotten.

8 [16] Exalt her, and ſhe ſhall [17] promote thee: ſhe ſhall bring thee to honour, when thou doſt embrace her.

[16] In thy Judgment, Affections and endeavours. ¶ [17] 1 *Sam.* 2.30. *Dan.*1.-19. Make thee highly honoured both by God and Man.

9 She ſhall give to thine head an [18] ornament of grace: ‖ a crown of glory ſhall ſhe deliver to thee.

[18] See on *ch.*1. 9.

‖ Or, *ſhe ſhall compaſs thee with a crown of glory.*

10 Hear, O my ſon, and receive my ſayings: and the years of thy life ſhall [19] be many.

[19] *ch.*3.2.

11 I have taught thee in the way of [20] wiſdom: I have led thee in [21] right paths.

[20] Whereby thou maiſt attain true Wiſdom. ¶ [21] Agreeable to the Rules of God's Word.

12 When thou [22] goeſt, [23] thy ſteps ſhall not be ſtraitned; * and when thou runneſt, thou ſhalt not [24] ſtumble. * Pſ.91.11,12.

[22] Undertakeſt any buſineſs. ¶ [23] *ch.*3.23. 2 *Sam.*22. 37. *Job.*18.7. Thou ſhalt not be entangled with difficulties in the management thereof, but diſpatch 'em with eaſe and ſucceſs. ¶ [24] Miſcarry to thy ruin.

13 Take [25] faſt hold of inſtruction, let *her* not go; keep her, for ſhe *is* [26] thy life.

[25] *Ch.*3.18. 1 *Theſſ.*5.-21. ¶ [26] The comfort and continuance of thy life here, depends much upon it, and the enjoyment of eternal Life depends altogether upon it.

14 ¶ [27] Enter not into the path of the wicked, and [28] go not in the way of evil *men*.

[27] *Ch.*1.10,15. Avoid their courſes and company. ¶ [28] *Pſ.* 1. 1. At leaſt continue not therein, if thou haſt been drawn into it.

15 [29] Avoid it, paſs not by it, turn from it, and [30] paſs away.

¶ [29] *Ch.*5.8. 1 *Theſſ.*5.22. ¶ [30] *viz.* With all the ſpeed imaginable.

16 For they [31] ſleep not except they have done miſchief: and their ſleep is taken away, unleſs they cauſe *ſome* to [32] fall: [31] *Pſal.* 36. 4. [32] Into ſin or miſchief.

17 For they eat the bread [33] of wickedneſs, and drink the wine [33] of violence.

[33] Gotten by unjuſt and violent courſes.

18 But the path of the juſt *is* as the [34] ſhining light that ſhineth [35] more and more unto the perfect day.

[34] 2 *Sam.*23.4. *Job* 11.-17. *Matth.*5.14,16. Full of holineſs and good Works. ¶ [35] Is continually encreaſing, till they arrive at perfect happineſs.

19 * The way of the wicked *is* as [36] darkneſs: they [37] know not at what they ſtumble. * Iſa.59.9. Jer. 25.12.

[36] *Job* 5.14. and 18. 5,6. Full of groſs Ignorance, Error, Confuſion, Sin and Miſery. ¶ [37] *Job* 12.-35. Diſcern not their danger, but are ſecure till they are overwhelmed with miſery.

20 ¶ My ſon, [38] attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my ſayings. [38] *v.*1. *Jam.*1. 21.

21 Let them [39] not depart from thine eyes: [40] keep them in the midſt of thine [40] heart. [39] *ch.*3.21. [40] *ch.* 3.-3.

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22 For they *are* [26] life unto thoſe that find them, and † [41] health to all their fleſh.

† Heb. *medicine.*

[41] See on *ch.* 3. 8.

23 ¶ [42] Keep thy [42] heart † with all diligence: for out of it *are* the [44] iſſues of life.

† Heb. *above all keeping.*

[42] Keep thy thoughts, will and affections with more diligence than is uſed for the keeping of any thing elſe. ¶ [44] That which tends to thy eternal happineſs, (*Matth.* 12. 35.) or to thy eternal miſery, *Matth.* 15. 19.

24 Put away from thee † a [45] froward mouth, and [45] perverſe lips put far from thee.

† Heb. *frowardneſs of mouth and perverſneſs of lips.*

[45] All evil Communication, *Eph.* 4. 29. *Col.* 3. 8. 1 *Cor.* 15. 33.

25 Let thine eyes look [46] right on, and let thine eye-lids look [46] ſtraight before thee.

[46] *Job* 31. 1. Mind only the right way that thou maiſt keep in it, (*v.* 26.) without turning from it, *v.* 27.

26 [47] Ponder the path of thy feet, and ‖ let all thy ways be [48] eſtabliſhed.

‖ Or, *all thy ways ſhall be ordered aright.*

[47] *Hag.* 1. 5. *Eph.* 5. 15. *Hebr.* 12. 13. *Pſal.* 119. 59. ¶ [48] Rightly order'd according to the Rule of the Word; or, *That all thy ways may be ordered aright.* ¶ [48] *Deut.* 5. 32. and 28. 14.

27 [49] Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

[49] Shun all extreams, *Eccl.* 7. 16, 17.

CHAP. V.

1 *Solomon exhorteth to the ſtudy of wiſdom.* 3 *He ſheweth the miſchief of whoredom and riot.* 15 *He exhorteth to contentedneſs, liberality, and chaſtity.* 22 *The wicked are overtaken with their own ſins.*

MY ſon, attend unto [2] my wiſdom, *and* bowe thine ear to [2] mine underſtanding.

[1] See on *chap.* 1. 8. ¶ [2] That which I teach thee.

2 That thou mayeſt [3] regard diſcretion, *and that* [4] thy lips may keep knowledge.

[3] Be endued with ſpiritual wiſdom for the conduct of thy life. ¶ [4] *Mal.* 2. 7. By wiſe and pious diſcourſes thou may'ſt preſerve and improve thy wiſdom for thy own and others good.

3 ¶ [5] For the lips of a [6] ſtrange woman [7] drop † *as* an hony-comb, and her † mouth *is* * [7] ſmoother then oyl.

† Heb. *palate.*

* Pſal. 55. 21.

[5] *q. d.* Except thou art thus fortified by wiſdom and diſcretion, thou'lt never be able to ſecure thy ſelf from the ſolicitations of the Adultreſs, and other temptations thou'lt be expos'd to. ¶ [6] See on *ch.* 3. 16. ¶ [7] *ch.* 2. 16.

4 But [8] her end is [9] bitter as wormwood, * ſharp as a two-edged ſword.

* Hebr. 4. 12.

[8] Which ſhe'll bring thee to. ¶ [9] *Eccl.* 7. 26.

5 [10] Her feet go down to death: [10] her ſteps take hold on hell.

[10] *Ch.* 2. 18. and 7. 27. Her courſe and manner of life will bring thoſe to death and deſtruction that follow her.

6 Leſt thou ſhouldeſt [12] ponder the path of life, her ways are [13] moveable, *that* thou canſt not [14] know *them.*

[12] Bethink thy ſelf and conſider that this is not the way of life, and therefore thou muſt take ſome other courſe to preſerve thy life temporal, and attain to life eternal. ¶ [13] Uncertain and changeable; ſometimes fawning, ſometimes frowning, as may beſt work upon the ſeveral humours of her lovers. ¶ [14] Find out her miſchievous deſigns and ſubtle practices; much leſs eſcape 'em.

7 [15] Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

[15] *ch.* 7. 24. *Pſal.* 34. 11.

8 [16] Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her houſe:

[16] *ch.* 4. 14.

9 Leſt thou give [17] thine honour unto others, and thy [19] years unto the cruel.

[17] Credit and reputation to Whores and their Complices. ¶ [19] Strength and flower of thy Age to Harlots; who are cruel both in principles and practices.

10 Leſt [21] ſtrangers be filled with thy † [22] wealth, and thy [23] labours *be* in the houſe of a ſtranger.

† Heb. *ſtrength.*

[21] *Hoſ.* 7. 9. ¶ [22] Thy Eſtate, the fruit of thy ſtrength and labours.

11 And thou mourn at the laſt, when thy fleſh and thy body are conſumed.

12 And ſay, How have I hated inſtruction, and my heart deſpiſed reproof?

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13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that inſtructed me?

14 I was almoſt [23] in all evil, in the midſt of the congregation and aſſembly.

[23] Fallen into all ſorts of miſeries, in the ſight of all: and ſo am made a publick Example of God's juſt Vengeance on ſuch lewd ſinners.

15 ¶ [25] Drink waters out of thine own ciſtern; and running waters out of thine own well.

[25] *Eccl.* 9. 9. Content thy ſelf with the enjoyment of thy own Wife for the quenching the heat of thy carnal deſires.

16 Let thy [26] fountains be diſperſed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the ſtreets.

[26] *i. e.* Streams iſſuing from the Fountain (as *Lev.* 20. 18. See there) *viz.* thy Children begotten upon and proceeding from thy own Wife.

17 [27] Let them be only thine own, and not ſtrangers with thee.

[27] Have Children only by thy own Wife, and not by another: whereby thou ſhould'ſt be doubtful whether they be thy own or no.

18 [28] Let thy fountain be bleſſed: and [30] rejoyce with * the wife of thy youth.

* Mal. 2. 14.

[28] 1 *Cor.* 7. 3. Let thy Wife be made happy by the enjoyment of thy ſociety, and cleaving to her alone; (the contrary whereto is a curſe and miſery.) ¶ [30] Take pleaſure only in her Conjugal ſociety.

19 * *Let her be as* the [31] loving hind, and [31] pleaſant roe, let her [32] breaſts † ſatisfie thee at all times, and † be thou [33] raviſht always with her love.

* See Cant. 4. 5. & 7. 3.

† Heb. *water.*

† Heb. *err thou always in her love.*

[31] *Cant.* 2. 9. Amiable and acceptable to thee. ¶ [32] *Cant.* 1. 13. *Ezek.* 23. 3, 8, 21. Her loves and embraces. ¶ [33] Love her rather too much than too little; and that not only in Youth, but in Age; to the laſt.

20 And why wilt thou, my ſon, be raviſht with [35] a ſtrange woman, and embrace the boſom of a ſtranger?

[35] See on *ch.* 2. 16.

21 * For the [36] ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

* 2 Chr. 16. 9. Job 34. 21. Chap. 15. 3. Jer. 16. 17. & 32. 19. Hoſ. 7. 2.

[36] *Hebr.* 13.-4. See on Job 31. 4.

22 ¶ * [37] His own iniquities ſhall take the wicked himſelf, and he ſhall be holden with the cords of his † ſins.

* Pſal. 9. 15.

† Heb. *ſin.*

[37] *Ch.* 11. 3, 5, 6. The Adulterer is ſo enſlav'd by the power of Luſt, that its ſcarce poſſible for him to get free; and at laſt he ſhall be certainly overtaken by the righteous Judgment of God.

23 He ſhall die [38] without inſtruction, and [39] in the greatneſs of his folly he ſhall go aſtray.

[38] *Job* 4.-21. and 36.-12. Without being the better for inſtruction; or repenting of his ſin, (as he purpoſed to do.) ¶ [39] Through his prodigious folly and madneſs, which God ſhall leave him to, he ſhall run on in the way of eternal deſtruction.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Againſt ſuretiſhip,* 6 *idleneſs,* 12 *and miſchievouſneſs.* 20 *The bleſſings of obedience.* 25 *The miſchiefs of whoredom.*

MY ſon, if thou be [2] ſurety for thy friend, *if* thou haſt [3] ſtricken thy hand with a [3] ſtranger,

[1] See on *ch.* 1. 8. ¶ [2] *ch.* 11. 15. and 17. 18. and 22. 26. *viz.* Raſhly and unadviſedly; (for in ſome caſes 'tis not only lawful, but neceſſary, *Gen.* 42. 37. and 43. 9. *Philem.* 18, 19.) ¶ [3] *Job* 17. 3. Obliged thy ſelf to the Creditor.

2 Thou art [4] ſnared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

[4] Haſt brought thy ſelf into trouble and danger.

3 Do this now, my ſon, and deliver thy ſelf, when thou art [5] come into the hand of [6] thy friend:

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friend: go [7] humble thy self, and ‖ [7] make sure thy friend.

‖ Or, *so shalt thou prevail with thy friend.*

[5] Liest at his mercy. ¶ [6] For whom thou art surety. ¶ [7] Acknowledge thy rashness, and by thy earnest and humble entreaties seek to prevail with him to take some effectual course for thy Indempnity.

[9] *Psal.*132.4.

4 [9] Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eye-lids.

5 Deliver thy self as a roe from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 ¶ [10] Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider [11] her ways and be wise:

[10] *Job* 12.7. ¶ [11] Her industry and forecast, and imitate her wisdom.

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

[13] *ch.*30.25. So do thou, 1 *Tim.*6.19.

8 [13] Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou [14] arise out of thy sleep?

[14] 1 *Cor.*15.34. *Eph* 5.14.

10 [15] *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep.

[15] *ch.*24.33,34.

* Chap.10.4. and 13.4.

11 * So shall thy [16] poverty come as one that [17] travelleth, and thy want as [17] an armed man.

[16] *ch.*20.4. [17] Unexpectedly and irresistibly.

12 ¶ A naughty person, a wicked man [18] walketh with a froward mouth.

[18] Accustoms himself to wicked discourse (which is contrary to what God requires, 1 *Tim.* 5.-13.)

* Psal.35.19. Chap.10.10.

13 * He [19] winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers.

[19] *Job* 15.-12. Makes signs to his Complices, of his mischievous intent.

† Heb. *casteth forth.*

14 [20] Frowardness *is* in his heart, he [21] deviseth mischief continually, he † soweth discord.

[20] Perverse or wicked thoughts or desires. ¶ [21] *Mich.*2.1.

* Jer.19.11.

15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he * be broken without remedy.

† Heb. *of his soul.*

16 ¶ These six *things* doth the LORD [22] hate; yea, seven are an abomination † unto him:

[22] *Viz.* Eminently and remarkably, above others.

† Heb. *haughty eyes.*

17 † [23] A proud look, [24] a lying tongue, and [25] hands that shed innocent bloud,

[23] *Psal.*18.-27. and 101.-5. and 131.1. *Prov.*30.13. (which is the discovery of a proud heart.) ¶ [24] *Psal.*101.-7. Given to lying. ¶ [25] *Isa.*1.-15.

* Rom.3.15.

18 An heart that [26] deviseth wicked imaginations, * [27] feet that be swift in running to mischief.

[26] Full of wicked contrivances. ¶ [27] *Isa.* 59. 7. Such as speedily execute their wicked designs.

* Chap.19.5. [28] *Zech.*5.4.

19 * [28] A false witness that speaketh lies, and him that soweth discord among brethren.

20 ¶ [1] My son, keep thy fathers commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

[25] See on *ch.*3.-3.

21 [29] Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.

* Chap.3.23, 24.

22 * When thou goest, [30] it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall [31] keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

[30] The law of God taught thee by thy Parents. ¶ [31] Thou being under God's protection, so long as thou art in his way.

‖ Or, *candle.*

23 For the commandment *is* a ‖ [32] lamp; and the law [33] *is* light; and reproofs [34] of instruction *are* [35] the way of life:

[32] *Psal.*19.8. and 119.105. Affording direction in the night of Adversity. ¶ [33] Shewing how to behave thy self in the day of Prosperity. ¶ [34] Which shew what is amiss, and how to amend it. ¶ [35] *ch.*4.-4,13. See there.

[36] *ch.*2.16. and 7.5. [37] *ch.*5.3. ‖ Or, *of the strange tongue.*

24 [36] To keep thee from the evil woman, from the [37] flattery ‖ of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 [38] Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her [39] eye-lids.

[38] *Matth.*5.28. ¶ [39] *Cant.*4.9. Amorous wanton glances.

26 For by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a [40] piece of bread: and † the adultress will [41] hunt for the precious life.

[40] *Ch.*29.-3. ¶ [41] *Ezek.*13.-18. Seek to draw thee to those courses which will waste thy strength and destroy thy life.

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† Heb. *the woman of a man*, or *of a mans wife.*

27 Can a man take [42] fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burnt?

[42] *Job* 31.12.

28 Can one go upon hot coles, and his feet not be burnt?

29 So he that goeth into his neighbours [43] wife; whosoever [44] toucheth her shall not be innocent.

[43] *Viz.* Cannot avoid destruction thereby. ¶ [44] Dallies with, and has the carnal knowledge of her, shall not be free from guilt, shame and punishment, *Hebr.* 13.-3.

30 *Men* do not [46] despise a thief, if he steal to satisfie his soul when he is hungry:

[46] Abhor or reproach; but rather pity and pardon him; (but the Adulterer is abhorred by all.)

31 But *if* he be found, he shall restore [47] seven-fold; he shall give [48] all the substance of his house.

[47] Make abundant satisfaction, (as *Psal.* 79. 12.) for the Law requir'd but double, *Exod.*22.4. whereas in case of Adultery, there can no satisfaction be made. ¶ [48] *Viz.* Rather than be expos'd to publick shame.

† Heb. *heart.*

32 *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman [49] lacketh † understanding: he *that* doeth it, destroyeth his own soul.

[49] *Ch.*7.-7. Has no sense of the mischievous consequents thereof.

33 [50] A wound and [51] dishonour shall he get, and his reproch shall not be wiped away.

[50] By the woman's husband, *v.*34. ¶ [51] *ch.*5.9. *Judg.*16. 19. 1 *Kings* 11.4,5.

34 For jealousie *is* the [52] rage of a man: therefore he will not spare [53] in the day of vengeance.

[52] That which above all things enrages a man, *Judg.* 19. 29, 30. ¶ [53] *Isa.*34.8. When he has opportunity to be avenged.

† Heb. *accept the face of any ransom.*

35 He will not † regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Solomon perswadeth to a sincere and kind familiarity with wisdom.* 6 *In an example of his own experience, he sheweth* 10 *the cunning of an whore,* 22 *and the desperate simplicity of a young wanton.* 24. *He dehorteth from such wickedness.*

[1] See on *ch.* 1. 8.

MY son, keep my words, and [2] lay up my commandments with thee.

[2] *ch.*2.1. & 3.1. * Lev.18.5. [3] See on *ch.* 4.-4. * Deut.32.10. * Deut.6.8. & 11.18. [4] See on *ch.* 3.-3.

2 * [3] Keep my commandments, and live: and my law * as the apple of thine eye.

3 * [4] Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 [5] Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:

[5] Love her, and be familiarly acquainted with her.

[6] *ch.*2.16. & 6.24.

5 [6] That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

6 ¶ For [7] at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

[7] A Parabolical Representation of what commonly happens.

† Heb. *sons.*

7 And beheld among the [8] simple ones, I discerned among the † youths, a young man [9] void of understanding,

[8] *Ch.*1.22. (See there.) and 9.4, 16. 2 *Tim.*3.6. ¶ [9] *ch.* 6.32.

[10] *ch.* 4.14,15. [11] *Job* 24.15. 1 *Thess.*5.7. † Heb. *evening of the day.*

8 [10] Passing through the street near her corner, and he went the way to her house.

9 In the [11] twilight in the † evening, in the black and dark night:

10 And

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10 And behold, there met him a woman *with* the [12] attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

[12] *Gen.*38.15. In a wanton, whorish attire; such as no chast woman would be seen in, 1 *Tim.*2.10.

11 (She *is* [13] loud and [14] stubborn, her feet [15] abide not in her house.

[13] *Ch.* 9. 13. Continually brawling with her husband. ¶ [14] Untractable and incorrigible. ¶ [15] 1 *Tim.*5.13.*Tit.*2.5.

12 Now *is she* [16] without, now in the [17] streets, and lieth in wait at every corner)

[16] Waiting about her door for some prey. ¶ [17] Gadding up and down in places of concourse.

[18] *Eccl.*7.-26.
† Heb. *She strengthned her face, and said.*
[19] *Isa.*3.9.
† Heb. *Peace-offerings* are *upon me.*
[20] *Lev.*7.15.
Store of good cheer.
* Isa.19.9.

13 So she [18] caught him and kissed him, *and* † with an [19] impudent face said unto him,

14 † *I have* [20] peace-offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to [21] seek thy face, and I have found thee.

[21] To invite thee to partake of my Provisions.

16 I have deckt my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*, with * fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrhe, aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning, let us solace our selves with loves.

19 For the good man *is* not at home, he is gone a long journey;

† Heb. *in his hand.*
‖ Or, *the new moon.*
* Chap.5.3.

20 He hath taken a bag of money † with him, *and* will come home at ‖ the day appointed.

21 *With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the [22] flattering of her lips she [23] forced him.

[22] *V.* 5. *ch.*4.-16. and 6.24. ¶ [23] (Notwithstanding some backwardness which he shew'd to comply with her.)

† Heb. *suddenly.*

22 He goeth after her † straightway, as [24] an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a [25] fool to the correction of the stocks:

[24] *Acts* 14.13. ¶ [25] Who considers not that he's going to be punish'd for his faults and folly.

23 [26] Till a dart strike through his liver, as a [27] bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.

[26] Till he be cut off by some Judgment. ¶ [27] *Eccl.*9.12.

24 ¶ Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

[28] *ch.* 4.14,15.

25 [28] Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many [29] strong *men* have been slain by her.

[29] *Neh.*13.26. Of great understanding and abilities.

[30] See on *ch.*2. 18.

27 [30] Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The fame,* 6 *and evidence of wisdom.* 10 *The excellency,* 12 *the nature,* 15 *the power,* 18 *the riches,* 22 *and the eternity of wisdom.*

DOth not [1] wisdom [2] cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

[1] The second Person of the Trinity, who both as God and as Mediator by Himself and Messengers, the Prophets and Apostles, reveals the Will of God to Man. See on *ch.* 1. 20. ¶ [2] *ch.*1.20,21.

2 She [2] standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

3 She [2] crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

4 Unto you, O [3] men, I call, and my voice *is* to the [3] sons of man.

[3] All men, both high and low, rich and poor, young and old.

[4] See on *ch.* 1. 22.

5 O ye [4] simple, understand wisdom; and ye [5] fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

6 Hear, for I will speak of * excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth, and wickedness *is* † an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness, *there is* nothing † [6] froward or perverse in them.

[6] Not the least mixture of Vanity, Errour or Folly.

9 They *are* all plain to him that [7] understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

[7] Whom God has endued with spiritual Wisdom.

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather then choice gold.

11 For wisdom is [8] better then rubies; and all the things that may be desired, are not to be compared to it.

[8] *Job* 28.15. *Psal.*19.10. and 119.127. *Prov.* 3.14,15. and 16.16.

12 I wisdom [9] dwell with ‖ prudence, and [10] find out knowledge of witty inventions.

‖ Or, *subtilty.*

[9] Am possess'd of (as being my Nature) infinite Prudence, or Discretion to order all my Actions in the best manner to the end design'd, and also to direct and counsel others: whence it comes to pass, that such also as are endued with heavenly wisdom order their affairs with discretion, *Psal.* 112.5. ¶ [10] Suggest to men and help 'em to find out all ingenious designs and contrivances for the Service and Glory of God, and good of themselves and others.

13 [12] The fear of the LORD *is* to [13] hate evil; [14] pride and arrogancy, and the [15] evil way, and the [16] froward mouth do I hate.

[12] *Ch.*1.7. ¶ [13] *Psal.* 97. 10. and 101. 3. and 119.-104, 128. ¶ [14] *ch.*6.17. ¶ [15] Every sinful practice and custom. ¶ [16] See on ch.6.-12.

14 [17] Counsel *is* mine, and [18] sound wisdom: [19] I *am* [19] understanding, * [20] I have strength.

* Eccl.7.19.

[17] *Isa.*9.6. ¶ [18] See on *ch.*2.7. ¶ [19] *Viz.* By my Nature and Essence; and I am the Author of it to others, *John* 1.4,9. ¶ [20] *Isa* 9.6. I am the mighty God; able to execute all my Counsels.

15 * [21] By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

* Dan. 2. 21. Rom. 13.1.

[21] By wisdom deriv'd from me, and by my conduct and assistance Kings govern their Kingdoms with prudence, justice and success.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.

17 [23] I love them that love me, and * those that seek me early shall find me,

[23] *Psal.* 91.14. *John* 14.-21. * James 1. 5.

18 [24] Riches and [24] honour *are* with me; *yea,* [25] durable riches and [25] righteousness.

[24] *Ch.*3.-16. ¶ [25] Grace and holiness; which is abiding riches, *John* 6.27. *Luke* 10.42. *James* 2.5.

19 [26] My fruit *is* better then gold, yea, then fine gold; and my revenue then choice silver.

[26] *Ch.* 3. 14. The Priviledges and benefits that accrue by heavenly wisdom.

20 [27] I ‖ lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

‖ Or, *walk.*
[27] *John* 10.-3.

21 That I may cause those that love me, to inherit [28] substance; and I will [29] fill their treasures.

[28] Solid, substantial happiness. ¶ [29] Fully satisfie their souls, *Psal.*17.-15. *John* 4.14.

22 The LORD [30] possessed me in the beginning of [31] his way, before his works of old.

[30] *John* 1. 1. [31] His works of Creation.

23 I was [32] set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

[32] Hebr. *anointed*; *i. e.* Ordain'd and appointed to be the Person by whom the World should be both Created and Redeemed.

24 When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth: when *there were* no fountains abounding with water.

25 * Before the mountains were settled; before the hills was I brought forth:

* Psal.90.2.

26 While as yet he had not made the earth,

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nor the ‖ fields, nor the ‖ highest part of the dust of the world.

‖ Or, *open places.* ‖ Or, *chief.* ‖ Or, *circle.*

27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* [33] there: when he set a ‖ [34] compass upon the face of the depth:

[33] As fellow-worker with him. ¶ [34] *Job* 26.10. Bounds and limits to the earth and waters, making it one Globe or round Ball.

28 When he established the clouds above: when he [35] streng thened the fountains of the deep:

[35] Gave power to the Springs and Fountains, which rise out of the deep places of the earth, to flow continually.

29 When he gave to the [36] sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the [37] foundations of the earth:

[36] *Gen.*1.9,10. *Job* 38.10,11. *Psal.*104.9. *Jer.*5.22. ¶ [37] *Job* 38.4,6. *Psal.* 104.5.

* Joh.1.1,18. 30 * Then I was [38] by him, *as* one [39] brought up *with him*: and I was daily *his* [40] delight, [40] rejoycing always before him:

[38] A distinct Person from the Father, (tho the same in substance with him.) ¶ [39] (In these expressions he applies himself to our capacity.) ¶ [40] *Matth.* 3.17. He and I had constant, intimate, sweet converse together.

31 [41] Rejoycing in the habitable part of his earth, and my delights *were* with the [42] sons of men.

[41] Taking pleasure especially in Mankind, *Tit.* 3.4. ¶ [42] To appear to 'em, instruct 'em, take their Nature upon me, die for 'em, send down my Spirit into 'em, *&c.*

[43] *Psal.*119.1, 2.& 128.1. *Luke* 11.28. [44] *ch.*1.25. 32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for [43] blessed *are they that* keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and [44] refuse it not.

* Ch.3.13,18. 34 * Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, [45] watching daily at my gates, [45] waiting at the posts of my doors.

[45] *Luke* 10.39. Diligently improving all opportunities to get knowledge.

[46] *ch.*9.11. † Heb. *bring forth.* [47] *ch.*12.2. 35 For whoso findeth me, findeth [46] life, and shall † [47] obtain favour of the LORD.

36 But he that [48] sinneth against me, wrongeth his own soul; all they that [49] hate me, [50] love death.

[48] Reject my Counsels. ¶ [49] Live wickedly, (which shews an inward dislike and hatred of holiness.) ¶ [50] Love that which will bring death, and end in destruction, *Rom.*6.23.

CHAP. IX.

1 The discipline, 4 and doctrine of wisdom. 13 The custom, 16 and errour of folly.

† WIsdom hath builded her [1] house, she hath [2] hewen out her seven pillars.

† See on *ch.* 8. 1. ¶ [1] The Church, 1 *Tim.* 3.15. *Hebr.* 3.3,4. ¶ [2] Fitted many Instruments, *viz.* Prophets, Apostles, Ministers, (which are like Pillars (*Gal.* 2. 9.) for the support and preservation of the Church.)

† Heb. *killing.* * Chap.23.30. 2 She hath [3] killed her † beasts; she * hath [3] mingled her wine; she hath also [3] furnished her table.

[3] *Matth.*22.4. Provided spiritual Food for their souls, *viz.* the Word, Sacraments, and eternal Happiness, *John* 14. 2.

* Chap.8.2. * Verse 14. 3 She hath * sent forth her [5] maidens; * she crieth * upon the highest places of the city.

[5] *Matth.* 22. 3. ¶ [5] His Ambassadours and Ministers, *Luke* 11.49. 2 *Cor.* 5.20.

* Verse 16. 4 * Whoso *is* [6] simple, let him [7] turn in hither: *as* for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

[6] See on *ch.*1.22. ¶ [7] *Matth.*7.13. By true Repentance.

5 [8] Come, [9] eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.

[8] *Cant.*5.1. *Isa.*55.1. ¶ [9] Partake of those Gospel-Ordinances and Priviledges I have provided for you.

6 [10] Forsake the [11] foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. Chap.10.

[10] *Eph.* 5. 11. *Psal.* 119. 115. ¶ [11] The Company and courses of ungodly persons.

7 He that reproveth a [12] scorner, [13] getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a [12] wicked *man, getteth* himself [13] a blot.

[12] One of the first-rate sinners, who is hardened in his wickedness. ¶ [13] He shall be but derided and abused for his pains, *Matth.*7.-6. (and therefore invite them not.)

8 [14] Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise *man*, and he will [15] love thee.

[14] *Chap.*22.9. *Matth.* 7. 6. ¶ [15] *Psal.* 141. 5.

9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will [16] increase in learning. [16] *Matth.*13.12.

10 * [17] The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of [18] the holy *is* [17] understanding. * Psal.111.10. Chap.1.7.

[17] See on *Job* 28.28. ¶ [18] Holy and heavenly things; the Mysteries of Religion.

11 For [19] by me thy days shall be [20] multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

[19] By the practice of Religion and Godliness. ¶ [20] *ch.* 2. 3,8,22. and 10.27.

12 * If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise [21] for thy self: [22] but *if* thou scornest, [23] thou alone shalt bear *it*. * Chap. 16.26.

[21] For thy own benefit; without any advantage to me, *Job* 22.2,3. and 35.7. ¶ [22] Or, *And.* ¶ [23] And not I, or the Ministers.

13 ¶ A [24] foolish woman *is* [25] clamorous; *she is* simple, and [26] knoweth nothing.

[24] The Adulteress. ¶ [25] See on *ch.* 7.11. ¶ [26] Understands little or nothing that is spiritually good, and practises less.

14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat * in the high places of the city, * Verse 3.

15 To call passengers, who go [27] right on their ways.

[27] Who mind their business, and have no such thoughts.

16 * Whoso *is* [6] simple, let him [7] turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, * Verse 4.

17 [28] Stollen waters are [29] sweet, and bread † *eaten* in secret is pleasant. † Heb. *of secrecies.*

[28] *Ch.*20.17. Adultery (which is practis'd by stealth.) ¶ [29] Both the difficulty, and the prohibition render it more acceptable to corrupt Nature, *Rom.*7.8.

18 But he [30] knoweth not that the [31] dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell. [30] Consider not. [31] *ch.*2.18. See there.

CHAP. X.

From this chapter to the five and twentieth, are sundry observations of moral vertues, and their contrary vices.

1 THe proverbs of Solomon. [2] A wise son maketh a glad father; but a [3] foolish son *is* the [4] heaviness of his mother.

[1] The former Chapters were but by way of Preface, to recommend what follows, to our practice. Here now begins those choice and pithy Sentences, called *Proverbs.* ¶ [2] *ch.* 15.20 and 23.15,16,24,25. and 29.3. A vertuous and godly Child. ¶ [3] Wicked, (and so throughout this Book.) ¶ [4] The occasion of much trouble.

2 * [5] Treasures [6] of wickedness [7] profit nothing: but [8] righteousness [9] delivereth from death. * Psal.49.6.&c.

[5] *Ch.*11.4. ¶ [6] Gotten by unjust means. ¶ [7] *Luke* 12. 19,20. Can't avail to deliver from death, or the wrath of God, *ch.*11.4. ¶ [8] Holiness of heart and life. ¶ [9] Many times from temporal, but always from eternal death.

3 The LORD will [10] not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he [11] casteth away the ‖ substance of the wicked. ‖ Or, *the wicked for* their wickedness.

[10] *Job* 5. 20. *Psal.* 33. 19. and 34. 9, 10. and 37. 19, 25. ¶ [11] Blasts

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¶ [11] Blaſts the eſtate of the wicked, ſo that it withers away, and he comes to want.

4 He becometh [12] poor that [13] dealeth *with* a ſlack hand: but the hand of the [14] diligent maketh rich.

[12] *Ch.*12.24. and 19.15. ¶ [13] Is ſlothful. ¶ [14] *ch.*13.4. and 21.5. The Bleſſing of God going along with it, *v.*22.

5 He that [15] gathereth in ſummer, *is* a wiſe ſon: *but* he that ſleepeth in harveſt, *is* a ſon that cauſeth ſhame.

[15] Makes uſe of the preſent ſeaſon of doing or receiving good.

6 Bleſſings *are* upon the head of the juſt: but [16] violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

[16] *V.*-11. Their violent, unjuſt courſes ſhall bring down God's Judgments upon 'em, whereby they ſhall be ſo convinc'd of their former injurious practices, that they ſhall have nothing to ſay for themſelves.

7 The memory of the juſt *is* [17] bleſſed: but the name of the wicked ſhall [18] rot.

[17] *Pſal.* 112.-6. Whenſoever they are ſpoken of, it is with praiſe and commendation by all good men. ¶ [18] *Job* 18.17. *Eccl.*8.10.

8 The wiſe in heart will receive commandments: but † a [19] prating fool ſhall ‖ fall.

† Heb. *a fool of lips.* ‖ Or, *be beaten.*

[19] *V.*-10. One that quarrels with, and cavils at thoſe good Counſels that are given him ſhall fall into ſin and miſery.

* Pſal. 28.4. Ch.28.18.

9 *He that [21] walketh uprightly, walketh [22] ſurely: * but he that [23] perverteth his ways, ſhall be known.

[21] Is ſincere, plain-hearted, and down-right in his dealings. ¶ [22] *Iſa.*33.15,16. Is ſafe from fear of being found tripping. ¶ [23] Deals deceitfully, uſing all poſſible craft to conceal his fraud, ſhall be found out one time or other to his open ſhame.

* Verſ.8.

10 He that [25] winketh with the eye, [26] cauſeth ſorrow: * but [27] a prating fool ſhall fall.

[25] *Ch.*6.13. *Pſal.* 35.19. Slily brings about miſchief. ¶ [26] Both to others, and to himſelf afterwards. ¶ [27] See *vi.* 19. One that utters all his mind, ſpeaking many things offenſive to others, and miſcheivous to himſelf.

* Ch.13.14. & 18.4.

11 *The mouth of a righteous *man is* [28] a well of life: but [29] violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

[28] *Ch.*16.22. Sends forth ſtreams of edifying Diſcourſe, tending to the welfare and eternal happineſs of the Hearers, *Pſal.*37.30,31. ¶ [29] *v.*-6. All his diſcourſe is, how to wrong and oppreſs others.

* Chap.17.9. 1 Cor.13.4.

12 Hatred [30] ſtirreth up ſtrifes: but *love [31] covereth all ſins.

[30] By blazing abroad mens real, (or, but imaginary) faults, and putting the worſt conſtruction upon every thing. ¶ [31] 1 *Pet.*4.8. Winks at, forgets and forgives, and makes the beſt of every thing.

13 In the lips of him that hath underſtanding, wiſdom is [32] found: but a [33] rod *is* for the back of him that is [34] void of † underſtanding.

† Heb. *heart.*

[32] *Luke* 4.22. And ſo he ſcapes that Rod that Fools met with, and gains that Reputation that fools loſe. ¶ [33] *ch.*26.-3. ¶ [34] Diſcovers the wickedneſs of his heart by his words.

14 Wiſe *men* lay up [35] knowledge: but the mouth of the fooliſh *is* [36] near deſtruction.

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‖ Or, *open places.* ‖ Or, *chief.* ‖ Or, *circle.*

27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* [33] there: when he set a ‖ [34] compass upon the face of the depth:

[33] As fellow-worker with him. ¶ [34] *Job* 26.10. Bounds and limits to the earth and waters, making it one Globe or round Ball.

28 When he established the clouds above: when he [35] streng thened the fountains of the deep:

[35] Gave power to the Springs and Fountains, which rise out of the deep places of the earth, to flow continually.

29 When he gave to the [36] sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the [37] foundations of the earth:

[36] *Gen.*1.9,10. *Job* 38.10,11. *Psal.*104.9. *Jer.*5.22. ¶ [37] *Job* 38.4,6. *Psal.* 104.5.

*Joh.1.1,18. 30 * Then I was [38] by him, *as* one [39] brought up *with him*: and I was daily *his* [40] delight, [40] rejoycing always before him:

[38] A distinct Person from the Father, (tho the same in substance with him.) ¶ [39] (In these expressions he applies himself to our capacity.) ¶ [40] *Matth.* 3.17. He and I had constant, intimate, sweet converse together.

31 [41] Rejoycing in the habitable part of his earth, and my delights *were* with the [42] sons of men.

[41] Taking pleasure especially in Mankind, *Tit.* 3. 4. ¶ [42] To appear to 'em, instruct 'em, take their Nature upon me, die for 'em, send down my Spirit into 'em, *&c.*

32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for [43] blessed *are they that* keep my ways.

[43] *Psal.*119. 1, 2.& 128.1. *Luke* 11.28.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and [44] refuse it not.

[44] *ch.*1.25.

*Ch.3.13,18. 34 * Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, [45] watching daily at my gates, [45] waiting at the posts of my doors.

[45] *Luke* 10.39. Diligently improving all opportunities to get knowledge.

35 For whoso findeth me, findeth [46] life, and † shall [47] obtain favour of the LORD.

[46] *ch.*9.11. † Heb. *bring forth.* [47] *ch.* 12.2.

36 But he that [48] sinneth against me, wrongeth his own soul; all they that [49] hate me, [50] love death.

[48] Reject my Counsels. ¶ [49] Live wickedly, (which shews an inward dislike and hatred of holiness.) ¶ [50] Love that which will bring death, and end in destruction, *Rom.*6.23.

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1 The discipline, 4 and doctrine of wisdom. 13 The custom, 16 and errour of folly.

† WIsdom hath builded her [1] house, she hath [2] hewen out her seven pillars.

† See on *ch.* 8. 1. ¶ [1] The Church, 1 *Tim.* 3.15. *Hebr.* 3.3,4. ¶ [2] Fitted many Instruments, *viz.* Prophets, Apostles, Ministers, (which are like Pillars (*Gal.* 2. 9.) for the support and preservation of the Church.)

† Heb. *killing.* * Chap.23.30. 2 She hath [3] killed her † beasts; she * hath [3] mingled her wine; she hath also [3] furnished her table.

[3] *Matth.*22.4. Provided spiritual Food for their souls, *viz.* the Word, Sacraments, and eternal Happiness, *John* 14. 2.

* Chap.8.2. * Verse 14. 3 She hath [4] sent forth her [5] maidens, * she crieth * upon the highest places of the city.

[4] *Matth.* 22. 3. ¶ [5] His Ambassadours and Ministers, *Luke* 11.49. 2 *Cor.* 5.20.

* Verse 16. 4 * Whoso *is* [6] simple, let him [7] turn in hither: *as* for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

[6] See on *ch.*1.22. ¶ [7] *Matth.*7.13. By true Repentance.

5 [8] Come, [9] eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.

[8] *Cant.*5.1. *Isa.*55.1. ¶ [9] Partake of those Gospel-Ordinances and Priviledges I have provided for you.

6 [10] Forsake the [11] foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. Chap. 10.

[10] *Eph.* 5. 11. *Psal.* 119. 115. ¶ [11] The Company and courses of ungodly persons.

7 He that reproveth a [12] scorner, [13] getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a [12] wicked *man, getteth* himself [13] a blot.

[12] One of the first-rate sinners, who is hardened in his wickedness. ¶ [13] He shall be but derided and abused for his pains, *Matth.*7.-6. (and therefore invite them not.)

8 [14] Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise *man*, and he will [15] love thee.

[14] *Chap.*22.9. *Matth.* 7. 6. ¶ [15] *Psal.* 141. 5.

9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will [16] increase in learning. [16] *Matth.*13.12.

10 * [17] The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of [18] the holy *is* [17] understanding. * Psal.111.10. Chap.1.7.

[17] See on *Job* 28.28. ¶ [18] Holy and heavenly things; the Mysteries of Religion.

11 For [19] by me thy days shall be [20] multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

[19] By the practice of Religion and Godliness. ¶ [20] *ch.* 2. 3,8,22. and 10.27.

12 * If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise [21] for thy self: [22] but *if* thou scornest, [23] thou alone shalt bear *it*. * Chap. 16.26.

[21] For thy own benefit; without any advantage to me, *Job* 22.2,3. and 35.7. ¶ [22] Or, *And.* ¶ [23] And not I, or the Ministers.

13 ¶ A [24] foolish woman *is* [25] clamorous; *she is* simple, and [26] knoweth nothing.

[24] The Adulteress. ¶ [25] See on *ch.* 7.11. ¶ [26] Understands little or nothing that is spiritually good, and practises less.

14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat * in the high places of the city, * Verse 3.

15 To call passengers, who go [27] right on their ways.

[27] Who mind their business, and have no such thoughts.

16 * Whoso *is* [6] simple, let him [7] turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, * Verse 4.

17 [28] Stollen waters are [29] sweet, and bread † *eaten* in secret is pleasant. † Heb. *of secrecies.*

[28] *Ch.*20.17. Adultery (which is practis'd by stealth.) ¶ [29] Both the difficulty, and the prohibition render it more acceptable to corrupt Nature, *Rom.*7.8.

18 But he [30] knoweth not that the [31] dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell. [30] Consider not. [31] *ch.*2.18. See there.

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From this chapter to the five and twentieth, are sundry observations of moral vertues, and their contrary vices.

[1] THe proverbs of Solomon. [2] A wise son maketh a glad father; but a [3] foolish son *is* the [4] heaviness of his mother.

[1] The former Chapters were but by way of Preface, to recommend what follows, to our practice. Here now begins those choice and pithy Sentences, called *Proverbs.* ¶ [2] *ch.* 15.20 and 23.15,16,24,25. and 29.3. A vertuous and godly Child. ¶ [3] Wicked, (and so throughout this Book.) ¶ [4] The occasion of much trouble.

2 * [5] Treasures [6] of wickedness [7] profit nothing: but [8] righteousness [9] delivereth from death. *Psal.49.6.&c.

[5] *Ch.*11.4. ¶ [6] Gotten by unjust means. ¶ [7] *Luke* 12. 19,20. Can't avail to deliver from death, or the wrath of God, *ch.*11.4. ¶ [8] Holiness of heart and life. ¶ [9] Many times from temporal, but always from eternal death.

3 The LORD will [10] not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he [11] casteth away the ‖ substance of the wicked. ‖ Or, *the wicked for* their wickedness.

[10] *Job* 5. 20. *Psal.* 33. 19. and 34.-9, 10. and 37. 19, 25. ¶ [11] Blasts

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¶ [11] Blaſts the eſtate of the wicked, ſo that it withers away, and he comes to want.

4 He becometh [12] poor that [13] dealeth *with* a ſlack hand: but the hand of the [14] diligent maketh rich.

[12] *Ch.* 12.24. and 19.15. ¶ [13] Is ſlothful. ¶ [14] *ch.*13.4. and 21.5. The Bleſſing of God going along with it, *v.* 22.

5 He that [15] gathereth in ſummer, *is* a wiſe ſon: *but* he that ſleepeth in harveſt, *is* a ſon that cauſeth ſhame.

[15] Makes uſe of the preſent ſeaſon of doing or receiving good.

6 Bleſſings *are* upon the head of the juſt: but [16] violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

[16] *V.*-11. Their violent, unjuſt courſes ſhall bring down God's Judgments upon 'em, whereby they ſhall be ſo convinc'd of their former injurious practices, that they ſhall have nothing to ſay for themſelves.

7 The memory of the juſt *is* [17] bleſſed: but the name of the wicked ſhall [18] rot.

[17] *Pſal.* 112.-6. Whenſoever they are ſpoken of, it is with praiſe and commendation by all good men. ¶ [18] *Job* 18.17. *Eccl.*8.10.

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* Pſal. 28.4. Ch.28.18.

9 *He that [21] walketh uprightly, walketh [22] ſurely: * but he that [23] perverteth his ways, ſhall be known.

[21] Is ſincere, plain-hearted, and down-right in his dealings. ¶ [22] *Iſa.*33.15,16. Is ſafe from fear of being found tripping. ¶ [23] Deals deceitfully, uſing all poſſible craft to conceal his fraud, ſhall be found out one time or other to his open ſhame.

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10 He that [25] winketh with the eye, [26] cauſeth ſorrow: * but [27] a prating fool ſhall fall.

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12 Hatred [30] ſtirreth up ſtrifes: but *love [31] covereth all ſins.

[30] By blazing abroad mens real, (or, but imaginary) faults, and putting the worſt conſtruction upon every thing. ¶ [31] 1 *Pet.*4.8. Winks at, forgets and forgives, and makes the beſt of every thing.

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* Chap.15.33. & 18.12.

[2] *Ch.*16.18. *Dan.*4.31. Whereas they think to be highly esteemed, they are but despis'd. ¶ [3] (For which they are honour'd and esteem'd, *ch.*16.-18.)

3 [4] The integrity of the upright shall [5] guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall [6] destroy them.

[4] Uniform Obedience to Gods Laws. ¶ [5] *ch.*13.6. *Psal.* 25.21. In a right and safe way. ¶ [6] Be the occasion of their ruin.

4 Riches profit not in the day of [7] wrath: but righteousness delivereth from [8] death.

[7] Neither of God's wrath, (*ch.*10.-2. *Isa.*13.17. *Ezek.*7.19. *Zeph.*1.18.) nor Man's rage, *ch.*6.34,35. ¶ [8] (1) It has a promise of long life. (2) Keeps from such sins as would expose to God's Judgments, (*Psal.* 55.23.) and Mans punishment. (3) From the sting of bodily death. (4) From eternal death.

5 The [4] righteousness of the perfect shall † [9] direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

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[9] So as to bring all his designs and endeavours to a happy issue.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall [10] deliver them: but transgressors shall be [11] taken in *their own* naughtiness.

[10] *Viz.* Out of that sin and misery they might fall into. ¶ [11] *ch.*5.22. *Eccl.*10.8. Irrecoverably destroyed.

7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall [12] perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.

[12] *ch.*10.-28. See there.

8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked [13] cometh in his stead.

[13] *ch.*21.18. *Esth.*7.9,10. *Dan.*6.24.

9 An * hypocrite [14] with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but [15] through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

* Job 8.13.

[14] *Act.*20.30. 1 *King.*22.22. By his corrupt Communication, whereby he endeavours to draw him to wickedness. ¶ [15] 2 *Pet.*3.17,18. *viz.* Of his Duty, and through a principle of Grace, and the fear of God.

10 * When it [16] goeth well with the righteous, the city [17] rejoyceth; and when the wicked perish, *there is* [18] shouting.

* Chap.28.12, 28.

[16] That they are countenanc'd and put into places of trust and authority. ¶ [17] Because they bring a blessing upon it, *v.*11. ¶ [18] *Psal.*58.10. *Rev.*19.1,2.

11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted; but it is [19] overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

[19] *Jam.*3.6. 2 *Sam.*20.1.

12 He that is † void of wisdom [20] despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding [21] holdeth his peace.

† Heb. *destitute of heart.*

[20] Speaks reproachfully of him. ¶ [21] Does not discover his infirmities.

13 † A tale-bearer revealeth [22] secrets: but he that is of a [23] faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

† Heb. *he that walketh*, being *a tale-bearer.* Lev.19.16.

[22] Committed to him, (and so shews himself to be a faithless man.) ¶ [23] True to his word.

14 [24] Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

[24] *ch.*15.22.

15 He that is [25] surety for a [26] stranger, shall † smart *for it*: and he that hateth † suretiship, is sure.

† Heb. *be sore broken.* † Heb. *those that strike* hands.

[25] *Ch.*6.1. *&c.* See there. ¶ [26] Whose condition he does not well understand, (nor consequently his own danger.)

16 A gracious woman [27] retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.

[27] *Ch.*31.-30. Endeavours to grow in Grace, and thereby to preserve that esteem she has gotten.

17 The merciful man [28] doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel, [29] troubleth his own flesh.

[28] *Matth.*5.7. and 25.34. In that he shall be bountifully rewarded for it by God. ¶ [29] Brings trouble upon himself both Body and Soul.

18 The wicked worketh a [30] deceitful work: but * to him that [31] soweth righteousness, *shall be* [32] a sure reward.

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* Hos.10.12. Jam. 3.18.

[30] Which will deceive his expectation of that benefit he promis'd himself thereby. ¶ [31] Does that which is just. ¶ [32] *Gal.*6.-9.

19 As righteousness [33] *tendeth* to life; so he that pursueth evil, *pursueth it* to his [34] own death.

[33] *v.*-4. *ch.* 8. 35. [34] *ch.*8.36.

20 They that are of [35] a froward heart *are* [36] abomination to the LORD: but *such as are* upright in *their* way, *are* his [37] delight.

[35] False to God, and contradict their own professions. ¶ [36] *Luke* 16.-15. ¶ [37] *Psal.*51.6.

21 *Though* [38] hand *joyn* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the [39] seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

[38] *ch.*16.-5. [39] *Gen.*9.9. *Exod.*20.6.

22 *As* a jewel of gold in a swines snout, *so is* a fair woman which † is without discretion.

† Heb. *departeth from.*

23 [40] The desire of the righteous *is* only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* [41] wrath.

[40] As they desire to do good, so the good they desire to enjoy, shall be bestowed on 'em. ¶ [41] *Rom.* 2.8,9. Whatsoever happiness they promise themselves, yet the issue will be wrath and destruction.

24 There is that [42] scattereth, and yet [43] increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more then is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.

[42] *Viz.* To the poor, *Psal.*112.9. (so much as is meet.) ¶ [43] *ch.*11.18,24. *Eccl.*11.1,6. 2 *Cor.* 9.-6. *Phil.*4.17. *Deut.* 15.10.

25 The † liberal soul shall be [44] made fat: and he that watereth, shall be watered also himself.

† Heb. *soul of blessing.*

[44] Richly rewarded with all sorts of Blessings.

26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that [45] selleth *it*.

[45] At reasonable rates, *Am.* 8.-6.

27 He that diligently seeketh [46] good, procureth favor: but he that seeketh mischief, [47] it shall come unto him.

[46] To do good to others. ¶ [47] *Esth.*7.10. *Psal.* 7.15,16. and 9.15,16. and 10.2. and 57.6.

28 * He that [48] trusteth in his riches, shall fall: but the [49] righteous shall [50] flourish as a branch.

* Mark 10.24. 1 Tim.6.17.

[48] *Job* 31.24. *Psal.*57.2. Places his happiness and safety in them. ¶ [49] (Who trusts only in God.) ¶ [50] *Psal.*1.3. and 92.12. *&c. Jer.*17.8.

29 He that [51] troubleth his own house, shall inherit the wind: and [53] the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.

[51] *Gen.* 34.30. *Hab.* 2.9. Brings trouble and misery upon himself and Family by carelessness, prodigality, *&c.* shall have nothing but Air to live upon. ¶ [53] Such a Fool shall be forc'd by poverty to sell himself.

30 [55] The fruit of the righteous *is* [56] a tree of life; and he that † [57] winneth souls, *is* wise.

† Heb. *taketh.*

[55] The Counsel, Example, Instruction, Reproof, *&c.* ¶ [56] *ch.*3.18. and 13.-12. and 15.4. A means of much good, both Temporal and Eternal. ¶ [57] *Dan.*12.3. *Jam.*5.20. Uses all his skill and diligence to gain 'em to God from the Devil.

31 * [58] Behold, the righteous shall be [59] recompensed in the earth: [60] much more the wicked and the sinner.

* 1 Pet.4.17,18

[58] *q.d.* Observe it as a remarkable thing. ¶ [59] Corrected for his sins. ¶ [60] *Jer.*25.29. 1 *Pet.*4.17,18. More certainly and severely, either in this Life or the next.

CHAP. XII.

WHoso loveth [1] instruction, loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof, *is* [2] brutish.

[1] Admonition and Reproof. ¶ [2] *Psal.* 32.8,9.

2 * A good *man* obtaineth favor of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

* Chap.8.35.

3 A man shall not be [3] established by wickedness:

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ness: but the [4] root of the righteous shall [5] not be moved.

[3] (But rooted up.) ¶ [4] *ch.* 10. 25. ¶ [5] *John* 10. 28.

4 A vertuous woman *is* [6] a crown to her husband: but she that maketh [7] ashamed, *is* as [8] rottenness in his bones.

[6] 1 *Cor.* 11. 7. ¶ [7] By her viciousness and wickedness. ¶ [8] A continual vexation to him.

5 [9] The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* [10] deceit.

[9] *Ch.* 11. 23. All his designs are agreeable to the rules of Justice. ¶ [10] *ch.* 11. 18. How to wrong others by pretences of kindness.

6 The words of the wiced *are* to [11] lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall [12] deliver them.

[11] *Ch.* 1. 11, 18. How to ensnare and destroy others. ¶ [12] *ch.* 14.—3. By entreaties, warnings, diffusions, vindication of 'em, or the like.

[13] *ch.* 11. 21. & 14. 11. *Psal.* 37. 36.

7 The wicked are overthrown, and [13] *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shall be [14] commended [15] according to his wisdom: but he that is † of a perverse heart shall be [16] despised.

†Heb. *perverse of heart.*

[14] *Psal.* 15.—4. ¶ [15] As he shews more or less wisdom in his words and deeds. ¶ [16] *Psal.* 15. 4. 1 *Sam.* 25. 17.

9 *He that is* [17] despised, and hath a servant, *is* better then he that [18] honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

[17] Lives in a mean and obscure condition in the world, (and so comes to be slighted by others.) ¶ [18] *ch.* 13. 7. Makes a great show in the world.

10 A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his [19] beast: but the || tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.

|| Or, *bowels.*

[19] *Deut.* 25. 4. (Much more of his Servants and the poor.)

11 He that [20] tilleth his land, shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth [21] vain *persons*, *is* [22] void of understanding.

[20] *Ch.* 28. 19. Shews his wisdom by employing himself in an honest calling. ¶ [21] Their company and course of Life. ¶ [22] Through his folly shall come to poverty.

12 The wicked [23] desireth the || net of evil *men*: but the [24] root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.

|| Or, *fortress.*

[23] *Numb.* 22. 5, 6. Approves and practises those deceitful Arts and Tricks which other wicked men use. ¶ [24] That Justice and Piety from whence all his actions spring, afford him sufficient maintenance without such unjust courses.

† Heb. *the snare of the wicked is in the transgression of lips.*

13 † The wicked is [26] snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall [27] come out of trouble.

[26] *Ch.* 18. 7. *Psal.* 68. 4. Brought into trouble by his rash Speeches. ¶ [27] *viz.* By his prudent speeches.

14 A man shall be [28] satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth, and the recompence of a mans hands shall be rendred unto him.

[28] *Ch.* 13. 2. Receive abundant blessings from God as the reward of that Good he has done by his pious and profitable Discourses.

15 [29] The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

[29] *Ch.* 3. 7. That course which his own understanding suggests to him.

* Chap. 29. 11. † Heb. *in that day.*

16 * A fools wrath is † presently known: but a prudent *man* [30] covereth shame.

[30] Conceals that displeasure which would tend to his disgrace.

17 *He that* [31] speaketh truth, sheweth forth [32] righteousness; but a false witness, [33] deceit.

[31] When called to be a Witness in any case. ¶ [32] That he is an honest, just person. ¶ [33] That he is false and unjust.

18 There is that speaketh [34] like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* [35] health.

[31] *Psal.* 57. 4. and 59. 7. ¶ [35] For the benefit and comfort of others.

19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but [36] for a moment.

[36] Their falsehood is soon discover'd.

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20 [37] Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the [38] counsellors of peace, *is* joy.

[37] They shall be deceived in their Expectations, and shall fall into that evil themselves which they design to bring upon others, (which will be a vexation to 'em) *Psal.* 9.—16. ¶ [38] Who by good counsel labour to promote the peace and happiness of others.

21 There shall [39] no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall [40] be filled with mischief.

[39] *Viz.* Such as befalls the wicked, to their destruction: nothing but what shall tend to their spiritual and eternal good, *Rom.* 8. 28. ¶ [40] Overwhelmed with inward terrors and outward calamities.

22 Lying lips *are* [41] abomination to the LORD: but they that [42] deal truly *are* [43] his delight.

[41] *Ch.* 6. 17. ¶ [42] As well as speak truly. ¶ [43] *ch.* 11.—20.

23 A prudent man [44] concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools [45] proclaimeth foolishness.

[44] *Ch.* 10. 14. and 13. 16. and 15. 2. *viz.* Till he meet with a fit occasion to shew it. ¶ [45] *Eccl.* 10. 3. Whiles he makes ostentation of his knowledge, he betraies his ignorance and folly.

24 The hand of the diligent shall [46] bear rule: but the || slothful shall be [47] under tribute.

|| Or, *deceitful.*

[46] Advances him to wealth and power, *ch.* 10.—4. & 22. 29. ¶ [47] An underling; in a mean condition.

25 [48] Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoup: but * [49] a good word maketh it glad.

* Isa. 50. 4.

[48] *Ch.* 15. 13. ¶ [49] A comfortable, encouraging word, *Isa* 50. 4. *Jer.* 29. 10.

26 The righteous *is* [50] more || excellent then his neighbour: but [51] the way of the wicked seduceth them.

|| Or, *abundant.*

[50] *Psal.* 16. 3. Has more true worth in him. ¶ [51] Whereby he seeks to advance himself above others.

27 The slothful *man* [52] rosteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* [55] precious.

[52] Enjoys no comfort by it. ¶ [53] *ch.* 15. 16. Yields him much comfort and satisfaction.

28 In the way of righteousness *is* [54] life, and in the path-way *thereof there is* no death.

[54] *ch.* 8. 35. & 9. 11.

CHAP. XIII.

A Wise son *heareth* his fathers instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

2 A man shall [1] eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but [2] the soul of the transgressours *shall eat* violence.

[1] *Ch.* 12. 14. See there. ¶ [2] Evil Speakers shall be forc'd to endure those miseries which they brought upon others.

3 He that [4] keepeth his mouth, keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips, shall have destruction.

[4] *ch.* 21. 23. & 18. 21.

4 [5] The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

[5] *ch.* 10. 4.

5 A righteous *man* [6] hateth lying: but [7] a wicked *man* is lothsom, and cometh to shame.

[6] *Psal.* 119. 163. ¶ [7] *Viz.* That loves and uses lying.

6 Righteousness [8] keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth † the sinner.

[8] *ch.* 11. 3, 5, 6. from being overthrown. † Heb. *sin.*

7 There is that [9] maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.

[9] *Ch.* 12. 9. (This is true in a spiritual, as well as Civil, sense.)

8 [10] The ransom of a mans life *are* his riches: but the poor [11] heareth not rebuke.

[10] *Jer.* 41. 8. ¶ [11] Is accounted so inconsiderable, that no man regards what he does, or reproves him for it.

9 [12] The light of the righteous rejoyceth: but the || [14] lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

|| Or, *candle.*

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[13] The holiness, comfort and prosperity of the righteous continues in its brightness and glory. ¶ [14] That little measure of comfort and happiness he enjoys in the world shall soon decay, *Job* 18.5.

10 [16] Only by pride cometh contention: but with the [17] well-advised *is* wisdom.

[16] 3 *John* 9,10. Principally: or, That alone is commonly the cause of quarrels and contentions, and of the continuance of 'em; (because such will hearken to no advice.) ¶ [17] Such who are ready to take that good counsel that is given 'em, do thereby become so wise as to prevent quarrels.

11 Wealth *gotten* by [19] vanity, shall be diminished: but he that gathereth † by labour, shall increase.

† Heb. *with the hand.*

[19] *Chap.* 10. 2. and 20. 21. *Jer.* 17. 11. By Deceit.

12 Hope [20] deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the [21] desire cometh, *it is* [22] a tree of life.

[20] 1 *Sam.* 27 1. ¶ [21] *John* 16. 21. ¶ [22] *V.*-19.*ch.* 3.18. and 11.30. and 15.4. Sweet, satisfactory and reviving.

13 Whoso [23] despiseth the word, shall be [24] destroyed: but he that [25] feareth the commandment, shall be ‖ rewarded.

‖ Or, *in peace.*

[23] See on *ch.* 19.-16. ¶ [24] 2 *Chron.* 36.16. ¶ [25] *Isa.* 66. 2. To transgress.

14 [26] The law of the wise *is* [27] a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

[26] *Ch.* 10.11. and 14.27. Instruction or counsel. ¶ [27] A means to preserve Life, and to help men *to depart*.

15 [28] Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressours *is* [29] hard.

[28] (Shewing it self in a holy life.) ¶ [29] Offensive to God and good men, (like a rugged way to a Traveller.)

16 Every prudent *man* [30] dealeth with knowledge: but a fool [31] † layeth open *his* folly.

† Heb. *spreadeth.*

[30] Manages all his affairs with understanding and discretion, *Psal.* 112.-5. ¶ [31] *ch.* 12.-23. and 15.-2. By his rashness.

17 [32] A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but † a faithful ambassador *is* [33] health.

† Heb. *an ambassadour of faithfulness.*

[32] Who does not faithfully manage the business or charge committed to him. ¶ [33] Procures safety and advantage both to his Master and himself, *ch.* 25.13.

18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that [33] refuseth instruction: but * he that regardeth reproof, shall be honoured.

* Chap. 15.5, 31.

19 * The desire accomplished is [32] sweet to the soul: but *it is* [34] abomination to fools to depart from evil.

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[34] (As being contrary to their desires and inclinations.)

20 He that walketh with wise *men*, shall be wise: but [35] a companion of fools shall be † destroyed.

† Heb. *broken.*

[35] Not only the wicked themselves, but their Companions shall be destroy'd, *Gen.* 12.12,13. with 13.12. 1 *Kings* 22.4,32. compar'd.

21 Evil [36] pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

[36] *Gen.* 4.7.

22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his childrens children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* [37] laid up for the just.

[37] *ch.* 28.-8. *Job* 27.17. *Eccl.* 2.26.

23 [38] Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* [39] destroyed for [40] want of judgment.

[38] *Ch.* 21.11. Poor men by their diligent labour many times grow rich. ¶ [39] Brought to poverty. ¶ [40] By injustice, oppression, deceit, and other wicked practices.

24 He that [41] spareth his rod, hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

[41] *Ch.* 19. 18. and 22.15. and 23.13. and 29. 15, 17.

* Psal. 34.10. & 37.3.

25 * The righteous [42] eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

[42] God gives him a competency, and a heart to use it, and content in it.

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EVery wise woman [1] buildeth her house: but the foolish [2] plucketh it down with her hands.

[1] By her Piety, Prudence, good Huswifry, *&c.* upholds and advances her Family. ¶ [2] By her Pride, Prodigality, Idleness, *&c.* contributes to the ruin of it.

2 He that [3] walketh in his uprightness, [3] feareth the LORD: but *he that is* [3] perverse in his ways, [3] despiseth him.

[3] We may judge of the heart by the life, *Matth.* 12.-33,35.

3 [4] In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the [5] lips of the wise shall preserve them.

[4] The insolent, contemptuous speeches of proud men are very injurious to others, and commonly prove a scourge to themselves, *ch.* 10.-13. and 26. -3. ¶ [5] Their prudent, peaceable and pleasing words.

4 Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

5 [6] A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

[6] *V.* 25. *ch.* 6.19. and 12.17. A faithful person that makes conscience of his words, will not by any means be drawn to lie, when called to bear witness in any cause.

6 [7] A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* [8] easie unto him that understandeth.

[7] A proud self-conceited, wicked person. ¶ [8] *ch.* 8. 9. See there, *Matth.* 11.29.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, [9] when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

[9] When he discovers his wickedness in his words.

8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand [10] his way: but the [11] folly of fools *is* deceit.

[10] What course he must take to be truly happy. ¶ [11] Wicked men employ their wit only to deceive others.

9 [12] Fools make a mock at sin: but among the [13] righteous *there is* [14] favour.

[12] *Ch.* 10. 23. Wicked men please themselves with their own and other mens sins, (whereby they procure God's anger.) ¶ [13] Who are afraid of sin, and avoid it. ¶ [14] Both with God and Man.

10 The heart knoweth † his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not [15] intermeddle with his joy.

† Heb. *The bitterness of his soul.*

[15] 1 *Cor.* 2.11. *Rev.* 2.17.

11 [16] The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

[16] *ch.* 12.7. *Job* 8. 15.

12 [17] There is a way which [18] seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

[17] *Ch.* 16.25. and 12.15. ¶ [18] Lawful and good (by reason of prejudice, self-flattery, affected ignorance, *&c.*)

13 Even in [19] laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the [20] end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

[19] In that pleasure and content we take in any worldly enjoyment. ¶ [20] *ch.* 5.4. *Luke* 16.25.

14 The [21] backslider in heart shall be filled with his [22] own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* [23] from himself.

[21] Whose heart is turn'd from God, (tho' he may pretend to obey him.) ¶ [22] *ch.* 1.31. The punishment of his sins. ¶ [23] *ch.* 12.14. From the uprightness of his conversation, proceeding from the sincerity of his heart, 1 *Kings* 20.3. 2 *Cor.* 1.12. *Gal.* 6.4.

15 [24] The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to [25] his going.

[24] A weak, half-witted person in spiritual things, believes every idle story and plausible pretence, (and thereby is drawn into evil.) ¶ [25] To see that he has good ground for what he does, (and better than a deceitful word.)

16 * A wise *man* [27] feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool [28] rageth and is [29] confident.

* Chap. 22.3.

[27] *Heb.* 11.7. *Psal.* 119. 120. *viz.* God's displeasure. ¶ [28] *Viz.*

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¶ [32] *Viz.* Against those that reprove, warn, or threaten him, and goes on resolutely in sin. ¶ [29] Fearless of any danger.

17 *He that is* soon angry [30] dealeth foolishly: and a man [31] of wicked devices is hated.

[30] Is guilty of rash and imprudent words and actions. (for which he is to be pitied.) ¶ [31] Who conceals his passion, but meditates revenge, *Esth.* 3.8,9.

18 The [32] simple [32] inherit folly: but the prudent are [33] crowned with knowledge.

[32] Hold fast wickedness and delight in it as their portion and inheritance. ¶ [33] They increase in spiritual understanding, (which is a great honour to 'em.)

19 The evil [34] bowe before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

[34] *Isa.* 60.14. Are fain to stoop and submit to 'em; (so it comes to pass sometimes.)

20 The poor is [35] hated even of his own neighbour: but † the rich *hath* many friends.

† Heb. *many are the lovers of the rich.*

[35] *Ch.* 19. 7. Forsaken; like a hateful thing.

21 He that [36] despiseth his neighbour, [37] sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, [38] happy *is* he.

[36] So as not to relieve him in his necessity. ¶ [37] Provokes God to punish him, and make him miserable. ¶ [38] *Psal.* 41.1. Does that which is pleasing to God, (who will bless him for it.)

22 Do they not [39] err that devise evil? but [40] mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

[39] They are out of the way of happiness, (and shall not find mercy) who devise any kind of wickedness or mischief. ¶ [40] 2 *Sam.* 15.-20.

23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

24 [42] The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the [43] foolishness of fools *is* folly.

[42] A singular ornament and advantage: because thereby they have the greater opportunity of doing good, which is an honour to 'em. ¶ [43] But as for rich fools, their folly is made more manifest by their riches, because they have thereby the greater opportunity of doing mischief, and committing sin.

25 A true witness delivereth souls, but a deceitful *witness* speaketh [44] lies.

[44] *V.* 5. To the destruction of the innocent.

26 [45] In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his [46] children shall have a place of refuge.

[45] 2 *Tim.* 1.-12. They that fear God may be confident of his protection. ¶ [46] The children of him that fears God shall be protected by God in times of danger.

[48] See on *ch.* 13.14.

27 The fear of the LORD *is* a [48] fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people *is* the kings honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.

29 *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of [49] great understanding: but *he that is* † hasty of spirit [50] exalteth folly.

† Heb. *short.*

[49] Discovers great wisdom, and much grace to subdue his unruly passions. ¶ [50] Discovers his corruption, and makes it conspicuous to all.

30 [51] A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the * [51] rottenness of the bones.

* Chap. 12.4.

[51] *Psal.* 119.80. A mind free from the dominion of sinful distempers, and particularly of envy, is a means to maintain the health and vigour of the whole body. ¶ [51] *Psal.* 112.10. Wasts the spirits, and consumes the strongest parts of the body.

31 * He that [54] oppresseth the poor reproacheth his [55] maker; but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

* Matth. 25. 40,45.

[55] *Ch.* 17.5. Withholds from him that relief that is his due. ¶ [55] Who by his Providence made him so, (*ch.* 22.2. 2 *Sam.* 9.7.) and so it is a contempt of his work.

32 The wicked is [56] driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath [58] hope in his death.

[56] Suddenly and violently snatch'd, at death, from all his enjoyments, and hopes, for his wickedness; and many times in the very act of it. ¶ [57] *Job* 13.15. 1 *Cor.* 15.19. 2 *Cor.* 1.9. *viz.* Of mercy and that Death will be to him an entrance into everlasting felicity. *Phil.* 1.21. *Rev.* 14.13.

33 [60] Wisdom [60] resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

[60] *ch.* 12.23. See there.

34 Righteousness [61] exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproch to † any people.

[61] *Jer.* 22.15. † Heb. *nations.*

35 The kings favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath is *against* him that [63] causeth shame.

[63] Carries himself foolishly in his place, and so disgraces his Master that employs him.

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1 A * soft answer turneth away wrath: but * [2] grievous words stir up anger.

* Chap. 25.15.

[1] *Judg.* 8. 1. *&c.* [2] 1 *Sam.* 25. 10. 2 *Sam.* 19. 43.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools † [3] poureth out foolishness.

† Heb. *belcheth*, or *bubbleth.*

[3] *v.* 28. *ch.* 12.23.&13.-16.

3 * [4] The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

* Job 34.21. Chap. 5.21. Jer. 16. 17. Hebr. 4.13.

4 † [5] A wholsom tongue *is a* tree of life: but [7] perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

† Which utters sound and profitable speeches. ¶ [7] See on *ch.* 3.-18. *ch.* 12.-18. [7] All sorts of corrupt Communication disturb the peace, and corrupt the manners both of speaker and hearers, 1 *Cor.* 15.-33.

[4] 2 *Chron.* 16. 9. See there. † Heb. *the healing of the tongue.*

5 A fool [9] despiseth his fathers instruction: but he that regarded reproof, is prudent.

[9] *v.* 32. *ch.* 13. 18.

6 In the house of the righteous *is* [10] much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

[10] By reason of God's blessing upon him; or at least they have content with their portion, which is a treasure, 1 *Tim.* 6.6.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doth* not so.

8 The [11] sacrifice of the wicked *is* an [12] abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his [13] delight.

[11] All external duties; yea the most costly. ¶ [12] *ch.* 21.27. *Isa.* 1.11. and 66.3. *Jer.* 6.20. *Amos* 5.22. Not absolutely, but for want of due qualifications. ¶ [13] *ch.* 2.14.

9 [14] The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that * followeth after righteousness.

* Chap. 21. 21. 1 Tim. 6.11.

[14] His wicked course of life, (and therefore, his Sacrifice, *v.* 8.)

10 ‖ Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* * he that hateth reproof [15] shall die.

‖ Or, *instruction.* * Chap. 5.12. & 10.17. [15] Is in the ready way to destruction.

11 [16] Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the [17] hearts of the children of men?

[16] *Job* 26.6. See there. ¶ [17] 2 *Chron.* 6.-30. *Psal.* 7.-9. and 44.-21. *Jer.* 17.10. *John* 2.24,25. and 21.17. *Acts* 1.24.

12 A scorner [18] loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he [19] go unto the wise.

[18] *Amos* 5. 10. ¶ [19] 2 *Tim.* 4.3. For fear of Reproof from him.

13 [20] A merry heart maketh a chearful countenance: but * by sorrow of the heart, [21] the spirit is broken.

* Chap. 12.25.

[20] *Ch.* 17.22. 2 *Cor.* 1.12. ¶ [21] That liveliness and cheerfulness which shews its self in the Countenance.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding [23] seeketh knowledge: but the [23] mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

[23] *Acts* 17.11. ¶ [23] Vain, impertinent, and sinful discourse is continually in their mouths.

15 All the days of the [24] afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a [25] merry heart hath a continual feast.

[24] By reason of any trouble and perplexity of mind or specially. ¶ [25] Is chearful upon good grounds, *viz.* the sense of God's love in Christ, *Phil.* 4.4.

16 [26] Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD

[26] *ch.* 16.8. *Psal.* 37.16.

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then great treasure, and trouble therewith.

17 [27] Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, then a stalled ox, and hatred therewith.

18 [28] A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothful *man is* as [29] an hedge of thorns: but the way of [30] the righteous *is* † made [31] plain.

[27] *ch.* 17.1. [28] *ch.* 26.21. & 29.22. † Heb. *raised up as a causey.*

[29] *Ch.* 23.13. His sloth makes him fancy, or pretend many difficulties, and hinderances. ¶ [30] (Who is diligent in his Calling.) ¶ [31] *Matth.* 11. 30. Easie and pleasant, notwithstanding all discouragements.

20 [32] A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

[32] *ch.* 10.1.

21 [33] Folly *is* joy to *him that is* † destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding [34] walketh uprightly.

† Heb. *void of heart.*

[33] *Ch.* 10.23. Sin and mischief. ¶ [34] (And finds pleasure therein.)

22 [35] Without counsel, purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellers they are [36] established.

[35] *Ch.* 11.14. and 20.18. ¶ [36] Accomplish'd and brought to a good issue.

23 A man hath joy by the [37] answer of his mouth: and * a word *spoken* † in due season, how good *is it?*

[37] *Viz.* If it be wise and seasonable. * Chap. 25.11. † Heb. *in his season.*

24 The [38] way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

[38] Holy and gracious persons in the pursuit of everlasting life, set their affections on things above, and have their conversation in heaven, *Col.* 3.1,2. *Phil.* 3.20. 2 *Cor.* 4.18.

25 The LORD will [39] destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the [40] widow.

[39] *Ch.* 12. 7. and 14. 11. *Psal.* 52. 5. ¶ [40] *Psal.* 68.5,6.

26 [41] The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the [42] pure *are* † pleasant words.

[41] *Ch.* 6. 18. ¶ [42] One free from allowed, reigning sin. † Heb. *words of pleasantness.*

27 * He that is [43] greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that [45] hateth gifts shall [46] live.

* Chap. 11.19.

[43] Seeks to enrich himself by bribes, or any other unlawful courses, brings God's curse upon himself and his family. ¶ [45] *Exod.* 23.8. *Deut.* 16.19. ¶ [46] Preserve himself and family from ruin.

28 The heart of the righteous studieth [47] to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

[47] *Ch.* 16.23. What may be profitable, suitable and seasonable.

29 * The LORD *is* [48] far from the wicked: but he [50] heareth the prayer of the righteous.

* Psal. 34.16.

[48] Out of hearing, as it were, of his prayer. ¶ [50] *Psal.* 145.19.

30 The light [51] of the eyes [52] rejoyceth the heart: *and* a [53] good report maketh the bones fat.

[51] Which we behold with our bodily eyes, and wherewith we behold many other pleasant sights. ¶ [52] *Eccl.* 11.7. ¶ [53] A good Name, Credit and Reputation, affords such solid comfort as revives the heart, and gives health and vigour to the body.

31 The ear that [55] heareth the reproof [56] of life, [57] abideth among the wise.

[55] *Viz.* Willingly and obediently. ¶ [56] Which leads to life. ¶ [57] Chooses the society of such, for their Reproofs sake.

32 He that refuseth ‖ instruction, despiseth his own soul: but he that ‖ heareth reproof, † getteth understanding.

‖ Or, *correction.* ‖ Or, *obeyeth.* † Heb. *possesseth an heart.*

33 The fear of the LORD *is* [58] the instruction of wisdom; and [59] before honour *is* humility.

[58] That which teaches men true wisdom, *ch.* 1.7. and 9.10. ¶ [59] *ch.* 18.12. 1 *Sam.* 15.17.

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CHAP. XVI.

THE ‖ * [1] preparations of the heart in man, and the [2] answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD.

‖ Or, *disposings.* Jer. 10.23.

[1] *V.* 9. *ch.* 19. 21. *Phil.* 2. 13. ¶ [2] *Matth.* 10. 19.

2 All the ways of a man *are* [3] clean in his own eyes: but the LORD weigheth * the spirits.

[3] *V.* 25. *ch.* 14. 12. and 21. 2. *Luke* 18. 11. ¶ [4] 1 *Sam.* 16.7. Their Dispositions, Affections, Aims and Intentions, (and so many times condemns that which they approve.)

3 † * [5] Commit thy works unto the LORD, and [6] thy thoughts shall be established.

† Heb. *Roll.* * Matth. 6.25. Luke 12.22. Phil. 4.6. 1 Pet. 5.7.

[5] See on *Psal.* 37.5. ¶ [6] Thy honest desires and designs shall be brought to a good issue, and in the mean while thou shalt enjoy a sweet settlement and calmness of spirit, *Isa.* 26. 3.

4 The LORD hath made [7] all *things* for himself: * yea, even the [9] wicked for the day of evil.

* Job 21.30.

[7] And especially all men, for his own service and glory, and for the manifestation and advancement of his own wisdom, power, goodness, *&c. Rom.* 11. 36. ¶ [9] *Rom.* 9. 22. Foreseeing they would be wicked and impenitent, he ordain'd 'em to punishment, *Jude* 4.

5 Every one *that is* [10] proud in heart, *is* an [11] abomination to the LORD: *though* [12] hand *joyn* in hand, he shall not be † unpunished.

† Heb. *hold innocent.*

[10] In whose heart pride reigns. ¶ [11] *ch.* 6.17. and 8.13. ¶ [12] *ch.* 11.21.

6 [13] By mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and * by the fear of the LORD *men* [15] depart from evil.

* Chap. 14.16.

[13] *ch.* 3.3. and 20.28. By a merciful, just and faithful frame of heart and course of life a man obtains a comfortable assurance that his sins are pardoned, and that he is duly qualified for the receiving that Atonement that is made by the blood of Christ. ¶ [15] *Neh.* 5.15. Are careful to avoid for the future, & not to continue in sin that grace may abound, *Rom.* 6.1.

7 When a mans ways [16] please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

[16] *Col.* 1.10.

8 [17] Better *is* a little with righteousness, then great revenues [18] without right.

[17] *ch.* 15.16. *Psal.* 37.16. [18] *Heb.* 2.9,13.

9 * A mans heart [19] deviseth his way: but the LORD [20] directeth his steps.

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[19] *Ch.* 19. 21. ¶ [20] *ch.* 20. 24. *Psal.* 37.23. *Jer.* 10.23.

10 † [21] A divine sentence [22] *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth [23] transgresseth not in judgment.

† Heb. *Divination.*

[21] When he gives Judgment it ought to be as true as if it came from God himself. ¶ [22] 'Tis the duty of his place so to do. So *v.* 12,13. ¶ [23] *Deut.* 17.20.

11 A just weight and balance *are* the [24] LORDs: all the † weights of the bag *are* his work.

† Heb. *stones.*

[24] *Lev.* 19.36. Appointed and commanded by him, (and therefore not to be alter'd by any.)

12 *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is [25] established by righteousness.

[25] *ch.* 20.28. & 25.5. & 29. 14.

13 * [26] Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings: and they love him that speaketh right.

* Chap. 14.35. & 22.11.

[26] Faithful Counsels, upright Judgments, and all other Speeches agreeable to Truth, *Psal.* 101. 5,6,7.

14 [27] The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death, but a wise man will [28] pacifie it.

[27] *ch.* 19.12. [28] *Acts* 12.20.

15 In the light of the kings countenance *is* life, and his favour *is* * [29] as a cloud of the latter rain.

* Job 29.23. Zech. 10.1.

16 [30] How much better *is it* to get wisdom, then gold? and to get understanding, rather to be chosen then silver?

[29] *ch.* 19.12. [30] *ch.* 8. 3, 13, 14, &c. & 8. 11, 19.

17 [31] The high-way of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way, preserveth his soul.

[31] The way that he commonly walks in, 1 *John* 3.9.

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18 Pride [32] *goeth* before destruction: and an haughty spirit before a fall.

[32] *Ch.*11.2. and 18.12. *Dan.* 4. 30, 31. Is commonly the forerunner thereof.

19 [33] Better *is it to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, then to divide the spoil with the proud.

[33] Better to be poor and humble, than rich and proud.

‖ Or, *understandeth.* * Psal.2.12. & 34.8.& 125.1. Isa.30.18.

20 He that ‖ [34] handleth a matter wisely, shall find [35] good: and whoso * [34] trusteth in the LORD, [36] happy *is* he.

[35] *Psal.*112.5. Uses his best skill and endeavours, and then depends upon God for success. ¶ [35] A good issue, (to make him happy.) ¶ [36] *Jer.* 17.7.

21 The wise in heart shall be [37] called prudent, and the [38] sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

[37] Esteemed so by others. ¶ [38] Acceptable words, (*Eccl.* 12.10.) contribute much to the ready entertainment thereof, and consequently to the promoting of knowledge in the Hearers.

* Chap.13.14. & 14.27.

22 * [40] Understanding *is* [41] a well-spring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* † folly.

[40] Spiritual knowledge and grace. ¶ [41] See on *ch.*10.11. ¶ † Tends only to beget vanity and wickedness.

† Heb. *maketh wise.*

23 The heart of the wise † [42] teacheth his mouth, and addeth [42] learning to his lips.

[42] *Psal.*45.1. *Matth.*12.-34,35. Inables him to speak wisely and profitably, to the instruction of others.

24 [43] Pleasant words *are as* an hony-comb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

[43] *Eccl.*12.10. Such as proceed from holy, wise persons, *ch.*15.-26.

[44] *ch.*14.12. See there.

25 [44] There is a way that seemeth right unto a man: but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

† Heb. *The soul of him.* † Heb. *boweth unto him.*

26 † He that laboureth, laboureth for [45] himself; for his [46] mouth † craveth it of him.

[45] Therefore let him shun idleness, and be diligent. ¶ [46] *Eccl.*6.7.

† Heb. *a man of Belial.*

27 † An ungodly man [47] diggeth up evil: and [48] in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.

[47] Is always contriving and labouring to do mischief. ¶ [48] His lying, slanderous speeches are very mischievous.

† Heb. *sendeth forth.*

28 [49] A froward man † [50] soweth strife, and [51] a whisperer separateth chief friends.

[49] One that walks contrary to God's Law. ¶ [50] *Ch.* 6.14. and 15.18. and 26.21. and 29.22. ¶ [51] *ch.*18.8. and 17. 9. One that secretly defames others.

29 [52] A violent man [53] enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.

[52] Eager to do mischief. ¶ [53] *ch.* 1. 10, 11.

30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

[54] *ch.*20.-29.

31 The hoary head *is a* [54] crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.

[55] Bridles his passion.

32 *He that is* slow to anger, *is* better then the mighty: and he that [55] ruleth his spirit, then he that taketh a city.

33 [56] The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

[56] Used formerly for the deciding of weighty, doubtful cases; as *Numb.*26.55. *Josh.*7.14. and 18.10. 1 *Sam.*14.41,42. *Acts* 1.26.

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[1] *ch.* 15.17. ‖ Or, *good cheer.*

1 BEtter *is a* dry morsel, and quietness therewith, then a house full of ‖ sacrifices with strife.

* Chap.10.5. & 19.26.

2 A wise servant shall have rule over * a son that causeth shame: and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

* Chap.27.21. Jer.17.10. Mal.3.3.

3 * The fining-pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

4 [2] A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips: *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

[2] He discovers himself to be wicked that is well pleas'd with such discourse.

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5 Whoso [3] mocketh the poor, reproacheth his maker: *and* * he that is * glad at calamities, shall not be † unpunished.

[3] See on *ch.* 14.31. * Job 31.29. † Heb. *held innocent.*

6 Childrens children *are* the [4] crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their [5] fathers.

[4] *Obad.*12. [5] *Psal.*127.3. and 128.6. As being the Blessings of God, and Testimonies of his Love. ¶ [6] *Viz.* Wise and godly.

† Heb. *a lip of excellency.* † Heb. *a lip of lying.*

7 † [7] Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do † lying lips a prince.

[7] *Ch.*26.7. Pious, profitable discourse suits not with wicked practices.

† Heb. *a stone of grace.*

8 A gift *is as* † [8] a precious stone in the eyes of him that [9] hath it: [10] whithersoever it turneth it prospereth.

[8] *Ch.*18.16. ¶ [9] To whom it was given. ¶ [10] To whomsoever it's given, commonly it prevails with him, *Gen.* 33. 8. *&c.*

‖ Or, *procureth,*

9 He that [11] covereth a transgression, ‖ seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter, [12] separateth *very* friends.

[11] *Ch.*10.-12. Buries an offence in silence, maintains love and kindness among friends. ¶ [12] *Ch.*16.-28.

‖ Or, *A reproof aweth more a wise man, then to strike a fool an hundred times.*

10 ‖ A reproof entreth more into a wise man, then an hundred stripes into a fool.

11 An evil *man* [14] seeketh only rebellion: therefore a [15] cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

[14] His whole Life is nothing but Rebellion against God and his Laws. ¶ [15] Some dreadful punishment.

12 Let a bear [16] robbed of her welps meet a man, rather then a fool [17] in his folly.

[16] *Hos.*13.8. ¶ [17] When he is violently bent upon his wickedness.

13 Whoso rewardeth [18] evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

[18] *Rom.*12.17. *Psal.*109.4. 1 *Thess.*5.15. 1 *Pet.*3.9.

* Ch. 20.3.

14 The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out [19] water: therefore * leave off contention, before it be medled with.

[19] (Which is easily stopt at first, but being let alone the passage soon grows wider, and cannot be stopt.)

15 He that [20] justifieth the wicked, and he that [21] condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

[20] *Ch.*24.24. *Isa.*5. 20,23. *Ezek.* 13. 16. Pleads for him as innocent, or acquits him in Judgment. ¶ [21] 1 *Kings* 21.13.

* Chap.18.24.

16 Wherefore *is there* [22] a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* [23] no heart *to it?*

[22] An opportunity and advantage. ¶ [23] *Rev.* 2. 21.

17 * [24] A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for [24] adversity.

[24] *Ruth* 1. 16. *Esth.* 4. -14. *q. d.* He only is a true friend and brother, that shews himself so in adversity, as well as prosperity.

† Heb. *heart.* [25] *ch.*6.1. *&c.* & 11.15.

18 A man void of † understanding striketh hands, *and* * becometh [25] surety in the presence of his friend.

* Chap.16.18.

19 He loveth [26] transgression, that loveth strife: *and* * he that [27] exalteth his gate, seeketh destruction.

[26] Because strife is commonly attended with many sins, *James* 3.16. ¶ [27] Builds himself a sumptuous house; *i.e.* carries himself proudly, scornfully and contemptuously towards others; or, lives above his Estate.

† Heb. *The froward of heart.*

20 † He that hath a [28] froward heart, findeth no good: and he that hath a [29] perverse tongue, falleth into mischief.

[28] Deceitful, hypocritical, (as *ch.*11.20.) shall not get that advantage by his dissimulation that he expected. ¶ [29] Deceitful, wicked.

* Chap.10.1. Verse 25.

21 * He that begetteth a [31] fool, *doeth it* to his sorrow; and the father of a fool hath [32] no joy.

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22 [33] A merry heart [34] doeth good ‖ *like* a medicine: but a [35] broken spirit drieth the bones.

‖ Or, *to a medicine.*

[33] *Ch.* 15. 13. ¶ [34] Conduces to the restoring and preserving of the bodily health. ¶ [35] 2 *Cor.* 2. 7. Sad and dejected.

23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift [36] out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

[36] In secret, *ch.* 21. 14.

24 * [37] Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but [38] the eyes of a fool *are* in the [38] ends of the earth.

* Chap. 14. 6. Eccl. 8. 1.

[37] *Eccl.* 2. 14. A godly man is always meditating and considering what the wisdom of God in his Word directs him to do. ¶ [38] His thoughts are always wandring and roving about impertinencies, and never in any fixed, serious temper.

25 [39] A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and [40] bitterness to her that bare him.

[39] *V.* 21. *ch.* 15. 20. and 19. 13. ¶ [40] *ch.* 10. 1.

26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, [41] *nor* to strike princes for equity.

[41] Or, *Nor for princes to strike* (*i. e.* punish) *any man for equity*; *i. e.* for doing his duty.

27 He that hath knowledge [42] spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of ‖ an [43] excellent spirit.

‖ Or, *a cool spirit.*

[42] *James* 1. 19. Speaks no more than is fit and needful. ¶ [43] Calm, temperate, dispassionate.

28 Even a fool [44] when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips, *is esteemed* a man of understanding.

[44] *Job* 13. 5.

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‖ Or, *he that separateth himself seeketh according to his desire, and intermeddleth in every business.* See Jude 19.

1 [1] THrough desire a man having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.

[1] A man desirous of wisdom, having beaken himself to a retir'd course of life, busies himself in the search of all kind of solid, useful knowledge.

2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but [2] that his heart may discover it self.

[2] All his delight is to vent his own folly and wickedness.

3 When the wicked [3] cometh, *then* cometh also [4] contempt, and [5] with ignominy, reproch.

[3] Into any place or company. ¶ [4] *Viz.* From the wicked man upon those that are not like himself. ¶ [5] He loads 'em with ignominious, reproachful language.

* Chap. 10. 11. & 20. 5.

4 * The words of a [6] mans mouth *are as* [7] deep waters, *and* the well-spring of wisdom *as a* [8] flowing brook.

[6] A wise man's. ¶ [7] *ch.* 20. 5. Full of deep wisdom. ¶ [8] Continually sending forth wise speeches.

* Lev. 19. 15. Deut. 1. 17. & 16. 19. Chap. 24. 23.

5 * *It is* [9] not good to [10] accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

[9] Very evil. ¶ [10] *Gh.* 17. 15. See on *Rom.* 2. 11. To favour or justifie him in any evil cause.

6 A fools lips [11] enter into contention, and his mouth [12] calleth for strokes.

[11] Utters those things which set others against him. ¶ [12] Procures strokes to himself.

7 A fools mouth *is* his [13] destruction, and his lips *are* the [14] snare of his soul.

[13] *Ch.* 10. 14. and 13. 3. *Eccl.* 10. 12. ¶ [14] *ch.* 12. 13.

‖ Or, *whisperer.* ‖ Or, *like as when men are wounded.* † Heb. *chambers.*

8 [15] The words of a ‖ tale-bearer *are* ‖ as [16] wounds, and they [17] go down into the † inmost parts of the belly.

[15] *ch.* 26. 22. ¶ [16] *ch.* 12. 18. ¶ [17] Wound him that is slander'd, to the very heart.

* Chap. 28. 24.

9 He also that is slothful in his work, is * [18] brother to him that is a great waster.

[18] *Chap.* 10. 4. Will as soon come to Poverty.

† Heb. *set aloft.*

10 [19] The name of the LORD *is* a [20] strong tower: the righteous [21] runneth into it, and is † [22] safe.

[19] *Psal.* 20. 1, 7. His power, goodness, promises, &c. ¶ [20] 2 *Sam.* 22. 51. *Psal.* 18. 2. and 27. 1. and 61. 3. and 91. 2. and 144. 2. *Nah.* 1. 7. ¶ [21] *Isa.* 26. 20. Betakes himself to him by Faith, 1 *Sam.* 17. 45.

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11 * The rich mans wealth *is* his [23] strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

* Chap. 10. 15. [23] See on *ch.* 10. 15.

12 * [24] Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and [25] before honour *is* humility.

[24] *ch.* 16. 18. [25] *ch.* 15. 33.

13 He that † answereth a matter before he [26] heareth *it*, it *is* folly and shame unto him.

* Chap. 11. 2. † Heb. *returneth a word.*

[26] *Viz.* Fully, so as throughly to understand it, *Esth.* 3. 10.

14 [27] The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a [28] wounded spirit who can [29] bear?

[27] *Viz.* Which is composed and chearful, through the sense of God's love, and the testimony of a good conscience, will enable him to bear patiently any bodily pain or trouble. ¶ [28] Filled with a sense of guilt and God's wrath, *Job* 6. 4. ¶ [29] *Viz.* By any natural strength.

15 The heart of the prudent [30] getteth knowledge; and the [31] ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

[30] By Meditation, Study, *&c.* ¶ [31] *Luke* 10. 39.

16 [32] A mans gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

[32] *ch.* 17. 8. & 21. 14.

17 *He that is* first in his own cause, *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and [33] searcheth him.

[33] 2 *Sam.* 19. 26. shews the falshood or weakness of his Allegations.

18 [34] The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

[34] *Josh.* 14. 2.

19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the [35] bars of a castle.

[35] Which cannot be bowed or broken.

20 * A mans belly shall be satisfied with [36] the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

* Chap. 13. 2. [36] See on *ch.* 12. 14.

21 [37] Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue; and they that [38] love it, shall eat the fruit thereof.

[37] *V.* 7. *Matth.* 12. 37. ¶ [38] Not only speak well or ill upon occasion, but delight in and accustom themselves to good, or bad discourse.

22 * *Whoso* findeth a [39] wife, findeth a [40] good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the [41] LORD.

* Chap. 19. 14. & 31. 10.

[39] *Viz.* One that is such as she ought to be. ¶ [40] A great Blessing. ¶ [41] *ch.* 19. 14.

23 The poor useth [42] intreaties, but the rich answereth [43] roughly.

[42] *Gen.* 33. 3. [43] *Exod.* 5. 2. *James* 2. 3.

24 A man *that hath* friends, must shew himself friendly: and there is a [44] friend *that* sticketh [45] closer then a brother.

[44] *ch.* 17. 17.

CHAP. XIX.

1 BEtter *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, then *he that is* [1] perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

[1] *Ch.* 28. 6. and 12. 26. In a much safer and happier condition. ¶ [2] A rich, wicked man, and one that makes no conscience either of speaking or doing wickedly.

2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without [3] knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that [4] hasteth with *his* feet, sinneth.

[3] Prudence and discretion to manage his Affairs. ¶ [4] Does any thing rashly, or ignorantly, is very apt to run into sin.

3 The [6] foolishness of man [7] perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

[6] Ignorance or wickedness makes a man miscarry.

4 [8] Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is [9] separated from his neighbour.

[8] *Ch.* 14. 20. ¶ [9] Drown'd and forsaken by those, who are most oblig'd to help him. 2 *Tim.* 4. 16.

5 A false witness shall not be † unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

† Heb. *hold innocent.*

[10] *Ex.* 20. 16. and 23. 1. *Deut.* 19. 16, 19. *Prov.* 6. 24.

6 * Many

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6 * Many will intreat the favor of the prince; and * every man *is* a friend to † him that [11] giveth gifts.

* Chap.29.26.
* Chap.21.14.
† Heb. *a man of gifts.*
[11] *ch.*18.16. & 17.8.

7 All the brethren of the poor do [12] hate him: how much more do his [13] friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet* they are wanting to him.

[12] See on *ch.*14.20. ¶ [13] They who formerly seem'd to be such.

† Heb. *an heart.*

8 He that getteth † wisdom, loveth his own soul: he that [14] keepeth understanding shall find good.

[14] Practises the Counsels and Commands of the Word.

* Vers.5.

9 * [10] A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

10 [15] Delight is not seemly for a fool: much less for a [16] servant to have rule over princes.

[15] *Ch.*30.-22.*Eccl.*10.6. Plenty and Prosperity is not fit and convenient for a fool, (but rather stripes, *v.*-29.) because he does but abuse it to the prejudice of himself and others. ¶ [16] *ch.*28.3. *Eccl.*10.7.

‖ Or, *prudence.*
[17] *ch.*14.29. *Jam.*1.19.

11 The ‖ discretion of a man [17] deferreth his anger, and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 [18] The kings wrath *is* as the roring of a lion; but his [19] favor *is* as dew upon the grass.

[18] *Ch.* 16. 14. and 20. 2. and 28.15. ¶ [19] *ch.* 16. 15.

13 [20] A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father; and the contentions of a wife *are* a [21] continual dropping.

[20] *Ch.*10.1. and 15.20. and 17. 21, 25. ¶ [21] *ch.* 27. 15. and 21.9, 19. Always vexing him, and will never let him be at quiet.

14 House and riches *are* the inheritance [22] of fathers; and a prudent wife [23] *is* from the LORD.

[22] 2 *Cor.*12.-14. ¶ [23] *ch.*18.22.*viz.* In a special manner; more of his Providence being seen in it, than in the other.

15 Slothfulness [24] casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall [25] suffer hunger.

[24] *Ch.*6.9. Makes a man negligent and senseless of the misery coming upon him. ¶ [25] *ch.*10.4. and 20.13.

16 He that [26] keepeth the commandment, keepeth his own soul; *but* he that [27] despiseth his ways, shall die.

[26] *Luke* 11. 28. ¶ [27] *ch.* 13. 13. Lives at random, and cares not what he does, whether it be right or wrong, good or bad, but is led only by his own brutish inclinations.

* Chap.28.27.
2 Cor. 9.6,7.
‖ Or, *his deed.*

17 * He that hath pity upon the poor, [28] lendeth unto the LORD; and ‖ that which he hath given, will he [29] pay him again.

[28] *Matth.*10.42, and 25.34. ¶ [29] *Heb.6.*10. 2 *Cor.*9. 6.

[30] *ch.*13.24. & 23.13.
‖ Or, *to his destruction*: or, *to cause him to die.*

18 [30] Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare ‖ for his crying.

[31] 2 *Sam.*16. 5, 6.
† Heb. *add.*
[32] At least then, if not before.

19 A man of [31] great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must † do it again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy [32] latter end.

* Pf.53.10,11. Ch.16. 1,9. Hebr.6.17.

21 * *There are* [33] many devices in a mans heart; nevertheless the [34] counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

[33] *Ch.* 16. 1, 9. *Pfal.* 33. 10, 11. Which shall not stand. ¶ [34] *Job* 23.13. *Isa.*46.-10.

22 [35] The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and [36] a poor man *is* better then a [37] liar.

[35] *q.d.* A sincere desire to do good, is a real and acceptable piece of kindness, tho a man have not ability to effect it, 2 *Cor.*8.12. ¶ [36] Who has such a desire. ¶ [37] A rich man that promises much, but does little.

23 The fear of the LORD [38] *tendeth* to life, and *he that hath it* shall abide [39] satisfied: he shall be visited with [40] evil.

[38] *Ch.*10.27. and 14.24. ¶ [39] *John* 4.14. With his interest in God, and assurance of his provident care over him. ¶ [40] See on *ch.*12.21.

[41] *ch.*26.13,15. & 15.19.

24 [41] A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

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25 [42] Smite a scorner, and the [43] simple will † [44] beware; and [45] reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will [46] understand knowledge.

† Heb. *be cunning.*
[42] *Ch.*21.11. ¶ [43] That errs out of ignorance and infirmity, and is willing to learn. ¶ [45] *Deut.*13.11. (Tho the Scorner will not.) ¶ [45] *ch.*9. 8. Tho it be but with a gentle word. ¶ [46] Learn his duty, (and practise accordingly.)

26 He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproch.

27 Cease, my son, to [47] hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the [48] words of knowledge.

[47] *John* 10.5. ¶ [48] Sound Doctrin, or the ways of true Wisdom.

† Heb. *A witness of Belial.*
* Job 15.16. & 20. 12, 13. & 34.7.

28 † An ungodly witness scorneth [49] judgment: and * the mouth of the wicked [50] devoureth iniquity.

[49] Both the work of punishing Offenders, and also those Punishments that are inflicted on 'em. ¶ [50] Utters wickedness with greediness and delight.

[51] (Tho not presently executed, *Eccl.* 8.11.)

29 Judgments are [51] prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

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Wine *is* a [1] mocker, strong drink *is* [2] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is [3] not wise.

[1] Makes men deride Sobriety and all vertue, (*Hos.* 7.-5.) when it is drunk to excess. ¶ [2] Makes men full of rage and passion. ¶ [3] *Isa.*28.7. Makes himself a Sot, and shews himself a Fool.

2 [4] The fear of a king *is* as the roring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger, [5] sinneth *against* his own soul.

[4] *Ch.*16.14. Caused by his Wrath, *ch.*19.12. ¶ [5] Exposes his life to manifest danger.

3 *It is* an honour for a man to [6] cease from strife: but every fool will be [7] medling.

[6] *Ch.* 17. 14. *Gen.* 13. 8. ¶ [7] Doing something or other to occasion quarrels.

[8] *ch.*10.4.
[9] *Luke* 16. 24.
‖ Or, *winter.*

4 [8] The sluggard will not plow by reason of the ‖ cold; *therefore* shall he [9] beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.

5 [10] Counsel in the heart of man *is like* [11] deep water; but a man of understanding will [12] draw it out.

[10] A man's designs and purposes. ¶ [11] *ch.*18.4. Not easily discoverable, 1 *Cor.*2.11. ¶ [12] 1 *Cor.*2.15.

‖ Or, *bounty.*

6 Most men will [13] proclaim every one his own ‖ goodness: but a [14] faithful man, who can find?

[13] *Matth.* 6.2. *Luke* 18.11. ¶ [14] *John* 1.-47. One who is real and sincere in his professions.

7 The just *man* [15] walketh in his integrity: his children *are* [16] blessed after him.

[15] Carries himself so as to manifest the sincerity of his heart, and professions. ¶ [16] *Pfal.*37.26. and 112. 2.

8 A king that [17] sitteth in the throne of judgment, [18] scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

[17] *V.* 26. Makes it his business to execute Judgment faithfully and diligently; effectually suppresses all wickedness by his inspection into affairs.

9 [19] Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

[19] 1 *King.*8.46. 2 *Chron.*6.36. *Job* 14. 4. and 15. 14. *Pfal.* 51.5. *Eccl.*7.20. 1 *John* 1.8.

* Deut.25.13 &c. & 16.11. Mic.6. 10,11.
† Heb. *A stone and a stone.*
[20] *v.*23.*ch.*11.1 See there.

10 * † [20] Divers weights, *and* † divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.

† Heb. *an ephah and an ephah.*

11 Even [21] a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

[21] *q.d.*

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[21] *q. d.* It may very probably be conjectur'd by a Child's present Carriage, whether his future conversation is like to prove unblameable, and agreeable to the Rule.

12 [22] The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath [23] made even both of them.

[22] *Exod.*4.11. *q.d.* The right use and exercise of our natural faculties is from God, (and therefore all are to be employ'd for his Glory, *Rom.*11.-36.)

13 Love not [23] sleep, lest thou come to poverty; [24] open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be [25] satisfied with bread.

[23] *Ch.*6.9. and 19.15. ¶ [24] *Rom.*12.11. Be vigilant and diligent in thy business. ¶ [25] *ch.*12.14.

[26] 1 *Thess.*4.6. 14 [26] *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the [27] lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

[27] *Ch.*3.15. and 8.11. Wise and gracious Speeches proceeding from an honest and understanding heart.

16 [28] Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him [29] for a [30] strange woman.

[28] *Ch.*27.13. Trust him not without a pawn, that is so weak as to be Surety for every body, he cares not who; (for to be sure he'l come to poverty.) ¶ [29] *viz.* That is Surety. ¶ [30] See on *ch.*2.16.

† Heb. *lying*, or *falsehood*.

17 [31] Bread of † deceit *is* sweet to a man: but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

[31] *Ch.*9.17. *Job* 20.12–14. Gain or pleasure procur'd by unrighteous courses.

[32] *ch.*15.22. [33] *ch.*24.6. *Luke* 14.31.

18 [32] *Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice [33] make war.

19 He that goeth about *as a* tale-bearer, [34] revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that ‖ [35] flattereth with his lips.

‖ Or, *enticeth*.

[34] *Ch.*11.13. ¶ [35] Thereby to fish out thy secrets.

‖ Or, *candle*.

20 Whoso [36] curseth his father or his mother, [37] his ‖ lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

[36] *Exod.*21.17. *Lev.*20.9. *Matth.*15.4. ¶ [37] His present comfort shall be turned into extream misery, and he shall die with disgrace.

21 [38] An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning: but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

[38] *Ch.*28.20. 2 *King.*5.20. Men many times grow rich on a sudden at the very beginning of their labors and endeavours, by unrighteous courses.

* Deut.32.35. Rom.12.17. 1 Thess.5.15. 1 Pet.3.9.

22 * [39] Say not thou, I will [40] recompense evil: *but* [41] wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

[39] *Ch.*24.29. ¶ [40] See on *ch.*17.13. ¶ [41] 2 *Sam.*16.12. In the use of lawful means only.

†Heb. *balances of deceit*.

23 [20] Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a † false balance *is* not good.

24 Mans goings *are* [42] of the LORD, how can a man then understand his [43] own way?

[42] Ordered and directed by him to his own ends, *ch.*16.-9. *Psal.*37.23. *Jer.*10.23. ¶ [43] What the issue and success thereof will be.

25 *It is* a snare to the man *who* [44] devoureth *that which is* holy: and after vows to make [45] enquiry.

[44] *Mal.*3.8,9. Converts to his own private use that which is dedicated to God. ¶ [45] *viz.* How he may dispense with his Vow, or be discharged from it.

26 A [46] wise king [47] scattereth the wicked, and [48] bringeth the wheel over them.

[46] Godly wise. ¶ [47] *v.*3. *Psal.*101.5. *&c.* ¶ [48] *Isa.*28.27,28. 2 *Sam.*12.31. Punishes 'em severely.

‖ Or, *lamp*.

27 The spirit of man *is* the ‖ candle [49] of the LORD, [50] searching all the inward parts of the belly.

[49] *John* 1.4. Set up there by him in a more immediate manner, (*Gen.*2.7. *Eccl.*12.7.) as his Deputy, to observe and judge our actions. ¶ [50] 1 *Cor.* 2.11. Indued with ability to discern and judge of its own actions, and consequently of its state and condition.

* Psal.101.1. [51] *ch.*29.14. See on *ch.*16.6.

28 * [51] Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

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29 The glory of young men *is* their [52] strength: and the [53] beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

[52] 1 *John* 2.14. ¶ [53] *ch.*16.31. Every Age has its peculiar Ornament and Advantage for which it ought to be respected.

† Heb. *is a purging medicine against evil*.

30 The [54] blueness of a wound † cleanseth away evil: so *do* stripes the [55] inward parts of the belly.

[54] Severe Correction. ¶ [55] Purge out those corrupt affections which are in the heart.

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THE kings heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, [1] *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

[1] Which the Husbandman or Gardiner draws which way he pleases.

[2] *ch.*16.2. & 20.6.

2 [2] Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

3 [3] To do justice and judgment, *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

[3] 1 *Sam.*15.22. *Isa.*1.11. *&c. Hos.*6.6. *Mic.*6.7,8.

† Heb. *haughtiness of eyes*. ‖ Or, *light*.

4 † [4] An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the ‖ [5] plowing of the wicked *is* sin.

[4] *Ch.*6.17. ¶ [5] All their natural, moral, and civil actions, as also their worldly greatness and prosperity, is an occasion of sin unto 'em.

[6] *ch.*10.4.

5 [6] The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness: but of every one *that is* [7] hasty, only to want.

[6] *Ch.*10.4. The deliberate resolutions of him who diligently prosecutes his designs. ¶ [7] Who acts rashly, and seeks to be rich by unjust ways.

[8] *Ch.*10.2. and 13.11. [9] *ch.*8.36.

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue, *is* a [8] vanity tossed to and fro of them that [9] seek death.

[8] *Ch.*10.2. and 13.11. Is a deceitful, unprofitable course, notwithstanding the seeming gain at present; much used by such as walk in ways leading to destruction. ¶ [9] *ch.*8.36.

† Heb. *saw them*, or *dwell with them*.

7 [10] The robbery of the wicked shall † destroy them; because they [11] refuse to do judgment.

[10] The Injury they do to others. ¶ [11] Are obstinately bent upon unjust courses.

[12] *ch.*19.3. [13] *ch.*2.15. [14] *ch.*28.6.

8 The way of [12] man *is* [13] froward and [14] strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

[12] A wicked man. ¶ [13] Crooked and sinful. ¶ [14] Contrary to all right reason.

[15] *v.*19. *ch.*25.24. & 19.-13. & 27.15.

† Heb. *a woman of contentions*.

† Heb. *an house of society*.

9 [15] *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the house top, then with a † brawling woman in † a wide house.

10 The soul of the wicked [16] desireth evil: his neighbour † findeth no favor in his eyes.

[16] Is wholly set upon doing mischief.

† Heb. *is not favoured*.

[17] *ch.*19.25. See there.

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is [17] made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 The righteous *man* [18] wisely considereth the [19] house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

[18] 1 *Cor.*10.10. (So as to avoid such courses.) ¶ [19] The Judgments of God upon 'em.

[20] *Mat.*18.30. *&c. Jam.*2.13.

13 Whoso [20] stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

[21] *ch.*17.8. & 18.16.

14 [21] A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom, strong wrath.

15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that [22] wandreth out of the way of understanding, shall remain in [23] the congregation of the dead.

[22] *Luke* 16.13. ¶ [23] Among the company of the damned.

‖ Or, *sport*.

17 He that loveth ‖ pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth [24] wine and oyl shall not be rich.

[24] *Luke* 16.19. Costly and delicious feeding and feasting.

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18 The wicked *shall be* [25] a ransom for the righteous; and the transgressor for the upright.

[25] *Ch.*11.8. *Isa.*43. 3,4. *Josh.* 7.26. 2 *Sam.* 21.—14. Shall suffer that punishment which would have been inflicted on the innocent.

† Heb. *land of the desert.*

19 [26] *It is* better to dwell in the † wilderness, then with a contentious and an angry woman.

* Psal.112. 3.

20 * [27] *There is* a treasure to be desired, and oyl in the dwelling of the wise: but a foolish man spendeth it up.

[27] *q. d.* Wise men will take care that there shall be sufficient store and plenty of all things in their Families.

21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy, findeth life, [28] righteousness and honour.

[28] The like dealing from men, and a just Reward from God.

22 A wise *man* [29] scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

[29] Does more by his prudence and policy than by meer strength, *Eccl.*9.14. *&c.* 2 *Sam.* 20. 16.

[30] *ch.*13.3. & 21.23. & 18.21

23 [30] Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles.

24 Proud *and* haughty scorner [31] *is* his name, who [32] dealeth in † proud wrath.

† Heb. *the wrath of pride*

[31] Such he does manifest himself to be, and such he'll be accounted, (instead of being honoured and applauded.) ¶ [32] *Exod.*18.-11. Is govern'd only by pride and passion.

25 [33] The desire of the slothful [34] killeth him: for his hands refuse to labour.

[33] *Ch.*13.4. *viz.* Being attended with a neglect of diligent labor. ¶ [34] Brings him to perish in penury and want.

26 [35] He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous [35] giveth and spareth not.

[35] The slothful man, (*v.* 25.) is full of infatiable desires, but has not wherewith to satisfie 'em. ¶ [35] *Psal.* 112.9. Has sufficient for himself, and to relieve others too.

*[36] Isa.66.3. Jer. 6.20. Amos 5.22.

27 * [36] The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination: how much more *when* he bringeth it † with a [37] wicked mind?

† Heb. *in wickedness.*

[36] *Ch.*15.8. See there. ¶ [37] Out of any corrupt and sinister end; as, to bribe God to favor any thing that is evil; to make satisfaction for some former transgression, or the like.

† Heb. *a witness of lies.*

28 [38] † A false witness shall perish: but the man that [39] heareth, [40] speaketh constantly.

[38] *Ch.*19.5,9. ¶ [39] Speaks nothing but what he certainly knows to be true. ¶ [40] Is always in a same tale, 2 *Cor.*1.18.

29 A wicked man [41] hardeneth his face: ‖ but *as for* the upright, he ‖ [42] directeth his way.

‖ Or, *considereth*

[41] Is resolved to go on in his way, *Jer.* 44 17. ¶ [42] *viz.* By good counsel and advice.

[43] *Isa.* 8.9,10. *Jer.* 9. 23. *Jonah* 1. 13.

30 *There is* [43] no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

‖ Or, *victory.*

31 [44] The horse *is* prepared against the day of battel: but ‖ [45] safety *is* of the LORD.

[44] *Psal.*20.7. and 33.17. *Eccl.*9.11. ¶ [45] *Psal.*3.-8.

CHAP. XXII.

‖ Or, *is better then, &c.*

1 [1] A *Good* name *is* rather to be chosen then great riches, *and* [2] loving favour ‖ rather then silver and gold.

[1] *Eccl.*7.1. ¶ [2] The love, respect and kindness of those among whom we live.

2 The rich and poor [3] meet together: the LORD *is* the [4] maker of them all.

[3] *Ch.*29.13. Are mutually helpful to each other, (1 *Cor.* 12.21.) the Poor by their Labour, the Rich, by their Estates. ¶ [4] (And therefore let 'em be kind and helpful to each other.)

3 [5] A prudent *man* foreseeth the [6] evil, and [7] hideth himself: but the simple [8] pass on and are punished.

[5] *Ch.*27.12. ¶ [6] Publick calamities approching. ¶ [7] *Heb.* 18.10. *Isa.*26.20. Uses all lawful means to secure himself. ¶ [8] *viz.* Securely, in their old course of sining.

4 [9] ‖ [10] By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* [10] riches, and honour, and life.

[9] *Isa.*57.15. *Jam.*4.6. ¶ [10] *Ch.*21.21. *Psal.*112. 3. 1 *Tim.* 4.8. *Matth.*6.33.

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‖ Or, *The reward of humility, &c.*

5 [11] Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth [12] keep his soul shall be far from them.

[11] *Rom.*3. 16,17. *q. d.* Wicked men meet with much trouble and danger in their sinful ways. ¶ [12] Takes care of his Soul to keep it safe, shall escape those evils.

6 ‖ [13] Train up a child in † the way he should go: and when he is old, he [14] will not depart from it.

‖ Or, *Catechize*

† Heb. *his way.*

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[21] *q. d.* It may very probably be conjectur'd by a Child's present Carriage, whether his future converſation is like to prove unblameable, and agreeable to the Rule.

12 [22] The hearing ear, and the ſeeing eye, the LORD hath [22] made even both of them.

[22] *Exod.*4.11. *q.d.* The right uſe and exerciſe of our natural faculties is from God, (and therefore all are to be employ'd for his Glory, *Rom.*11.-36.)

13 Love not [23] ſleep, leſt thou come to poverty; [24] open thine eyes, *and* thou ſhalt be [25] ſatisfied with bread.

[23] *Ch.*6.9. and 19.15. ¶ [24] *Rom.*13.11. Be vigilant and diligent in thy buſineſs. ¶ [25] *ch.*12.14.

[26] 1 *Theſſ.*4.6. 14 [26] *It is* naught, *it is* naught, ſaith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boaſteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the [27] lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

[27] *Ch.* 3.15. and 8.11. Wiſe and gracious Speeches proceeding from an honeſt and underſtanding heart.

16 [28] Take his garment that is ſurety *for* a ſtranger: and take a pledge of him [29] for a [30] ſtrange woman.

[28] *Ch.* 27.13. Truſt him not without a pawn, that is ſo weak as to be Surety for every body, he cares not who; (for to be ſure he'l come to poverty.) ¶ [29] *viz.* That is Surety. ¶ [30] See on *ch.*2.16.

† Heb. *lying*, or *falſhood*.

17 [31] Bread of † deceit *is* ſweet to a man: but afterwards his mouth ſhall be filled with gravel.

[31] *Ch.* 9.17. *Job* 20.12–14. Gain or pleaſure procur'd by unrighteous courſes.

[32] *ch.*15.22. [33] *ch.*24.6. *Luke* 14.31.

18 [32] *Every* purpoſe is eſtabliſhed by counſel: and with good advice [33] make war.

19 He that goeth about *as* a tale-bearer, [34] revealeth ſecrets: therefore meddle not with him that ‖ [35] flattereth with his lips.

‖ Or, *enticeth*.

[34] *Ch.*11.13. ¶ [35] Thereby to fiſh out thy ſecrets.

‖ Or, *candle*.

20 Whoſo [36] curſeth his father or his mother, [37] his ‖ lamp ſhall be put out in obſcure darkneſs.

[36] *Exod.*21.17. *Lev.*20.9. *Matth.* 15.4. ¶ [37] His preſent comfort ſhall be turned into extream miſery, and he ſhall die with diſgrace.

21 [38] An inheritance *may be* gotten haſtily at the beginning: but the end thereof ſhall not be bleſſed.

[38] *Ch.*28.20. 2 *King.*5.20. Men many times grow rich on a ſudden at the very beginning of their labors and endeavours, by unrighteous courſes.

* Deut.32.35. Rom.12.17. 1 Theſſ.5.15. 1 Pet.3.9.

22 * [39] Say not thou, I will [40] recompenſe evil: *but* [41] wait on the LORD, and he ſhall ſave thee.

[39] *Ch.*24.29. ¶ [40] See on *ch.*17.13. ¶ [41] 2 *Sam.*16.12. In the uſe of lawful means only.

†Heb. *balances of deceit*.

23 [20] Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and a † falſe balance *is* not good.

24 Mans goings *are* [42] of the LORD, how can a man then underſtand his [43] own way?

[42] Ordered and directed by him to his own ends *ch.*16.-9. *Pſal.*37.23. *Jer.*10.23. ¶ [43] What the iſſue and ſucceſs thereof will be.

25 *It is* a ſnare to the man *who* [44] devoureth *that which is* holy: and after vows to make [45] enquiry.

[44] *Mal.*3.8,9. Converts to his own private uſe that which is dedicated to God. ¶ [45] *viz.* How he may diſpenſe with his Vow, or be diſcharged from it.

26 A [46] wiſe king [47] ſcattereth the wicked, and [48] bringeth the wheel over them.

[46] Godly wiſe. ¶ [47] *v.* 3. *Pſal.*101.5. *&c.* ¶ [48] *Iſa.*28.27,28. 2 *Sam.*12.31. Puniſhes 'em ſeverely.

‖ Or, *lamp*.

27 The ſpirit of man *is* the ‖ candle [49] of the LORD, [50] ſearching all the inward parts of the belly.

[49] *John* 1.4. Set up there by him in a more immediate manner, (*Gen.*2.7. *Eccl.*12.7.) as his Deputy, to obſerve and judge our actions. ¶ [50] 1 *Cor.* 2.11. Indued with ability to diſcern and judge of its own actions, and conſequently of its ſtate and condition.

* Pſal.101.1. [51] *ch.* 29.14. See on *ch.* 16.6.

28 * [51] Mercy and truth preſerve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

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29 The glory of young men *is* their [52] ſtrength: and the [53] beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

[52] 1 *John* 2.14. ¶ [53] *ch.*16.31. Every Age has its peculiar Ornament and Advantage for which it ought to be reſpected.

† Heb. *is a purging medicine againſt evil*.

30 The [54] blueneſs of a wound † cleanſeth away evil: ſo *do* ſtripes the [55] inward parts of the belly.

[54] Severe Correction. ¶ [55] Purge out thoſe corrupt affections which are in the heart.

CHAP. XXI.

THE kings heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, [1] *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whitherſoever he will.

[1] Which the Huſbandman or Gardiner draws which way he pleaſes.

[2] *ch.*16.2. & 20.6.

2 [2] Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

3 [3] To do juſtice and judgment, *is* more acceptable to the LORD than ſacrifice.

[3] 1 *Sam.*15.22. *Iſa.*1.11. *&c. Hoſ.*6.6. *Mic.*6. 7,8.

† Heb. *haughtineſs of eyes*. ‖ Or, *light*.

4 † [4] An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the ‖ [5] plowing of the wicked *is* ſin.

[4] *Ch.*6.17. ¶ [5] All their natural, moral, and civil actions, as alſo their worldly greatneſs and proſperity, is an occaſion of ſin unto 'em.

5 [6] The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteouſneſs: but of every one *that is* [7] haſty, only to want.

[6] *Ch.*10.4. The deliberate reſolutions of him who diligently proſecutes his deſigns. ¶ [7] Who acts raſhly, and ſeeks to be rich by unjuſt ways.

6 The getting of treaſures by a lying tongue, *is* a [8] vanity toſſed to and fro of them that [9] ſeek death.

[8] *Ch.*10.2. and 13.11. Is a deceitful, unprofitable courſe, notwithſtanding the ſeeming gain at preſent; much uſed by ſuch as walk in ways leading to deſtruction. ¶ [9] *ch.*8.36.

† Heb. *ſaw them*, or *dwell with them*.

7 [10] The robbery of the wicked † deſtroy them; becauſe they [11] refuſe to do judgment.

[10] The injury they do to others. ¶ [11] Are obſtinately bent upon unjuſt courſes.

8 The way of [12] man *is* [13] froward and [14] ſtrange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

[12] A wicked man. ¶ [13] Crooked and ſinful. ¶ [14] Contrary to all right reaſon.

[15] *v.*19. *ch.*25.24. & 19.-13. & 27.15.

† Heb. *a woman of contentions*.

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9 [15] *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the houſe top, then with a † brawling woman in † a wide houſe.

10 The ſoul of the wicked [16] deſireth evil: his neighbour † findeth no favor in his eyes.

[16] Is wholly ſet upon doing miſchief.

† Heb. *is not favoured*.

11 When the ſcorner is puniſhed, the ſimple is [17] made wiſe: and when the wiſe is inſtructed, he receiveth knowledge.

[17] *ch.*19.25. See there.

12 The righteous *man* [18] wiſely conſidereth the [19] houſe of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedneſs.

[18] 1 *Cor.*10.10. (So as to avoid ſuch courſes.) ¶ [19] The Judgments of God upon 'em.

[20] *Mat.*18.30. *&c. Jam.*2.13.

13 Whoſo [20] ſtoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he alſo ſhall cry himſelf, but ſhall not be heard.

[21] *ch.*17.8. & 18.16.

14 [21] A gift in ſecret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the boſom, ſtrong wrath.

15 *It is* joy to the juſt to do judgment: but deſtruction *ſhall be* to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that [22] wandreth out of the way of underſtanding, ſhall remain in [23] the congregation of the dead.

[22] *Luke* 16.13. ¶ [23] Among the company of the damned.

‖ Or, *ſport*.

17 He that loveth ‖ pleaſure *ſhall be* a poor man: he that loveth [24] wine and oyl ſhall not be rich.

[24] *Luke* 16.19. Coſtly and delicious feeding and feaſting.

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18 The wicked *shall be* [25] a ransom for the righteous; and the transgressor for the upright.

[25] *Ch.*11.8. *Isa.*43. 3,4. *Josh.* 7.26. 2 *Sam.* 21. 14. Shall suffer that punishment which would have been inflicted on the innocent.

† Heb. *land of the desert.*

19 [26] *It is* better to dwell in the † wilderness, then with a contentious and an angry woman.

* Psal.112.3.

20 * [27] *There is* a treasure to be desired, and oyl in the dwelling of the wise: but a foolish man spendeth it up.

[27] *q. d.* Wise men will take care that there shall be sufficient store and plenty of all things in their Families.

21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy, findeth life, [28] righteousness and honour.

[28] The like dealing from men, and a just Reward from God.

22 A wise *man* [29] scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

[29] Does more by his prudence and policy than by meer strength, *Eccl.*9.14. *&c.* 2 *Sam.* 20. 16.

[30] *ch.*13.3. & 21.23. & 18.21

23 [30] Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles.

† Heb. *the wrath of pride*

24 Proud *and* haughty scorner [31] *is* his name, who [32] dealeth in † proud wrath.

[31] Such he does manifest himself to be, and such he'll be accounted, (instead of being honoured and applauded.) ¶ [32] *Exod.*18.-11. Is govern'd only by pride and passion.

25 [33] The desire of the slothful [34] killeth him: for his hands refuse to labour.

[33] *Ch.*13.4. *viz.* Being attended with a neglect of diligent labor. ¶ [34] Brings him to perish in penury and want.

26 [35] He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous [36] giveth and spareth not.

[35] The slothful man, (*v.* 25.) is full of insatiable desires, but has not wherewith to satisfie 'em. ¶ [36] *Psal.* 112.9. His sufficient for himself, and to relieve others too.

*Isa.66.3. Jer. 6.20. Amos 5.22.

†Heb. *in wickedness.*

27 * [37] The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination: how much more *when* he bringeth it † with a [38] wicked mind?

[37] *Ch.*15.8. See there. ¶ [38] Out of any corrupt and sinister end; as, to bribe God to favor any thing that is evil; to make satisfaction for some former transgression, or the like.

† Heb. *a witness of lies.*

28 [39] † A false witness shall perish: but the man that [40] heareth, [41] speaketh constantly.

[39] *Ch.*19.5,9. ¶ [40] Speaks nothing but what he certainly knows to be true. ¶ [41] Is always in the same tale, 2 *Cor.*1.18.

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[42] Is resolved to go on in his way, *Jer.* 44.17. ¶ [43] *viz.* By good counsel and advice.

[44] *Isa.* 8.9,10. *Jer.* 9.23. *Jonah* 1.13.

30 *There is* [44] no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

‖ Or, *victory.*

31 [45] The horse *is* prepared against the day of battel: but ‖ [46] safety *is* of the LORD.

[45] *Psal.*20.7. and 33.17. *Eccl.*9.11. ¶ [46] *Psal.*3.-8.

CHAP. XXII.

‖ Or, *is better then, &c.*

1 [1] A *Good* name *is* rather to be chosen then great riches, *and* [2] loving favour ‖ rather then silver and gold.

[1] *Eccl.*7.1. ¶ [2] The love, respect and kindness of those among whom we live.

2 The rich and poor [3] meet together: the LORD *is* the [4] maker of them all.

[3] *Ch.*29.13. Are mutually helpful to each other, (1 *Cor.* 12.21.) the Poor by their Labour, the Rich, by their Estates. ¶ [4] (And therefore let 'em be kind and helpful to each other.)

[5] *Ch.*27.12. ¶ [6] Publick calamities approching. ¶ [7] *vid.* 18.10. *Isa.*26.20. Uses all lawful means to secure himself. ¶ [8] *viz.* Securely, in their old course of sining.

3 [5] A prudent *man* foreseeth the [6] evil, and [7] hideth himself: but the simple [8] pass on and are punished.

4 [9] ‖ [10] By humility *and* the fear of the LORD, *are* [11] riches, and honour, and life.

[9] *Isa.*57.15. *Jam.*4.6. ¶ [10] *Ch.*21.21. *Psal.*112.3. 1 *Tim.* 4.8. *Matth.*6.33.

‖ Or, *The reward of humility, &c.*

5 [12] Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth [13] keep his soul shall be far from them.

[11] *Rom.*3. 16,17. *q. d.* Wicked men meet with much trouble and danger in their sinful ways. ¶ [13] Takes care of his Soul to keep it safe, shall escape those evils.

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20 Have not I written to thee excellent things [39] in counsels and [40] knowledge?

[39] For thy direction in all thy ways. ¶ [40] To inform thee in all necessary truths.

21 That I might make thee know the [41] certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest [42] answer the words of truth to them that ‖ send unto thee?

‖ Or, *send thee.*

[42] *Luke* 1.4. Those Doctrines and Points of Knowledge which are of infallible Certainty. ¶ [42] That if any shall send unto thee for counsel or satisfaction in any difficult point or doubtful case, thou maist be able to return solid and satisfactory Answers.

22 Rob not the poor, [43] because he *is* poor: neither [44] oppress the afflicted in [45] the gate.

[43] And therefore both unable to withstand thee, or defend himself; and also the rather to be pitied and relieved. ¶ [44] *Exod.* 23.6. *Ezek.* 7.10. ¶ [45] Under pretence of Justice.

23 For the LORD will [46] plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

[46] *Chap.* 23. 11. *Isa.* 33. 1. See on *Psal.* 35. 1.

[47] Or any scandalous, open sinner.

24 Make no friendship with an [47] angry man: and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

25 Lest thou [48] learn his ways, and [49] get a snare to thy soul.

[48] *Psal.* 106.35. Be infected by his example, or provok'd by his passion to return the like to him. ¶ [49] Bring some mischief upon thy self or others.

26 [50] Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are [51] sureties for debts.

[50] *Ch.* 6.1. and 11.15. ¶ [51] *Viz.* Rashly and unnecessarily.

27 If thou hast nothing to pay, [52] why should he * [53] take away thy bed from under thee?

* Chap. 20. 16.

[52] Why should'st thou expose thy self to such inconvenience? ¶ [53] Have occasion so to do, by reason of thy rashness and folly.

‖ Or, *bound.*

28 [54] Remove not the ancient ‖ land-mark, which thy fathers have set.

29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall [55] stand before kings, he shall not stand before † mean *men.*

[54] *ch.* 23.10. *Deut.* 19.14. & 27.17.

[55] *ch.* 12.24.

† Heb. *obscure.*

CHAP. XXIII.

WHen thou sittest to eat with a [1] ruler, consider diligently [2] what *is* before thee.

[1] Any person of quality. ¶ [2] *Jude* 12. The variety of meats and drinks, whereby thou maist easily be drawn to excess.

2 And [3] put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.

[3] *Matth.* 18.8. 1 *Cor.* 9.27. Bridle thy Appetite, if thou art prone to excess.

3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* [5] deceitful meat.

[5] Either intended by him, or at least apt of it self to betray thee to some indecent, unwarrantable behaviour.

4 [6] Labour not to be rich: cease from thine [7] own wisdom.

[6] *Ch.* 28. 20. *John* 6. 27. 1 *Tim.* 6. 8—10. *Viz.* Immoderately. ¶ [7] *ch.* 3.5,7. Which prompts thee to place thy happiness in riches, and to seek after 'em immoderately.

† Heb. *cause thine eyes to fly upon.*

5 Wilt thou † set [8] thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings, they fly away as an eagle towards heaven.

[8] Thy heart and affections upon that which has no solid, fixed Being, but may be soon gone, 1 *Cor.* 7.-31.

6 Eat thou not the bread of *him that* [10] *hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats.

[10] *Ch.* 28.22. *Deut.* 15.9. *Matth.* 20. 15. Is of a covetous temper, grudging thee every bit thou eatest.

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, [11] so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee, but [12] his heart *is* not with thee.

[11] He is to be judg'd of by the temper and disposition of his heart, and not by his sweet, fair words. ¶ [12] He has no true kindness for thee.

8 The morsel *which* thou hast eaten, shalt thou [13] vomit up, and lose [14] thy sweet words.

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[13] Repent that thou hast eaten it, when thou seest his sordid carriage. ¶ [14] All the content thou tookest in his kind, complemental Expressions.

9 [15] Speak not in the ears of a fool; for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

[15] *Ch.* 9.8. *Matth.* 7.6. *Viz.* By way of counsel, reproof, or the like.

10 * [16] Remove not the old ‖ land-mark; and [17] enter not into the fields of the fatherless.

* Deut. 19.14. & 27.17.

‖ Or, *bound.*

[16] *Ch.* 22.28. See there. ¶ [17] By way of encroachment or any unjust course.

11 For [18] their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall [19] plead their cause with thee.

[18] *Jer.* 50.34. *Job* 31.23.

[19] *ch.* 22.23.

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13 [20] Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, [21] he shall not die.

[20] *Ch.* 13.24. See there. ¶ [21] He shall be reclaimed from those courses which otherwise will be his ruin, *v.* 14.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

15 [22] My son, * if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoyce, ‖ [23] even mine.

* Chap. 29.3.

‖ Or, *even I* will rejoyce.

[22] See on *ch.* 1.8. ¶ [23] 1 *Thess.* 2. 20. As well as thine own.

16 Yea, my reins shall rejoyce, when thy lips speak [24] right things.

[24] *James* 3. 2.

17 Let not thine heart [25] envy sinners: but * *be thou* in the [26] fear of the LORD all the day long.

* Chap. 28.14.

[25] *Psal.* 37.1. See there. ¶ [26] Which will preserve thee from their courses, and help thee to mortifie this, and all other corrupt Affections.

18 For surely there is [27] an ‖ end, and thine [28] expectation shall not be [29] cut off.

‖ Or, *reward.*

[27] *Ch.* 10.28. A happy end to all that fear God. *Psal.* 37.37. *James* 5. 11. ¶ [28] *ch.* 24. -14. Of a glorious Reward. ¶ [29] Disappointed.

19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

20 Be not amongst [30] wine-bibbers; amongst riotous eaters of † flesh.

† Heb. *their flesh.*

[30] *Isa.* 5. 22. *Luke* 21. 34. *Rom.* 13. 13. *Eph.* 5. 18.

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and * drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

* Chap. 19.15.

22 [31] Hearken unto thy father that [32] begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is [33] old.

[31] *Ch.* 1.8. ¶ [32] (And therefore has a real affection for thee.) ¶ [33] (And so, apt to be despised.)

23 [34] Buy the truth, and [35] sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

[34] *Ch.* 4.5,7. Spare no cost nor pains to find out and walk in the true way to salvation. ¶ [35] *Hebr.* 12. 16. Part not with it for any worldly enjoyment.

24 [36] The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoyce: and he that begetteth a wise *child*, shall have joy of him.

[36] *ch.* 10.1. & 15.20.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoyce.

26 [37] My son, [37] give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe [38] my ways.

[37] 2 *Cor.* 8.5. Receive my counsels with thy whole heart, that so thou maist set it upon God only. In giving out duty and service, we must begin with the heart; in taking in instruction, we must end with it. ¶ [38] My Example, and the Directions I have given thee, so as to follow 'em.

27 For an whore *is* a [39] deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* [39] a narrow pit.

[39] *ch.* 22.14. & 2.19. See there.

28 She also [40] lieth in wait ‖ as *for* a prey, and [41] increaseth the transgressours among men.

‖ Or, *as a robber.*

[40] *Ch.* 7.-13. ¶ [41] She draws multitudes into that, and many other sins.

29 * Who hath wo? who hath sorrow? who

* Isa. 5. 11, 22.

hath

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hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds [42] without cause? who * hath redness of eyes?

[42] Gotten by their own folly.

30 They that tarry long at the wine, they that go to seek * mixt wine.

* Gen. 49.12. * Pſal. 75.8. Chap. 9.2.

31 [43] Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it [44] moveth it self aright.

[43] *Job* 31.1. *Matth.* 5.28. ¶ [44] Sparkles and ſmiles upon a man.

32 At the laſt it biteth like a ſerpent, and ſtingeth like ‖ an adder.

‖ Or, *a cockatrice.*

33 [45] Thine eyes ſhall behold ſtrange women, and thine heart ſhall utter perverſe things.

[45] *Viz.* When thou art overcome with drink, and haſt loſt the uſe of thy Reaſon.

[46] Inſenſible of any danger. † Heb. *heart.*

34 Yea, thou ſhalt be [46] as he that lieth down in the † midſt of the ſea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a maſt.

35 They have ſtricken me, *ſhalt thou* [47] *ſay*, *and* I was not ſick; they have beaten me, *and* I † felt *it* not: * when ſhall I awake? I will ſeek it yet again.

† Heb. *knew.* * See Deut. 29.19. Iſa. 56.12.

[47] (This is the language of their hearts and actions, tho' not of their tongues.)

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BE not thou * envious againſt [2] evil men, neither deſire to be [3] with them.

* *Pſal.* 37.1. See there. ¶ [2] Injurious perſons, *v.* 2. ¶ [3] In their caſe and condition.

* *Eſth.* 3.6,7. *Exod.* 1.10. [5] *Pſal.* 10.7. [6] Better than by injurious practices, *v.* 2. [7] (And practice anſwerable thereto.) † Heb. *in ſtrength.* [8] *ch.* 21.22. See there. † Heb. *ſtrengtheth might.*

2 For their heart ſtudieth [4] deſtruction, and their lips [5] talk of miſchief.

3 Through wiſdom is an houſe [6] builded, and by underſtanding it is [6] eſtabliſhed:

4 And by [7] knowledge ſhall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleaſant riches.

5 A wiſe man *is* †, [8] ſtrong, yea, a man of knowledge † increaſeth ſtrength.

* Luke 14.31. * Pſal. 10.5. Chap. 14.6.

6 * For by wiſe counſel thou ſhalt [9] make thy war: and [10] in multitude of counſellers *there is* ſafety.

[9] *Ch.* 20.18. Make it proſperous and ſucceſsful. ¶ [10] *ch.* 11.14. and 15.22.

[11] Tho he pretend fair.

7 * [11] Wiſdom *is* too high for a fool: he [12] openeth not his mouth in the gate.

[12] Serious and underſtanding Diſcourſe is above his reach and capacity, 1 *Cor.* 2.14. ¶ [13] If he be call'd to publick Employment, he has nothing to ſay, or nothing to the purpoſe.

8 He that [13] deviſeth to do evil, ſhall be called a miſchievous perſon.

9 [14] The thought of fooliſhneſs *is* ſin: and the ſcorner *is* an abomination to men.

[14] *Acts* 8.22. *Gen.* 6.5. The contrivance of evil, *v.* 8.

† Heb. *narrow.*

10 *If* thou [15] faint in the day of adverſity, thy ſtrength *is* † ſmall.

[15] *Numb.* 12.-5. Give up all for loſt, and are diſcouraged from holding out in a way of Duty, 1 *Sam.* 27.1.

* Iſa. 58.6,7. 1 John 3.16. [16] *Pſal.* 82.4.

11 * If thou forbear [16] to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *thoſe that are* ready to be ſlain:

* Job 34.11. Pſal. 62.12. Jer. 32.19. Rom. 2.6. Rev. 22.12.

12 If thou [17] ſayeſt, Behold, we knew it not: doth not he that [18] pondereth the heart conſider *it?* and he that [19] keepeth thy ſoul, doth *not* he know it? and ſhall *not* he * [20] render to *every* man according to his works?

[17] Pretends excuſes. ¶ [18] Knows the true reaſon of thy neglect. ¶ [19] *Job* 7.20. (And therefore thou ſhouldeſt be careful of the lives of others; which if thou neglecteſt, he'll be provok'd to take no further care of thee.) ¶ [20] *Matth.* 16.27. See there.

† Heb. *upon thy palate.*

13 [21] My ſon, [22] eat thou hony, becauſe *it is* good; and the hony-comb, *which is* ſweet † to thy taſte:

[21] See on *ch.* 1.8. ¶ [22] If thou findeſt ſo much ſweetneſs in hony, when thou eateſt it——

14 [23] So *ſhall* the knowledge of wiſdom *be* unto thy ſoul: when thou haſt found *it*, then there ſhall be a [24] reward, and thy expectation ſhall not be cut off.

[23] So ſweet, *Pſal.* 19.10. and 119.103. ¶ [24] *ch.* 23.18.

[25] *Pſal.* 9.10.

15 [25] Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, againſt the dwelling of the righteous: ſpoil not his reſting-place;

16 [26] For a juſt *man* [27] falleth ſeven times, and [28] riſeth up *again:* but the wicked ſhall [29] fall into miſchief.

[26] *q. d.* Becauſe he ſhall recover himſelf again, therefore ſpoil him not, *v.* 15. ¶ [27] *Viz.* Into trouble. ¶ [28] *Job* 5.19. *Pſal.* 34.19. and 37.24. *Mich.* 7.8. ¶ [29] Without riſing again, *Amos* 5.2. *Eſth.* 7.10.

* Pſal. 35.15.

17 * [30] Rejoyce not when [31] thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he ſtumbleth:

[30] *Ch.* 17.-5. *Job* 31.29. ¶ [31] Thy private enemy, (but the caſe is different as to publick enemies to the Church and People of God, *Pſal.* 58.10. *Prov.* 11.-10. *Rev.* 19.1,2.)

† Heb. *be evil in his eyes.* [32] *Obad.* 12. [33] *viz.* Upon thee.

18 Leſt the LORD ſee *it*, and it † [32] diſpleaſe him, and he turn away his wrath [33] from him.

[34] *Pſal.* 37.1. See there. ‖ Or, *keep not company with the wicked.*

19 ‖ [34] Fret not thy ſelf becauſe of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked.

[35] *Pſal.* 37.1. ‖ Or, *lamp.*

20 For there ſhall be [35] no reward to the evil *man*, [35] the ‖ candle of the wicked ſhall be put out.

[35] *Viz.* Of eternal happineſs; but on the contrary he ſhall be puniſh'd with eternal miſery, *Pſal.* 11.6. ¶ [36] *Job* 18.5, 6. See there.

† Heb. *changers.*

21 [21] My ſon, fear thou the LORD and [37] the king: *and* meddle not with † them that are given to [38] change.

[37] *Exod.* 1.17. *Acts* 5.29. *Viz.* In ſubordination to God, whoſe Deputy he is to ſee his Laws put in execution, and to conſult the good of the People, *Rom.* 13.3,4. ¶ [38] To rebellious practices, either againſt God or the King, *Numb.* 16.2, 3. 2 *Sam.* 15.10.

22 For their calamity ſhall riſe ſuddenly, and who knoweth the [39] ruine of them both?

[39] *Numb.* 16.34. The greatneſs of that deſtruction that ſhall befal both thoſe that fear not God, and thoſe that fear not the King.

* Lev. 19.15. Deut. 1.17. & 16.19. Chap. 18.5. & 28.21. Joh. 7.24. * Iſa. 5.23.

23 [40] Theſe *things* alſo *belong* to the wiſe. * *It is* not good to have [41] reſpect of perſons in judgment.

[40] The enſuing counſels tend to the promoting of true wiſdom. ¶ [41] *Rom.* 2.11. See there.

† Heb. *a bleſſing of good.*

24 * He that [42] ſaith unto the wicked, [43] Thou *art* righteous; him ſhall the people curſe, nations ſhall abhor him.

[42] *Ch.* 17.15. *Viz.* In Judgment, (*v.* 23.) *i. e.* juſtifies. ¶ [43] Thy cauſe is good.

† Heb. *answereth right words.*

25 But to them that [44] rebuke *him* ſhall be [45] delight, and † a good bleſſing ſhall come upon them.

[44] *John* 14.4. Condemn and puniſh. ¶ [45] Peace of Conſcience, and ſuch Bleſſings as will yield delight.

† Heb. *kiſſes.*

26 *Every man* ſhall [46] kiſs *his* lips that † giveth a right anſwer.

[46] *Deut.* 2.28. and 5.29. Highly honour, and dearly love him that ſpeaks the plain, naked truth, either as a Judge, Witneſs, or private Perſon.

* Luke 14.28.

27 * [47] Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thy ſelf in the field; and afterwards build thine houſe.

[47] 2 *Kings* 5.15. Undertake not any weighty affair without due preparation.

28 Be not a witneſs againſt thy neighbour without cauſe: and deceive *not* with thy lips.

* Matth. 5.39. Rom. 12.17, 19. [48] *ch.* 20.22. See there.

29 * [48] Say not, I will do ſo to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the ſlothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of underſtanding:

31 And lo, it was all grown over with thorns,

and

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and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the ſtone-wall thereof was broken down.

† Heb. *ſet my heart.*

32 Then I ſaw, *and* † conſidered it well: I looked upon *it*, *and* [49] received inſtruction.

[49] *Viz.* To avoid ſuch ſlothfulneſs, and to be diligent.

[50] *ch.*6. 10,11.

33 [50] *Yet* a little ſleep, a little ſlumber, a little folding of the hands to ſleep.

34 So ſhall thy poverty come, *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as † an armed man.

† Heb. *a man of ſhield.*

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Obſervations about kings*, 8 *and about avoiding quarrels, and ſundry cauſes thereof.*

THeſe *are* alſo proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 [1] *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to ſearch out [2] a matter.

[1] It's an inſtance of God's infinite Wiſdom, to do ſuch things, both in the Works of Creation and Providence, which the wiſeſt of men can give no account of, nor find out the nature or reaſon thereof, *Deut.*29.29. *Rom.*11.33. ¶ [2] The bottom of ſecret Plots and Contrivances, which may endanger the welfare of the Kingdom, (1 *Kings* 2. 22.) and of intricate caſes that may be brought afore him, as 1 *King.* 3.24. *&c. Job* 29.16.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings † *is* unſearchable.

† Heb. there is *no ſearching.*

4 Take away the droſs from the ſilver, and there ſhall come forth a veſſel for the finer.

5 * [3] Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne ſhall be eſtabliſhed [4] in righteouſneſs.

* Chap.20.8.

[3] Baniſh and puniſh 'em according to their deſert. ¶ [4] By ſuch an impartial execution of Juſtice.

6 † Put not forth thy ſelf in the preſence of the king, and [5] ſtand not in the place of great *men.*

† Heb. *Set not out thy glory.*

[5] Don't ambitiouſly affect, and thruſt thy ſelf into a higher place or room, than belongs to thee.

7 For [6] better *it is* that it be ſaid unto thee, Come up hither: then that thou ſhouldeſt be put lower in the preſence of the prince whom thine eyes [7] have ſeen.

[6] *Luke* 14. 9, 10. ¶ [7] Into whoſe preſence thou haſt obtruded thy ſelf, and thereby become obnoxious to his obſervation and contempt.

8 Go not forth haſtily to ſtrive, leſt *thou know not* [8] what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to [9] ſhame.

[8] How to come off with credit. ¶ [9] Foil'd and got the better of thee.

9 * [10] Debate thy cauſe with thy neighbour *himſelf*; and diſcover not a ‖ [11] ſecret to another:

* Matth. 5.25, & 18.15.

‖ Or, *the ſecret of another.*

[10] Endeavour to compoſe any difference in a private, friendly way. ¶ [11] Any ſecret difference.

10 Leſt he that heareth *it*, put thee [12] to ſhame, and thine infamy turn not away.

[12] Either for thy unjuſt dealing, or at leaſt for thy obſtinacy, in not ſpeeding it.

11 * A word † [13] fitly ſpoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of ſilver.

* Chap. 15.23.

† Heb. *ſpoken upon his wheels.*

[13] *Iſa.*50.4.

12 *As* an ear-ring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, [14] *ſo is* a wiſe reprover upon an obedient ear.

[14] So graceful and commendable it is to hearken and ſubmit to wiſe and ſeaſonable Reproof.

13 * As the [15] cold of ſnow in the time of harveſt, *ſo is* a faithful meſſenger to them that ſend him: for he [16] refreſheth the ſoul of his maſters.

* Chap.13.17.

[15] To allay the heat of the Seaſon. ¶ [16] By his ſpeedy diſpatch and faithful account.

14 * Whoſo boaſteth himſelf † of [17] a falſe gift, *is like* [18] clouds and wind without rain.

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* Chap.20.6.

† Heb. *in a gift of falſhood.*

[17] 1 *Kings* 22.11. *Luke* 4.6. Promis'd to be given, but never beſtow'd. ¶ [18] *Jude* 12.

15 By [19] long forbearing is a prince [20] perſwaded, and a [21] ſoft tongue breaketh the [22] bone.

[19] Patient ſubmiſſion and expectation. ¶ [20] Pacified. ¶ [21] *ch.*15.1. *Gen.*32.4. 1 *Sam.* 25.24. ¶ [22] The moſt ſtiff and ſtubborn Reſolution.

16 Haſt thou found hony? * [23] eat ſo much as is ſufficient for thee, leſt thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

* Verſe 27.

[23] Uſe all worldly delights which thou art poſſeſt of, with moderation, (1 *Cor.*7.-29,30.) leſt thou ſurfeit of 'em, and be ſick therewith.

17 ‖ Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbours houſe: leſt he be † weary of thee, and ſo hate thee.

‖ Or, *let thy foot be ſeldom in thy neighbours houſe.*

† Heb. *full of thee.*

18 * A man that beareth [24] falſe witneſs againſt his neighbour, *is* a maul, and a ſword, and a ſharp arrow.

* Pſal. 120.4. Chap.12.18.

19 Confidence in an [25] unfaithful man in time of trouble, *is like* [26] a broken tooth, and a foot out of joynt.

[24] *Exod.*20.16. [25] 2 *Tim.*4.16. *Matth.*26.-56,70. ¶ [26] Not only helpleſs, but painful and troubleſom.

20 *As* he that taketh away a garment [27] in cold weather, *and as* vineger upon [28] nitre: ſo *is* he that [29] ſingeth ſongs to an heavy heart.

[27] (Which is very unſeaſonable.) ¶ [28] That makes it fret. ¶ [29] Doth that which is unſeaſonable and offenſive.

21 * [30] If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat: and if he be thirſty, give him water to drink:

* Exod.23.4. Matth.5.44.

[30] *Rom.*12. 20. See there.

22 For thou ſhalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD ſhall [31] reward thee.

[31] 2 *Sam.* 16. 12.

23 * The north-wind ‖ driveth away rain: ſo *doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

* Job 37.22.

‖ Or, *bringeth forth.*

24 *It is* [32] better to dwell in a corner of the houſe-top, then with a brawling woman, and in a wide houſe.

‖ Or, *ſo doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.*

[32] *ch.*19.13. & 21.9,19.

25 *As* cold waters to a thirſty ſoul: ſo *is* good news from a far countrey.

26 A righteous man [33] falling down before the wicked, *is as* a troubled fountain, and a corrupt ſpring.

[33] Falling into trouble; being oppreſt by the wicked, and overthrown by his power; where 'tis thus, the ſtate of that Commonwealth is as deplorable as if the publick Fountains were corrupted.

27 * *It is* not good to eat much hony: ſo *for men* to [34] ſearch their own glory, [35] *is not* glory.

* Verſe 16.

[34] *Ch.*27.2. To hunt after applauſe (which indeed is as ſweet as hony to corrupt Nature) is very ſhameful and diſhonourable.

28 He that *hath* [35] no rule over his own ſpirit, *is like* a city *that is* [36] broken down, *and* without walls.

† Heb. *hath no reſt.*

[35] *ch.*16. 32. ¶ [36] Liable to ſurprize by every ſmall party.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Obſervations about fools*, 3 *about ſluggards*, 17 *and about contentions buſie-bodies.*

AS ſnow in ſummer, and as * rain in harveſt, ſo honour is not ſeemly for a fool.

* 1 Sam. 12.16.

2 [1] As the bird by wandring, as the ſwallow by flying, ſo the curſe cauſeleſs ſhall not come.

[1] *Numb.*23.8. *q.d.* As 'tis the property of many Birds to fly about and ſettle no where; ſo the cauſleſs Curſe ſhall not fix, or take hold of a man, ſo as to abide upon him.

3 A whip for the horſe, a * bridle for the aſs, and a [2] rod for the fools back.

* Pſal. 32.9. [2] *ch.*10. 13. *John* 2.15. 1 *Cor.*4. 21.

4 [3] Anſwer not a fool according to his folly, leſt thou alſo be like unto him.

[3] An-

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[1] Answer not an ignorant, impertinent Fool in a foolish manner, so as to imitate his impertinence.

[2] Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own † conceit.

† Heb. *eyes.*

[3] Answer a proud, conceited Fool with that strength and evidence of Reason as may convince him, and make him sensible of his folly, and check his pride.

5 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool, [4] cutteth off the feet, *and* [5] drinketh ‖ damage.

‖ Or, *violence.*

[4] Does as if he cut off the feet of his messenger; *i. e.* deprives himself of that benefit which other wise he might have expected, if he had imploy'd a discreet person. ¶ [5] Undergoes much inconvenience and mischief.

7 The legs of the lame are † not equal: so *is* a [6] parable in the mouth of fools.

† Heb. *lifted up.*

[6] *Ch.* 17. 7. *i. e.* Wisdom in the words, and folly or wickedness in the actions; or good words and bad deeds are not suitable, (and so render a man liable to censure, reproach and contempt.)

8 As he that [7] bindeth a stone in a sling: so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool.

[7] Or, *putteth a precious stone in an heap of stones.*

9 *As* a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a [8] parable in the mouth of fools.

[8] Grave, holy sayings upbraid fools for their folly and wickedness; as thorns wound the drunkard's hand.

10 ‖ The great *God* that formed all *things*, both rewardeth the [9] fool, and rewardeth [10] transgressours.

‖ Or, *A great man grieveth all, and he hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressours.*

[9] Those that sin out of ignorance. ¶ [10] Those that sin wilfully and presumptuously.

11 As a [11] dog returneth to his vomit; *so* a fool † returneth to his folly.

[11] 2 *Pet.* 2. 22. *Exod.* 8. 15.

† Heb. *iterateth.*

12 [12] Seest thou a man [13] wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a † fool then of him.

[12] *Ch.* 29. 20. *Luke* 18. 11. *Rev.* 3. 17. ¶ [13] Who is sensible of his folly, and ready to receive instruction.

13 [14] The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way, a lion *is* in the streets.

[14] *ch.* 22. 13.

14 *As* the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed.

15 [15] The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom, ‖ it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

[15] *ch.* 19. 24.

‖ Or, *he is weary.*

16 The sluggard *is* [16] wiser in his own conceit, then seven men that can [17] render a reason.

[16] Because by his idleness he scapes those troubles and dangers, which persons of an active temper run into. ¶ [17] Give a good account of their actions.

17 He that passeth by, *and* ‖ meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.

‖ Or, *is enraged.*

18 As a mad *man* who casteth † fire-brands, arrows, and [18] death:

† Heb. *flames*, or *sparks.*

[18] Instruments of death.

19 So *is* the man *that* [19] deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

[19] Wrongs him in any considerable measure.

20 † Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no ‖ [20] tale-bearer, the strife † ceaseth.

† Heb. *without wood.*

‖ Or, *whisperer.*

[20] *ch.* 22. 10.

† Heb. *is silent.*

21 *As* coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a [21] contentious man to kindle strife.

[21] *ch.* 15. 18. & 29. 22.

22 [22] The words of a tale-bearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the † innermost parts of the belly.

[22] *ch.* 18. 8.

† Heb. *chambers.*

23 [23] Burning lips, and a wicked heart, *are like* a [24] potsherd covered with silver dross.

[23] A slanderous tongue. ¶ [24] Of no real worth, tho' sometimes they make a shew of it, as 2 *Sam.* 15. 3, 4.

‖ Or, *is known.*

† Heb. *maketh his voice gracious.*

[25] *Mich.* 7. 5. *Jer.* 9. 4.

24 He that hateth, ‖ dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him.

25 When he † speaketh fair, [25] believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

26 ‖ *Whose* hatred is covered [26] by deceit, [27] his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.

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‖ Or, *Hatred is covered in secret.*

[26] 2 *Sam.* 13. 22, 26. False professions of love. ¶ [27] He shall be brought to publick shame and punishment.

27 * Whoso diggeth a pit, shall [28] fall therein: and he that rolleth a [29] stone, it will return upon him.

* Psal. 9. 15. & 10. 2. & 57. 6. ch. 28. 10. Eccles. 10. 8.

[28] *Psal.* 7. 15. See there. ¶ [29] *Viz.* With a purpose to do some mischief with it.

28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* [30] afflicted by it, and a flattering mouth [31] worketh ruine.

[30] (As fearing they'l study revenge.) ¶ [31] By drawing a man into those pernicious courses which prove his ruine.

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1 *Observations of self-love,* 5 *of true love,* 11 *of care to avoid offences,* 23 *and of the houshold care.*

BOast not thy self [1] of † to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may [2] bring forth.

† Heb. *to morrow-day.*

[1] *James* 4. 13, 14. Of what thou intendest to do, or hopest to receive, hereafter. ¶ [2] (And therefore make use of the present season.)

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone *is* † heavy, and the sand weighty: but a fools wrath *is* [3] heavier then them both.

† Heb. *heaviness.*

[3] Because he has little strength of Reason or Understanding to counterpoise and qualifie it.

4 Wrath *is* † cruel, and anger *is* † outragious; but who is able to stand before ‖ [4] envy?

† Heb. *cruelty.*

† Heb. *an overflowing.*

‖ Or, *jealousie.* Chap. 6. 34.

[4] Because it is not only more unjust and unreasonable, but also more secret and undiscernible; and consequently more unavoidable.

5 [5] Open rebuke *is* better then [6] secret love.

[5] To a man's face. ¶ [6] Pretended love, which lies hid, and does not discover it self by fitting Reproof, or any other fruits or effects.

6 Faithful *are* the [7] wounds of a friend; but the [8] kisses of an enemy *are* ‖ deceitful.

‖ Or, *earnest*, or *frequent.*

[7] *Psal.* 141. 5. Sharpest Reproofs. ¶ [8] Flattering professions and expressions.

7 The full soul † loatheth an hony-comb; but * to the hungry soul every bitter thing is [9] sweet.

† Heb. *treadeth under foot.*

* Job 6. 7.

[9] (Therefore let the Rich learn Moderation, and the Poor Content.)

8 As a bird that wandreth [10] from her nest: so *is* a man that wandreth [10] from his place.

[10] Expos'd to manifold dangers and inconveniences.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoyce the heart: so *doth* the [11] sweetness of a mans friend † by hearty [12] counsel.

† Heb. *from the counsel of the soul.*

[11] His sweet conversation and society. ¶ [12] *Viz.* Rejoyce his heart.

10 Thine own friend and thy fathers friend forsake not; [13] neither go into thy brothers house in the day of thy calamity: *for* * better *is a* neighbour *that is* [14] near, than a brother far off.

* Chap. 17. 17. See ch. 19. 7.

[13] But betake thy self rather to thy old tried friend. ¶ [14] Sticks close in affection to thee, *ch.* 18. 24.

11 My son, be wise, and make my heart [15] glad, * that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

[15] *ch.* 10. 1. See there.

12 [16] A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, *and* hideth himself: *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished.

* Psal. 127. 5.

[16] *ch.* 22. 3.

13 * [17] Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

* See Exod. 22. 26.

[17] *ch.* 20. 16. See there.

14 He that [18] blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

[18] Salutes

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[18] Salutes him, and proclaims his Bounty and Beneficence in a flattering manner, to his face, he'll count it rather a diſparagement and reflection upon him, than a credit.

[20] *ch.* 19. 13. See there.

15 [20] A continual dropping in a very rainy day, and a contentious woman are alike.

16 Whoſoever [21] hideth her, hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand *which* bewrayeth *it ſelf.*

[21] Endeavours to bridle her tongue, and conceal her Folly, undertakes that which is impoſſible.

17 Iron ſharpeneth iron, ſo a [22] man ſharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

[22] Quickens his Wits, Enlivens his Affections, ſtrengthens his Judgement, and makes him better in all reſpects, (whereas by being alone he grows more dull, heavy, and unactive.)

* 1 Cor. 9. 7.

18 * Whoſo keepeth the fig-tree, ſhall eat the fruit thereof: ſo he that [23] waiteth on his maſter ſhall be honoured.

[23] Is a faithful, diligent Servant.

19 As in water face *anſwereth* to face: ſo [24] the heart of man to man.

[24] Not only in regard of the corruption of Nature, (which is alike in all men) but alſo in regard of the tempers and diſpoſitions of their minds, (wherein they frequently agree alſo.)

† Heb. *not.*

20 [25] Hell and deſtruction are † never full; ſo the [26] eyes of man are never ſatisfied.

[25] *Ch.* 30. 16. *Hab.* 2. 5. ¶ [26] *Eccl.* 1. 8. and 6. 7. The deſire after worldly things.

21 [27] *As* the fining-pot for ſilver, and the furnace for gold; ſo *is* [28] a man to his praiſe.

[27] *Ch* 17. 3. ¶ [28] Tried by his Praiſe, what metal he is made of; whether light, vain, frothy, and eaſily puff'd up thereby; or humble, modeſt, and ſenſible of his own defects.

22 Though thou ſhouldeſt bray [29] a fool in a mortar among wheat with a peſtil, *yet* will not his fooliſhneſs [30] depart from him.

[30] A ſtubborn ſinner. ¶ [29] *Jer.* 5. 3. *Iſa.* 1. 5.

23 [31] Be thou diligent to know the ſtate of thy flocks, *and* † look well to thy herds.

† Heb. *ſet thy heart.*

[31] *Acts* 20. 28. 1 *Pet.* 5. 2. Look after the management of thy worldly affairs thy ſelf, and truſt not all to Servants.

†Heb. *ſtrength* † Heb. *to generation and generation.*

24 For † riches *are* not [32] for ever: and doth the [33] crown *endure* † to every generation?

[32] They may ſoon fail, notwithſtanding the greateſt care; but will certainly be conſumed without due care and diligence. ¶ [33] The greateſt plenty; even the wealth of a Kingdom.

25 The hay [34] appeareth, and the tender graſs ſheweth it ſelf, and herbs of the mountains are [35] gathered.

[34] *Ch.* 6. 8. and 10. 5. *Luke* 19. 42. *John* 9. 4. *Pſal.* 104. 14. (Therefore be diligent to gather it in ſeaſon.) ¶ [35] Ready for gathering.

26 The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the [36] price of the field.

[36] To pay the rent of it.

27 And *thou ſhalt have* goats milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy houſhold, and *for* † maintenance for thy maidens.

† Heb. *life.*

CHAP. XXVIII.

General obſervations of impiety and religious integrity.

[1] *Lev.* 26. 17, 36 [2] *Acts* 4. 13. & 14. 3.

THE wicked [1] flee when no man purſueth: but the righteous are [2] bold as a lion.

2 For the tranſgreſſion of a land, [3] many *are* the princes thereof: but || by a man [4] of underſtanding *and* knowledge the ſtate *thereof* ſhall be prolonged.

|| Or, *by men of underſtanding and wiſdom ſhall they likewiſe be prolonged.*

[3] By frequent changes. ¶ [4] Either a pious, prudent Prince, or ſome other great Perſonage, who by his good Counſel can prevail both with Prince and People to reform what is amiſs.

3 A poor man that oppreſſeth the poor, *is like* a ſweeping rain † which leaveth no food.

† Heb. *without food.*

4 They that forſake the law, [5] praiſe the wicked: but ſuch as keep the law, [6] contend with them.

[5] *Acts* 11. 22. Applaud and approve of ſuch as are like themſelves. Apoſtates are the moſt forward and violent in approving ſin in others; and its a ſign that a man is naught himſelf, who commends thoſe that are naught. ¶ [6] 1 *Kin.* 18. 18. *Matth.* 14. 4. and 3. 7. Do what they can either to reform 'em, or puniſh 'em.

5 Evil men underſtand not [7] judgment: but they that [8] ſeek the LORD, underſtand [9] all *things.*

[7] *Pſal.* 92. 6. What is right or wrong. ¶ [8] Study the word of God, and ſeek unto him for direction and underſtanding. ¶ [9] 1 *Cor.* 2. 15. 1 *John* 2. 20, 27. *viz.* Neceſſary to ſalvation.

6 [10] Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightneſs, than *he that is* [11] perverſe *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.

[10] *Ch.* 19. 1. See there. ¶ [11] Halting between two ways; pretending to Vertue, but practiſing Vice.

7 Whoſo keepeth the law, *is* a wiſe ſon: but he that is || a companion of riotous *men*, ſhameth his father.

|| Or, *feedeth gluttons.*

8 He that by uſury and † unjuſt gain encreaſeth his ſubſtance, he ſhall gather it [12] for him that will pity the poor.

† Heb. *increaſe*

[12] *ch.* 13. 22. *Eccl.* 2. 26.

9 He that [13] turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *ſhall be* [14] abomination.

[13] *Zech.* 7. 11. [14] *ch.* 15. 8. *Pſal.* 66. 18.

10 Whoſo [15] cauſeth the righteous to go aſtray in an [16] evil way, he ſhall [17] fall himſelf into his own pit: but the [18] upright ſhall [19] have good *things* in poſſeſſion.

[15] *Viz.* By perſwaſion, example, or any cunning contrivance. ¶ [16] Whereby he is expos'd to any miſchief. ¶ [17] *ch.* 26. 27. ¶ [18] The righteous, (whom the wicked thought to enſnare) ſhall preſerve themſelves in their good eſtate, and ſcape the miſchief intended 'em.

11 The rich man *is* wiſe in his† own conceit; but the poor that hath underſtanding [20] ſearcheth him out.

† Heb. *eyes.*

[20] Being puff'd up by his wealth. ¶ [21] *ch.* 18. 11. Diſcerns what he is in reality.

12 When righteous *men* do [22] rejoyce, *there is* great glory: but when the wicked riſe, [24] a man is || hidden.

||Or, *ſought for.*

[22] *Ch.* 11. 10. Are advanc'd to Authority, (*ch.* 29. 2.) Here is honour and renown to that State. ¶ [24] *Heb.* 11. 38. Good men are fain to abſcond, and withdraw themſelves for fear of hard uſage.

13 He that [25] covereth his ſins, ſhall not proſper: but whoſo [27] confeſſeth and forſaketh *them* ſhall have mercy.

[25] *Pſal.* 32. 3. *Job* 31. 33. Excuſes or extenuates, (and ſo continues in 'em) ſhall not be bleſſed by God, (and find mercy.) ¶ [27] *Pſal.* 32. 5. 1 *John* 1. 9, 10.

14 Happy *is* the man that [28] feareth alway: but he that [29] hardeneth his heart ſhall fall into miſchief.

[28] To ſin. ¶ [29] *Rom.* 2. 5. Goes on in ſin obſtinately, without fear of God, or his Judgments.

15 *As* a roring lion, and a ranging bear; [30] *ſo is* a [31] wicked ruler over the poor people.

[30] Cruel and terrible ¶ [31] *Exod.* 1. 12, 13. *Eſth.* 3. 9, 10.

16 The prince that wanteth underſtanding, *is* alſo a great oppreſſour: *but* he that hateth covetouſneſs ſhall prolong *his* days.

17 * A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* perſon, ſhall [32] flee to the pit, let [33] no man ſtay him.

* Exod. 21. 14

[32] *Gen.* 9. 6. Suddenly come to deſtruction. ¶ [33] Go about to ſave him, or intercede for him, *Exod.* 21. 14. *Numb.* 38. 31.

18 Whoſo [34] walketh uprightly, ſhall be ſaved: but * *he that is* [35] perverſe *in his* ways, ſhall fall at once.

[34] *ch.* 10. 9, 25. * Verſ. 6.

19 [35] He that tilleth his land, ſhall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain perſons, ſhall have [36] poverty enough.

[35] *ch.* 12. 11. See there. [36] *Luke* 16. 25.

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20 [37] A faithful man shall [38] abound with blessings: * but he that [39] maketh haste to be rich, shall not be [40]‖ innocent.

* Chap. 23.4. vers. 22.

‖ Or, *unpunished.*

[37] Who deals honestly and justly with all. ¶ [38] *ch.* 13.11. ¶ [39] *ch.* 20.21. ¶ [40] 1 *Tim.* 6.9, 10. Is bringing curses and miseries upon himself.

21 [41] To have respect of persons, *is* not good: for, for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.

[41] *Ch.* 18.5. and 24.23. To favor an unrighteous Cause for Bribes.

‖ Or, *He that hath an evil eye, hasteth to be rich,* v. 20.

22 ‖ He that hasteth to be rich, *hath* [42] an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall [43] come upon him.

[42] Envious towards those that get more than himself, and covetous to get all that he can, and grudges to part with any thing. ¶ [43] *Job* 20.[21]-22,25. (And consequently then he shall need the help and pity of others.)

[44] *ch.* 27.6. *Matth.* 18. 15.

23 He that [44] rebuketh a man, afterwards shall find more favour then he that flattereth with the tongue.

24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the

† Heb. *a man destroying.*

[45] companion of † a destroyer.

[45] As bad as an open Robber, and will soon joyn with such.

25 He that is of a proud heart, [46] stirreth up strife: but he that [47] putteth his trust in the LORD, [47] shall be made fat.

[46] *Ch.* 13.10. ¶ [47] Patiently bears injuries, resting upon God to right him, shall live happily and comfortably, (because he avoids that strife that makes men's lives miserable.)

26 He that trusteth in his own [48] heart, is a [49] fool: but whoso walketh [50] wisely, he shall be delivered.

[48] *Deut.* 12.8. Wisdom and abilities, (despising the counsel of others, and of God himself.) ¶ [49] (And shall fall into many miseries.) ¶ [50] According to the rule of the Word, and counsel of others.

27 He that [51] giveth unto the poor, shall not lack: but he that [52] hideth his eyes, shall have many a curse.

[51] *Ch.* 22.9. *Deut.* 15.8. ¶ [52] Takes no notice of their miseries to relieve 'em.

28 When the wicked [53] rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous [54] increase.

[53] *V.*-12. ¶ [54] In authority and number, *ch.* 29.2.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Observations of publick government, 15 and of private. 22 Of anger, pride, thievery, cowardise, and corruption.

† Heb. *a man of reproofs.*

[1] 1 *Sam.* 2.-25. 2 *Chron.* 36.16

‖ Or, *increased.*

[2] *ch.* 11. 10. & 28,12,29.

* Ch. 15.20. & 27.11.

[3] See on *ch.* 10.1. [4] *Luke* 15.13.

† Heb. *a man of oblations.*

† HE that being often reproved, hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be [1] destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous are ‖ in authority, the people [2] rejoyce: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

3 * Whoso loveth wisdom, [3] rejoyceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots, [4] spendeth *his* substance.

4 The king by judgment stablisheth the land: but † he that receiveth gifts, overthroweth it.

5 A man that [5] flattereth his neighbour, [6] spreadeth a net for his feet.

[5] *Hos.* 7.3. ¶ [6] *Hos.* 5.1. Brings him into mischief.

6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a [7] snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoyce.

[7] *Ch.* 5.22. and 11.5,6. and 12. 13. *Job* 18.7-9. Mischief and destruction.

[8] *Job.* 29. 16. *Psal.* 41.1.

‖ Or, *set a city on fire.*

7 The righteous [8] considereth the cause of the poor: *but* the wicked regardeth not to know *it.*

8 [9] Scornful men ‖ bring a city into [10] a snare: but wise *men* [11] turn away wrath.

[9] Obstinate sinners. ¶ [10] *v.* 6. *Ezek.* 23.33. ¶ [11] *Jam.* 5.15,16,18.

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9 If a wise man [12] contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.

[12] Seeks to reclaim him from any evil way, whether the Fool be angry with him, or pleas'd, take it well or ill, still he ceases not from his folly and wickedness.

10 † The blood-thirsty [14] hate the upright: but the just † seek his soul.

† Heb. *men of blood.*

[14] 1 *John* 3.12. *John* 15.19. (And seeks to slay.) ¶ † Endeavours to preserve his Life, and do him all the good Offices he can, as *Psal.* 142.-4. Marg.

11 A fool [15] uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

[15] *ch.* 14.-33. & 15.-28. & 12. 16, 23.

12 If a ruler hearken [16] to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.

[16] *Esth.* 3.8,10.

13 The poor, and the ‖ [17] deceitful man [18] meet together: the LORD [19] lighteneth both their eyes.

‖ Or, *usurer.*

[17] The Rich, (who get their Estates many times by fraud, and such unjust courses, *Luke* 16.9.) ¶ [18] *ch.* 22.2. See there. ¶ [19] Does good to 'em both, indifferently.

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be [20] established for ever.

[20] *ch.* 20.28.

15 * The rod and reproof [21] give wisdom: * Vers. 17. but a child [22] left *to himself*, bringeth his [23] mother to shame.

[21] See *n.* 27. ¶ [22] 1 *King.* 1.6. ¶ [23] *ch.* 10.-1. and 17.25. Who by her indulgence is more apt to spoil him.

16 When the wicked are [24] multiplied, transgression [25] increaseth: but the righteous shall see [26] their fall.

[24] (And advanc'd, as *v.* 2.) ¶ [25] *Hos.* 4. 7. ¶ [26] *Psal.* 37.36. and 58.10. and 91.8.

17 [27] Correct thy son, and he shall give thee [28] rest: yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

[27] *Ch.* 13.24. and 19.18. and 22.15. and 23.13,14. ¶ [28] Freedom from that grief of mind (by his amendment) which his evil courses caused.

18 * Where *there is* [29] no vision, the people ‖ [30] perish: but he that [31] keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

* 1 Sam. 3. 1. Am. 8. 11,12.

‖ Or, *is made naked.*

[29] *Matth.* 9.36. Publick Instruction, (but people are destitute of the means of knowledge.) ¶ [30] 2 *Cor.* 4. 3. Without Visions of Grace, there's no ordinary way to Visions of Glory. ¶ [31] It's not enough to have the law Taught, but it must be kept.

19 [32] A servant will not be corrected by [33] words; for though he understand, he will not [34] answer.

[32] One of a slavish, stubborn temper. ¶ [33] *viz.* Only by Words, (but must have Blows too, *ch.* 19.29.) ¶ [34] Will be sullenly silent, or stubbornly disobedient.

20 Seest thou a man *that is* [35] hasty in his ‖ words? *there is* [36] more hope of a fool, then of him.

‖ Or, *matters.*

[35] Rash and heady in the management of his Affairs. ¶ [36] *ch.* 26.-12. See there.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child, shall have him [37] become *his* son at the length.

[37] Carry himself boldly, and with that freedom that befits only Children.

22 An angry man [38] stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in [39] transgression.

[38] *Ch.* 15. 18. and 26.-21. ¶ [39] All manner of sin, cursing, swearing, reviling, *&c.*

23 A mans pride shall [40] bring him low: but [41] honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

[40] *Matth.* 23.12. *Luke* 18.-14. *Act.* 12.23. ¶ [41] *ch.* 15.-33. and 18.-12. *Job* 22.29. *Jam.* 4.6,10.1 *Pet.* 5.-5.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief, hateth his own soul: he heareth [42] cursing, and bewrayeth [43] *it* not.

[42] An Oath laid upon him by the Magistrate to discover the truth. ¶ [43] The Theft.

25 [44] The fear of man bringeth a [45] snare: but whoso [46] putteth his trust in the LORD, shall ‖ be † safe.

† Heb. *set on high.*

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[41] *Viz.* Immoderate, (extinguishing the fear of God.) ¶ [45] *Gen.* 12. 12. and 20. 2. Sin and mischief. ¶ [46] *Isa.* 8. 19.

† Heb. *face of a ruler.*

26 Many seek the † rulers [47] favour, but every mans judgment *cometh* from the [48] LORD.

[47] *Ch.* 19. 6. ¶ [48] (Who over-rules Rulers as he pleases, *ch.* 21. 1.)

27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the [49] just: and *he that is* upright in the way, *is* abomination to the [50] wicked.

[49] *Psal.* 15. 4. [50] *v.* 10.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Agurs confession of his faith.* 7 *The two points of his prayer.* 10 *The meanest are not to be wronged.* 11 *Four wicked generations.* 15 *Four things insatiable.* 17 *Parents are not to be despised.* 18 *Four things hard to be known.* 21 *Four things intolerable.* 24 *Four things exceeding wise.* 29 *Four things stately.* 32 *Wrath is to be prevented.*

THE words of [1] Agur the son of Jakeh, *even* the [2] prophecy: the man spake unto [3] Ithiel, even unto [3] Ithiel and [3] Ucal,

[1] A man famous for Wisdom and Piety, who lived, probably, about *Hezekiah's* time, because his Prophecies here are added to those Proverbs which *Hezekiah's* Servants collected, *ch.* 25. 1. ¶ [2] Holy Doctrins and Prophetical Instructions. ¶ [3] Two of his Friends or Disciples.

2 Surely I *am* more [4] brutish then *any* man, and have not the understanding of a man.

[4] *Psal.* 73. 22. *Job* 11. 12. (A modest expression of his own ignorance, as 1 *Cor.* 15. 9. *Eph.* 3. 8.)

† Heb. *know.*

3 I neither [5] learned wisdom, nor † have the knowledge [6] of the holy.

[5] *Am.* 7. 14, 15. ¶ [6] Which many of the Saints and Servants of God attain unto, (what ever you think of me.)

4 Who hath [7] ascended up into heaven, or [8] descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath [9] bound the waters in a garment? who hath [10] established all the ends of the earth? [11] what *is* his name, and what *is* his sons name, if thou canst tell?

[7] *John* 3. 13. *Rom.* 10. 6. To learn the mind of God. ¶ [8] To declare it, and teach it to others. ¶ [9] *Job* 38. 8, 9. *Isa.* 40. 12. ¶ [10] *Psal.* 104. 3. ¶ [11] *q. d.* Where is the Person, or any of his Posterity, that can do or understand these things? No, they can only be done, and declar'd by God and Christ, whose Nature and Essence is incomprehensible.

* Psal. 12. 6. & 18. 30. & 19. 8. & 119. 40. † Heb. *purified.* * Psal. 84. 11.

5 * Every [12] word of God *is* [13] † pure: * he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

[12] Where thou mayest find out the knowledge of those mysteries. ¶ [13] See on *Psal.* 19. 8.

6 [14] Add thou not unto his words, lest he [15] reprove thee, and thou be found a [16] liar.

[14] *Deut.* 4. 29. and 12. 32. *Rev.* 22. 18, 19. ¶ [15] Severely punish thee. ¶ [16] A Forger or Impostor.

† Heb. *withhold not from me.*

7 Two *things* have I required of thee, † deny me *them* not before I die.

8 Remove far from me [17] vanity and [18] lies: give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food † [19] convenient for me.

† Heb. *of my allowance.*

[17] An immoderate desire after the vain things of this World. ¶ [18] All falshood and deceit. ¶ [19] *Matth.* 6. 11. Suitable to my necessities and occasions.

† Heb. *bely.*

9 Lest I be full and [20] † deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and [21] take the name of my God *in vain*.

[20] *Deut.* 6. 12, 14. and 31. 20. and 32. 15. *Jer.* 5. 5. *Hos.* 13. 6. Live without any regard to the Precepts, or Providence of God. ¶ [21] Forswear my self to cover my Theft.

† Heb. *Hurt not with thy tongue.*

10 [22] Accuse not a [23] servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found [24] guilty.

[22] 1 *Sam.* 22. 9. *viz.* Unjustly or maliciously. ¶ [23] Any one of a mean condition, whereby to expose him to the rage and oppression of those above him. ¶ [24] And suffer punishment accordingly.

11 *There is* a [25] generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

[25] *Viz.* which are most abominable and odious to God and Man.

Chap. 30.

12 *There is* a generation *that are* [26] pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.

[26] *Luke* 18. 11.

13 *There is* a generation, O how [27] lofty are their eyes! and their eye-lids are lifted up.

[27] *ch.* 6. 17.

14 *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* [28] swords, and their jaw-teeth *as* knives, * to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

[28] *Ch.* 12. 18. *Job* 29. 17. *Psal.* 52. 2. and 57. 4. * Psal. 14. 4. Amos 8. 4.

15 The horseleach hath [29] two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things*, say not, † *It is* enough:

[29] *i.e.* There are two things, (yea, three and four) which resemble the Horseleech. † Heb. *Wealth.*

16 The grave, and the [30] barren womb, the earth *that* is not filled with water, and the fire *that* saith not, *It is* enough.

[30] *Gen.* 30. 1.

17 The eye *that* [31] mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the ‖ valley shall pick it out, and the young eagle shall eat it.

[31] *Gen.* 9. 22. ‖ Or, *brook.*

18 There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me; yea, four which I know not:

19 The way of an [32] eagle in the air, the way of a serpent upon a rock, the way of a ship in the † midst of the sea, and the [33] way of a man with a maid.

† Heb. *heart.*

[32] Which flies high out of sight. ¶ [33] The Arts and Contrivances of a Man to corrupt a Maid, and satisfie his lust upon her.

20 Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she [34] eateth, and [35] wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

[34] Commits uncleanness. ¶ [35] *Jer.* 7. 9, 10. Carries her self very demurely.

21 For three *things* the [36] earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear.

[36] Its Inhabitants.

22 For a [37] servant when he reigneth, and a fool when he is [38] filled with meat,

[37] *Ch.* 19. 10. *Eccl.* 10. 7. Who is more imperious than others, and oppressing, *ch.* 28. 3. ¶ [38] Lives in plenty, (and thereupon grows insolent, 1 *Sam.* 25. 3, 10, 11.)

23 For an [39] odious *woman* when she is married, and an handmaid that is [40] heir to her mistress.

[39] Of odious qualities; cross-grain'd, humorsom, waspish, *&c.* ¶ [40] Is married to her Master.

24 There be four *things which are* little upon the earth, but they *are* † exceeding [41] wise.

† Heb. *wise, made wise.*

[41] (And therefore we ought not to be proud of our Wisdom, (which these poor despicable Creatures are endued with as well as we) but to imitate 'em therein, *ch.* 6. 6.)

25 The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

26 The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the [42] rocks;

[42] *Ps.* 104. 18.

27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them † by [43] bands.

† Heb. *gathered together.* [43] *Joel* 2. 7.

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings palaces.

29 There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are [44] comely in going:

[44] To teach all, especially Magistrates, to behave themselves with all gravity and decency, and not to dishonour themselves by any unworthy carriage.

30 A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any.

31 ‖ † A grey-hound, an he-goat also, and a king, [45] against whom *there is* no rising up.

‖ Or, *horse.* † Heb. *girt in the loyns.*

[45] Who is so warlike and courageous that none dare venture to oppose him.

Chap. 31.

32 If thou hast done foolishly [46] in lifting up thy self, or if thou hast [47] thought evil, * [48] *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth.

Job 21.5. & 40.4. Mic. 7.16.

[46] Carrying thy self proudly and arrogantly. ¶ [47] Designed mischief to any. ¶ [48] Excuse it not, but consider and repent of it.

33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth bloud: so the [49] forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

[49] Urging and provoking men thereto.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Lemuels lesson of chastity and temperance.* 6 *The afflicted are to be comforted and defended.* 10 *The praise and properties of a good wife.*

THE words [1] of king [2] Lemuel, the [3] prophecy that his mother [4] taught him.

[1] Written and left upon Record by him. ¶ [2] *i. e. Solomon*; who was Of, and Belonging to God, (as the word signifies) for God loved him, 2 *Sam.* 12.24. ¶ [3] Divine Lesson, (as *ch.* 30. 1.) ¶ [4] *viz.* In his younger years; to mind him of his Duty, and warn him of those sins he was more especially in danger of, or enclined unto.

2 [5] What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son [7] of my vows?

[5] *i. e.* What shall I say? How shall I express my self to shew my affection to, and care of thee? ¶ [6] *Isa.* 49.15. ¶ [7] For whose welfare I have made many Vows and Prayers to God, and whom I have devoted to his Service, 1 *Sam.* 1. 28.

3 Give not thy [8] strength unto women, nor thy ways to [9] that which destroyeth kings.

[8] *Ch.* 5.9. The vigor of thy Body and Mind. ¶ [9] The immoderate love of Women.

4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to [10] drink wine, nor for princes, strong drink.

[10] *viz.* to excess, *Eccl.* 10. -17.

5 Lest they drink and [11] forget the law, and † pervert the judgment of † any of the afflicted.

[11] *Hos.* 4.11. † Heb. *alter.* † Heb. *all the sons of affliction.*

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to [12] perish, and wine to those that be † of heavy hearts.

[12] With sorrow and heaviness. †Heb. *bitter of soul.*

7 Let him drink and [13] forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

[13] *Psal.* 104.15

8 Open thy mouth for the [14] dumb in the cause of all † such as are [15] appointed to destruction.

† Heb. *the sons of destruction.*

[14] Such as cannot, or dare not speak for themselves. ¶ [15] *Psal.* 79.11. 1 *Sam.* 19.4.

9 Open thy mouth, [16] judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

[16] *Lev.* 19. 15. *Deut.* 1. 16.

10 ¶ † Who can [17] find a [18] vertuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.

† The materials of this description *Solomon* might have from his Mother, but he himself dress'd it up in this artificial manner, according to the Hebrew Alphabet. ¶ [17] *ch.* 18.22. and 19.14. *Eccl.* 7.28. ¶ [18] *ch.* 12.4.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely [19] trust in her, so that he shall have no need [20] of spoil.

[19] For the prudent and faithful managing of her Household affairs. ¶ [20] To enrich himself by the spoil of others, or any unlawful courses.

12 She [21] will do him good and [22] not evil all the days of her life.

[21] Is exceeding officious and diligent to procure his welfare, and promote his interest. ¶ [22] Watchful to prevent or redress all Inconveniences.

Chap. 31. Proverbs.

13 She [23] seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

[23] Provides employment for her self and Servants.

14 She is like the [24] merchants ships, she bringeth her food from afar.

[24] She trafficks with her home-made Commodities, and thereby procures the choicest Provisions, which come from far.

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a [25] portion to her maidens.

[25] *Luke* 12.42.

16 She considereth a field and † buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she [26] planteth a vineyard.

†Heb. *taketh.*

[26] Improves her estate to the best advantage.

17 She [27] girdeth her loyns with strength, and [28] strengtheneth her arms.

[27] Goes about her business with all her might. ¶ [28] Puts forth her utmost strength in it, *Eccl.* 9.10.

18 † She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* [29] good: [30] her candle goeth not out by night.

† Heb. *tasteth*

[29] Saleable, (and so turns to her great profit.) ¶ [30] She is very industrious.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She † stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

† Heb. *spreadeth.*

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household *are* clothed with ‖ scarlet.

‖ Or, *double garments.*

22 She maketh her self coverings of tapestry, her clothing *is* silk and purple.

23 Her husband is [31] known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

[31] Much respected for his prudence in choosing, and happiness in enjoying such a Wife, and for the advantage he has by her.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*, and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 [32] Strength and [33] honour *are* [34] her clothing, and she shall [35] rejoyce in time to come.

[32] Courage, Resolution, Activity. ¶ [33] A good Reputation. ¶ [34] 1 *Pet.* 3.3-5. and 5. 5. ¶ [35] *Heb.* 3. 17, 18. Whatever happens, she maintains a chearful frame of Spirit.

26 She openeth her mouth with [36] wisdom, and [37] in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

[36] *Col.* 4.6. ¶ [37] Her Speech and Carriage is sweet and obliging, like a Law.

27 She † looketh well to the ways of her household, and † eateth not the bread of idleness.

† She neither suffers her Servants to be idle, nor is idle her self.

28 Her children [38] rise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he [39] praiseth her:

[38] Do purposely and industriously set themselves to commend her. ¶ [39] *viz.* In the following words, *v.* 29.

29 Many daughters have ‖ done vertuously, but thou excellest them all.

‖ Or, *gotten riches.*

30 Favor *is* [40] deceitful, and beauty *is* [40] vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

[40] Soon decays.

31 Give her [41] of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works [42] praise her in the gates.

[41] That due commendation which her own works deserve. ¶ [42] Be the subject of her publick praise and commendation.

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The ARGUMENT.

THis Book was written by Solomon *in his old Age, (as is probably conceived) by way of Recantation for his former miscarriages; wherein he shews the way to true Happiness, both Negatively, that it does not consist in, nor is to be attained by, secular Wisdom, sensual Pleasures, worldly Grandeur, a plentiful Estate, nor an empty Profession of Religion without Practice; all which are utterly insufficient to make a man happy: and also Positively, that it is The Fear of God and Obedience to his Laws which alone can give solid Content and Comfort at present, and Assurance of everlasting Happiness hereafter.*

CHAP. I.

1 *The preacher sheweth that all humane courses are vain; 4 because the creatures are restless in their courses: 9 They bring forth nothing new, and all old things are forgotten; 12 and because he hath found it so in the studies of wisdom.*

* Verse 12. Chap. 7. 27.

THE words of * the [1] preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

[1] *Solomon* so calls himself, because having by his gross sins fallen from Communion with the people of God, he now desires, as a Penitent, to be gathered (as the word signifies) or brought back to the Society of the Church again, and also gathers together (for the instruction of others) many Experiments of his folly, and bewails 'em; many Opinions about happiness, and confutes 'em; and many precepts of wisdom, and propounds 'em.

2 [2] Vanity of vanities, saith [1] the preacher; [3] vanity of vanities, all *is* [4] vanity.

[2] *Ch.* 12. 8. *Psal.* 39. 5, 6. and 62. 9. and 144. 4. Superlatively, and absolutely vain and insufficient to procure satisfaction and happiness. (This is the sum and scope of the whole Book; and the result of all his diligent and critical enquiry.) ¶ [3] He repeats it again, to shew (1) It's certainty and weightiness. (2) Our unaptness to observe or believe it. (3) His earnestness in pressing it. ¶ [4] *Viz.* In point of happiness.

3 [5] What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

[5] *Ch.* 2. 22. and 3. 9. *Heb.* 2. 13. *q. d.* Man indeed takes abundance of pains about these inferiour things, but none of 'em will ever make him happy.

4 *One* generation passeth away, and *another* generation [6] cometh: * but the [7] earth abideth for [8] ever.

* Psal. 104. 5. & 119. 90.

[6] And then passes away too; and so man is in a worse condition than those Creatures that seem most mutable and inconstant, *viz.* the Earth, the Sun, (*v.* 5.) the Wind (*v.* 6.) the Sea and Rivers, *v.* 7. ¶ [7] *q. d.* That, and that only (which is the Stage upon which all these Changes are acted) is of any consistance: all things else are unstable and uncertain: and therefore no happiness to be had in 'em. ¶ [8] Till the final dissolution of all things at the end of the world.

5 [9] The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and † hasteth to his place where he arose.

† Heb. *panteth.*

[9] *q. d.* All things are in perpetual motion, running round without any rest or quiet, (*v.* 8.) and consequently there's no happiness (which consists in rest) to be had in 'em; and also there's the same thing over and over again (*v.* 9.) and consequently no satisfaction; for a constant Repetition of the same thing is both tedious and nauseous.

6 [9] The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 * [9] All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea *is* not [10] full: unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they † return again.

* Job 38. 10. Psal. 104. 8, 9.
† Heb. *return to go.*

[10] Not fuller at one time than another; but always keeps at the same fulness.

8 [11] All things *are* full of labour, man cannot utter *it*: [12] the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

[11] *q. d.* There's a great deal of toil and trouble in every thing a man enjoys, but no satisfaction. ¶ [12] *q. d.* Man's carnal desires after worldly Enjoyments are boundless and endless, still seeking satisfaction in fresh Objects, but all in vain; because *v.* 9.

9 [13] The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and [14] that which is done, *is* that which shall be done: and *there is* [15] no new *thing* under the sun.

[13] *Ch.* 3. 15. All the Enjoyments of the world are the same for substance that they have been formerly. ¶ [14] And men's endeavours can reach no further towards the enjoyment of happiness in 'em, than they have done formerly. ¶ [15] Of such a different Nature from what has been, or is, as be able to make a man happy. (And therefore men can be no more happy in this way hereafter, than they are now, or have been heretofore.)

10 [16] Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

[16] *q. d.* I appeal to every man's observation, whether it ben't so as I say.

11 [17] *There is* no remembrance of former *things*; neither shall there be *any* remembrance of *things* that are to come, with *those* that shall come after.

[17] *q. d.* There's an end of all former Enjoyments, (and so there will be of the present) and therefore none of 'em can make happy.

12 ¶ * [18] I the preacher was [19] king over [20] Israel in [21] Jerusalem.

* Verse 1.

[18] Having asserted the vanity of all things in general, here he comes to prove his Assertion in those particulars wherein men commonly seek, and with greatest probability expect to find, true happiness; and he begins with worldly Wisdom. ¶ [19] And so furnish'd with all necessaries to prosecute this Enquiry to the utmost. ¶ [20] An understanding people, (*Deut.* 4. 6.) who had the knowledge of the true God. ¶ [21] Where all furtherances for such a design were to be had.

13 And I [22] gave my heart to seek and search out [24] by wisdom, concerning [25] all *things* that are done under heaven: * this [26] sore travel hath God given to the sons of man, ‖ to be exercised therewith.

* Gen. 3. 19.
‖ Or, *to afflict them.*

[22] Made it my business and delight to examine with all possible exactness, ¶ ([24]) by imploying the best of my parts and prudence to find out ¶ ([25]) all natural causes and effects; all humane counsels and events. ¶ [26] This toilsom work in searching

searching after these things, has God appointed to man, as a punishment for sin.

14 I have [28] seen all the works that are done under the sun, and [30] behold, [31] all *is* vanity and [32] vexation of spirit.

[28] Diligently heeded, and fully understood, (as to the issue of this Enquiry) the several kinds of works. ¶ [30] *q. d.* It was a great surprize to me to find it so; but so it is. ¶ [31] The knowledge of these things, as well as the things themselves, is utterly insufficient to confer happiness. ¶ [32] Brings much trouble, by reason of disappointment.

15 [33] *That which is* crooked cannot be made straight: and † [34] that which is wanting, cannot be numbred.

† Heb. *defect.*

[33] *Ch.*7.13. *q. d.* Man is not able by all his knowledge and diligence, universally and fully to rectifie what is amiss, either in the Nature, or in the Lives, or in the Affairs of men. ¶ [34] The defects of these things are innumerable.

16 [35] I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten [36] more wisdom then all *they* that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, [37] my heart † had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

† Heb. *had seen much.*

[35] For I considered thus with my self. ¶ [36] 1 *Kin.* 4.30. and 10.7,23. ¶ [37] My Understanding and Judgment took exact notice of all particulars of Nature, and accordingly I had both prudence in judging and managing Affairs, and also an insight into the Nature and Reasons of those Affairs.

17 And I [38] gave my heart to [40] know wisdom, and to know [41] madness and [41] folly: I perceived that this also is [42] vexation of spirit.

[40] *Ch.* 2. 12. and 7. 25. To consider what the forementioned Knowledge could contribute towards happiness. ¶ [41] Those irrational and more unlikely courses, of sensual Delights, *&c.* to which madness and folly incline men, and which in the end prove so. ¶ [42] This Enquiry into these courses does disappoint also.

* Chap.12.12.

18 For * in much [43] wisdom *is* much [44] grief: and he that increaseth knowledge, increaseth [44] sorrow.

[43] Which is the likelier way to happiness than folly. ¶ [44] To see (1) What pains he is fain to take for it. (2) What ignorance he thereby discovers in himself. (3) How unavailable it is to rectifie what is amiss, and to accomplish the designs he has contriv'd.

CHAP. II.

1 The vanity of humane courses in the works of pleasure. 12 Though the wise be better then the fool, yet both have one event. 18 The vanity of humane labour in leaving it they know not to whom.

1 I Said in my heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore [2] enjoy pleasure: and behold, this also *is* [3] vanity.

[1] I resolved with my self (not out of a design to gratifie my corrupt Affections, but) upon mature deliberation, to make further trial what content, thou my heart, canst find in carnal Pleasures, and the use of the Creatures, (since the knowledge of 'em will not make thee happy, *ch.* 1. 17, 18.) ¶ [2] Indulge thy self in all lawful Delights to the uttermost. ¶ [3] *Isa.*50.-11. Unable to make happy.

2 I said of [4] laughter, *It is* [5] mad: and of [6] mirth, [7] What doeth it?

[4] *Amos* 6. 6. Extraordinary joy in worldly things, which discovers it self by laughter and such like gestures. ¶ [5] It transports the mind, and carries men beyond the bounds of Reason and Sobriety. ¶ [6] Carnal mirth, tho' never so moderate. ¶ [7] It brings no real benefit, and soon vanishes.

† Heb. *to draw my flesh with wine.*

† Heb. *the number of the days of their life.*

3 [8] I sought in mine heart † to give my self unto wine (yet [9] acquainting my heart with wisdom) and to lay hold on [10] folly, till I might [11] see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven, † all the days of their life.

[8] I purposed with my self, after long deliberation, to gratifie my Palate with all kind of delicious meats and drinks. ¶ [9] Keeping such a temper as not to be transported beyond the bounds of Wisdom and Piety, or to use 'em licentiously, (but only by way of trial.) ¶ [10] See on *ch.* 1. 17.*n.*41. ¶ [11] Find by experience what was the principal good in 'em, which would render life most comfortable.

4 I made me great works, I builded me houses, I planted me vineyards. Chap. 2.

5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits.

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees.

7 I got *me* servants and maidens, and had † servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattel above all that were in Jerusalem before me.

† Heb. *sons of my house.*

8 * I gathered me also silver and gold, and the [12] peculiar treasure of kings and of [12] the provinces: I gat me men-singers and women-singers, and the delights of the sons of men, *as* † musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

* 1 Kin. 9. 28. & 10.10,14, 21.&c.

† Heb. *musical instrument and instruments.*

[12] Those curious and precious Rarities which even Kings are wont to value and lay up, and which come from foreign parts.

9 * So I was great, and increased more then all that were before me in Jerusalem; [13] also my wisdom remained with me.

* Chap. 1.16.

[13] I had still the use of my Reason, and so was able to observe what real Satisfaction these things afforded.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired, I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from [14] any joy: for my [15] heart rejoyced in all my labour, and [16] this was my portion of all my labour.

[14] *Viz.* That was lawful. ¶ [15] I took free, and full content in these Enjoyments. ¶ [16] *ch.*3.22. and 5.18. and 9. 9. This present satisfaction and transitory Enjoyment, was all the fruit I could expect or receive from these things.

11 Then I [17] looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and behold, all *was* [18] vanity and [18] vexation of spirit, and *there was* [19] no profit under the sun.

[17] I took an impartial survey of 'em, and consider'd whether I had obtain'd that satisfaction in 'em, which I design'd and expected. ¶ [18] See on *ch.* 1. - 14. ¶ [19] No abiding benefit remains, (therefore they can't make happy.)

12 And I [20] turned my self to behold [21] wisdom, and [21] madness, and folly: for [22] what *can* the man *do*, that cometh || after the king? *even* that which hath been already done.

|| Or, *after the king in those things which have been already done?*

[20] I set my self to a more serious consideration of these things, to see if upon the Review I could find more satisfaction in 'em than at first. ¶ [21] See on *ch.* 1. 17. ¶ [22] *q. d.* No man can have more advantages to make an exacter enquiry than I have done, or can find more in 'em.

13 Then I [22] saw that † wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

† Heb. *there is an excellency in wisdom more then in folly, &c.*

[23] *q. d.* Tho' I found that neither Wisdom, nor Pleasures cam make men happy, yet withal I found that there's a vast difference between 'em; and that Wisdom is of far greater use and excellency than vain pleasures, or any other follies.

14 The wise mans [24] eyes *are* in his head, but the [25] fool walketh in darkness: and I my self perceived also, that [26] one event happeneth to them all.

[24] *Ch.*8.1. *Prov.*17.24. He is wary, judicious, advised in all his courses. ¶ [25] One that is led meerly by sense, and casts off the conduct of reason, maniges his Affairs ignorantly, rashly and imprudently. ¶ [26] *ch.* 9.-11. Notwithstanding this Excellency of one above the other, yet they are equally subject to the same unhappy events in this world, and so agree in vanity.

15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, [27] so it happeneth † even to me; and [28] why was I then *more* wise? Then I said in my heart, that [29] this also *is* vanity.

† Heb. *to me, even to me.*

[27] I am subject to the same Calamities as the fool. ¶ [28] What advantage then have I by all my wisdom I have taken so much pains for? ¶ [29] In this respect wisdom is no more able to make happy than folly, (tho' in other respects it excel.)

16 For [30] *there is* no remembrance of the wise more then of the fool for ever; seeing that which now *is*, in the days to come shall all be forgotten: and

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and how dieth the wise *man?* [31] as the fool.

[30] Time wears out the remembrance of both (for the generality.) ¶ [31] As certainly; and after death shall be as little remembred or honour'd.

17 Therefore [32] I hated life, because [33] the work that is wrought under the sun, *is* grievous unto me: for [34] all *is* [18] vanity and [18] vexation of spirit.

[32] I was so far from finding satisfaction, that I grew weary of my life. ¶ [33] All humane works and designs are so far from yielding me that satisfaction I expected, that the consideration of 'em increases my discontent. ¶ [34] Even Wisdom as well as Folly.

18 ¶ Yea, I hated all my labour which I had † taken under the sun: because * I should [35] leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

† Heb. *laboured.*

* Psal. 49. 10.

[35] I can't live always to take the comfort of 'em my self, but must go from 'em.

19 And [36] who knoweth whether he shall be [36] a wise *man* or [26] a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour [37] wherein I have laboured, and [37] wherein I have shewed my self wise under the sun. [38] This *is* also vanity.

[36] *q.d.* And as for a Successor, who shall enjoy what I leave, I can take no content in the fore-thoughts thereof, because its doubtful how he'll prove; whether one that knows how to imploy and improve 'em to a right end, or that will abuse and mispend 'em. ¶ [37] Which by my labour and wisdom I have gotten. ¶ [38] This is another demonstration of the inability of worldly things to enhappy.

20 Therefore I [39] went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

[39] I endeavour'd to perswade my self to lay aside all hopes of ever finding full satisfaction in 'em.

21 For [40] there is a man whose labour *is* [41] in wisdom, and in [42] knowledge, and in [43] equity: yet to a man that hath not laboured [44] therein, shall he † leave it *for* his portion. This also *is* vanity, and a [45] great evil.

† Heb. *gives.*

[40] Thus it fares with men sometimes, and this is my own case. ¶ [41] Deliberately and discreetly undertaken. ¶ [42] Skilfully manag'd. ¶ [43] Honestly and justly prosecuted, without wrong to any. ¶ [44] *Viz.* With Wisdom, *&c.* as I have done. ¶ [45] Very grievous and troublesom to a considering mind.

22 For [46] what hath man of all his labour, and of the [47] vexation of his heart wherein he hath laboured under the sun?

[46] *Ch.* 1. 3. and 3. 9. What comfort or benefit remains to any man after this short life is once ended? ¶ [47] His disquieting thoughts about getting, or keeping worldly things.

23 For [48] all his days *are* sorrows, and [49] his travel grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. [38] This is also vanity.

[48] *Job* 14. 1. ¶ [49] The toils of his body are accompanied with trouble of mind.

24 ¶ *There is* nothing [50] better for a man, *then* that he should [51] eat and drink, and *that* he ‖ should [52] make his soul enjoy good in his labour. [53] This also I saw, that it *was* [54] from the hand of God.

‖ Or, *delight his senses.*

[50] *Ch.* 3. 12, 13, 22. and 5. 18. and 8. 15. and 9. 7. and 11. 9. *Viz.* For man's present comfort and satisfaction in this life. ¶ [51] Use what he has for his present support. ¶ [52] Freely enjoy and take comfort in those things for which he has laboured. ¶ [53] *ch.* 5. 19. Ability or heart to do so. ¶ [54] *Deut.* 8. 17, 18. God's special gift, (and not to be procur'd by a man's own wisdom or diligence.)

25 [55] For who can eat, or who else can [56] hasten *hereunto* more then I?

[55] *q. d.* If there had been any thing more in the Creature than a present comfortable subsistence, I should have found it afoon as any, *v.* 12. ¶ [56] Seek it more diligently.

26 For *God* giveth to a man that *is* [57] good † in his sight, [58] wisdom and [59] knowledge, and [60] joy: but to the sinner [61] he giveth travel, to gather and to heap up, [62] that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

† Heb. *before him.*

[57] 1 Cor. 3. 21. Really godly. ¶ [58] *Viz.* To get. ¶ [59] *Viz.* To use. ¶ [60] *Acts* 14. 17. *Viz.* In the comfortable use of outward things. ¶ [61] He leaves him to himself to disquiet himself with perplexing cares and labour. ¶ [62] That the sinner may leave it to the godly, (*Job* 27. 17. *Prov.* 13. 22. and 28. 8.) That will be the issue.

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CHAP. III.

1 *By the necessary change of times, vanity is added to humane travel.* 16 *But as for man, God shall judge his works there, and here he shall be like a beast.*

TO every *thing there is* a [1] season, and * [1] a time * Verse 17. Chap. 8. 6. to every [2] purpose under the heaven:

[1] A certain time, determin'd and fixed by God, for its Being, Continuance, and End, which we cannot alter, (and therefore can't always enjoy what we desire, and so not be happy by these things:) but must use the present Opportunity for what it serves, (as to plant in its season, to pluck up in its season, *&c.*) and make the best of the present Providence, tho' cross to our desires, (as dying, mourning, losing, war, *&c.*) by being contented therein, (as *v.* 12.) and conforming our Affections thereto; as *ch.* 7. 14. ¶ [2] To all voluntary actions and designs: even these are not in our power to do what, when, how, how long, we would, but are all determin'd by God.

2 A time to † be born, and a time to [3] die; a time to plant, and a time to [4] pluck up *that which is* planted:

† Heb. *bear.*

[3] *Job* 14. 5. *John* 13. 1. *Hebr.* 9. 27. ¶ [4] *Isa.* 5. 5.

3 [5] A time to kill, and a time to [6] heal: a time to break down, and a time to build up:

[5] *Exod.* 21. 13. A Providence in the violent deaths of men, whether just or unjust, by chance, or on set purpose. ¶ [6] When wounds, seemingly mortal, shall be heal'd.

4 A time to [7] weep, and a time to [8] laugh: a time to [9] mourn, and a time to [10] dance:

[7] *Matth.* 9. 15. *Viz.* By our selves, for personal evils. ¶ [8] *Rev.* 19. 1. ¶ [9] *Viz.* With others, for great and common Calamities. ¶ [10] To express joy in the outward behaviour.

5 A time to [11] cast away stones, and a time to [12] gather stones together; a time [13] to embrace, and a time to † [14] refrain from embracing:

† Heb. *be far from.*

[11] As useless or hurtful; as in a Garden, *&c.* ¶ [12] As profitable and convenient. ¶ [13] To express kindness. ¶ [14] *Joel* 2. 16. 1 *Cor.* 7. 5.

6 A time to ‖ get, and a time to lose: a time to keep, and a time to [15] cast away.

‖ Or, *seek.*

[15] *Ch.* 11. 2. *Jonah* 1. 5. *Acts* 27. 18, 19. *Matth.* 10. 37. *&c. Hebr.* 10. 34. *Psal.* 112. 9.

7 A time to [16] rent, and a time to sew: a time to [17] keep silence, and a time to [18] speak.

[16] *Gen.* 37. 29. See there. ¶ [17] *Job* 2. 13. *Amos* 5. 10, 13. ¶ [18] When it may bring glory to God, and good to others.

8 A time to love, and a time to [19] hate: a time of war, and a time of peace.

[19] *Luke* 14. 26.

9 [20] What profit hath he that worketh, in that wherein he laboureth?

[20] *Ch.* 1. 3. See there. *Matth.* 6. 27. *q.d.* Seeing the Seasons of all things are thus determin'd by God, therefore its in vain for men to toil and tire themselves about 'em, but let 'em wait upon God.

10 [21] I have seen the [22] travel which God hath [22] given to the sons of men, to be exercised in it.

[21] *Ch.* 1. 14. *q. d.* Yet we must not be idle, but diligent in the use of means, with submission to God's Will. ¶ [22] See on *ch.* 1. 13.

11 [23] He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath [24] set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh [25] from the beginning to the end.

[23] God has and does dispose all Providences and Events in that season which may be most conducing to his own excellent Ends. ¶ [24] Given the hearts of men a whole world of matter for meditation; so large and copious that no man, *&c.* ¶ [25] *ch.* 8. 17. *Rom.* 11. 33. So as to comprehend it fully, in all its parts and branches.

12 I know that *there is* [26] no good in them, but

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[18] No other Satisfaction or Felicity which a man can meet with in worldly Enjoyments. ¶ [27] See on *ch.* 2. 14.

13 And also that every man should [27] eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it *is* the gift of God.

14 I know that whatsoever God doeth, [28] it shall be for ever: nothing can be [29] put to it, nor any thing [30] taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should [31] fear before him.

[28] It shall continue in the same order, and shall not be alter'd by any humane power, *v.* 15. (and therefore let a man make the best of his present estate, and acquiesce in it.) ¶ [29] *Isa.* 10. 15. *John* 19. 10, 11. Brought about, which he does not purpose. ¶ [30] Hindred, which he does purpose. ¶ [31] Submit to his Providence, and not go about to contradict or quarrel.

15 [32] That which hath been, is now, and that which is to be, hath already been, and God [33] requireth that which is † past.

† Heb. *driven away.*

[32] *Ch.* 1. 9. The same methodical Revolutions of Affairs and Events in the course of Providence, are still observed, even in their variety. ¶ [33] Brings about the same state of things again, as to the kinds of 'em, and so keeps an unchangeable course of Affairs, *v.* 14.

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16 ¶ [34] And moreover, * I saw under the sun the place of [35] judgment, *that* [36] wickedness *was* there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity *was* there.

[34] *q. d.* Yea, tho' a man should be compass'd about with all agreeable accommodations, yet he is liable to oppression: and therefore can't be happy by them. ¶ [35] Where Justice ought to be rightly administred. ¶ [36] *Mich.* 7. 3, 4. Much Corruption was practis'd by all sorts of persons that relate to those places.

17 [37] I said in mine heart, God shall [38] judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a time [39] there, [39] for every purpose, and for every work.

[37] I concluded, (and so comforted my self against this vanity.) ¶ [38] 2 *Thess.* 1. 6, 7. 2 *Cor.* 5. 10. Review all again, and pass righteous Judgment. ¶ [39] *V.* 1. *viz.* With God; before his Tribunal, where all mens thoughts, designs and actions, especially in matters of Judicature, shall be judg'd again.

18 [40] I said in my heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that ‖ God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

‖ Or, *they might clear God, and see,* &c.

[40] Hereupon I further consider'd, and concluded both in reference to men's carriage here, and their condition hereafter, that God would discover to 'em (by his Judgments) their own wickedness, (which they had not consider'd) and that they are, in some respects, but like beasts.

19 For that which befalleth the [41] sons of men, befalleth beasts, even one thing befalleth them: [42] as the one dieth, so dieth the other, yea, [43] they have all one breath, so that a man hath [44] no preeminence above a beast: for [45] all *is* vanity.

[41] *Ch.* 2. 16. *Psal.* 49. 12, 20. They are subject to the same accident, and end. ¶ [42] *i. e.* Both must die. ¶ [43] They draw in the same common Air by the same kind of Vital Organs. ¶ [44] *Viz.* For the avoiding of death. ¶ [45] All are equally vain and mortal.

20 [46] All go unto one place, all are of [47] the dust, and all turn to dust again.

[46] Both man and beast (as to their bodies, and what is sensible.) ¶ [47] *ch.* 12. 7. *Gen.* 1. 24.

† Heb. *the sons of man.* † Heb. *is ascending.*

21 [48] Who knoweth the spirit of † man that † [49] goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that [50] goeth downward to the earth?

[48] *q. d.* Tho' 'tis true the souls of men and beasts go different ways at death, and so they are in a different condition after death; yet who is there that seriously considers this, and is affected with it, so as to live under the power of this Truth. ¶ [49] Remains after its separation from the body, and goes to God to be judged, *ch.* 12. 7. ¶ [50] Vanishes away and has no more a being.

22 [51] Wherefore I perceive that *there is* [52] nothing better, then that a man should [53] rejoyce in his own works; for that *is* his [54] portion: for Chap. 4. [53] who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

[51] *q. d.* Since man and beasts both die, and leave these worldly things. ¶ [52] See on *ch.* 2. 24. ¶ [53] Take comfort and content in what God has given him as the fruit of his own labour. ¶ [54] All the good he can have from 'em, and the present duty incumbent on him. ¶ [55] *q. d.* When once he is dead and gone, he's no more concern'd about these things, and what becomes of 'em then, (and therefore let him enjoy 'em now at present.)

CHAP. IV.

1 Vanity is increased unto men by oppression, 4 by envy, 5 by idleness, 7 by covetousness, 9 by solitariness, 13 by wilfulness.

SO I [1] returned, and [1] considered all the [2] oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold, the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had [3] no comforter; and on the † side of their oppressours *there was* power, but they had [3] no comforter.

† Heb. *hand.*

[1] Consider'd again more seriously. ¶ [2] *ch.* 5. 8. *&c.* ¶ [3] *Lam.* 1. 2. 2 *Tim.* 4. 16.

2 Wherefore [4] I praised the dead which are already dead, more then the living, which are yet [5] alive.

[4] *Ch.* 6. 3. *Job* 3. 17. *&c.* I esteemed them in a better condition, as to the concerns of this world. ¶ [5] Languishing under their oppressions, and only just alive.

3 Yea, [6] better is *he* then both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not [7] seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

[6] *Job* 3. 11, 16, 21. ¶ [7] Endured this oppression, with the other miseries of life.

4 ¶ Again I considered all [8] travel, and † [9] every right work, that † for this a man is [10] envied of his neighbour. This *is* also [11] vanity and vexation of spirit.

† Heb. *all the rightness of work.* † Heb. *this* is *the envy of a man from his neighbour.*

[8] The great pains that many take. ¶ [9] All vertuous and noble endeavours after any measure of excellency. ¶ [10] 1 *Joh.* 3. 12. *Matth.* 9. 34. *Phil.* 2. 16. ¶ [11] Another instance of infelicity, and disappointment in humane Affairs.

5 [12] The fool [13] folderh his hands together, and [14] eateth his own flesh.

[12] The idle person (who hereby shews himself to be both without Grace, and without Wit.) ¶ [13] *Prov.* 6. 10. and 24. 33. *Matth.* 25. 25. Composes himself to idleness. ¶ [14] Consumes all that he has, and is reduced to the utmost straits.

6 [15] Better *is* an handful *with* [16] quietness, then both the hands full, *with* [17] travel and vexation of spirit.

[15] *Prov.* 15. 16. and 17. 1. *q. d.* 'Tis not good either to be idle, or over-laborious; but to use such a moderate diligence without solicitousness, as may procure a Competency. ¶ [16] Content with what one has. ¶ [17] Toiling and disquieting ones self.

7 ¶ Then I returned, and I saw [18] vanity under the sun.

[18] Another instance of vanity, in reference to covetousness, or needless and restless painfulness.

8 There is [19] one *alone*, and *there is* [19] not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet *is there* no end of all his labour, neither is his eye satisfied with riches, [20] neither *saith he*, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This *is* also vanity, yea, it *is* [21] a sore travel.

[19] A single person, who has no Friend nor Relation to care for. ¶ [20] He is bruitishly inconsiderate herein, and never reflects upon his actions. ¶ [21] A dreadful Judgment, and Misery, as well as a great Sin.

9 ¶ [22] Two *are* better then one; because they have a [23] good reward for their labour.

[22] *Gen.* 2. 18. *Prov.* 27. 17. 1 *Cor.* 12. 8. *Mark* 6. 7. *Eccl.* 4. 14, 15. and 6. 36. and 31. 6. and 35. 34. *Hag.* 1. 14. *Acts* 13. 21. ¶ [23] Much benefit by their mutual help of one another.

10 For if [24] they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but wo to him *that is* alone when he falleth;

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falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.
[24] If either of 'em fall into any evil, corporal or spiritual.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat; but how can one be warm *alone?*

12 And if [25] one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and [26] a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
[25] If a third person assault, and be too hard in any respect for either of the two. ¶ [26] Where several assist one another, they are like to prove successful.

13 ¶ [27] Better *is* a poor and a wise child, then an old and [28] foolish king, who † will no more be admonished.
†Heb. *knoweth not to be admonished.*
[27] More happy. ¶ [28] Who can neither give himself good counsel, nor will take it from others, but is lead only by his brutish Lusts.

14 For [29] out of prison [30] he [31] cometh to reign, whereas also *he that is* born [32] in his kingdom [33] becometh poor.
[29] From a low, obscure, and unlikely condition, *Job* 5.11. *Psal.* 113.7,8. 2 *Sam.* 7.8. ¶ [30] The poor, wise Child; 2 *Sam.* 41.14,40. ¶ [31] Is likely so to do; and sometimes it is so: or however, he enjoys that content that is better than a Kingdom. ¶ [32] An Heir to the Crown. ¶ [33] So it happens sometimes, as *Dan.* 4.37. or however, he has a Curse upon his greatness, (which is worse than poverty) and so takes no solid comfort in it.

15 I considered [34] all the living which walk under the sun, with the [35] second child that shall stand up in his stead.
[34] The present Generation of Men, living under a present King or Government, (*viz.* That they are very fickle and inconstant, and ready to worship the Rising Sun.) ¶ [35] The Son and Heir that is to succeed him in the Throne.

16 *There is* [36] no end of all the people, *even* of all that have been before them: they also that come after, [37] shall not rejoyce in him. Surely, this also *is* vanity, and [38] vexation of spirit.
[36] No rest nor stability in the Affections of the common people, but this fickle humour passes from one Generation to another. ¶ [37] Will soon grow weary of the Successor. ¶ [38] Matter of discontent and indignation to Princes: (and therefore happiness cannot be found in Royal Dignity.)

CHAP. V.

1 *Vanities in divine service,* 8 *in murmuring against oppression,* 9 *and in riches.* 18 *Joy in riches is the gift of God.*

*See Isa. 1. 12. &c.

1 KEep thy foot * when thou goest to the house of God, and [1] be more ready to hear, then to [2] give the sacrifice of fools: for they [4] consider not that they do evil.
[1] Psa. 1,2. *Act.* 10.33. Watch over thy carriage, both inward and outward, (lest thou bring vanity into the Worship of God, as it is inseparably annexed to all other things.) [2] Prepare thy self in a due manner to understand, believe, obey and practise what thou hearest. ¶ [3] 1 *Sam.* 15, 22. *Psal.* 50.8. *Prov.* 15.8, and 21.27. To perform Duty in an undue manner; as wicked Men and Hypocrites are wont to do. ¶ [4] Are not sensible of the great sinfulness of such a practice, but think they do God good service.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* ‖ thing before God: for God *is* in heaven and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be [5] few.
‖ Or, *word.*
[5] *Prov.* 10.19. *Matth.* 6.7. Well-digested, and considerate.

3 For [6] a dream cometh through the multitude of business, and a fools voice *is known* by multitude of words.
[6] *q. d.* As multitude of business usually produces Dreams, so multitude of words in Prayer, or rash Vows, discovers folly.

*Num. 30.2. Deut. 23.21, 22. Psal. 50.14.

4 * When thou vowest a [7] vow unto God, [8] defer not to pay it: for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: [9] pay that which thou hast vowed.
[7] See on *Gen.* 28.20. ¶ [8] *Psal.* 66.13, 14. and 76.11. ¶ [9] Hypocritical and perfidious persons, who mock him by Vowing, and not performing.

5 * Better *is it* that thou shouldest not vow, then that thou shouldest vow and not pay.
* Acts 5.4.

6 [10] Suffer not thy mouth to cause [11] thy flesh to sin, neither say thou before the [12] angel, that it *was* an [13] errour: [14] wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and [15] destroy the work of thine hands?
[10] Bring not on thy self the guilt of sin, by rash Vows. ¶ [11] Thy self, (to which thy flesh or corruption of nature will strongly encline thee.) ¶ [12] The Priest, *Mal.* 2.7. ¶ [13] Either made or broken rashly, or upon some mistake, (and therefore I'll offer sacrifice to expiate it.) ¶ [14] Why shouldst thou give him this occasion of anger at these frivolous excuses? ¶ [15] Blast all thy endeavours, (for the success whereof these Vows were made.)

7 For [16] in the multitude of dreams and many words, *there are* also *divers* vanities: but [17] fear thou God.
[16] *q. d.* As many Dreams are stuft with many Vanities, so many words rashly uttered about Vows, involve a man in many mischiefs. ¶ [17] That thou mayest not offend him by such rashness.

8 ¶ If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, [18] marvel not at the † matter: for * *he that is* higher then the highest, regardeth, and [19] *there be* higher then they.
† Heb. *will,* or *purpose.*
* Psal. 58.11. & 82.1.
[18] As if it were inconsistent with God's Wisdom or Justice to suffer such disorders; or, as if it were a just cause for any man to throw off his fear or service. ¶ [19] There are the holy Angels to side with the Godly oppressed, (*Psal.* 34.7. *Act.* 12.23.) and to punish their Oppressors, (*Isa.* 37. 36.) but especially God himself.

9 ¶ Moreover, the profit of the earth is [20] for all: the king *himself* is served by the field.
[20] To supply the necessities of all, (and therefore give not way to covetousness.)

10 He that [21] loveth silver, shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance, with increase: [22] this *is* also vanity.
[21] Bends all his endeavours to heap up Wealth. ¶ [22] *viz.* For a man thus to disquiet himself in the pursuit of unsatisfying things.

11 When goods increase, [23] they are increased that eat them: and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, saving [24] the beholding *of them* with their eyes.
[23] (And therefore 'tis vain to multiply wealth; because the real profit thereof is for others.) ¶ [24] (For, as for the use thereof, others have it as well as the Owner.)

12 The sleep of a labouring man *is* [25] sweet, whether he eat [26] little or [27] much: but the [28] abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.
[25] Quiet and free from the cares of the rich. ¶ [26] (For his weariness procures sleep.) ¶ [27] (For his labor procures digestion.) ¶ [28] Both of Wealth and Diet; the one filling his mind with care; the other, his Body with crudities and ill humours.

13 There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely,* riches kept for the owners thereof to their [29] hurt.
[29] *Prov.* 1.-32. See there. Both temporal, exposing them to envy, rapine and violence, *Prov.* 1.-19. Spiritual, being occasions of sin, as pride, oppression, excess, idleness, &c. *Luke* 16.19. 1 *Tim.* 6.9,10. *Jam.* 2.6,7. and 5.4-6. *Prov.* 30.9. and eternal.

14 But those riches perish by [30] evil travel: and [31] he begetteth a son, and *there is* nothing in his hand.
[30] Some mischance, or our own improvidence, or a secret curse. ¶ [31] He whose Riches are gone, has Children, and has nothing to leave 'em.

15 [32] As he came forth of his mothers womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.
[32] *Job* 1.21. *Psal.* 49.17. 1 *Tim.* 6.7.

16 And this also *is* [33] a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go: and [34] what profit hath he that hath laboured for the [35] wind?

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[33] A miserable vexation to a covetous Wretch. ¶ [34] *ch.*1.3. ¶ [35] An empty, vain thing.

17 All his days also he eateth in [36] darkness, and [37] *he hath* much sorrow, and wrath with his sickness.

[36] Without joy and comfort; being so full of cares, and grudging himself very necessaries. ¶ [37] When he falls sick, and is like to die, it cuts him to the heart to think of parting with his Wealth.

* Chap.3.12, 13,22. & 9.7. & 11.9. 1 Tim.6.17. † Heb. there is *a good which* is *comely*, &c. † Heb. *the number of the days.* * Chap.2.24. & 3.13.& 6.2.

18 ¶ Behold *that* which I have seen: * † [38] *it is* [39] good and [39] comely *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun, † all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it *is* his [40] portion.

[38] See on *ch.*2.24. ¶ [39] Good for a man's self, and seemly in the sight of others. ¶ [40] See on *ch.*2.-22.

19 * Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him [41] power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoyce in his labour; [42] this *is* the gift of God.

[41] *ch.*6. 2. [42] *ch.*2.-22. See there. ‖ Or, *Though* he give *not much*, yet *he remembreth*, &c.

20 ‖ For [43] he shall not much remember the days of his life: because God [44] answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

[43] He shall not be much concerned at the evils which befal him in this World. ¶ [44] Answers his honest labors and desires, by bestowing so much comfort upon him as countervails all his trouble.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The vanity of riches without use,* 3 *of children,* 6 *and old age without riches.* 9 *The vanity of sight and wandring desires.* 11 *The conclusion of vanities.*

THere is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men:

2 A man to whom God hath given riches, [2] wealth, and honour, * so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he [3] desireth, yet God giveth him not [4] power to eat thereof, but a [5] stranger eateth it: this *is* vanity, and it *is* [6] an evil disease. * Job 21. 10.

[1] Cattel, and other profits of the Field, (which are tithable, as the word imports.) ¶ [2] Mony, Jewels, Household stuff, and the like. ¶ [3] *Psal.* 17. 14. and 73. 7. *viz.* Duly and with reason. ¶ [4] *ch.* 5.19. A heart to make use of what he has. ¶ [5] *Luke* 12.20. ¶ [6] A distemper of the mind.

3 ¶ [7] If a man beget an hundred *children*, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, [8] and his soul be not filled with good, and * also *that* he have [9] no burial, I say, *that* * an untimely birth *is* better than he. * Isa.14.19,20 Jer.22.19. * Job 3.16. Psal.58. 8.

[7] The vanity of many Children, and long life set out. ¶ [8] Yet if he has not a contented mind, nor a comfortable enjoyment of his Estate. ¶ [9] Dies unregarded, unlamented, 2 *King.*9.37. *Psal.*83.10. *Isa.*14.19,20. *Jer.*22.19.

4 For [10] he cometh in with vanity, and [10] departeth in darkness, and [10] his name shall be covered with darkness.

[10] The Abortive, or untimely Birth comes into the world to no purpose, without any comfort or benefit by it, and goes out in obscurity, without any regard, or notice taken of him, and shall be quite forgotten.

5 Moreover, [11] he hath not seen the sun, [11] nor known *any thing*: [12] this hath more rest then the other.

[11] The Abortive never enjoyed any worldly delight, nor felt any sorrow; and therefore is in a better condition than the former spoken of, *v.* 3.

6 ¶ Yea, though he live a thousand years twice *told*, yet hath he [13] seen no good: [13] do not all go to one place?

[12] *V.* 3. (And therefore his long life will but lengthen out his misery.) ¶ [13] *q. d.* And when he has endur'd so much misery, he must at length come to the same place with the Abortive, where he had better been at first, and so scap'd these miseries.

7 All the labour of man *is* for his [14] mouth, and yet the † appetite is not filled. Chap. 7.

[14] *Prov.*16.26. For bodily and outward accommodations. † Heb. *soul.*

8 For [15] what hath the wise more then the fool? [16] what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?

[15] What advantage has he by his labor? For the wise can but use what he has for outward conveniences; which the Fool may do too. ¶ [16] *q. d.* And what advantage has a poor, discreet Person by his labor, more than one that knows not how to behave himself? For tho he is usually more industrious than others, yet he can but fill his mouth still.

9 ¶ Better *is* the [17] sight of the eyes, [17] then the † wandring of the desire: [18] this *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit. †Heb. *walking of the soul.*

[17] A comfortable enjoyment of what we have at present, tho less, than an endless pursuit after what we have not. ¶ [18] *viz.* Seeking after more, and not to use what we have.

10 [19] That which hath been, is named already, and it is known that it *is* man: * [20] neither may he contend with him that is mightier then he. * Job.9.32. Isa. 45. 9. Jer. 49. 19.

[19] *q. d.* Whatsoever the condition be, whether rich or poor, wise or foolish, yet the name that God gave man at first, *viz. Adam*, shews what he is, *viz.* A lump of Clay; a poor, frail creature, subject to many miseries. ¶ [20] Yet let him not complain of God for making him so.

11 ¶ [21] Seeing there be [22] many things that increase vanity, what *is* man the [23] better?

[21] The conclusion of all the former discourse. ¶ [22] All those forementioned; Wisdom, Honour, Pleasures, Riches, *&c.* ¶ [23] *viz.* In point of happiness: they can't afford it, and therefore he must seek for it elsewhere.

12 For who knoweth what *is* [24] good for man in *this* life, † all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as * a shadow? for who can tell a man [25] what shall be after him under the sun? † Heb. *the number of the days of the life of his vanity.* * Psal.102.11. & 109.23. & 144.4. Jam.4 14.

[24] Best, whether to be rich or poor. ¶ [25] Who shall possess his Estate; and what use will be made of it, good or bad, or the like?

CHAP. VII.

1 *Remedies against vanity, are a good name,* 2 *mortification,* 7 *patience,* 11 *wisdom.* 23 *The difficulty of wisdom.*

1 A *Good* name *is* better then [1] precious ointment; and the day of [2] death, then the day of ones [3] birth.

[1] *Prov.*15.-30. and 22.1. ¶ [2] All the Riches and Pleasures of this World. ¶ [3] Because it frees from the miseries and vanities of this life. ¶ [4] Because the natural enjoyments thereof don't countervail the Evils wherewith Life is attended.

2 ¶ *It is* better to go to the house of mourning, then to go to the house of feasting: for that *is* the end of all men, and the living will [5] lay *it* to his heart.

[5] Take occasion from thence, (or at least ought so to do) to consider seriously of death, and prepare for it.

3 ‖ [6] Sorrow *is* better then laughter: for [7] by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. ‖ Or, *anger.*

[6] A composed frame of Spirit, (arising from the meditation of death, or the like) is more advantagious in spiritual respects, (2 *Cor.*7. 10.) than any carnal mirth. ¶ [7] By the seriousness of the heart, (manifested by the solemness of the Countenance) the lightness thereof is suppress'd, and it's made more intent upon spiritual things.

4 The heart of the wise *is* [8] in the house of mourning; but the [9] heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth.

[8] Exercised about sad and serious things, *Job* 3. 25. *Neh.* 2.2-5. *Psal.*137.6. ¶ [9] The thoughts and affections of the wicked, (who consider not their own good) is set upon carnal, sensual pleasures. A good Item for Frequenters of Play-houses.

5 [10] *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise, then for a man to hear the song of fools.

[10] It's wholsomer for the Soul, (*Psal.* 141.5. *Prov.* 17. 6.

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and 9.9. and 13.18. and 15.31,32. and 17.10.) patiently and obediently to receive a seasonable Reproof, than to attend unto the flatteries or jests of vain men, tending to stir up corruption.

† Heb. *sound.*

6 For as the † crackling of thorns under a pot, [11] so *is* the laughter of the fool: this also *is* vanity.

[11] *Job* 20.5. So slashy and unprofitable, (tho seemingly delightful) is the merriment of the wicked, who please others with their lewd, frothy Jests, or are pleased themselves with such things.

7 ¶ Surely oppression maketh a wise man [12] mad, and [13] a gift destroyeth the heart.

[12] *Deut* 28.34. Puts him upon irregular, extravagant actings; and provokes him to rage and indignation, who is least apt thereto. ¶ [13] *Exod.*23.8. *Deut.*16.19. A Bribe corrupts the Judgment, and perverts the Affections, even of the wise.

8 [14] Better *is* the end of a thing, then the [15] beginning thereof: *and* the [16] patient in spirit *is* better then the proud in spirit.

[14] *Luke* 16.-25. *Psal.* 126. 5,6. *Jam.*5.11. *Heb.*10.36,37. *Isa.*10.24,25. More to be regarded, (because it crowns the action.) ¶ [15] When men are apt to promise themselves a great deal more than they find. ¶ [16] *Prov.* 14. 29. and 16. 32.

9 [17] Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

[17] *Prov.*14.17. and 16. 32. *Jam.* 1.-19. *Jonah* 4. 9.

10 [18] Say not thou, What is *the cause* that the former days were [19] better then these? for [20] thou dost not enquire † wisely concerning this.

† Heb. *out of wisdom.*

[18] *Viz.* By way of impatient expostulation, and complaint against God. ¶ [19] More quiet and comfortable. ¶ [20] *q.d.* This question shews thy great folly in contending with thy Creator, and the Sovereign Lord of all things.

‖ Or, *as good as an inheritance, yea, better too.*

11 ¶ Wisdom *is* ‖ good with an [21] inheritance: and *by* [22] *it there is* profit to them that see the sun.

[21] Which gives a man advantage of doing more good, *Prov.*3.9. *Isa.*23.18. and 60.6,9. *Luke* 16.9. 1 *Tim.*6.16-19. ¶ [22] Wisdom attended with Wealth is more advantagious to men while they are in this World.

† Heb. *shadow.*

12 For wisdom *is* [23] a † defence, *and* money *is* [24] a defence: but the excellency of knowledge *is, that* wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

[23] By dwelling to means of security. ¶ [24] By procuring outward helps of safety. ¶ [25] The chief advantage that comes by true Piety joyn'd with civil Prudence, (and wherein it excels all wealth) is that it promotes spiritual comfort, and eternal happiness, *Prov.*3.16,18. and 9.11.

13 Consider the [26] word of God: for [27] who can make *that* straight which he hath made crooked?

[26] His wise, just and powerful disposal of all events in the world, (as another means to prevent murmuring, and procure content.) ¶ [27] *ch.* 1. 15. See there. No man can alter the course of Providence, how irregular soever it seems to him, or how contrary soever it be to his desire.

14 In the day of prosperity [28] be joyful, but in the day of adversity [29] consider: God also hath † [30] set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

† Heb. *made.*

[28] Thankfully acknowledge God's goodness, and enjoy the benefit of it. ¶ [29] 1 *King.*8.47. Consider the nature, author and ends of crosses, so as to make a right use of 'em, *Mic.*6.9. *Psal.* 119. 71. and 90. 12. *Isa.* 26. 11. and 42. 25. ¶ [30] Disperst 'em in such variety, that men might not be able to foresee future events.

15 [31] All *things* have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just *man* that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* that [32] prolongeth *his life* in his wickedness.

[31] I have observ'd and consider'd all sorts of events during my vain and short life, and have found that this is the lot of the godly in this state to suffer the loss of all outward enjoyments, tho he be guiltless and innocent, as *Job* 21.23. The wicked enjoys a constant prosperity, notwithstanding his wickedness.

16 Be not [33] righteous overmuch; neither [34] make thy self over wise: why shouldest thou † [35] destroy thy self?

† Heb. *be desolate.*

[33] Needlessly scrupulous, or rashly zealous, so as to drive things to an extremity, above the Rule of the Word. ¶ [34] *Prov.*3.7. *Rom.*12.3. ¶ [35] Bring needless troubles upon thy self thereby.

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17 [36] Be not overmuch wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou [37] die † before thy time?

† Heb. *not in thy time.*

[36] Encourage not thy self to continue in wickedness, tho some escape, *v.*15. ¶ [37] Provoke God to cut thee off before that time, which, according to the course of nature, thou mightest have arrived at, *Job* 15. 32,33. *Psal.* 55. 23. *Prov.*10.27. *Isa.*38.5.

18 *It is* good that thou shouldest [38] take hold of this, yea also from this [39] withdraw not thine hand: for he that [40] feareth God, shall come forth of them all.

[38] Embrace by Faith, Affection and Meditation, the foregoing Counsel. ¶ [39] Hold it fast, without declining from it. ¶ [40] *viz.* In truth, keeping the direct way of his precepts, shall escape all these extreams, and the evil consequences thereof.

19 [41] Wisdom [42] strengtheneth the wise, more then [42] ten mighty *men* which are in the city.

[41] *Ch.*9. 16,18. *Prov.* 21. 22. and 24. 5. *viz.* In avoiding extreams. ¶ [42] Supports in, and secures from troubles and dangers, more than all outward helps.

20 [43] For *there is* not a just man upon earth that doeth good, and sinneth not.

[43] 1 *King.*8. 46. 2 *Chron.* 6. 36. *Prov.* 20. 9. 1 *John* 1. 8. *q. d.* Wisdom secures very much; tho after all, the best are liable to many failings.

21 [44] Also † [45] take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear [46] thy servant curse thee.

† Heb. *give not thine heart.*

[44] *q. d.* Shew thy wisdom in reference to other mens failings as well as thine own. ¶ [45] Listen not to, or be not provok'd by 'em. ¶ [46] Any inferiour, slight, speak evil of, or wish evil to thee.

22 [47] For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thy self likewise hast cursed others.

[47] We should readily pardon those faults in others, which we have been guilty of our selves, *Gal.*6.1.

23 ¶ [48] All this have I proved by wisdom: [49] I said, I will be wise, but it *was* far from me.

[48] All the foregoing particulars have I found true, by that singular Wisdom which God hath given me. ¶ [49] I pleas'd my self with hopes of attaining perfect Wisdom, but I found my self greatly disappointed; and the more I knew, the more I saw my own folly and misery.

24 [50] That which is far off, and [51] exceeding deep, who can find it out?

[50] *Job* 28.12,20. *Rom.*11.33. *q.d.* Tho Wisdom may judge of things present, yet things future are out of its reach. ¶ [51] As also things profound and mysterious, *Psal.* 36. 6. *Isa.*45.15.

25 † I applied mine heart to [52] know, and to [53] search, and to [54] seek out wisdom, and the reason *of things*, and to know [55] the wickedness of folly, [56] even of foolishness *and* madness:

† Heb. *I and my heart compassed.*

[52] To make a most exquisite and curious search, (notwithstanding the difficulty, *v.* 24.) both of God's various Providences, and of men's different counsels and courses. ¶ [53] The desperate wickedness of a corrupt heart, and the great evil of sin.

26 And I find more bitter then death the woman [54] whose heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her [55] hands *as* bands: † [56] whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her, but the sinner shall be taken by her.

† Heb. *He that is good before God.*

[54] *Prov.* 22. 14. By whose subtil enticements men are easily entangled. ¶ [55] Wherewith she holds them as in cruel Bondage, so that they have neither Power nor Will to forsake her. ¶ [56] Nothing but true Piety will secure from these Temptations.

27 Behold, [57] this have I found (saith [58] the preacher) ‖ [59] *counting* one by one, to find out the ‖ account:

‖ Or, *weighing one thing after another.*

[57] That follows. ¶ [58] He who has been entangled by these temptations, but now repents thereof. See on *ch.* 1. 2. ¶ [59] Making a most exact enquiry to come to the perfect knowledge of this point.

‖ Or, *reason.*

28 [60] Which

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28 [60] Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: [61] one man among a thousand have I found, but [62] a woman among all [63] those have I not found.

[60] *q. d.* And notwithstanding all my endeavours, yet I can't satisfie my self in all circumstances thereof. ¶ [61] One that deserves that names. *viz.* A wise and vertuous man. ¶ [62] *viz.* That is free from the crafty intrigues and subtil fetches of that Sex. ¶ [63] *viz.* Which I convers'd with.

29 Lo, [64] this only have I found, that God hath [65] made man upright; but [66] they have sought out many inventions.

[64] This great and useful Truth I am clear in. ¶ [65] *Gen.* 1.27. Created him every way fit, dispos'd and able to, and for the obedience he requir'd of him. ¶ [66] Not only our first Parents, but all their Posterity in them, by suggestion of the Devil, sought out new ways of making themselves more wise and happy than God had made them.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Kings are greatly to be respected.* 6 *The divine providence is to be observed.* 12 *It is better with the godly in adversity, then with the wicked in prosperity.* 16 *The work of God is unsearchable.*

1 [1] WHo *is* as the wise *man?* and [2] who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? * a mans wisdom [3] maketh his face to shine, and the † [4] boldness of his face shall be changed.

* See Act. 6. 15.

† Heb. *strength*

[1] *q. d.* Few or none are truly wise. ¶ [2] Few understand the reasons of things, and can rightly expound the Word, or Works of God. ¶ [3] *Prov.* 4.9. and 17.24. Is an excellent Ornament, and makes him honourable. ¶ [4] The fierceness and haughtiness of his disposition shall be changed into modesty, meekness and gentleness.

2 I *counsel thee* to keep the kings commandment, and, *that* in regard of the [5] oath of God.

[5] The Oath of Allegiance to the King taken in the name of God, 2 *King.* 11.17.

3 Be not hasty [6] to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing, for he [7] doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

[6] *Ch.* 10.4. To withdraw thy self from his Service, and obedience to his Commands; through passion, discontent, or the like; but behave thy self submissively to him. ¶ [7] He is of such power, that it's ill contending with him.

4 Where the word of a king *is*, *there is* [8] power: and [9] who may say unto him, What doest thou?

[8] *Viz.* To make his Commands obeyed. ¶ [9] He has so much power for the execution of Justice, that none may oppose him therein, without apparent hazard of mischief. ¶ [10] Prudently complies with the Kings pleasure in a lawful way, shall avoid the danger which otherwise he'll incur.

5 Whoso [10] keepeth the commandment shall † feel no evil thing: and a wise mans heart discerneth both [11] time and [12] judgment.

† Heb. *know.*

[11] The fittest season of dealing with him. ¶ [12] How to govern himself with discretion therein.

6 ¶ Because to every purpose there is [13] time, and [14] judgment; therefore the [15] misery of man *is* great upon him.

[13] A fit season for the dispatch of it. ¶ [14] Discretion to be used in the management thereof. ¶ [15] *Luke* 19.42, 44. He is involved in many difficulties, and exposed to many dangers, either through his ignorance or neglect of, or mistake about the due season of business.

7 For * he [16] knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him ‖ when it shall be?

* Prov. 24.22. & 9.12. & 10. 14.

‖ Or, *how.*

[16] *Ch.* 6.12. Men are generally ignorant of future events, both of the thing and time, and therefore subject to many perplexities.

8 *There is* no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no ‖ discharge in *that* [17] war, neither shall [18] wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

‖ Or, *casting off weapons.*

[17] Fatal conflict between Life and death. ¶ [18] Any unlawful means, (which persons in danger sometimes betake themselves to.)

9 [19] All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: *there is* a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own [20] hurt.

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[19] The things formerly mentioned. ¶ [20] *ch.* 5.13. *viz.* When he contracts Guilt by oppression, and other sins incident to Rulers.

10 And so I saw the [21] wicked buried, who had [23] come and [22] gone from the place of the Holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: [23] this *is* also vanity.

[21] Wicked Rulers at last brought to the end of their Power and Dignity. ¶ [22] Administred Justice on the throne of Judgment, (which is God's.) ¶ [23] This worldly power and dignity has no real worth in it.

11 Because [24] sentence *against* an evil work is not executed speedily; therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

[24] *Psal.* 50.21. *Isa.* 26.10. and 57.-11. *Jer.* 48.11. Punishment.

12 ¶ Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and [25] *his* days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be [26] well with them that fear God, which fear [27] before him:

[25] His punishment be deferr'd for a season. ¶ [26] *Psal.* 37. 11, 18, 19. *Prov.* 1.32, 33. *Isa.* 3.10, 11. ¶ [27] In truth and sincerity.

13 But it shall [28] not be well with the wicked, neither shall he [29] prolong *his* days *which are* [30] as a shadow; because he feareth not [27] before God.

[28] Very ill. ¶ [29] Enjoy the true comfort of life, so that a long life shall do him no good. ¶ [30] *Job* 14.2.

14 There is a vanity which [31] is done upon the earth, that * there be just *men* unto [32] whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked: again, there be *wicked men* [33] to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said, that this also *is* vanity.

* Ch. 7.15.

[31] Often comes to pass here. ¶ [32] Who meet with those Reproaches, Oppressions, *&c.* which the wicked deserve, *Psal.* 73.14. ¶ [33] Who meet with that kind usage, which it might be expected the righteous should have, *Mal.* 3.15.

15 [34] Then I commended [35] mirth, because a man hath [36] no better thing under the sun, then to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for [37] that shall abide with him of his labour, the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

[34] Thereupon. ¶ [35] *ch.* 3.22. and 5.18. and 9.7. Content and delight in a man's Estate. ¶ [36] See on *ch.* 2.24. ¶ [37] This is all the reward he gets by his labor.

16 ¶ [38] When I applied mine heart to know [39] wisdom, and to [40] see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also [41] *there is that* neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes)

[38] A conclusion of the former Discourse, shewing the unsearchableness of Divine Providence; (and therefore we should not disquiet our thoughts about it.) ¶ [39] The Reasons, Ends, and meaning of the forementioned Dispensations. ¶ [40] To get a clear and satisfying account of all affairs in the world. ¶ [41] Some are wholly and restlesly busied about earthly things.

17 Then I beheld all the work of [42] God, that a man [43] cannot find out the [44] work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find *it*; yea further, though a wise *man* think to know *it*, yet shall he not be able [45] to find *it*.

[42] Of his Providence in the government of the World. ¶ [43] *ch.* 3.11. and 11.5. *Job* 5.9. *Rom.* 11.33. ¶ [44] The depth of such dispensations. ¶ [45] *viz.* Fully and comprehensively; (and therefore we must adore the depths of God's wisdom, and acquiesce in his disposal.)

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CHAP. IX.

1 Like things happen to good and bad. 4 There is a neceſſity of death unto men. 7 Comfort is all their portion in this life. 11 Gods providence ruleth over all. 13 Wiſdom is better then ſtrength.

† Heb. *I gave, or ſet to my heart.*

FOr [1] all this †I conſidered in my heart even to declare all this, that the [2] righteous, and the [2] wiſe, and their [2] works *are* in the hand of God: no man knoweth either [3] love, or [3] hatred, *by* all *that is* before them.

[1] The following particulars. Here he proves the unſearchableneſs of God's Works, (*ch.*8.17.) becauſe no man knows, *&c.* ¶ [2] Both the perſons and concerns of good men are more eſpecially under the conduct of God's Providence. ¶ [3] Whether he be a child of God, or his enemy, either by proſperity or adverſity.

2 [4] All *things come* alike to all, [5] *there is* one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that [6] ſacrificeth, and to him that ſacrificeth not: as *is* the good, ſo *is* the ſinner; *and* he that ſweareth, as *he* that feareth an oath.

[4] *Pſal.*73.3,12,13. *Mal.* 3. 15. All outward things in the ordinary courſe of Providence. ¶ [5] The ſame things happen promiſcuouſly to all ſorts. ¶ [6] Conſcientiouſly performs, or profanely neglects the worſhip of God.

3 This *is* [7] an evil among all *things* that are done under the ſun, that *there is* one event unto all: yea, alſo the heart of the ſons of men is [8] full of evil, and [9] madneſs *is* in their heart while they live, and after that, *they* [10] *go* to the dead.

[7] One of the moſt grievous things to behold, and a great temptation. ¶ [8] Upon occaſion hereof they let looſe the reins to all kind of wickedneſs. ¶ [9] Deſperate and unreaſonable wickedneſs. ¶ [10] Die in the ſame manner as the beſt men do.

4 ¶ For to him that is [11] joyned to all the living, there is hope: for [12] a living dog is better then a dead lion.

[11] Continues in the ſtate of life there is Ground of hope that he may recover out of his ſad condition and live happily, *Zech.*9.10. ¶ [12] *i.e.* The baſeſt perſon whiles he is alive, is in a more hopeful condition than the beſt when he is dead.

5 For the living [13] know that they ſhall die: but the dead [13] know not any thing, neither have they any more a [14] reward; for * the [15] memory of them is forgotten.

* Job 7.8,9,10 Iſa.26. 14.

[13] Are in a capacity of conſidering and improving the thoughts of death, which the dead are not. ¶ [14] Any benefit by their labors. ¶ [15] *ch.*8.10. *Job* 14.10. *Iſa.*26.-14.

6 Alſo their [16] love, and their [16] hatred, and their [16] envy is now [17] periſhed; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the ſun.

[16] They are not at all affected with the things of this world, but wholly unconcern'd.

7 ¶ [18] Go thy way, [19] eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now [20] accepteth thy works.

[18] *q.d.* Since matters are ſo, take theſe following directions. ¶ [19] *ch.*8.15. Uſe chearfully what thou haſt, avoiding all diſtracting cares and grief for the occurrences of this world. ¶ [20] Its pleaſing to him thou ſhouldſt do ſo.

8 [21] Let thy garments be always [21] white; and [22] let thy head lack no ointment.

[21] *Eſt.*8.15. Show thy inward chearfulneſs by thy outward carriage. ¶ [22] Deny thy ſelf no lawful enjoyment, which may tend to thy comfort.

† Heb. *See*, or *Enjoy life.*

9 † [23] Live joyfully with the wife whom thou loveſt, all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the ſun, all the days of thy vanity: for [24] that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labour which thou takeſt under the ſun.

[23] *Prov.*5.19. *Gen.*26.-8. ¶ [24] This comfortable living is all that the world can afford thee. See on *ch.*5.18.

10 [25] Whatſoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor [26] device, nor knowledge, nor [27] wiſdom in the grave whither thou goeſt. Chap. 10.

[25] Upon the former conſiderations. Be alſo induſtrious, both in ſpiritual and temporal affairs, whiles thou art in a capacity. ¶ [26] Contrivance. ¶ [27] Prudence to order any affair.

11 ¶ I returned, and ſaw under the ſun, that the [28] race *is* not to the ſwift, nor [29] the battel to the ſtrong, neither yet [30] bread to the wiſe, nor yet riches to men [31] of underſtanding, nor yet favour to men [32] of ſkill, but [33] time and [33] chance happeneth to them all.

[28] The ſwifteſt are not ſure to get the prize. ¶ [29] *Pſal.* 33.16,17. ¶ [30] A livelihood is not always to be gotten by prudent management of affairs. ¶ [31] Of the deepeſt reach. ¶ [32] Of inſinuating ſubtilty. Theſe things are often enjoyed by men that are no way ſo qualified, *Am.* 2. 14–16. ¶ [33] In all theſe caſes God gives ſuch an iſſue as he ſees fit, at certain times prefix'd by himſelf, and in ſuch an unexpected manner as ſeems to be matter of meer chance in reſpect of natural cauſes.

12 For * [34] man alſo knoweth not his [35] time, as the fiſhes that are taken in an [36] evil net, and as the birds *that are* caught in the ſnare; ſo *are* the ſons of men [37] ſnared in an evil time, when it falleth ſuddenly upon them. * Chap. 8. 7.

[34] *q.d.* And tho Man has more knowledge than other creatures, yet, as to future events, he is ignorant as well as they. ¶ [35] The time to come, and the croſs accidents thereof. ¶ [36] Deſtructive to 'em. ¶ [37] *Prov.* 29. 6. *Luke* 12. 20. Entangled and diſappointed in their enterpriſes, when they never dream't of it.

13 ¶ [38] This wiſdom have I ſeen alſo under the ſun, and it *ſeemed* [39] great unto me:

[38] The following benefit of Wiſdom. ¶ [39] Very valuable.

14 [40] *There was* a little city, and few men within it, and there came a great king againſt it, and beſieged it, and built great bulwarks againſt it:

[40] A Parable, ſhewing the advantage of Wiſdom above Strength, *v.*16.

15 Now there was found in it a poor wiſe man, and he by his wiſdom [41] delivered the city; yet no man remembred that ſame poor man. [41] 2 *Sam.* 10, 16–22.

16 Then ſaid I, [42] Wiſdom *is* [42] better then ſtrength: nevertheleſs, the poor mans wiſdom *is* [43] deſpiſed, and his words are not heard.

[42] *Ch.*7.19. *Prov.*21.22. and 24.5. ¶ [43] Becauſe he is not ſet out with that outward Splendor, which the Vulgar ſo much admire.

17 The words of [44] wiſe *men are* [45] heard in quiet, more then the [46] cry of him that ruleth among fools.

[44] Tho poor and mean. ¶ [45] Seriouſly regarded by thoſe that are wiſe, tho delivered without Oſtentation. ¶ [46] The clamorous, impertinent Diſcourſes of thoſe that are admired and adored by ſuch as regard more the pomp of words, than the ſubſtance of matter.

18 Wiſdom *is* better then weapons of war: but [47] one ſinner deſtroyeth much good:

¶ [47] One fooliſh wicked man mars that by his raſh, unadviſed Counſels and Actions, which otherwiſe might have ſucceeded proſperouſly.

CHAP. X.

1 Obſervations of wiſdom and folly. 16 Of riot, 18 ſlothfulneſs, 19 and money. 20 Mens thoughts of kings ought to be reverent.

† Heb. *Flies of death.*

† DEad flies cauſe the ointment of the apothecary to ſend forth a ſtinking ſavour: *ſo doth* a little folly him that *is* in reputation for wiſdom *and* honour.

2 A wiſe mans [1] heart *is* at his right hand; but a fools heart *is* [2] at his left.

[1] His Underſtanding and inward Abilities are always in readineſs to direct him. ¶ [2] He is unhandy in all he does, and knows not how to manage Affairs.

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† Heb. *heart.*

3 Yea also when he that is a fool [3] walketh by the way, his † wisdom faileth *him*, and he [4] saith to every one *that* he *is* a fool.

[3] Is imploy'd in any the most ordinary business. ¶ [4] Plainly discovers his folly to all, *Prov.* 12.23. and 13.16. and 18. 2.

4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, [5] leave not thy place; for [6] yielding pacifieth great offences.

[5] Discover not thou any Passion, either in thy carriage, or hasty withdrawing, *ch.* 8.3. ¶ [6] A submissive meek deportment appeases wrath conceived for great offences.

5 There is [7] an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as [8] an errour *which* proceedeth † from the ruler.

† Heb. *from before.*

[7] Another observable evil. ¶ [8] A miscarriage in his Government, proceeding from unadvisedness.

† Heb. *heights.*

6 [10] Folly is set in great † dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

[10] Base and unworthy persons are advanc'd, when those that are richly furnish'd with excellent Endowments of Mind are slighted.

* Prov. 19.10. & 30. 22.

7 I have seen [12] servants * upon horses, and [13] princes walking as servants upon the earth.

[12] Men of a servile and ignoble condition and spirit. ¶ [13] Men of Princely excellencies, and worth.

8 He that [14] diggeth a pit, shall fall into it; and whoso [15] breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

[14] *Prov.* 26.27. Endeavours to ensnare, or mischief another, shall perish by his own wickedness, *Psal.* 7.15, 16. See there. ¶ [15] Passes his due bounds to wrong another, shall meet with unexpected evils.

9 Whoso [16] removeth stones, shall be hurt therewith: *and* he that [17] cleaveth wood, shall be endangered thereby.

[16] *Prov.* 26.27. Rashly attempts things too high and hard for him. ¶ [17] Deals with men of knotty, stubborn tempers.

10 [20] If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom *is* profitable to [21] direct.

[20] If a man does not use apt and fit means for any work, it will cost him so much the more labour and pains. ¶ [21] Both in the choice and use of means.

† Heb. *the master of the tongue.*

11 Surely, the serpent will bite [22] without enchantment, and † [23] a babbler is no better.

[22] *Jer.* 8.17. If he be not charmed to prevent it, *Psal.* 58.5. ¶ [23] A rash, talkative person may do much mischief, unless it be wisely prevented.

† Heb. *grace.*

12 The words of a wise mans mouth *are* † [24] gracious: but the [25] lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

[24] *Prov.* 10. 32. and 12. 13. Such as procure favour. ¶ [25] *Prov.* 10.14. and 18.7. His foolish, sinful talk will, like a Whirl-pool, suddenly and irrecoverably ruine him.

† Heb. *mouth.*

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness: and the end of his † talk *is* mischievous madness.

* Prov. 15.2.

† Heb. *multiplieth words.*

* Chap. 3.22. & 6.12. & 8.7.

14 * A fool also † is full of words: * a man cannot tell [26] what shall be; and [27] what shall be after him, who can tell him?

[26] What he'll say next, (because his talk is so incoherent.) ¶ [27] What mischief his foolish talk may produce.

15 [28] The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because [29] he knoweth not how to go to the city.

[28] They find every work tedious and tiresome. ¶ [29] He wants prudence to manage the most ordinary business, v. 3.

16 ¶ [30] Woe to thee, O land, when thy king *is* a [31] child, and thy princes [32] eat in the morning.

[30] *Isa.* 3.3, 4, 5, 12. and 5.11. ¶ [31] 1 *Cor.* 14. 20. Ignorant, wilful, unexperienc'd, *&c.* ¶ [32] Mind their Pleasures, when they should be employ'd about their business, *Jer.* 22.12.

17 Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the [33] son of nobles, and thy * princes eat in due season, [34] for strength and not for drunkenness.

* Prov. 31.4.

[33] Of a noble and worthy Disposition and Endowments.

¶ [34] To fit 'em for their work, and enable 'em to service, and not merely to satisfie an inordinate Appetite.

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[35] All matters go to ruine.

18 ¶ By much slothfulness [35] the building decayeth, and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

† Heb. *maketh glad the life.*

19 ¶ A feast is made [36] for laughter, and wine, † maketh [37] merry: but [38] money answereth all *things.*

[36] Brings nothing but a little momentany pleasure. ¶ [37] *Psal.* 104.15. That is all the fruit that can be expected by it, (which yet is as nothing, *ch.* 2.2.) ¶ [38] A comfortable, plentiful Estate procures all worldly advantages, (therefore be frugal, and spend not all in Luxury and Rioting.)

* Acts 23.5.

‖ Or, *Conscience.*

20 ¶ * [39] Curse not the king, [40] no not in thy ‖ thought, and curse not the [41] rich in [42] thy bed-chamber: for a [43] bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

[39] *Exod.* 22.28. Neither despise, reproch, nor wish evil to. ¶ [40] Stifle the first risings of these Corruptions, which otherwise thou'lt be apt to discover e're thou art aware. ¶ [41] Such who by their Estate or Power, are able to do thee considerable good or hurt. ¶ [42] In the most secret manner, among thy greatest Confidents. ¶ [43] It may be discover'd as strangely and suddenly, as if a Bird flying by, had overheard thee, and told of it.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Directions for charity.* 7 *Death in life,* 9 *and the day of judgment in the days of youth are to be thought on.*

† Heb. *face of the waters.*

1 CAst thy bread * upon the † waters: for [2] thou shalt find it after many days.

* See Isa. 32.20.

[1] Bestow all necessaries for the support of life, upon such as are unable to requite thee, so that it may seem to be quite lost, (as Seed cast into the Sea.) ¶ [2] Thou shalt certainly be rewarded some time or other; either in this world or the next, *Deut.* 15.10. *Prov.* 19.17. *Luke* 14.14. 2 *Cor.* 9.6--10.

2 Give a portion to [3] seven, and also [3] to eight; for [4] thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

[3] To all in want, (according to thy Ability, *Psal.* 112. 5, *Gal.* 6.10. *Luke* 6.30.) ¶ [4] (And therefore lose not the opportunity of doing good whiles thou hast it; and also provide against evil times by being charitable, for God has a special care of such at such times, *Psal.* 41.1, 2. *Dan.* 4.27.)

3 If the clouds be full of rain, [5] they empty *themselves* upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the [6] south, or toward the [6] north; in the place where the tree falleth, [6] there it shall be.

[5] So, God bestows plenty upon us, not to hoard it up, but to do good to others with it. ¶ [6] So, wherever our Charity is bestowed, whether they deserve it or not, we shall surely find it with comfort and recompence, if it be done in sincerity.

4 [7] He that observeth the wind, shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds, shall not reap.

[7] So he that withholds his Charity 'till every Objection can be answered, will never bestow it.

* John 3.8.

* Psal. 139.14, 15.

5 As * thou knowest not what *is* the [8] way of the spirit, * *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the [9] works of God who maketh all.

[8] The manner of the Introduction, and the Operations of the Soul. ¶ [9] How he may deal with thee, or thy Estate, (therefore omit no opportunity of doing good, *v.* 6.)

† Heb. *bright.*

6 In the [10] morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for [11] thou knowest not whether shall † prosper, either this or that, or whether they both *shall be* alike good.

[10] Omit no opportunity of doing or receiving good, 2 *Tim.* 4.2. ¶ [11] *q. d.* When thou hast done thy duty, then depend upon God for the success.

7 ¶ Truly the [12] light *is* sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun.

[12] Life, and the Comforts of it, (*Job* 33. 28, 30.) are desirable, (yet not perpetual, (*v.* 8.)

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8 But if a man live many years, *and* rejoyce in them all; yet let him [13] remember the days of darkneſs, for they ſhall be many. [14] All that cometh *is* vanity.

[13] Prepare for Death, (elſe all his worldly comforts will do him no good.) ¶ [14] *q. d.* Life, and all its Enjoyments are tranſitory, (and therefore pleaſe not thy ſelf over much in them, but ſeek for ſomething more laſting and ſatisfactory.)

9 ¶ [15] Rejoyce, O [16] young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of [17] thy heart, and in the [18] ſight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all theſe *things* God will bring thee into judgment.

[15] *q. d.* Take thy full ſwinge of pleaſure, if thou think'ſt good. ¶ [16] (Who are commonly moſt eager after Pleaſures, *v.* 10.) ¶ [17] To which thy corrupt Affections lead thee. ¶ [18] Thoſe courſes which ſeem right to thy corrupt Imagination.

‖ Or, *anger.*

10 Therefore [19] remove ‖ ſorrow from thy heart, and [20] put away evil from thy fleſh; for [21] childhood and youth *are* vanity.

[19] Prevent that Perplexity which will be the certain iſſue of indulging thy ſelf in Carnal Liberty. ¶ [20] Take care to prevent that Miſery that will come upon thee by ſo doing. ¶ [21] All the pleaſures thereof are empty and of no worth, (and therefore not to be purſued to the endangering of thy Eternal welfare.)

CHAP. XII.

1 *The Creatour is to be remembred in due time.* 8 *The preachers care to edifie.* 13 *The fear of God is the chief antidote of vanity.*

[1] REmember [2] now thy Creatour in the days of thy [3] youth, while the [4] evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, *[5] when thou ſhalt ſay, I have no pleaſure in them;

* See 2 Sam. 19.35.

[1] *Prov.* 22.6. Get the ſound knowledge of God, and be mindful of him, ſo as to love and ſerve him. ¶ [2] Preſently without delay, *Joh* 22.21. (ſeeing matters are ſo as *ch.* 11.9.) ¶ [3] 2 *Chron.* 34.2,3. (As green Ears were to be offer'd, *Lev.* 2, 14.) inſtead of following youthful Pleaſures, *ch.* 11. 9. ¶ [4] Old age; which is uſually attended with manifold Evils. ¶ [5] When inſtead of Joy, thou ſhalt meet with many ſorrows, (and therefore 'tis a fooliſh thing to defer providing for thy Soul till then.)

2 [6] While the [6] ſun, or the [6] light, or the [6] moon, or the [5] ſtars be not darkened, nor the [7] clouds return after the rain:

[6] Before the Comforts of Life, which are moſt affecting in Youth and Middle Age, be impair'd and decay'd by the dulneſs of the Senſes, and their incapacity to receive impreſſions from 'em. ¶ [7] The Infirmities of Old Age ariſe ſucceſſively one after another.

3 In the day when the [8] keepers of the houſe ſhall tremble, and the [9] ſtrong men ſhall bowe themſelves, and the [10] grinders ‖ ceaſe, becauſe they are few, and thoſe that [11] look out of the windows be darkened,

‖ Or, *fail, becauſe they* grind little.

[8] The Arms and Hands grow feeble. ¶ [9] The Back and Shoulders ſtoop, the Legs and Thighs buckle. ¶ [10] The great Teeth are moſt of 'em loſt. ¶ [11] The eyes grow dim.

4 And the [12] doors ſhall be ſhut in the ſtreets, [13] when the ſound of the grinding is low, and he ſhall [14] riſe up at the voice of the bird, and all the [15] daughters of muſick ſhall be brought low;

[12] The Lips ſeldom open'd to eat or talk. ¶ [13] Becauſe the Teeth are looſe or few. ¶ [14] Be eaſily awakened with every little noiſe. ¶ [15] The Lungs, and other Organs of ſinging, grow weak, and the Ears incapable of the delight of Muſick, 2 *Sam.* 19.35.

5 Alſo *when* they ſhall be afraid of [16] *that which* is high, and fears *ſhall be* [17] in the way, and the [18] almond-tree ſhall flouriſh, and the [19] graſhopper ſhall be a burden and [20] deſire ſhall fail: becauſe man [21] goeth to his long home, and * the [22] mourners go about the ſtreets:

[16] Going up any high place. ¶ [17] Leſt when they are walking ſome miſchief ſhould befal 'em. ¶ [18] The Head grow white, (like the Almond-tree, when it bloſſoms.) ¶ [19] The lighteſt weight become troubleſom. ¶ [20] There ſhall be no inclination to, nor delight in, former pleaſures. ¶ [21] Draws nigh to the Grave, where the Body ſhall reſt till the Reſurrection, *Job* 30.23. [22] His Friends accompany his Corps to the Grave.

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6 Or ever the [23] ſilver cord be looſed, or the [24] golden bowl be broken, or the [25] pitcher be [26] broken at the [26] fountain, or the [27] wheel [28] broken at the [29] ciſtern.

[23] The Pith of the Back, and the Nerves be weakned. ¶ [24] The Brain, or Skin in which it is contain'd, (which is of a golden Colour, and of excellent uſe) be rendred unfit for uſe. ¶ [25] Such Veſſels as convey Vital Supplies into the ſeveral parts of the Body; as the Veins and Arteries; eſpecially the Arterious Vein by which the Blood is conveyed to the Lungs, and thence to the left Ventricle of the Heart, and then by the Pulſe thruſt out into the great Artery, called *Arteria Aorta*, and by it's Branches diſpers'd into all the parts of the Body: which being done, the reſidue of the blood is carried back into the right Ventricle, whence it is diſpos'd as has been now mention'd, and ſo runs a perpetual Round. ¶ [26] The right Ventricle of the Heart, which is the Spring of Life, and of the Vital Spirits. ¶ [27] The great Artery which is joyn'd to the left Ventricle of the Heart, which is the firſt and great Inſtrument of this Circulation of the Blood; and by its Pulſe ſends out the Blood into all the parts of the Body; from whence by various windings and turnings it returns thither again; and ſo in a round, as long as life and health continue. ¶ [28] Diſabled from doing its Office, when the Courſe of the Blood ſtops, and the Pulſe ceaſes. ¶ [29] The left Ventricle of the Heart.

7 Then ſhall the [30] duſt return to the earth [31] as it was: and the [32] ſpirit ſhall return unto [33] God who [34] gave it.

[30] The Body (*Gen.* 18.27. *Job* 4. 19. and 30. 19.) be laid in the Grave, *Pſal.* 146.4. ¶ [31] Whence it was taken, *Gen.* 2.7. ¶ [32] The Soul, *Pſal.* 31.5. ¶ [33] *Viz.* To be judged, *Hebr.* 9.27. ¶ [34] *Gen.* 2.7. *Numb.* 16.22. and 27.16. *Job* 34.14. *Iſa.* 57.16. *Zech.* 12.1. *Hebr.* 12.9.

8 ¶ [35] Vanity of vanities, ſaith the preacher; all *is* vanity.

[35] Having fully proved the truth of this Point, he concludes as he began, *ch.* 1.2. See there.

9 And ‖ moreover, becauſe the [36] preacher was [37] wiſe, he ſtill taught the people knowledge; yea, he [38] gave good heed, and ſought out, *and* [39] ſet in order many proverbs.

‖ Or, *the more wiſe the preacher was,* &c.

[36] See on *ch.* 1.2. ¶ [37] Gracious, and deſirous to do good. ¶ [38] Seriouſly ponder'd both Matter and Words. ¶ [39] Selected many choice and excellent Sayings for Inſtruction in Piety and Prudence, 1 *Kings* 4.32.

10 The [36] preacher ſought to find out † acceptable words, and *that which was* written *was* [40] upright, *even* words of truth.

† Heb. *words of delight.*

[40] Written in ſincerity; and agreeable to the mind and will of God.

11 The words of the [41] wiſe *are* as [42] goads, and as [43] nails faſtened *by* the [44] maſters of aſſemblies, *which* are given from [45] one ſhepherd.

[41] Prophets and other Teachers, who were holy men of God. ¶ [42] To quicken Affection, and ſtir up Attention. ¶ [43] Which make powerful and abiding Impreſſions on the hearts of the Hearers, and ſo ſettle and eſtabliſh 'em in the Truth. ¶ [44] Preachers, (who guide and inſtruct their Congregations.) ¶ [45] Jeſus Chriſt, by whom all lawful Miniſters are commiſſioned, and whoſe words alone they are to teach, 1 *Pet.* 5.4. *Matth.* 28.20.

12 And further, by [46] theſe, [47] my ſon, be admoniſhed: [48] of making many books *there is* no end, and * [49] much ‖ ſtudy *is* a wearineſs of the fleſh.

* Chap. 1.18.
‖ Or, *reading.*

[46] Theſe wiſe Men, and their Words, and Writings. ¶ [47] See on *Prov.* 1.8. ¶ [48] *q. d.* I could eaſily write large Volumes of theſe Matters: but that's needleſs; ſeeing things neceſſary lye in a narrow compaſs, *v.* 13. ¶ [49] A man may tire himſelf, and waſte his ſtrength and ſpirits in the ſearch of Natural Knowledge, but never arrive at full ſatisfaction.

13 ¶ ‖ [50] Let us hear the concluſion of the whole matter, [51] Fear [52] God, and [53] keep his commandments: for [54] this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

‖ Or, *the end of the matter,* even *all that hath been heard,* is.

* Let us mind this as our main Buſineſs, and that which may

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may be rationally gather'd from what has been deliver'd. ¶ [15] *Deut.*6.2. and 10.12. ¶ [16] To whom all thy Service is due, and in whom all thy Bleſſedneſs conſiſts. ¶ [17] 1 *Joh.* 3.22,23. *John* 6.28,29. ¶ [18] This is that wherein his whole Concernment lies, and which includes all he has to do in order to happineſs, *Deut.*10,12,13.

14 For God ſhall bring every work into [15] judgment, with every [16] ſecret thing, [17] whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

[17] *Rom.*14.10. 2 *Cor.*5.10. ¶ [16] *Matth.*12.36. *Luke* 12.2. 1 *Cor.*4.5. *Rom.*2.16. ¶ [17] *Matth.*25.31. *John* 5.29. *Acts* 17. 30,31. 2 *Cor.*5.10.

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The Song of Solomon.

The ARGUMENT.

THis Book is written in form of a Diſcourſe between ſeveral Parties; chiefly the Bridegroom and the Bride. It is wholly Myſtical or Allegorical, repreſenting the Spiritual Love, Entercourſe and Communion that is between God or Chriſt and believing Souls, in their various Conditions in this World: of which Souls he ſpeaks ſometimes in general, as one Body or Perſon; ſometimes in particular, as if he ſpake to every ſingle Member of the Church.

CHAP. I.

1 The churches love unto Chriſt. 5 She confeſſeth her deformity, 7 and prayeth to be directed to his flock. 8 Chriſt directeth her to the ſhepherds tents: 9 and ſhewing his love to her, 11 giveth her gracious promiſes. 12 The church and Chriſt congratulate one another.

THe [1] ſong of ſongs, which *is* [2] Solomons.

[1] A moſt divine and excellent Song, for ſubject, ſtyle and comprehenſiveneſs. ¶ [2] Penn'd by him by Divine Inſpiration, and concerning him, as a Type of Chriſt. But he gives himſelf no Title here, (as in his other Books) to ſhew that he had no title to Chriſt's love, as a King; for every good Subject of his had as much title to him as he.

2 [3] Let [4] him [5] kiſs me with the kiſſes of his
† Heb. *loves.* [5] mouth: for thy [6] † love *is* better then wine.

[3] The CHURCH begins. ¶ [4] Chriſt, (whom I have been meditating upon, and ſo much deſire.) ¶ [5] Senſibly manifeſt his love to me in all the moſt loving, familiar, frequent Diſcoveries of it, communicated by his Word. It may be a wiſh for Chriſt's firſt coming, (as ſhe cloſes with another for his ſecond coming, *ch.* 8. 14.) to diſcover his love more clearly to her in the Goſpel, by himſelf in the fleſh, and his Apoſtles, *&c.* ¶ [6] *ch.* 4.10. The manifeſtations of thy love are more ſweet, pleaſant and profitable than the choiceſt of all ſenſual Delights.

3 Becauſe of the [7] ſavour of thy good ointments, thy [8] name *is as* ointment [8] poured forth, therefore do the [9] virgins love thee.

[7] The ſpiritual ſenſe of thy Love, and communication of thy Gifts and Graces as Mediator. ¶ [8] Every thing whereby thou mak'ſt thy ſelf known; as thy Offers, and Promiſes of Pardon and Salvation, eſpecially the Work of Redemption, publiſh'd in the Goſpel. ¶ [9] Sincere Believers, who keep themſelves free from the pollutions of the World, (*Rev.*14.4.) and are devoted and eſpouſed to Chriſt, 2 *Cor.* 11. 2.

4 [10] Draw me, * [11] we will run after thee: * [12] the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoyce [13] in thee, we will [14] remember thy love more then wine: ‖ the [15] upright love thee.

* Phil.3.12, 13,14.
* Joh.14.2. Eph.2.6.
‖ Or, *they love thee uprightly.*

[10] *John* 6.44,45. Put forth the power of thy grace to inſtruct and quicken me, (*Jer.* 31.3. *Hoſ.* 11. 4.) and continue the Influence thereof to keep my heart cloſe to thee. ¶ [11] I and all true Believers will go on cheerfully, readily, and ſweetly in Affection and Obedience to thee. ¶ [12] Chriſt, the King of his Church, has vouchſaf'd unto me moſt intimate and familiar fellowſhip with himſelf in his Ordinances. ¶ [13] In thy love and favour to us, and our Intereſt in thee. ¶ [14] Thankfully acknowledge, meditate upon, and treaſure up our Experiences of thy love, and value it above the moſt delightful Creature-enjoyments. ¶ [15] All ſincere ones, whoſe Practice is ſuitable to their Profeſſion.

5 I *am* [16] black, but [17] comely, O ye [18] daughters of Jeruſalem, as the [19] tents of Kedar, as the [20] curtains of Solomon.

[16] With infirmities, ſcandals, reproaches, perſecutions. ¶ [17] *Ezek.* 16. 14. In reſpect of my Graces, (and therefore don't deſpiſe or reject me.) ¶ [18] *ch.*2.7. and 5.8. and 6.1. and 3.5. Particular Believers, but weak. ¶ [19] Mean outwardly. ¶ [20] Rich and glorious within, (*Pſal.* 45. 13.) as the furniture of *Solomon's* houſe.

6 [21] Look not upon me, becauſe I *am* black, becauſe the [22] ſun hath looked upon me: [23] my mothers children were [24] angry with me, they [25] made me the keeper of the vineyards, *but* [25] mine own vineyard have I not kept.

[21] *Viz.* With diſdain, diſaffection, or delight in my calamity. ¶ [22] *Matth.*13.6,21. Sore Perſecutions and Tribulations have befallen me. ¶ [23] Falſe Brethren, hypocritical Profeſſors, and falſe Teachers. ¶ [24] *Viz.* For my Relation to Chriſt, and Profeſſion thereof, *Gal.*4.29. ¶ [25] Intangled me in ſecular Affairs, whereby I have been hindred from a due improvement of my Gifts and Graces.

7 [26] Tell me, O thou whom my ſoul loveth, where thou feedeſt, [26] where thou makeſt *thy flock* to reſt at noon: for why ſhould I [27] be as one ‖ Or, *is veiled.* that ‖ turneth aſide by the flocks of thy companions?

[26] Diſcover to me, by thy Word and Spirit, which is thy true Church, and which are thoſe Aſſemblies where thou art preſent, and to whom thou affordeſt Comfort and Refreſhing under ſcorching Perſecutions and Trials. ¶ [27] Be really one that aſſociates with the Diſciples and Followers of falſe Teachers, who tho' they pretend reſpect to thee, yet ſet up themſelves.

8 ¶ [28] If thou know not, [29] O thou faireſt among women, [30] go thy way forth by the foot-ſteps of the flock, and [31] feed thy kids beſide the ſhepherds tents.

[28] CHRIST ſpeaks. ¶ [29] *ch.*5.9. and 6.1. O ye my people, who are the moſt excellent of all Mankind, (*Pſal.*16.3.) by reaſon of your Participation of the Divine Nature, and God's gracious Acceptation. ¶ [30] *Eph.* 5.1. *Heb.* 13.7. Enquire after, obſerve and follow the Example and Practice of the Saints in former and preſent Ages. ¶ [31] Bring weak Believers to the publick Ordinances, diſpenſed by my faithful Paſtors.

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9 I have [32] compared thee, O [33] my love, to a company of [34] horses in [35] Pharaohs chariots.

[32] Made thee like. ¶ [33] *ch.*2.2,10,13. and 4.1,7. and 5.1. and 6.4. *John* 16.15. ¶ [34] For ſtrength and courage to conquer all thine enemies, *Job* 32.19. and 39. 19,20. *Pſal.*147.10. *Jer.*8.6. ¶ [35] 1 *Kings* 10.28. *Ezek.*17.15. *Iſa.*31.1.

10 Thy [36] cheeks are comely with rows *of jewels*, thy [37] neck with chains *of gold*.

[36] Outward Converſation (which appears to others) is very lovely, (*Matth.*5.16.) by reaſon of that variety of Graces which diſcover themſelves therein, *Phil.* 3.20. ¶ [37] Thy Faith (whereby the Soul is knit to Chriſt, as the Body is joyn'd to the head by the neck) is very precious, 1 *Pet.*1.7.

11 [38] We will make thee borders of gold with ſtuds of ſilver.

[38] We the bleſſed Trinity, will beſtow increaſe, continuance, and perfection of Grace upon thee.

12 ¶ [39] While the king *ſitteth* at his table, my ſpikenard ſendeth forth the ſmell thereof.

[39] The CHURCH ſpeaks, while Chriſt converſes familiarly with me in Goſpel-Ordinances, (*Matth.*22.4. *Rev.*3.20.) the Graces of the Spirit are vigorous and lively, (*Luk.*24.32.) and ſo are acceptable and pleaſing to God.

13 [40] A bundle of myrrhe *is* my well-beloved unto me; [41] he ſhall lie all night betwixt my breaſts.

[40] Chriſt, my Husband is exceeding ſweet and delightful to me. ¶ [41] I'll continue to entertain and embrace him with the higheſt demonſtrations of the moſt cordial Affection, without interruption.

[42] Moſt precious and ſweet.

14 My beloved *is* unto me, [42] *as* a cluſter of ‖ camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi.

‖ Or, *Cypreſs*: Chap.4.13.

15 * [43] Behold, thou *art* [29] fair, my ‖ love; behold [44] thou *art* fair, thou *haſt* [45] doves eyes.

‖ Or, *companion*.

[43] *Ch.*4.1. CHRIST ſpeaks. ¶ [44] He repeats it to ſhew the reality of her Beauty, and his eſteem of it, and to aſſure her, that notwithſtanding all her infirmities, he was very well pleaſed with her. ¶ [45] A quick and diſcerning Underſtanding; chaſt, ſincere, and ſingle Affections and Intentions, without the leaſt glance of ſpiritual whoredom.

16 [46] Behold, [47] thou *art* fair, my beloved, yea [48] pleaſant: alſo our [49] bed *is* green.

[46] The CHURCH ſpeaks. ¶ [47] *q. d.* My excellency is nothing in compariſon of thine, and is all derived from it.; Thou chiefly deſerveſt this Title in reſpect of thy Divine, and Mediatory Qualifications, *Col.* 2.9. ¶ [48] Delightful in thy Diſpenſations to me, converſe with me, and communicating thy bleſſed Counſels, Comforts and Graces to me. ¶ [49] The Ordinances and Means of Grace are effectual for the converting of many.

17 [50] The beams of our houſe *are* cedar, *and* our ‖ rafters of fir.

‖ Or, *galleries*.

[50] The Church, which is thy Houſe, (1 *Tim.* 3. 16.) and wherein I alſo by thy Grace do dwell, is durable and everlaſting, (*Matth.*16.18. 2 *Tim.*2.19.) and conſiſts of ſuch parts and members as ſhall never periſh nor decay, *Pſal.* 24. 7. *John* 10. 28.

CHAP. II.

1 *The mutual love of Chriſt and his Church.*
8 *The hope*, 10 *and calling of the church.*
14 *Chriſts care of the church.* 16 *The profeſſion of the church, her faith and hope.*

1 I [1] *am* the [2] roſe of Sharon, *and* the [3] lily of the valleys.

[1] CHRIST ſpeaks. ¶ [2] Moſt ſweet, refreſhing and beautiful to true Believers, (and therefore deſerve thy eſteem and affection.)

2 [3] As the lily among thorns, ſo *is* my love among the daughters.

[3] As the lily excels thorns, and appears ſo much the more beautiful by being compared with 'em, ſo true Believers are more excellent than all other Aſſemblies or People, *Prov.*12. 16. *Pſal.*16.3.

† Heb. *I delighted and ſat down*, &c.
† Heb. *palate*.

3 [4] As the apple-tree [5] among the trees of the wood, ſo *is* my beloved among the ſons. † [6] I ſat down under his ſhadow with great delight, and [7] his fruit *was* ſweet to my † taſte.

[4] The CHURCH ſpeaks. ¶ [5] Is to be preferr'd, for it's Fruitfulneſs, Pleaſantneſs of its Fruit, and Shade, before the barren Trees of the Foreſt, ſo is an Intereſt in Chriſt, by reaſon of the excellent graces and benefits that come by him, more valuable than the friendſhip of all the men in the world beſides. ¶ [6] I ſecurely repos'd my ſelf (by Faith) under his protection in the heat of all my afflictions and temptations. ¶ [7] The graces, benefits, and comforts that flow from him were pleaſant to my ſoul.

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4 [8] He brought me to the † banqueting-houſe, and [9] his banner over me *was* love.

† Heb. *houſe of wine*.

[8] He invited, enabled, and cauſed me to come into the ſtate and way of communion with himſelf in his Ordinances and Conſtitutions. ¶ [9] The Grace whereby he conducts, encourages and engages me to come to him, is Love.

5 [10] Stay me with flagons, † comfort me with apples; for I *am* [11] ſick of love.

† Heb. *ſtraw*.

[10] Hebr. *Stay ye*; *q. d.* You that are Members of the Church, whether Miniſters or others, afford me what help you can, for the ſupporting, ſtrengthning and comforting my Soul, by applying the Promiſes of the Goſpel, and ſuch other means as may conduce to my relief. ¶ [11] *ch.* 5.-8. 2 *Sam.*13.2. Perplexed and in a languiſhing eſtate for want of that full enjoyment and ſenſe of Chriſts love as I deſire, 2 *Cor.*5.2,4,8.

6 [12] His left hand *is* under my head, and [12] his right hand doth embrace me.

[12] *Ch.*8.3. His power and goodneſs give eaſe and quiet to my Conſcience, and aſſure me of his love.

† Heb. *adjure*.

7 [13] I † charge you, O ye [14] daughters of Jeruſalem, [15] by the roes, and [15] by the hinds of the field, that ye [16] ſtir not up, nor [16] awake *my* love, till he pleaſe.

[13] *Ch.*3.5. and 8.4. ¶ [14] External Profeſſors; Members of the viſible Church, who are apt to interrupt our Communion with Chriſt. ¶ [15] That ye be like them, which are moſt loving to their Mates. ¶ [16] Give him no occaſion of Offence, or Departure, no not for ever.

8 ¶ [17] The voice of my beloved: [18] behold! he cometh [19] leaping upon the mountains, [20] skipping upon the hills.

[17] *q. d.* I hear the voice of Chriſt in the Miniſtry of the Word, and Motions of his Spirit; and do know it, *John* 10. 4,5,27. ¶ [18] She Exults in the thoughts of Chriſt's approaches. ¶ [19] Removing hindrances of Communion, and triumphing over 'em. ¶ [20] He comes cheerfully, readily and triumphingly.

† Heb. *flouriſhing*.

9 My beloved *is* [21] like a roe, or a young hart: behold, he [22] ſtandeth behind our wall, he [23] looketh forth at the windows, † [23] ſhewing himſelf through the latteſs.

[21] *V.*-17. Exceeding loving and lovely, and ſeaſonably ſwift in his return. ¶ [22] He is the Subſtance of all the Legal Ceremonies and Shadows, and may be found and enjoy'd, tho not ſo clearly and immediately in them. ¶ [23] He vouchſafes ſome Glimpſes and Glances of himſelf at preſent, tho' but obſcurely, 1 *Cor.*13.12.

10 My beloved ſpake, and ſaid unto me, [24] Riſe up my love, my [25] fair one, and [26] come away.

[24] *V.*-10. Rouſe up thy ſelf from thy partial Deadneſs, Sloth and Security, and diſentangle thy ſelf more fully from the Snares of the World, and of thy own Luſts. ¶ [25] Chriſt overlooks the Infirmities of his People, and obſerves only their Graces. ¶ [26] *Rev.*22.17, 20. Exerciſe thy Faith, and ſo renew thy Communion.

11 For lo, the [27] winter is paſt, the rain is over, *and* gone.

[27] *q. d.* I have removed all impediments ariſing from the ſenſe of God's wrath, and guilt of ſin, and God is ready to be reconciled to you, if you'l come to me.

12 The [28] flowers appear on [29] the earth, the time of the [30] ſinging *of birds* is come, and the [31] voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

[28] The day of grace is come, and the fruits of grace ſhew themſelves in Believers. ¶ [29] In our barren Natures. ¶ [30] Chearfulneſs and Rejoycing in the Lord. ¶ [31] The Motions of the Spirit, and the powerful preaching of the Goſpel is heard in the Church.

13 The [32] fig-tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* ſmell. [24] Ariſe, my love, my [25] fair one, and [26] come away.

[32] Believers thrive under the means of grace, and bring forth fruit.

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14 ¶ O my [13] dove *that* [34] *art* in the clefts of the rock, in the secret *places* of the stairs, [35] let me see thy countenance, *let me hear thy voice; for [36] sweet *is* thy voice, and thy [36] countenance *is* comely.

* Chap. 8. 13.

[13] The Church, or believing Soul, who is innocent, chast, meek, and expos'd to persecution. ¶ [34] Hidest thy self through despondency, and a sense of thy own unworthiness, *Ezra* 9.6. *Dan.*9.7. ¶ [35] Come boldly into my presence in prayer, and other holy duties, *ch.*8.13. ¶ [36] *Ezek.* 16.14. Thy person and services are accepted by me, and amiable in my sight.

15 [37] Take us the foxes, the [37] little foxes that spoil the vines: for [38] our vines *have* tender grapes.

[37] Ye the Church-guides, use all means both by Doctrin and Discipline to free the Church from Seducers and False Teachers, (*Ezek.*13.4.) even the first Broachers of errors, or Seducers in lesser matters, who overthrow Unity, Piety, &c. and so destroy Souls, *Act.*15.24. ¶ [38] Some Believers have weak gifts and graces, and so are apt to be misled.

16 ¶ [39] My beloved *is* [40] mine, and I *am* [41] his: he [42] feedeth among the lilies.

[39] *Ch.*6.3. and 7.10. The *CHURCH* speaks, and shews her Faith, *v.*16. and hope, *v.*17. ¶ [40] Has undertaken the office of Mediator, and performed the work of Redemption on my account. ¶ [41] By purchase and sanctification. ¶ [42] He takes delight in his People, and converses with 'em.

17 [43] Until the day break, and the [44] shadows flee away: [45] turn my beloved, and [46] be thou like a roe, or a young hart upon the mountains of

Or, *Division.* ‖ Bether.

[43] *Ch.*4.6. *q.d.* I expect and wait for clearer discoveries of Christ in a Gospel-state, and the immediate enjoyment of him in Heaven. ¶ [44] All Mosaical dispensations, and also infirmities, desertions, and whatsoever hinders my full enjoyment of him, be removed. ¶ [45] Manifest thy self again to me. ¶ [46] *ch.*8.14. Come swiftly, and comfort me with thy frequent love-visits, during this time of separation that is between us.

CHAP. III.

1 The church her fight and victory in temptation. 6 The church glorieth in Christ.

* Isa.26.9.

1 BY * night on my [2] bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: [3] I sought him, but I found him [4] not.

[1] In time of desertion. ¶ [2] *Psal.*4.4. Being in a secure, slothful frame. ¶ [3] I continued seeking of him. ¶ [4] *viz.* Presently (till afterwards.)

2 I will [5] rise [5] now, and [6] go about the city in the [6] streets, and in the [6] broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I [3] sought him, but I found him [4] not.

[5] Stir up my self to a more lively frame, seeing these sluggish endeavours don't avail me. ¶ [6] Be diligent in the use of means, in the Ordinances, and publick Assemblies of the Church.

3 The [7] watchmen that [8] go about the city, [7] found me: *to whom I said,* [8] Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

[7] *Ch.*5.7. *Isa.*62.6. *Ezek.*3.17. Faithful Ministers, who diligently perform their duty to their flock, spake directly to my condition, in their preaching, (being so guided by God) ¶ [8] Can you direct me to him, as *Act.*2.37. and 16.30.

4 *It was* but a little that I [9] passed from them, but [10] I found him whom my soul loveth: [11] I held him, and [12] would not let him go, until I had [13] brought him into my mothers house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

[9] Not resting in Duties and Ordinances, I made more earnest and immediate application to Christ. ¶ [10] *Prov.* 8.17. *Matth.*7.7. ¶ [11] *Prov.*4.13. I did cleave close to him by a lively exercise of Faith, and resolute affections. ¶ [12] I resolved to do nothing that might disturb our Communion, and occasion his departure. ¶ [13] Enjoyed intimate Communion with him, and gotten full assurance of his love to me.

[14] See on *ch.* 2.7.

5 [14] I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

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6 ¶ [15] Who *is* [16] this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, [17] perfumed with [17] myrrhe and frankincense, with all [17] powders of the [17] merchant?

[15] *Ch.*8.5. Visible Professors here speak, and admire, and commend the Church. ¶ [16] This Woman, *i.e.* the Church, who is separated from the World in affection, and freed from former inward troubles, (*v.* 1,2,3.) ascending upwards by Heavenly Affection and Conversation. ¶ [17] Made acceptable to God through the merits of Christ, and by the Graces of the Spirit, bestow'd in the preaching of the Gospel by the Ministers of Christ.

7 [18] Behold, [19] his bed which *is* Solomons, [19] threescore valiant men *are* about it, of the valiant of Israel.

[18] The *CHURCH* speaks, and bids 'em look rather on Christ than her. ¶ [19] Consider that familiarity and refreshing wherewith Christ embraces Believers, who are abundantly secur'd by the protection of Angels, and vigilance of Pastors.

8 They all [20] hold swords, *being* expert [21] in war: every man *hath* his sword [22] upon his thigh, [22] because of fear in the night.

[20] Are furnish'd with, and mighty in, the Word and Discipline, 2 *Cor.*10.4. ¶ [21] In the spiritual warfare. ¶ [22] *Ex.*32.27. *Psal.*45.3. At hand, ready to make use of it, for the preventing of spiritual dangers, and quieting the heart in spiritual troubles.

9 [23] King Solomon made himself a ‖ chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

‖ Or, *bed.*

[23] Christ, (of whom *Solomon* was a Type) establish'd for the glory of his Grace, the new Covenant, or Gospel, (whereby Believers are carried to Heaven) of an everlasting nature, *Heb.*13.20. *Rev.*14.6.

10 He made the [24] pillars thereof *of* [24] silver, the [25] bottom thereof *of* gold, [26] the covering of it *of* purple: [27] the midst thereof being paved *with* love, [28] for the daughters of Jerusalem.

[24] The Promises, for the support of Believers, are precious, 2 *Pet.*1.4. ¶ [25] The decree of God, (which keeps 'em from falling thorow) is firm and faithful, 2 *Tim.*2.19. ¶ [26] Wherein the Blood of Christ defends 'em from God's Wrath, and hides their sins. ¶ [27] The sense of Christs love to them, and theirs to him, is that which makes it easie, and fit for them to rest in. ¶ [28] For their good, who are Members of the Church.

11 [29] Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

[29] Come out of your Natural condition, ye visible Members of the Church, and observe with earnestness, faith, love and wonder that Glory wherewith every believing Soul (*Matth.*12.50. *Gal.* 4.19.) does honour Christ, when by faith they accept of him, and submit to him as their King, at their first conversion (when Christ appears most lovely to 'em) which when it comes to pass, he heartily rejoyces in it, *Isa.*62.5. and 53.11. *Luke* 15.32.

CHAP. IV.

1 Christ setteth forth the graces of the church. 8 He sheweth his love to her. 16 The church prayeth to be made fit for his presence.

1 BEhold, thou *art* [2] fair, my love, behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* [3] doves eyes [3] within thy locks: [4] thy hair *is* as a flock of goats, that ‖ appear from mount Gilead.

‖ Or, *eat of*, &c.

[1] *CHRIST* speaks. ¶ [2] See on *ch.*1.15. ¶ [3] Seasonably and modestly made use of. ¶ [4] *ch.* 6.5. Thy conversation is comely and alluring.

2 [5] Thy teeth *are* like a flock *of sheep that are even* shorn, which [6] came up from the washing: [7] whereof every one bear twins, and none *is* barren among them.

[5] *Ch.*6.6. Thy Zeal is temper'd with uniform moderation. ¶ Free from mixture of human inventions & carnal passions.

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¶ 7 Which make thee diligent to bring forth fruit to the Glory of God, and good of others.

3 [8] Thy lips *are* like a thred of scarlet, and thy speech *is* comely: [9] thy temples *are* like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

[8] Thy speech is useful, delightful and acceptable through the blood of Christ, *Psal.* 45.2. *Col.*4.6. ¶ [9] *ch.* 6.7. Thy shamefac'dness, through a sense of thy manifold defects, shews it self by blushing, even in secret, when none sees.

4 [10] Thy neck *is* like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all [11] shields of mighty men.

[10] Thy faith, (See *ch.*1.*n.*37.) is strong and unconquerable; which furnishes with Weapons (out of Christs fullness) and abundantly defends from all spiritual enemies. ¶ [11] *Eph.* 6.16. Wherewith the Worthies of God have defended themselves formerly.

* See Prov.5. 19.

5 * [12] Thy two breasts *are* [12] like two young roes that are twins, which [13] feed among the lilies.

[12] *Ch.*7.3. The Prophets and Apostles (whose Doctrin is compar'd to milk (1 *Pet.*2.2.) which Believers suck for their consolation and nourishment, *Isa.*66.11.) are pleasant, (*Prov.*5.19.) and beautiful, (in regard of their message, *Isa.*52.7.) and exactly agreeable one with th'other. ¶ [13] Converse among the Saints.

† Heb. *breathe*

6 [14] Until the day † break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the [15] mountain of myrrhe, and to the [15] hill of frankincense.

[14] *q. d.* Until the morning of the general Resurrection when all manner of shadows and ordinances shall cease, *i.e.* till the end of the world I'll vouchsafe my gracious presence, (*Matth.*28.20.) according to thy desire, *ch.*2.17. ¶ [15] To my Church, where Believers are endued with precious graces, and abound with prayers and praises.

7 Thou *art* [16] all fair, my love, *there is* [17] no spot in thee.

[16] *Viz.* In respect of (1) Justification. (2) Sanctification, as to parts, (tho not as to Degrees.) ¶ (3) God's acceptation. ¶ [17] *Eph.*5.31. (1) Comparatively, in respect of the wicked. (2) In respect of my design to make thee so, *Eph.*5.25,27. (3) In respect of God's overlooking thy infirmities.

8 ¶ [18] Come with me from Lebanon, [18] *my* spouse, with me from Lebanon: [19] look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

[18] O thou who art married to me, and beloved by me, forsake the most excellent creature-satisfactions, to enjoy my company. ¶ [19] Raise thy affections above the highest of these things, and renounce friendship with worldly covetous men, who have their portion in this world.

‖ Or, *taken away.*

9 [20] Thou hast ‖ ravished my heart, my [21] sister, *my* [18] spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with [22] one of thine eyes, with [22] one chain of thy neck.

[20] Thou hast overcome me with thy beauty. An expression of the highest affection imaginable. ¶ [21] Who art so in respect of my Incarnation, and thy Sanctification. ¶ [22] Even with the least degree of sincere Faith, and other Graces.

10 [23] How fair is thy love, my [21] sister, *my* [18] spouse! how much better is thy love then [24] wine! and the [25] smell of thine ointments then [26] all spices!

[21] Thy love to me is incomparably acceptable to me. ¶ [24] *ch.*1.2. All outward Duties in Worship, (wherein Wine and Spices were then used.) ¶ [25] That sweetness which flows from thy Graces.

11 [26] Thy lips, O *my* spouse, drop *as* the hony-comb; [27] hony and milk *are* under thy tongue, and the [28] smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon.

[26] Thy Discourse is prudently utter'd, which makes it useful for delight and health, *Prov.*16.24. ¶ [27] Sweet and nourishing matter is within thy heart, *Psal.*45.1. ¶ [28] The good report of thy conversation is very pleasing.

† Heb. *barred.*

12 A [29] garden † [30] inclosed *is* my [21] sister, [18] *my* spouse: [31] a spring [32] shut up, [31] a fountain [32] sealed.

[29] Set apart and dressed by God as his delight, (*John* 15.1.) and so made fruitful. ¶ [30] Secured from spiritual enemies by divine protection, and reserved, in respect of conjugal friendship, wholly for Christ, and none else.

¶ [31] *Isa.* 58.11. Sending forth wholsom streams of saving Doctrin, for the refreshing and cleansing of those who receive it. ¶ [32] To preserve it for the use of it's Owner, Christ.

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13 [33] Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits, ‖ camphire, with spikenard,

‖ Or, *cypres*, ch. 1.14.

[33] Believers planted in thee are adorned with variety of Gifts and Grace which are most precious and sweet to God and good men.

14 Spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, myrrhe and aloes, with all the chief spices.

15 A fountain [34] of gardens, [35] a well of living waters, and streams [35] from Lebanon.

[34] Running into Gardens, *i. e.* Communicating her gifts and graces to others. ¶ [35] She has an abiding principle of saving grace derived from Christ.

16 ¶ [36] Awake, O north-wind, and come thou south, blow upon my garden, *that* the spices thereof may flow out: let my beloved [37] come into his garden, and [38] eat his pleasant fruits.

[36] The CHURCH speaks. Let the holy Spirit (*John* 3.8.) in his several operations, both convincing and mortifying, and also comforting, stir up and quicken my heart and soul, that the Graces that are in me may be quickened and exercised. ¶ [37] Vouchsafe more nearness to my Soul, and a sense of his Presence. ¶ [38] Accept of, and delight in those Graces which are wrought in me by himself.

CHAP. V.

1 Christ awaketh the church with his calling. 2 The church having a taste of Christs love, is sick of love. 9 A description of Christ by his graces.

1 [1] I Am [2] come into my garden, my [3] sister, *my* [4] spouse; I have [5] gathered my myrrhe with my spice, I have [5] eaten my hony-comb with my hony; I have [5] drunk my wine with my milk: [6] eat, O friends, [6] drink, ‖ yea, drink abundantly O beloved.

‖ Or, *and be drunken with loves.*

[1] CHRIST speaks. ¶ [2] As thou desiredst, *ch.* 4.16. ¶ [3] See on *ch.*4.10. ¶ [4] See on *ch.*4.8. ¶ [5] Particularly observed, and accepted the Graces, Services and Obedience of my People. ¶ [6] *John* 15.14. Do you also your selves, as well as I, take abundant comfort in your own Graces, (2 *Cor.*1.12.) as evidences of your election and salvation; and in the delights prepared for you, *Luke* 22.30.

2 ¶ [7] I sleep, but my [7] heart waketh: [8] *it is* the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *saying*, [9] Open to me, my sister, my [10] love, my dove, my [11] undefiled: for [12] my head is filled with dew, *and* my locks with the drops of the night.

[7] The CHURCH speaks. *q. d.* The flesh prevails to make me slothful and secure, and to lay aside the exercise of grace at present; but the renewed part is sensible of, and strives against this Distemper, *Gal.*5.17. ¶ [8] *q. d.* Between sleeping and waking I heard his voice, which affects my heart, and makes some impressions upon it by the importunities of his Word, Spirit and Rod, *Rev.* 3.20. ¶ [9] Exercise thy Faith and Love, and remove whatsoever hinders Communion with me. ¶ [10] Christ has an entire love to his people, notwithstanding their infirmities. ¶ [11] See on *ch.* 4.7. ¶ [12] I have waited long for your opening, and am grieved for your neglect.

3 I have [13] put off my coat, [14] how shall I put it on? I have [13] washed my feet, [15] how shall I defile them?

[13] Composed my self to rest, as being weary of holy Duties. ¶ [14] *Luke* 11.7. It's contrary to my present inclination: I can't do it without trouble to the flesh. These represent the pitiful shifts and excuses of the flesh against Christ and Duty.

4 My beloved [16] put in his hand by the hole *of the door*, and [17] my bowels were moved ‖ [16] for him.

‖ Or, as some read, *in me.*

[16] Applied the immediate power of his Spirit (like a Key) for the working upon my heart; and then my affections were

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were sensibly and kindly stirred, for slighting him before, and to enjoy him now.

5 [16] I rose up to open to my beloved, and [17] my hands dropped *with* myrrhe, and my fingers *with* † sweet-swelling myrrhe, [18] upon the handles of the lock.

† Heb. *passing*, or *running about*.

[16] I repented of my former drowsiness, and prepar'd my self to entertain him. ¶ [17] My Faith, and other Graces put forth themselves into actual exercise. ¶ [18] For the removing unbelief, indispositedness, and all hindrances to receive him.

6 I [19] opened to my beloved, but my beloved had [20] withdrawn himself, *and* was gone: [21] my soul failed when he spake: [22] I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me [23] no answer.

[19] Exercised my Faith. ¶ [20] *viz.* As to the sensible manifestations of his love and presence, *Psal.* 22. 1. ¶ [21] I was deeply affected with heaviness for those endearing expressions, *v.* 2. which then I slighted; but this sad occasion now brings 'em to my remembrance. ¶ [22] *ch.* 3. 1. See there. I carefully used all private means. ¶ [23] No sensible return at present.

7 [24] The watchmen that went about the city, [25] found me, they [26] smote me, they [27] wounded me; [28] the keepers of the walls [29] took away my vail from me.

[24] *Ch.* 3. 3. Church-officers, whose duty it is to visit and oversee the Flock, and comfort the afflicted. (She now betakes her self to publick Ordinances.) ¶ [25] Took occasion to deal thus harshly with me. ¶ [26] Grieved me by their sharp reproofs or reproches, *Jer.* 18. 18. ¶ [27] Persecuted me for seeking after Christ. ¶ [28] The Dispensers of the Ordinances (whose duty it is to prevent what from without may disturb the Church's peace and edification.) ¶ [29] Question'd the truth of my Profession, and charg'd me with hypocrisie. An usual calumny.

8 [30] I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, [31] if ye find my beloved, † that ye tell him, that I *am* [32] sick of love.

† Heb. *what*,

[30] *Ch.* 1. 5. and 2. 7. Here she makes use of the communion of Saints, and begs their help. ¶ [31] When you have any sensible communion with Christ, and enlarged affections in duty, spread my case before him, and use all your interest in him on my behalf. ¶ [32] See on *ch.* 2. 5.

9 ¶ [33] What *is* thy beloved more then *another* beloved, O thou [34] fairest among women? [35] what *is* thy beloved more then *another* beloved, [36] that thou dost so charge us?

[33] The DAUGHTERS OF *JERUSALEM* speak; and it is as if they had said, What singular excellency dost thou discern in him more than we do? (It seems they had not much acquaintance with Christ; but were less spiritual, and more carnal than the Spouse.) ¶ [34] *ch.* 1. 8. 1. Of an unblameable conversation, (which they perceive in her, and esteem her for.) ¶ [35] They repeat it again, to shew their earnest desire of further information about him. ¶ [36] That thou art so sollicitous for his presence more than we. ¶ [37] The CHURCH speaks.

10 [37] My beloved *is* [38] white and [38] ruddy, † [39] the chiefest among ten thousand.

† Heb. *a standard-bearer*.

[38] God-man; and endowed with all fit excellencies and qualifications to make him lovely to the Soul. ¶ [39] The most desirable object for the Soul in the whole World.

11 [40] His head *is as* the most fine gold, his [41] locks *are* ‖ bushy, *and* black as a raven.

‖ Or, *curled*.

[40] His Kingdom, (*Dan.* 2. 38.) is durable and glorious, *Dan.* 2. 44. and 7. 22. *Psal.* 45. 6. ¶ [41] His counsels, decrees and judgments in the administration of his Kingdom, are unsearchable.

12 [42] His eyes *are* as *the eyes* of doves [43] by the rivers of waters, [43] washed with milk, *and* † [44] fitly set.

† Heb. *sitting in fulness*, that is, *fitly placed, and set as a precious stone in the foil of a ring*.

[42] *Ch.* 1. 15. and 4. 1. His knowledge and acquaintance with the affairs of his Church, is compassionate and loving. ¶ [43] Yet pure and holy; not approving of sin, *Hab.* 1. 13. *Psal.* 5. 4, 5. ¶ [44] Pleasant to behold, and comfortable to his people.

13 [45] His cheeks *are* as a bed of spices, *as* ‖ sweet flowers: [46] his lips *like* lilies, [46] dropping sweet-smelling myrrhe.

‖ Or, *towers of perfumes*.

[45] The manifestation of his love is very delightful to the spiritual Senses. ¶ [46] His word is gracious, (*Luke* 4. 22.) and comfortable, (*Isa.* 50. 4.) continually affording refreshing, as there's occasion.

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14 [47] His hands *are as* gold-rings set with the beryl: [48] his belly *is as* bright ivory [49] overlaid *with* sapphires.

[47] His Works, especially of Grace, shew his Divine Power and Skill. ¶ [48] His tender affections and mercy is very comfortable and valuable. ¶ [49] Or, [*inamel'd*] *i. e.* Wisely order'd for the good of his people.

15 [50] His legs *are as* pillars of marble, [51] set upon sockets of fine gold: his [52] countenance *is* as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

[50] The dispensations of his Providence are skilfully contriv'd, *Psal.* 25. 10. ¶ [51] Firmly fixt on the precious and durable foundation of his Grace. ¶ [52] Or, [*Personage*] *i. e.* The full manifestation of him in all his excellencies together is pleasant and stately, always green and refreshing.

16 His † [53] mouth *is* most sweet: yea, [54] he *is* altogether lovely. [55] This *is* my beloved, and this *is* my [56] friend, [57] O daughters of Jerusalem.

† Heb. *palate*.

[53] His Word. ¶ [54] All in him, his Person, Birth, Life, Death, Undertaking, Benefits, Ordinances, is most desireable. Nothing is truly desirable, but what is in him, and every thing else is loathsom. ¶ [55] This so rare and matchless a Person, whom I boast of, and have a propriety in. ¶ [56] A constant, sympathizing Lover and Benefactor. ¶ [57] Whom I would fain draw to a fervent love and esteem of him too.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The Church professeth her faith in Christ.* 4 *Christ sheweth the graces of the Church,* 10 *and his love towards her.*

1 WHither is [2] thy beloved gone, O thou [3] fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may [4] seek him [5] with thee?

[1] The DAUGHTERS OF *JERUSALEM* speak; who being convinc'd of Christs worth by the former description, are now deeply in love with him, and enquire after him. This shews the power of the Word preach'd. ¶ [2] They dare not yet claim him as their own. ¶ [3] See on *ch* 5. 9. ¶ [4] The end of their enquiry is practice. ¶ [5] Joyning more heartily with thee than formerly, and doing as thou dost.

2 [6] My beloved is gone down into his [7] garden, [8] to the beds of spices, [9] to feed in the gardens, and [10] to gather lilies.

[6] The CHURCH speaks: and readily instructs 'em. ¶ [7] The Catholick, Visible Church. ¶ [8] Especially he is conversant in such particular Assemblies, where the Graces of his People are most eminent. ¶ [9] To bestow more Graces upon, have communion with, and take pleasure in, those particular Congregations where the Ordinances are rightly dispens'd. ¶ [10] To call effectually, and afterwards to glorifie the Elect.

3 [11] I *am* my beloveds, and my [12] beloved *is* mine: [12] he feedeth among the lilies.

[11] *Ch.* 7. 10. *Viz.* Notwithstanding my former miscarriages. She renews her claim (made before, *ch* 2. 16.) and first asserts his interest in her, by giving her self to him, thereby to clear her interest in him. ¶ [12] See on *ch.* 2. 16.

4 ¶ [13] Thou *art* [14] beautiful, O my love, [15] as Tirzah, comely as [16] Jerusalem, * [17] terrible as [17] an army with banners.

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[13] *CHRIST* speaks now very kindly after former absence. ¶ [14] *viz.* In respect of Holiness. ¶ [15] 1 *King.* 14. 17. and 15. 21, 33. and 16. 6. &c. ¶ [16] *Psal.* 48. 2. *Lam.* 2. 15. ¶ [17] Prevailing by Faith and Prayer over all spiritual Enemies; yea, over God himself, *Hos.* 12. 4.

5 [18] Turn away thine [19] eyes from me, for they have ‖ [20] overcome me: [21] thy hair *is* as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead.

‖ Or, *puffed me*

[18] Not as if he'd slacken their Duty, but to shew his exceeding great delight in 'em. ¶ [19] Faith, cleaving to Christ in desertion; and love, seeking him when absent. ¶ [20] Christ can't withstand believing Importunity, *Matth.* 15. 27, 28. ¶ [21] See on *ch.* 4. 1, 2, 3. These are repeated here, to shew, that Christ has the same high esteem of his People after their failings, (set out, *ch.* 5.) and that the same priviledges belong to 'em as before.

6 Thy

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6 Thy [21] teeth *are* as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and *there is* not one barren among them.

7 [21] As a piece of a pomegranate *are* thy temples within thy locks.

8 [22] There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

[21] *q. d.* How great soever the beauty and bravery of Queens, Concubines and Virgins, is in any Princes Court, yet there's none of them to be compar'd with my Spouse.

9 My [23] dove, my [24] undefiled is [25] *but* one; she *is* the [26] *only* one of her [27] mother, she *is* the [28] choice one of her that bare her: [29] the daughters saw her, and [29] blessed her: *yea*, [30] the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

[23] See on *ch.*2.14. the Church, especially invisible. ¶ [24] See on *ch.*4.7. ¶ [25] The only one whom I own for my Spouse. ¶ [26] There's none else I can match with. ¶ [27] The Church visible. ¶ [28] I esteem her above all external Professors. ¶ [29] Common Professors beheld her Beauty, were convinc'd of it, and wish'd well to her. There's a loveliness in holiness, even in the eyes of those that want it. ¶ [30] Those of greatest esteem either in the Church or World express their esteem of her, *Deut.* 4. 6, 7. and 26. 18, 19. and 33.29. *Psal.* 126.3.

10 ¶ [31] Who *is* she *that* [32] looketh forth as the morning, [33] fair as the moon, [34] clear as the sun, *and* * [17] terrible as *an army* with banners?

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[31] What manner of Person is she? This Verse contains their Praise of her. ¶ [32] Appears beautiful and pleasant, like the morning-light after a dark night; such are true Converts. ¶ [33] By Holiness. ¶ [34] *Eph.*5.27. As accepted in Christ.

11 [35] I went down into the [36] garden of nuts, to [35] see the fruits of the [37] valley, *and* to see whether the [38] vine flourished, *and* the pomegranates [39] budded.

[35] CHRIST speaks, and tells her, (the more to comfort her) what he was doing when he was absent. ¶ [36] The company of gracious ones, accurately to observe how it is with 'em. ¶ [37] The Church, planted in a fat Soil. ¶ [38] *ch.* 7.12. How Grace did thrive in some. ¶ [39] What beginnings of Grace appear'd in others.

† Heb. *I knew not.*

12 † [40] Or ever I was aware, my soul || made me *like* the chariots of Ammi-nadib.

|| Or, *set me on the chariots of my willing people.*

[40] I was suddenly surprized with a vehement desire of enjoying my Spouse, and my affections were stirred, so that I was speedy in my return to her.

13 [41] Return, return, O [42] Shulamite, return, return, that [43] we may look upon thee: [44] what will you see in the Shulamite? [45] as it were the company of || two armies.

|| Or, *Mahanaim.*

[41] *Viz.* By Repentance and Faith to thy former familiarity with me. ¶ [42] The Church, so called in regard of her perfection and peace with God in Christ. ¶ [43] All the Persons of the Trinity, Angels, and the Daughters that admire thee, do contemplate thy Beauty with pleasure and satisfaction. ¶ [44] *q. d.* Its no common sight; (tho she seems so worthless to her self, or others.) ¶ [45] Much Majesty, yea, even an Angelic Excellency, (*Gen.* 32. 2.) especially when Jews and Gentiles are united together; so that it will be a refreshing meeting to me.

CHAP. VII.

1 *A further description of the Church her graces.*
10 *The church professeth her faith and desire.*

1 HOw [2] beautiful are thy feet [3] with shoes O [4] princes daughter! the [5] joynts of thy thighs *are* like jewels, [5] the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

[1] CHRIST speaks still; and here shews what his ordinary thoughts of his People are. ¶ [2] Thy conversation is very acceptable to me. ¶ [3] Fitted for all duties. ¶ [4] (1) Of Royal Extract, being born of God. (2) Of an ingenuous disposition and behaviour. And (3) provided for by God accordingly. ¶ [5] The principles of thy conversation, or first motions to good are amiable, being wrought by the Holy Ghost, who enables to perform duties with a holy skill and dexterity.

2 [6] Thy navel *is like* a round goblet, *which* wanteth not † liquor: [7] thy belly *is like* an heap of wheat, set about with lilies.

† Heb. *mixture.*

[6] Thy desires, whereby thou suckest nourishment from the Word, (1 *Pet.* 2. 2.) as Children do by the Navel, are continually supplied with Grace. ¶ [7] Thy digesting the Word by particular application, brings plentiful nourishment, and is very delightful to the new Nature.

3 [8] Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes *that are* twins.

[8] See on *ch.*4.5

4 [9] Thy neck *is* as a tower of ivory; [10] thine eyes *like* the fish-pools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: [11] thy nose *is* as the tower of Lebanon, which [11] looketh towards Damascus.

[9] Thy Faith, (See on *ch.*1. *n.* 37.) is a sure and precious defence. ¶ [10] Thy understanding in spiritual matters is clear and distinct. ¶ [11] Thy sagacity in discovering truth, and discerning between good and evil, is accompanied with courage and watchfulness, especially against the most near, constant and malicious enemy.

5 [12] Thine head upon thee *is* like || [13] Carmel, and the [14] hair of thine head like purple; [15] the king *is* † held in the galleries.

|| Or, *crimson.*

† Heb. *bound.*

[12] Thy hope, (which is supported by Faith, (as the Head by the Neck) and has much influence on all spiritual Duties.) ¶ [13] Or, *Crimson, i. e.* It is grounded on the Blood of Christ. ¶ [14] The least circumstance of thy carriage is acceptable in Christ. ¶ [15] Christ is so affected with the beauty of thy Graces, exercis'd especially in the Ordinances, that he can't give over looking on 'em.

6 [16] How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!

[16] Thou art outwardly lovely beyond Expression, and inwardly of a sweet disposition, in regard of the many and abundant delights that are in thee.

7 [17] This thy stature is like to a palm-tree, and [18] thy breasts to clusters *of grapes.*

[17] All these Graces put together make thee beautiful, flourishing and victorious. ¶ [18] Thy affection to, and kind entertainment of Christ is cordial and chearing to him.

8 [19] I said, I will go up to the palm-tree, I will [20] take hold of the boughs thereof: [21] now also [21] thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the [22] smell of thy nose like apples;

[19] I resolved to manifest my self to my Church, (compar'd to a Palm-tree, *v.*7.) ¶ [20] Convert (as *Phil.* 3. 12.) those that are yet only visible Members, and embrace true Believers in the arms of my special love. ¶ [21] When I thus embrace thee, thou shalt be in a capacity to edifie others, and satisfie me. ¶ [22] All that comes from thee shall be savoury in it self, and delightful to me.

9 And [23] the roof of thy mouth like the best wine, [24] for my beloved, [25] that goeth *down* † sweetly, [26] causing the lips of || those that are asleep, to speak.

† Heb. *straightly.*

|| Or, *the ancient.*

[23] Or, *Thy taste shall relish as with the best Wine, i. e.* Thou shalt be exceedingly revived, refresh'd, and comforted. ¶ [24] For thy benefit. ¶ [25] Is pleasant to the spiritual taste. ¶ [26] Filling those, which before were dull and drowsie, with such spiritual Joy, that they shall not be able to contain themselves from magnifying his Love.

10 ¶ [27] I *am* my beloveds, and [28] his desire *is* towards me.

[27] See on *ch.*2.16. The CHURCH speaks; and expresses her comfort in the foregoing intimations of *Christs* love to her. ¶ [28] I perceive he loves me heartily.

11 Come, my beloved, [29] let us go forth into the field: [30] let us lodge in the villages.

[29] Assist me in self-examination, and taking a view of my spiritual Estate, which is to be done retiredly, where there's least noise of worldly matters ¶ [30] Let us continue at the work, till I have got a distinct knowledge of my Estate.

12 Let us [31] get up early to the vineyards, let us see if the [32] vine flourish, *whether* the [32] tender grape † appear, *and* the [32] pomegranates bud forth: [33] there will I give thee my loves.

† Heb. *open.*

[31] And help me, that I may thus visit my Soul speedily, without delay. ¶ [32] *ch.*6.11. That I may discern what the state of my several Graces is, whether stronger or weaker. ¶ [33] In this our retir'd communion I'll discover the sincerity and fervency of my affection to thee.

13 [34] The

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13 [36] The * mandrakes give a ſmell, and [35] at our gates *are* all manner of pleaſant *fruits*, [36] new and old, *which* I have [37] laid up for thee, O my beloved.

[34] My graces ſhew themſelves in a lively Exerciſe. ¶ [35] Every where to be found; not only in the Garden, but even at the Gates. ¶ [36] New degrees and encreaſe of grace, added to the former. ¶ [37] Improved and ſet apart for thy ſervice, and at thy command.

* Gen. 30. 14. * Matth. 13. 52.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The love of the church to Chriſt.* 6 *The vehemency of love.* 8 *The calling of the Gentiles.* 14 *Chriſt's coming prayed for.*

1 O That thou *were* as my brother [1] that ſucked the breaſts of my mother; *when* I ſhould find thee [2] without, I would [3] kiſs thee, yet [4] I † ſhould not be deſpiſed.

† Heb. *they ſhould not deſpiſe me.*

[1] 1. e. O that the fulneſs of Time were come for thee to manifeſt thy ſelf in the Fleſh, and thereby become my Brother, and a Member of the ſame Church with my ſelf. ¶ [2] Come down from Heaven, from out of the boſom of the Father, *John* 16. 28. ¶ [3] I'd make open profeſſion of Reverence, Subjection and Affection to thee. ¶ [4] I'd not value any Reproaches I met with upon that account, (as was the lot of Believers in thoſe days, *John* 9. 22, 28. and 7. 48, 52. 1 *Cor.* 1. 23.)

2 I would [5] lead thee, *and* [5] bring thee into my mothers houſe, *who* would [6] inſtruct me: [7] I would cauſe thee to drink of ſpiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

[5] Diſperſe the Knowledge of thee through the Univerſal Church. ¶ [6] *Viz.* How I ſhould behave my ſelf towards thee? ¶ [7] *Prov.* 9. 1. My gifts and graces ſhould be all imploy'd to ſerve and glorifie thee.

[a] *ch.* 2. 7. See there.

3 [8] His left hand *ſhould be* under my head, and his right hand ſhould embrace me.

[b] *ch.* 2. 8. See there.

4 [9] I charge you, O daughters of Jeruſalem, † that ye ſtir not up, nor awake *my* love until he pleaſe.

† Heb. *why ſhould ye ſtir up, or why, &c.*

5 [10] (Who *is* this that [11] cometh up [12] from the wilderneſs, [13] leaning upon her beloved? [14] I [15] raiſed thee up under the apple-tree: [16] there [17] thy mother [18] brought thee forth, there ſhe brought thee forth *that* bare thee.

[10] *Chap.* 3. 6. The DAUGHTERS ſpeak: who ſeeing the Bride in that lovely poſture, (*v.* 5.) break forth in an abrupt manner, admiring her for it. ¶ [11] Going heaven-ward. ¶ [12] Leaving all worldly contents behind, or, out of a diſconſolate condition. ¶ [13] Weak in her ſelf, but reſting by Faith on Chriſt, whereby ſhe is carried through all Duties and Difficulties. ¶ [14] The CHURCH proceeds in her Speech, and declares both by the Experience of her ſelf and others, the benefit of Chriſt's Preſence, which makes her ſo earneſt for it. ¶ [15] By my importunity I prevail'd with thee for ſome ſenſible manifeſtation of thy ſelf to me, when I was delighting my ſelf in thee, *ch.* 2. 3. ¶ [16] In theſe manifeſtations. ¶ [17] Every believing ſoul, (as *ch.* 3. 11.) ¶ [18] *Gal.* 4. 19. Was ſatisfied that Chriſt was formed in them, and that they had truth of grace, and ſo were freed from that trouble that ariſes for want of the knowledge thereof.

* Iſa. 49. 16. Jer. 22. 24. Hag. 2. 23.

6 ¶ * [19] Set me as a ſeal upon thine heart, [19] as a ſeal upon thine arm: for [20] love *is* ſtrong as death, [21] jealouſie *is* † cruel as the grave: [22] the coals thereof *are* coals of fire, *which hath* a moſt vehement flame.

† Heb. *hard.*

[19] Let me be always eſteemed, minded and loved by thee; and let this appear in all thy Diſpenſations towards me. ¶ [20] My vehement deſire after thy Preſence is irreſiſtible and cannot be ſatisfied with any thing elſe, *Pſal.* 73. 25. ¶ [21] This high degree of love makes me dread the thoughts of parting with thee. ¶ [22] When once it is kindled in the hearts of believers it conſumes, by degrees, all thoſe corruptions which would hinder it.

7 Many [23] waters cannot quench love, neither can the [24] floods drown it; * if a man would give [25] all the ſubſtance of his houſe for love, it would utterly be contemned.

* Prov. 6. 35.

[23] Afflictions, Temptation, Deſertion, *Pſal.* 32. 6. 2 *Sam.* 22. 16. ¶ [24] Perſecution, *Iſa.* 8. 7. *Matth.* 7. 27. ¶ [25] All his worldly Enjoyments to draw off ſuch a ſoul from Chriſt, and engage it to any thing elſe.

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8 ¶ [26] We have a little [27] ſiſter, and ſhe [28] hath no breaſts: [29] what ſhall we do for our ſiſter in the day [30] when ſhe ſhall be ſpoken for?

¶ [26] We believers of the Jewiſh Church, (who here conſult with Chriſt, as it were, about the converſion of the Gentiles.) ¶ [27] The Gentile-Church. ¶ [28] Is as yet not ripe for marriage with Chriſt, *Ezek.* 16. 7. ¶ [29] How ſhall we promote their Converſion? ¶ [30] When the tenders of Reconciliation are made.

9 [31] If ſhe *be* a wall, [32] we will build upon her a palace of ſilver: [33] and if ſhe *be* a door, we will encloſe her with boards of cedar.

[31] CHRIST anſwers, When ſhe ſhall accept of the Offers of Reconciliation, and ſo be united to Chriſt, the Foundation, by Faith, and remain ſtrong and ſtedfaſt therein againſt all aſſaults. ¶ [32] My Father, and I, and the holy Ghoſt, as the principal builders, and my Miniſters, as workers with and under us, (2 *Cor.* 6. 1.) will ſtrengthen and adorn her with many precious Gifts and Graces, and make her both more amiable in my eyes, and more viſible and glorious in the eyes of the World. ¶ [33] Yea, though ſhe be weak in Faith, and ſometimes overcome by Temptations, yet if ſhe open her heart, and give entrance to Chriſt, we'll adorn, confirm, and ſtrengthen her more and more.

10 [34] I *am* [35] a wall, and [36] my breaſts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found † favour.

† Heb. *peace.*

[34] The CHURCH ſpeaks; and confirms the truth of that promiſe (*v.* 9.) by her own experience. ¶ [35] By Faith am built on Chriſt, and ſtand firm on the Foundation. We may humbly acknowledge the Reality of Grace in our ſelves, 1 *Kings* 18. 12. ¶ [36] I am come to ſome maturity and perfection in Grace, *Ezek.* 16. 7.

11 [37] Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon, he [38] let out the vineyard unto keepers: [39] every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thouſand *pieces* of ſilver.

[37] Chriſt had a Church in a very fruitful place, (*Iſa.* 5. 1.) under the means of grace. Here ſhe proves her Faith and Sincerity by her works and fruitfulneſs; firſt laying down the terms of the Covenant, *v.* 11. and then applying 'em to her ſelf, *v.* 12. ¶ [38] Appointed Miniſters to diſpenſe the Ordinances, for the Edification thereof. ¶ [39] Every Miniſter was to endeavour to promote holineſs.

12 [40] My vineyard which *is* mine *is* [41] before me: [42] thou, O Solomon, *muſt have* a thouſand, and [43] thoſe that keep the fruit thereof, two hundred.

[40] My ſoul (ſaith every Believer) which is committed to my care, and for which I muſt be accountable. ¶ [41] Is under my continual care. ¶ [42] Thou, O Chriſt, muſt have the honour and glory, which thou doſt expect, of that fruit I have brought forth. ¶ [43] Thoſe Miniſters that take pains with people to make 'em fruitful, muſt have that Reward and Encouragement that is due to 'em, 1 *Cor.* 9. 7. They that give Chriſt his due, will alſo give Miniſters theirs; yet without encroaching on Chriſt's.

13 [44] Thou that dwelleſt in the gardens, [45] the companions hearken to thy voice: [46] cauſe me to hear it.

[44] CHRIST ſpeaks. Thou Believer who frequenteſt and loveſt the Aſſemblies of the Saints, and publick Ordinances there diſpens'd. ¶ [45] Other Believers, thy Fellow-Members, will reſpect and receive thy private Inſtructions, *&c.* tending to Edification. ¶ [46] *ch.* 2. 14. When I am gone from thee, as to my bodily Preſence, let me hear thy Prayers, Praiſes, and the Preaching of the Goſpel in the World.

14 ¶ † [47] Make haſte, [48] my beloved, and [49] be thou like to a roe, or to a young hart upon the mountains of ſpices.

† Heb. *flee away.*

[47] The CHURCH ſpeaks. Haſten thy ſecond coming in Glory, when I ſhall have a full and everlaſting Enjoyment of thee, *Rev.* 22. 17. As ſhe began with a Wiſh for Communion, (*ch.* 1. 2.) ſo ſhe ends. This is the Sum of a Believers Deſires. ¶ [48] She grounds her Suit on the clearneſs of her Intereſt in Chriſt. None elſe can deſire his coming. ¶ [49] Come ſwiftly. See on *ch.* 2. 17.

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ISAIAH.

The ARGUMENT.

AS the Priests and Levites were the Ordinary Teachers of the Jewish Church, so God sometimes raised up and sent extraordinary Messengers, the Prophets. Among these Isaiah *is deservedly counted the Chief, both in regard of the loftiness and elegance of his Style, and excellency of his Matter: wherein he does so fully and clearly describe the Person, Offices, Sufferings and Kingdom of Christ, that he is commonly called* The Evangelical Prophet. *He treats* (1) *of such things as do more properly concern the people of* Israel, ch.1–12. (2) *Of those which concern foreign Nations, and the ten Tribes; denouncing heavy Judgments against 'em; yet intermingling many sweet and comfortable Promises to the Penitent,* ch.13–28. (3) *Of the Desolation of the Land, and Captivity of the People by the Babylonians; which yet are sweetned also with Promises concerning the Kingdom of Christ,* ch.29–35. (4) *Of some part of the History of* Hezekiah, ch.36–39. (5) *Of the Coming of Christ, and Deliverance of the Church, and restoring them to their former state,* ch.40–48. (6) *Of the Person, Office, Death, and Glory of Christ, and concerning the Preaching of the Gospel, Calling of the Gentiles, and general Conversion of the Jews towards the latter end of the World, with the great Priviledges and Benefits that shall be bestowed upon the Church at that time,* ch.49. *to the end. It is observed that there are more passages cited in the* New Testament *out of this one Prophet, than all the Prophets besides.*

CHAP. I.

2 Isaiahs complaint of Judah. 10 *He upbraideth their service.* 16 *He exhorteth to repentance with promises and threatnings.*

THE [1] vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning [2] Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

[2] See on *Gen.*15.1. ¶ [1] *Viz.* Chiefly; (for what he prophesies concerning other Nations, was in reference to them.)

2 * Hear, [3] O heavens, and give ear, [3] O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have [4] nourished and [5] brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

* Jer.2.12. & 22.29. Ezek.36.4. Mich.1.2. & 6.1,2.

[3] *Deut.*32.1. See there. ¶ [4] *ch.*7.2. and 46.3,4. *Ezek.* 16. 7,14. *Hos.*11.3. ¶ [5] Advanc'd to be my own peculiar people, (*Psal.* 135. 4.) and rais'd 'em up to be a Kingdom of great Renown, *Deut.*4.7,8. *Ezek.*16.8,14. *Psal.*148.14. *Rom.*3. 1,2. and 9.4,5.

3 The ox knoweth his [6] owner, and the ass his [6] masters crib: *but* Israel doth not [7] know, my people doth not [8] consider.

[6] *Jer.*8.7. *Hos.*11.4. ¶ [7] *ch.*44.18. *Psal.* 53.4. *Jer.* 4.22. and 9.3. and 10.8,14. *Hos.*4.1. Regard nor carry themselves towards me as their Owner and Benefactor. ¶ [8] *Viz.* The great things that I have done for 'em.

† Heb. *of heavinesse.*

4 Ah sinful nation, a people † [9] laden with iniquity, [10] a seed of evil doers, children that are [11] corrupters, they have forsaken the [12] LORD, they have provoked the holy One of Israel unto anger, they are † [13] gone away backward.

† Heb. *alienated, or separated.*

[9] *Rev.*18.5. Guilty of great and heinous sins. ¶ [10] *ch.* 57.3. *Matth.*3.7. *Numb.*32.14. *Psal.*78.8. *Jer.*16.11,12. A Race and Generation of wicked Wretches, treading in the steps of their Forefathers, and conveying their wickedness to their Posterity. [11] *Gen.*6.12. *Zeph.*3.7. *Ezek.*23.7. *viz.* Both of themselves (growing worse and worse) and of others by their counsel and example. ¶ [12] *Jer.*2.13. and 16.11. and 22.9. His Law, Worship and Service. ¶ [13] Grown worse and worse, and impudently turn'd their backs upon me.

5 ¶ [14] Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will † revolt more and more: [15] the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

† Heb. *increase revolt.*

[14] *Gen.*6.3. *Jer.*5.3. 2 *Chron.* 28. 22. ¶ [15] Calamities are general and grievous, (*v.*7,8.) reaching unto all sorts of persons; even the highest and most noble, as well as the meaner, 2 *Chron.*28.5,8.

6 [15] From the sole of the foot even unto the head, *there is* no [16] soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: [17] they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ‖ ointment.

‖ Or, *oyl.*

[16] Freedom from Judgments. ¶ [17] *Jer.* 18. 22. *q. d.* I have suffer'd you to continue in this deplorable condition for some while, to try whether these Afflictions would bring you to Repentance, but all in vain.

7 Your country *is* [18] desolate, your cities *are* burnt with fire: your land, [19] strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate as † overthrown by strangers.

† Heb. *the overthrow of strangers.*

[18] *Ch.*5.5. *Deut.*28.51,52. *Psal.*107.34. ¶ [19] 2 *Chron.* 28. 5,17,18. and 9.12.

8 And the [20] daughter of Zion is left * as [21] a cottage in a vineyard, [21] as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as [22] a besieged city.

* Job 27. 18. Lam.2.6.

[20] *i. e. Sion* or *Jerusalem* it self. ¶ [21] Standing alone; (the Country round about being laid waste.) ¶ [22] In great distress.

9 [23] Except the LORD of hosts had [24] left unto us a very small [25] remnant, we should have been [26] as Sodom, *and* we should have been [26] like unto Gomorrah.

[23] *Lam.*3.22. *Rom.* 9. 29. See there. ¶ [24] *Amos* 4. 11. *Zech.*3.2. ¶ [25] *ch.*6.13. and 10.22. and 11.11. and 17. 6. and 24.13. and 37. 31, 32. and 65. 8. *Jer.* 3.14. and 30. 11. *Ezek.*5.3. and 6.8. and 14.22. *Joel* 2.32. *Amos* 9.8,14. *Rom.* 9. 27. and 11.5. *Zech.*13.8,9. ¶ [26] *Gen.*19.24,25. *Deut.*29. 23. *Lam.*4.6. *Amos* 4.11.

10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of [27] Sodom; give ear unto the [28] law of our God, ye people of [27] Gomorrah.

[27] *Deut.*32.32. *Jer.*23.14. and 50.40. *Amos* 9.7. *Rev.*11.8. Like unto 'em for wickedness, and therefore as hateful to me. ¶ [28] That Message which I now bring you in his Name.

11 [29] To what purpose *is* the multitude of your

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your Sacrifices unto me? ſaith the LORD: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beaſts, and I delight not in the bloud of bullocks, or of lambs, or of † he-goats.

† Heb. *goat he-goats.*

[59] *Ch.66.3. Pſal.50.8,9. and 51.16. Prov. 15.8. and 21.27. Jer.6.20. and 7.21,22. Amos 5.21,22. Mich.6.7. 1 Sam.15.22.*

† Heb. *be ſeen.*

12 When ye come to † [60] appear before me, who hath required [61] this at your hand to tread my courts?

[60] *Exod.23.17. and 34.23. Deut.16.16.* ¶ [61] *Jer.7.22. viz.* To come without Sincerity, Repentance, Faith, Obedience, and ſuch qualifications.

13 [62] Bring no more [63] vain oblations; incenſe is an abomination unto me, the new-moons and ſabbaths, the [64] calling of aſſemblies I cannot away with; *it is* ‖ iniquity; even the ſolemn meeting.

‖ Or, *grief.*

[62] *Ezek.20.-39. Mal.1.-10.* ¶ [63] Not accepted. ¶ [64] *Num. 10.2,7,10. Pſal.81.2. Joel 2. 15.*

14 Your new-moons, and your appointed feaſts my ſoul hateth: they are a trouble unto me, * I am weary to bear *them.*

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15 And when ye [65] ſpread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye † make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are [66] full of † bloud.

† Heb. *multiply prayer.* † Heb. *bloods.*

[65] *Prov.1.28. Jer.14.12. Mich.3.4.* ¶ [66] *ch.58.-4. and 59. 2,3. Job 27. 8,9. Ezek. 8. 17, 18.* Guilty of ſhedding much blood.

16 ¶ [67] Waſh ye, [67] make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes, [68] ceaſe to do evil,

[67] *Pſal.26.6. Job 11.13,14.* Cleanſe both your hearts and hands, *Pſal.51.2,7. 2 Cor.7.1. James 4.8.* ¶ [68] *Pſal. 34.14. and 37.27. Amos 5.15. Rom.12.9. 1 Pet.3.11.*

17 [69] Learn to do well; [70] ſeek judgment, ‖ relieve the oppreſſed; [71] judge the fatherleſs, plead for the widow.

‖ Or, *righten.*

[69] Tho' we do evil naturally, yet we can't do well without learning it. ¶ [70] *Matth. 23. 23.* Let every one in his place endeavour that juſt judgment may be executed. ¶ [71] Defend and deliver.

18 Come [72] now and let us [73] reaſon together ſaith the LORD: though your ſins be as ſcarlet, they ſhall be as [74] white as ſnow; though they be red like crimſon, they ſhall be [74] as wooll.

[72] If you do thus as I have ſaid, *v.16,17.* ¶ [73] *ch. 5.3,4. and 43.26. Jer.2.5,31. Mich.6.3. Viz.* Concerning the equity of my Propoſals and Proceedings. ¶ [74] *Pſal.51.7. Rev.7.14.* Fully pardon'd; whereby you ſhall be made pure and clean in my ſight.

19 If ye be [75] willing and obedient, ye ſhall [76] eat the good of the land.

[75] To do as I ſaid, *v. 16,17.* and to obey my commands. ¶ [76] Enjoy all ſorts of Temporal Bleſſings.

20 But if ye refuſe and rebel, ye ſhall be devoured with the ſword: for the mouth of the LORD hath ſpoken *it.*

21 ¶ [77] How is the faithful city become [78] an harlot! it was full of judgment, righteouſneſs lodged in it; but now [79] murderers.

[77] *Jer.2.-21.* ¶ [78] *Lam. 1. 8.* Full of Idolatry and other wickedneſs. ¶ [79] *v. 15. Mich. 3.2,3.*

*Jer. 6.28,30.

22 * Thy [80] ſilver is become droſs; thy [81] wine mixt with water.

[80] Thy former goodneſs and real worth is turn'd to a meer ſhew and pretence. ¶ [81] Thy Doctrine, Worſhip, Converſation, all are degenerated and corrupted.

23 Thy princes *are* [82] rebellious, and [83] companions of thieves: every one loveth [84] gifts, and followeth after [84] rewards: they * [85] judge not the fatherleſs, neither doth the cauſe of the widow come unto them.

*Zech.7.10.

¶ [82] *Viz.* Againſt my commands. ¶ [83] *Prov.29.24.* Countenancing and partaking with 'em in their oppreſſive courſes. ¶ [84] *Ezek.22.12. Hoſ.4.-18. Mich.3.11.* Forbidden, *Exod.23.8. Deut.10.17. and 27.25. 1 Sam.8.3. Iſa.33.15.* ¶ [85] *ch.10.2. Jer.5.28.* Refuſe to do right to thoſe that can't bribe 'em.

24 Therefore ſaith the Lord, the LORD of hoſts, [86] the mighty One of Iſrael, [87] Ah, I will [88] eaſe me of mine adverſaries, and avenge me of mine [89] enemies.

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[86] I who formerly ſhew'd my ſelf powerful for your Protection and Deliverance, will now exerciſe the ſame power in puniſhing you. ¶ [87] An expreſſion of Indignation at, and Triumph in the ruin of, theſe his Enemies. ¶ [88] *Deut. 28.63. Ezek.5.13. and 16.42. Rev. 3.-16.* Quiet my mind, by taking vengeance on 'em. ¶ [89] Even you my People who have behaved your ſelves as Enemies to me.

25 ¶ And I will [90] turn my hand upon thee, and † [91] purely [92] purge away thy [93] droſs, and take away all thy [93] tin.

† Heb. *according to pureneſs.*

[90] Once again ſet my ſelf (tho' you have been incorrigible hitherto, *v.5.*) to correct you in order to your Reformation. ¶ [91] Throughly. ¶ [92] *Jer. 9 7. Mal. 3. 3.* ¶ [93] *V.* 22. The Remainders of Corruption, and corrupt ones among you.

26 And I will [94] reſtore thy judges as [95] at the firſt, and thy counſellers as at the [95] beginning: afterward thou ſhalt be called, The city of righteouſneſs, [96] the faithful city.

[94] *Ch.60.17,18.* ¶ [95] Such as thou hadſt at firſt in the beginning of thy being a Commonwealth and Kingdom. ¶ [96] *Zech.8.-3.* Keeping covenant with God, and cleaving cloſe to him.

27 [97] Zion ſhall be redeemed with judgment, and ‖ her converts with righteouſneſs.

‖ Or, *they that return of her.*

[97] The true Worſhippers of God in *Sion* ſhall be delivered from Judgments threatned by my deſtroying their Enemies, and her redeemed ones by my faithfulneſs and goodneſs.

28 ¶ And the † [98] deſtruction of the tranſgreſſours and of the ſinners *ſhall be* [99] together, and they that forſake the LORD ſhall be conſumed.

† Heb. *breaking.*

¶ [98] *Job 31.3. Pſal.1.6. and 5.6. and 73.27. and 92.9. and 104.35.* ¶ [99] All of 'em ſhall be deſtroy'd (tho' my People are deliver'd) one as well as another.

29 For they ſhall be [100] aſhamed of * the [101] oaks which ye have [102] deſired, and ye ſhall be [100] confounded for * the [103] gardens that ye [102] have choſen.

* Chap.57.5. * Chap.65.3. & 66.17.

[100] Becauſe their Idols, in which they truſted, could not deliver 'em. ¶ [101] Groves and Gardens wherein they committed Idolatry. ¶ [102] *Viz.* For your Idolatrous Worſhip.

30 For ye ſhall be as an oak whoſe [104] leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

[104] *Ch. 50. 11.* Deprived of all your Delights and Enjoyments.

31 And the [105] ſtrong ſhall be [106] as tow, and ‖ the maker of it as a ſpark, and they ſhall both burn together, and none ſhall quench *them.*

‖ Or, *his work*

¶ [105] Both your Idols, and the moſt powerful of their Worſhippers. ¶ [106] Eaſily conſumed by my Judgments.

CHAP. II.

1 Iſaiah propheſieth the coming of Chriſts kingdom. 6 Wickedneſs is the cauſe of Gods forſaking. 10 He exhorteth to fear, becauſe of the powerful effects of Gods majeſty.

THE [1] word that Iſaiah the ſon of Amoz ſaw, concerning Judah and Jeruſalem.

[1] A Prophecy, or Viſion, in this and the two following Chapters, concerning the Reſtitution of the Church, principally under Chriſt.

2 [2] And it ſhall come to paſs in the [3] laſt days, *that* the [4] mountain of the LORDs houſe ſhall be ‖ [5] eſtabliſhed in the top of the mountains, and ſhall be [6] exalted above the [7] hills; and [8] all nations ſhall flow unto it.

‖ Or, *prepared*

[2] *Mich.4.1,2,3.* ¶ [3] Goſpel-times, (as *Acts 2. 17. Hebr. 1. 2. 1 John 2.18. 1 Cor.10.11. 2 Pet.3.3.* after which the Inſtitutions of the Church ſhall receive no further Alteration) and eſpecially, towards the latter end of the World, when the Jews ſhall be brought home to Chriſt. ¶ [4] The Church, (whereof the Temple built on M. *Sion*, was a Type.) ¶ [5] Rendred moſt conſpicuous, *Matth.5.14.* ¶ [6] In regard of ſpi-

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ritual Priviledges and Glory; and alſo of outward Proſperity, which at laſt it ſhall enjoy, *Deut.*2.35,44. ¶ [7] All other Kingdoms and States in the world, and all that is eminent therein, *Pſal.*68.15,16. *Dan.*2.44. *Iſa.* 60.10-12. 2 *Cor.* 3. 9, 10,18. *Rev.*21.2, 10, 23. ¶ [8] A numerous company out of ſeveral Nations ſhall come thronging and running to embrace the Goſpel, *ch.*11.10. *Jer.*3.17. and 31. 12. *Matth.*8.11. and 11. 12.

3 And [8] many people ſhall [9] go and ſay, [10] Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the houſe of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will [11] walk in his paths; for out of [12] Zion ſhall go forth the [13] law, and the [13] word of the LORD from [12] Jeruſalem.

[9] *Pſal.*84.5-7. *Jer.*50.4,5. *Eph.* 2.13. ¶ [10] *Pſal.* 122. 1. *Jer.*31.6. *Zech.*8.21. ¶ [11] The end of their Hearing and Learning is Practice, *Deut.*6.1. *Matth.*7.24. *Luke* 11.28. *John* 13.17. *James* 1. 25. ¶ [12] The Goſpel ſhall be firſt publiſh'd there, *Pſal.*110. 2. *Luke* 24.-47. *Acts* 1.8. and 13.46,47. *Rom.* 15. 18. ¶ [13] The Goſpel, or Doctrine of Salvation by Chriſt, obliging to Obedience.

4 And [14] he ſhall judge among the nations, and ſhall [15] rebuke many people, and * they ſhall [16] beat their ſwords into [17] plow-ſhares, and their ſpears into || pruning-hooks: nation ſhall not lift up ſword againſt nation, neither ſhall they learn war any more.

* Zech. 9.10.

|| Or, *ſithes.*

[14] *Matth.*11.27. *John* 5.22,23. The Lord Chriſt ſhall exerciſe Royal Authority, eſpecially over the Conſcience, by ſubduing that to his Obedience. ¶ [15] *John* 16.8,9. Convince 'em of their ſins, and bring 'em to Repentance, and Faith in himſelf. ¶ [16] *Pſal.*46.9. *Hoſ.*2.18. *Joel* 3.10. 2 *Cor.*9.10. The Goſpel ſhall produce a peaceable Diſpoſition in all thoſe that do ſincerely embrace it: and if it be otherwiſe, it is but by Accident, through the power of corruption, as *Luke* 12. 49. See there. ¶ [17] Yet they ſhall not live idle, but exerciſe themſelves in peaceful and profitable Employments, *Eph.*4.28. & *Theſſ.*3.10,12.

5 [18] O houſe of Jacob, [19] come ye, and let us walk [20] in the light of the LORD.

[18] All the Iſraelites, (to whom the Prophet here turns his ſpeech.) ¶ [19] *q. d.* Since the Gentiles will be ſo forward to provoke one another, (*v.*3.) to ſeek and ſerve the Lord, be you the rather excited to Obedience; (hereby intimating not only their Backwardneſs, but even their Apoſtacy, when the Gentiles ſhould come in, *Deut.*32.21.) ¶ [20] *Pſal.*89.15. According to thoſe Directions that he has already, and will further, eſpecially in Goſpel-times, vouchſafe unto us, by his Word and Spirit, *ch.*8.20. *Pſal.*119.105. *Prov.*6.23. 2 *Cor.*4.6.

6 ¶ [21] Therefore thou [22] haſt forſaken thy people the houſe of Jacob, becauſe they be [23] repleniſhed || from the eaſt, and *are* [24] ſoothſayers like the [25] Philiſtines, and they || [26] pleaſe themſelves in the children of ſtrangers.

|| Or, *more then the eaſt.*

|| Or, *abound with the children, &c.*

[21] Or, *But, q. d.* But there's no hope of prevailing with 'em to embrace the Goſpel, they are ſo obſtinate and impenitent: and thereupon God will utterly (tho' not finally) forſake 'em, *Rom.* 11.20. (of which he ſpeaks from hence to the end of the third Chapter.) ¶ [22] Wilt certainly forſake and reject the Body of that Nation. ¶ [23] Mightily addicted to the idolatrous and ſuperſtitious practices of the Syrians and Chaldeans, (under which is included alſo all other ways of Will-worſhip.) ¶ [24] Such as take upon 'em to foretel future events by the view of the Sky and Poſture of the Stars and Planets. ¶ [25] *Deut.*18.1. 1 *Sam.* 6. 2. ¶ [26] Are very fond of, and addicted to, outlandiſh modes, and delight much in the Converſation of Foreigners, *Zeph.* 1.8.

7 Their land alſo is full of [27] ſilver and gold, [28] neither *is there any* end of their treaſures: their land is alſo full of [29] horſes, neither *is there any* end of their chariots.

[27] *Viz.* Unjuſtly gotten, and abuſed to pride, exceſs, carnal confidence, and for the upholding of Idolatry, *v.*8.20. *ch.*30. 22. *Ezek.*16.27. *Hoſ.*2.8. ¶ [28] They never think they have enough. ¶ [29] (Which even their Kings were forbidden to multiply, *Deut.*17.16,17. much more their Subjects.)

8 Their land alſo is [30] full of idols: they worſhip the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

[30] *ch.* 57.5. *Jer.*2.-28. & 11.13.

9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himſelf; [31] therefore forgive them not.

[31] *Ch.*27.-11. Or, *ſpit thou will not forgive 'em*, i.e. ſpare 'em any longer, becauſe they have ſo highly provok'd thee.

10 ¶ [32] Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the duſt, for fear of the LORD, and for the [33] glory of his majeſty.

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[32] *Rev.*6.16. *q. d.* God's Judgments are certainly and ſpeedily coming upon you; and therefore ſee if you can ſhift for your ſelves, ſince you will not obey, and prevent 'em that way. ¶ [33] His glorious appearance in a way of judgment againſt you.

11 The [34] lofty looks of man ſhall be [35] humbled, and the [34] haughtineſs of men ſhall be bowed down, and the LORD alone ſhall be [35] exalted [37] in that day.

[34] *V.*13-17. The Pride of thoſe that exalted themſelves againſt God, and deſpiſed his Law, (a fruit of pride; *Pſal.* 10.2,4.) ¶ [35] *ch.* 5.15. and 10.-33. and 13. 11. As they humbled and bowed down themſelves to their idols, (*v.* 9.) ſo God will humble and bowe 'em down by his Judgments. ¶ [36] Owned for the only true, almighty, and juſt God, *Jeſh.* 7.19. ¶ [37] *ch.*13.6,9. *viz.* Of his Judgments.

12 For the [37] day of the LORD of hoſts *ſhall be* [38] upon every *one that is* [39] proud and [39] lofty, and upon every *one that is* [39] lifted up, and he ſhall be [40] brought low;

[38] *Mal.*4.1. *Rev.*19.18. ¶ [39] *Prov.*6.17. and 16.5. *James* 4.6. 1 *Pet.*5.5. ¶ [40] *Matth.*23.12. *Luke* 14.11. and 18.-14.

13 And upon all the * [41] cedars of Lebanon, *that are* high and lifted up, and upon all the [41] oaks of Baſhan,

* Zech. 11.1,2. See Ezek. 31.3.

[41] Whereof haveck ſhall be made by the Enemy. (Idolatry being frequently committed under, and among 'em.)

14 And * upon all the high [42] mountains, and upon all the [42] hills *that are* lifted up,

* Chap. 30.25.

[42] Wherein they confided as places of great Security, (*Jer.*49.16. *Matth.*24.-16.) and which were the High-places where uſually they committed Idolatry, and therefore God's Judgments ſhould light upon them alſo.

15 And upon every [43] high tower, and upon every [43] fenced wall,

[43] By overthrowing 'em.

16 And upon all * the [44] ſhips of Tarſhiſh, and upon all † [45] pleaſant pictures.

* 1 Kin. 10.22. † Heb. *pictures of deſire.*

[44] Whereby they got much wealth. ¶ [45] Coſtly Furniture.

17 And the [34] loftineſs of man ſhall be [35] bowed down, and the [34] haughtineſs of men ſhall be [35] made low: and the LORD alone ſhall be [36] exalted in that [37] day.

18 And the idols || he ſhall utterly abolish.

|| Or, *ſhall utterly paſs away.*

19 And they ſhall go into the [46] holes of the rocks, and into the [46] caves of the † earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majeſty, when he [47] ariſeth to [48] ſhake terribly the earth.

† Heb. *duſt.*

[46] *V.* 21. *Hoſ.* 10. 8. *Luke* 23. 30. *Rev.* 6. 16. and 9. 6. ¶ [47] *Pſal.* 3. 7. and 9. 8. and 9. 19. and 68. 1. ¶ [48] *v.* 21. Cauſe great commotions and conſuſions in the Land; as *Hag.*2.6,21. *Rev.*6.12,14. and 8.5. and 11.13,19. and 16.18.

20 * In [49] that day a man ſhall [50] caſt † his idols of ſilver, and his idols of gold, which they made, || *each one* for himſelf, to worſhip, [51] to the moles, and to the bats;

* Chap. 30.22. & 31.7.

† Heb. *the idols of his ſilver, &c.*

|| Or, *for him*

[49] Thoſe Times that this Prophecy refers to. See 2. 3. ¶ [50] This ſhall be the temper of the generality, that they ſhall not only renounce Idolatry, but their own Righteouſneſs and the Moſaical Inſtitutions, which they have hitherto idoliſed, and ſet up in the room of Chriſt, whom now they ſhall embrace as their Saviour. Thus is the Converſion of the Jews in the latter days commonly expreſt by the Prophets, (as *ch.*30.22. and 31.7. *Ezek.* 37.23. and elſwhere,) becauſe Idolatry was the reigning ſin among 'em in the Prophets days. ¶ [51] Into any obſcure, dirty holes and corners.

21 To go into the [46] clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majeſty, when he [47] ariſeth to [48] ſhake terribly the earth.

22 [52] Ceaſe ye from man whoſe breath *is* [53] in his noſtrils: for [54] wherein is he to be accounted of?

[52] *q. d.* Since the greateſt and proudeſt of 'em ſhall be brought down, (*v.*11,17,19.) therefore take heed of truſting in him, or any other Creature, for help in time of ſuch Judgments as are now denounc'd, *Pſal.*146.3. *Jer.* 17. 5. ¶ [53] *Job* 27.3. See on *Gen.*27. ¶ [54] *Job* 7.17,18. *Pſal.* 8. 4. and

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and 144.3,4. viz. In, and of himself, when God is departed from him, or set against him.

CHAP. III.

1 *The great confusion that cometh by sin.* 9 *The impudency of the people.* 12 *The oppression and covetousness of the rulers.* 16 *The judgments which shall be for the pride of the women.*

*Jer.37.21. & 38.9.

1 For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts *[2] doth take away from Jerusalem, and from Judah, [2] the stay and the staff, the whole [2] stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

[1] *g. d.* There's a great deal of reason for you to withdraw your confidence from man, *(ch.* 2. 21.) because God will withdraw from him all power to help. ¶ [2] Is about to remove all necessaries for the support of life, *Lev.* 26. 26. 2 *Kings* 25.3.

2 [3] The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the [4] prophet, and the [5] prudent, and the [6] ancient,

[3] 2 *Kings* 24.14. ¶ [4] *Psal.*74.9. ¶ [5] *Amos* 5.13. Who is expert in the managing of Affairs, and can give a shrewd guess at what is like to come to pass. ¶ [6] 1 *Kings* 12. 6,8.

† Heb. *a man eminent in countenance.* ‖ Or, *skilful of speech.*

3 [7] The captain of fifty, and † the [8] honourable man, and the counseller, and [9] the cunning artificer, and the ‖ [10] eloquent oratour.

[7] Every one that has but so much skill as to command fifty Souldiers. ¶ [8] Those that are in the greatest esteem for Birth, Power, Parts, or the like. ¶ [9] 2 *Kings* 24. 14. ¶ [10] Such as by their Eloquence could prevail with the multitude, and as it were charm 'em to do what was fit, 1 *Sam.* 25.24,34. 2 *Sam.*20.16,22.

4 And I will give [11] children *to be* their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

[11] *V.*12. *Eccl.*10.16. Persons destitute of the Art of Government.

5 And the people shall be [12] oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his [13] neighbour: the child shall [14] behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the [15] base against the honourable.

[12] *Judg.*17.6. and 19.1.&c. *Mich.*3.1,2. Through the negligence of such weak Governours. ¶ [13] *Jer.* 9.4, 5. *Mich.* 7.5,6. ¶ [14] Contrary to *Lev.*19.32. ¶ [15] 2 *Sam.*16.5,9.

6 When a man shall [16] take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast [17] clothing, [18] be thou our ruler, and [19] *let* this ruine *be* under thy hand.

[16] *Ch.* 4. 1. *John* 6. 15. Earnestly press and importune. ¶ [17] Something yet left in these times of common Oppression, to support the state and dignity of a Governour. ¶ [18] *Judg.*9.8, 10, 12. and 11.6. ¶ [19] Do thou undertake the charge of us, and do what thou canst to prevent this ruin that is coming upon us.

† Heb. *lift up* the hand, Gen. 14.22. † Heb. *binder up.*

7 In that day shall he † swear, saying, [20] I will not be an † healer; for in my house *is* neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

[20] I am altogether unfit for such an Employment.

8 For [21] Jerusalem is ruined, and [21] Judah is fallen: because their [22] tongue and their [22] doings *are* [23] against the LORD, [24] to provoke the eyes of his glory.

[21] The Jewish State, and People of the Land. ¶ [22] Both Words and Deeds. ¶ [23] *Psal*73.13. *Jude* 15. ¶ [24] *ch.*1.4. and 65.3. *Jer.*7.18,19.

9 ¶ [25] The shew of their countenance doth witness against them, and they [26] declare their sin as [27] Sodom, they hide *it* not: wo unto their soul, for they have [28] rewarded evil unto themselves.

[25] *Jer.*3.3. *Ezek.*24.7,8. *q. d.* Yea, their Impiety appears not only in their words and actions, *(v.*8.) but in their very looks. ¶ [26] *Gen.*4.23,24. ¶ [27] *Gen.* 13.13. and 18, 21. and 19.5. ¶ [28] *Hos.*13.9. Or, *do procure.*

10 [29] Say ye to the righteous, that *it shall be* [30] well *with him:* *for they shall [31] eat the fruit of their doings.

*Psal. 128.2.

[29] *Mal.*3.18. ¶ [30] *ch.*26.20. *Eccl.*8.12. *Jer.*5.1. Even in these calamitous times, 2 *Pet.* 2.5,7,9. *Ezek.* 9.4. ¶ [31] *Psal.* 18.23,24. *Gal.* 6. 7, 8. *Hebr.* 6. 10. Reap the benefit of their holy lives.

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11 Wo unto the wicked, *it shall be* [32] ill *with him:* for the [33] reward of his hands shall be † given him.

† Heb. *done to him.*

[32] *Ch.*65.13,15,20. *Eccl.*8.13. ¶ [33] *Psal.*28.4. and 62.12. *Prov.*1.31. *Rom.*2.6. 2 *Cor.*5.10.

12 ¶ *As for* my people, * [11] children *are* their oppressours, and [34] women rule over them: O my people, [35] they which ‖ lead thee, [36] cause *thee* to err, and † [37] destroy the way of thy paths.

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‖ Or, *call thee blessed.* † Heb. *swallow up.*

[34] *Nah.*3.13. Men of an effeminate Spirit. ¶ [35] Both Civil and Ecclesiastical Rulers. ¶ [36] *ch.* 9. 16. *Matth.*15. 14. ¶ [37] Keep thee from the knowledge or practice of the way wherein thou shouldst go, and seduce thee into destructive ways.

13 The LORD [38] standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

[38] Is ready to vindicate his people against their cruel Oppressours, and to deliver the oppressed, and punish their Oppressours.

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the [39] ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have ‖ [40] eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor *is* in your houses.

‖ Or, *burnt.*

[39] Judges and Magistrates. ¶ [40] Entred upon, and possess'd your selves of the Lands and Inheritances of God's poor People.

15 What mean ye *that* ye [41] beat my people to pieces, and [41] grind the faces of the poor? saith the LORD God of hosts.

[41] *Ch.*58.4. *Mich.*3.2,3. Exercise all manner of cruelty upon 'em.

16 ¶ Moreover, the LORD saith, Because the [42] daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched-forth necks, and † [43] wanton eyes, [44] walking, and ‖ [44] mincing *as* they go, and making a [45] tinkling with their feet:

† Heb. *deceiving with their eyes.* ‖ Or, *tripping nicely.*

[42] The Women of *Jerusalem*; especially that part of it where the King's Court was. ¶ [43] 2 *Pet.* 2. 14. ¶ [44] Taking little steps, and using an affected kind of gate, out of pride and wantonness. ¶ [45] By reason of some Ornaments which they wore about their legs or feet, *v.*18.

17 Therefore the Lord will smite with [46] a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will † [47] discover their secret parts.

† Heb. *make naked.*

[46] *Deut.*28.27. (Which will fetch off their hair, wherein they Pride themselves). ¶ [47] *Nah.*3.5. *Jer.* 13.22. Reduce 'em to that extremity, (instead of that superfluity wherewith they did formerly abound) that they shall not have wherewith to cover their nakedness.

18 In that day the LORD will [48] take away the bravery of *their* tinkling ornaments *about their feet*, and *their* ‖ cauls, and *their* round tires like the moon.

‖ Or, *nets. works.*

[48] Not as if the several Ornaments after-mention'd were unlawful in themselves, but only by reason of their excess and vanity in the use of 'em, by making 'em the fuel of their Pride and Wantonness, 1 *Tim.*2.9. 1 *Pet.* 3.3.

19 The ‖ chains, and the bracelets, and the ‖ mufflers,

‖ Or, *sweet balls.* ‖ Or, *spangled ornaments.*

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the † tablets, and the ear-rings,

† Heb. *houses of the soul.*

21 The rings, and [49] nose-jewels,

[49] Jewels which they us'd to wear upon their foreheads, and hung down towards the nose, *Gen.*24.22,47. *Exod.*35.22. *Judg.*8.24.

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping-pins,

23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.

24 And it shall come to pass, *that* in stead of sweet smell, there shall be stink; and in stead of a [50] girdle, [50] a rent; and in stead of well set hair, baldness; and in stead of a stomacher, a

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girding of sackcloth; *and* [s1] burning instead of beauty.

[s0] Instead of their curious girdles, wrought with Gold, and set with Gems, they shall have nothing but Rags to cover their Nakedness. ¶ [s1] They shall be tann'd and sunburnt in their Transportation to *Babylon*.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy † Heb. *might.* † mighty in the war.

26 And her gates shall [s2] lament and mourn, ‖ Or, *emptied.* and she *being* ‖ † desolate, shall [s3] sit upon the † Heb. *cleansed.* ground.

¶ [s2] *Jer.*14.2. *Lam.*1.4. ¶ [s3] *ch.*47.1. *Ezra* 9.3. *Job* 2.8, 13. *Lam.*2.10. *Ezek.*8.14. Have her Buildings thrown down, *ch.*25.12.

CHAP. IV.

In the extremity of evils, Christ's kingdom shall be a sanctuary.

AND in that [1] day seven women shall [2] take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only † Heb. *let thy name be called upon us.* † let us be [3] called by thy name, ‖ Or, *take thou away.* to take away our [4] reproch.

[1] When that Threatning (*ch.*3.25.) is fulfill'd; afterwards God will receive 'em to favour again. ¶ [2] *ch.*3.6. See there. Importune him to own 'em as his Wives, (implying, there shall be a great scarcity of men in the Land.) ¶ [3] Counted thy Wives. ¶ [4] *Gen.*30.23. 1 *Sam.*1.6. *Luke* 1.25.

2 In that [5] day [6] shall * the branch of the LORD be † beautiful and glorious, and [7] the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for † them that are [8] escaped of Israel. * Zech.3.8. & 6.12. † Heb. *beauty and glory.* † Heb. *the escaping of Israel.*

[5] After God has by the forementioned Judgments, purged and refined 'em. ¶ [6] He'll cause his Church to flourish again, (in Gospel-times especially) and become beautiful and glorious; yet not so much in respect of the Mosaical Worship, or any external Splendor, as of the Presence of Christ among 'em, and that Administration of Affairs which he shall set up in his Church. ¶ [7] The Land shall recover it's former fruitfulness, and all sorts of blessings both Temporal and Spiritual shall flow in upon 'em. ¶ [8] Shall survive the foremention'd calamities, and such as shall afterwards proceed from 'em, and live in those days.

3 And it shall come to pass, *that he* [9] *that is* left in Zion, and *he that* remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called [9] holy, *even* every one *that is* [10] written ‖ Or, *to life.* among the living in Jerusalem:

[9] They that return from *Babylon* shall be much reformed, and especially the generality of the Members of the Church in the Primitive Gospel-times, and again in the latter days, shall be really holy, *ch.*60.21. and 61.10,11. and 62.12. *Ezek.* 43.12. *Acts* 15.9. 1 *Pet.*1.2. and 2.9. ¶ [10] Appointed and design'd by God to survive the foremention'd calamities, and to live in those days (as a Type of those that are ordain'd to eternal life.)

4 [11] When * the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged [12] the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof, by the [13] spirit of judgment, and [14] by the spirit of burning. * Mal.3.2,3.

[11] *q. d.* This spoken of (v.3.) shall come to pass when the Lord shall have cleansed them from their manifold sins. ¶ [12] Their murdering the Prophets, and especially the Messiah. ¶ [13] *ch.*1.27. and 32.16. (1) Those Judgments which he shall execute upon 'em with a great deal of fury. And then (2) his Spirit bestow'd upon 'em to convince 'em of their sins, in order to their Repentance. ¶ [14] Which shall consume their dross like fire, *Matth.*3.11.

5 [15] And the LORD will create upon every [15] dwelling-place of mount Zion, and upon her [15] assemblies a [15] cloud, and [15] smoke by day, and the [15] shining of a flaming fire by night: for ‖ [17] upon all the glory *shall be* a † defence. ‖ Or, *above.* † Heb. *covering.*

[15] When he shall thus have purg'd 'em, then he'll manifest his Almighty Power to the several private Habitations of his people, and upon their publick places of Worship, (*ch.*32.18.) in their direction and protection, *Exod.* 13.21. ¶ [17] Upon his Church and People, when he shall bring 'em into such a glorious condition, (*v.* 2.) there shall be his Divine Protection over-spreading and securing 'em, *ch.* 32.18. and 33.21. *Zech.*2.5.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day-time from the heat, and for a place of [18] refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain. Chap. 5.

[18] *Ch.*25.4. *Psal.* 84.3. *Deut.* 33.27. God shall defend 'em from whatsoever might annoy 'em.

CHAP. V.

1 *Under the parable of a vineyard, God excuseth his severe judgment.* 8 *His judgments upon covetousness,* 11 *upon luxuriousness,* 13 *upon impiety,* 20 *and upon injustice.* 26 *The executioners of Gods judgments.*

NOw will [1] I sing to my welbeloved, a song [2] of my beloved touching * his vineyard: My welbeloved hath a vineyard in † a [3] very fruitful hill. * Mark 12.1. Luk. 20.9. †Heb. *the horn of the son of oyl.*

[1] I the Prophet *Isaiah* will compose, and publish by way of a Song) as *Deut.*31.19,30. *Judg.*5.3. *Psal.* 101.1.) to the honour of the Lord Christ, whom with my Soul I love. ¶ [2] Composed by the Inspiration of his Spirit, shewing the great cost he has bestow'd on his Church, (*v.* 7. *Psal.* 80. 8. *Cant.*8.12. *Jer.*2.21. *Matth.*21.33.) and the little fruit brought forth by it. ¶ [3] *Cant.*8.11.

2 And he ‖ [4] fenced it, and [5] gathered out the stones thereof, and [5] planted it with the choicest vine, and [5] built a tower in the midst of it, and also † [5] made a wine-press therein: and he [6] looked that it should bring forth [7] grapes, and it brought forth [8] wild grapes. ‖ Or, *made a wall about it.* † Heb. *hewed.*

[4] *Ch.*4.5,6. and 27.3. *Psal.*125.2. *Zech.* 2.5. ¶ [5] Used all necessary means to make it fruitful. ¶ [6] *Matth.* 21.34. 1 *Cor.*9.7. *James* 5.7. ¶ [7] *Viz.* Such as were good and pleasant. ¶ [8] *Deut.*32.6.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, [9] judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. [9] So *Jer.*2.5. *Mich.*6.3. *Mat.*21.40,41.

4 [10] What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? [11] wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

[10] *q.d.* Nothing has been wanting on my part, in a way of outward means, that belonged to a Planter, or Keeper of a Vineyard. ¶ [11] What good reason can be given of this great disappointment?

5 And now go to; I will [12] tell you what I will do to my vineyard; I will [13] take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up: *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be † trodden down. † Heb. *for a treading.*

[12] He forewarns 'em of Judgments approaching that they may by Repentance prevent 'em. ¶ [13] *Psal.*80.12,13. Withdraw my protection, and give 'em up to be wasted and destroy'd by their Enemies.

6 And I will [14] lay it waste: it shall [15] not be pruned, nor digged, but [16] there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also [17] command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

[14] *Matth.*23.38. Deprive 'em of all those Priviledges they enjoy as my peculiar people. ¶ [15] *Hos.* 4.14. No care taken by their Teachers to reprove and reform 'em, and make 'em fruitful. ¶ [16] Idolatry and all kind of wickedness shall abound among 'em. ¶ [17] Deprive 'em of all my outward Blessings.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah † his [18] pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold † oppression; for righteousness, but behold a [19] cry. † Heb. *plant of his pleasures.* † Heb. *a scab.*

[18] For whom he has done more, than for the rest of Mankind, (*Psal.*78.68. and 87.2.) and so seem'd to take more special delight in it. ¶ [19] *Viz.* Of the oppressed, *Luk.* 18.7.

8 ¶ Wo unto them that [20] join * house to house, *that* [20] lay field to field, till *there be* [21] no place, that † they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth. * Mich.2.2. † Heb. *ye.*

[20] Watch all opportunities to dispossess others by any means whatsoever, (1 *Kings* 21.16.) and engross all to themselves. ¶ [21] No room for any to dwell by 'em.

9 ‖ [22] In

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9 ‖ [22] In mine ears, *said* the LORD of hosts, † Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, *even* great and fair without inhabitant.

‖ Or, *This is in mine ears, saith the LORD*, &c.
† Heb. *If not*, &c.
* See Ezek. 45.11.

[22] *q. d.* The Lord spake this, which I shall now tell you, in my hearing.

10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield *[23] one bath, and the seed of an [24] homer shall yield an [25] ephah.

[23] About eighe gallons of Wine. ¶ [24] About four or five bushel. ¶ [25] About half a bushel.

11 ¶ Wo unto them that rise up early in the [26] morning, *that* they may follow strong drink, that [27] continue until night, *till* wine ‖ [28] enflame them.

‖ Or, *pursue.*

[26] Which was unusual, and scandalous, *Eccl.* 10. 16. *Acts* 2.15. ¶ [27] *Prov.*23.30. ¶ [28] Tho' they were not drunk therewith, yet that did not excuse 'em.

12 And the [29] harp and the viol, the tabret and pipe, and wine are in their feasts: but they [30] regard not the [31] work of the LORD, neither consider the [31] operation of his hands.

[29] *Amos* 6. 5, 6. *Ezek.* 21. 10. They give up themselves wholly to Luxury and Voluptuousness, and that in a very unseasonable time. ¶ [30] *Psal.*28.5. and 92. 5, 6. *Job* 34. 27. *Hos.*4.11. ¶ [31] What God is about to do among 'em, (which requires another course of life.)

13 ¶ Therefore my people are [32] gone into [33] captivity, because *they have* [34] no knowledge: and their † honourable men *are* † [35] famished, and their multitude [35] dried up with thirst.

† Heb. *glory.*
† Heb. *men of famine.*

[32] Going. ¶ [33] *Amos* 6.7. ¶ [34] *ch.*1.3. and 27.11. *Luke* 19.-44. *Jer.*8.7. No consideration of their own ways, and God's Judgments. ¶ [35] *Viz.* In the Siege of *Jerusalem* by the *Babylonians.*

14 [36] Therefore [37] hell hath enlarged her self, and opened her mouth without measure: and [38] their glory, and their multitude, and [39] their pomp, and he that [40] rejoyceth shall descend into it.

[36] For their Regardlesness and Inconsiderateness, v. -12. ¶ [37] The grave shall devour multitudes of 'em. ¶ [38] Those of the greatest Esteem and Renown. ¶ [39] All their bravery, *ch.*3.18.&c. ¶ [40] Spends his time in Revelling, Mirth and Jollity.

15 And the [41] mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.

[41] *ch.*2.9,11, 17. See there.

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be [42] exalted in judgment, and ‖ † God *that is* holy, shall be [43] sanctified [44] in righteousness.

‖ Or, *the holy God.*
† Heb. *the God the Holy.*

[42] *Ch.*2.11. *Psal.* 9.16. Have the glory of his Power, Holiness and Justice manifested and magnified by executing Judgments on such incorrigible sinners. ¶ [43] See on *Lev.* 10.3. ¶ [44] By his Righteous Judgments.

17 [45] Then shall the [46] lambs feed [47] after their manner, and the waste places of [48] the fat ones shall [49] strangers eat.

[45] When the forementioned Judgments are executed on ungodly Oppressours, then shall true Believers have mercy extended to 'em. ¶ [46] *ch.*40. 11. *John* 21. 15. The poor and harmless People of God: the godly poor that were left in the Land when the rich were carried into Captivity, (2 *Kings* 25.12.) shall enjoy those Fruits that the Land affords. ¶ [47] Freely and quietly; as they were wont to do before those Troubles came upon the Land. ¶ [48] Those rich, powerful persons, who formerly oppress the poor. ¶ [49] The poor *Israelites* left in the Land, (who were not properly the Owners of those Lands) yet now should possess 'em, and enjoy the Profits thereof.

18 Wo unto them that [50] draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart-rope.

[50] Are so set upon sin that they spare no cost nor pains in the pursuit thereof, which in the end will prove their ruin.

19 [51] That say, [52] Let him make speed *and* hasten his work, that we may see *it*: and let the [53] counsel of the holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it.*

[51] *Jer.*17.15. *Amos* 5.18. 2 *Pet.* 3. 3, 4. *Viz.* In a jeering scornful manner; or at least, this is the language of their actions. ¶ [52] *q. d.* You have often told us what your Holy One of *Israel* would do: why let him begin as soon as he pleases, we value it not. ¶ [53] That which you pretend he has purpos'd and decreed according to the counsel of his own Will.

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20 ¶ Wo unto them that † [54] call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

† Heb. *say concerning evil*, It is *good*, &c.

[54] *Prov.*17.15. Approve and plead for Evil, and condemn Good: put false titles and glosses upon things, contrary to their own knowledge and judgment.

21 Wo unto *them that are* [55] wise in their own eyes, and prudent † in their own sight.

† Heb. *before their face.*

[55] *Prov.* 3. 7. and 26. 12. 1 *Cor.* 3. 18. *Rom.* 12.-16.

22 Wo unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to [56] mingle strong drink:

[56] To drink it when mingled. (The Antecedent for the Consequent.)

23 Which [57] justifie the wicked for reward, and [58] take away the righteousness of the righteous from him.

[57] *Prov.*17.15. and 24.24. Plead for and acquit. ¶ [58] Charge and accuse, or condemn as guilty.

24 Therefore *as the † fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, *so* * [59] their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the holy One of Israel.

* Exod.15.7.
† Heb. *tongue of fire.*
* Job 18.16. Amos 2.9.

[59] Utter Destruction shall seize upon them.

25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the [60] hills did tremble, and [61] their carcases *were* ‖ torn in the midst of the streets: For all this [62] his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

‖ Or, *as dung.*

[60] *Psal.*68.8. *Jer.*4.24. *Joel* 2.10. ¶ [61] They were wounded, and slain in the streets, and there they lay without burial. ¶ [62] *ch.*9.-12,17,21. and 10.4. His Justice is not fully satisfied, but he'll take further vengeance upon 'em.

26 ¶ And he will [63] lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will [64] hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and behold, they shall come with speed swiftly.

[63] *Deut.*28.49. As it were invite the *Assyrians* to list themselves under his Colours; *i. e.* by his Providence bring 'em against the *Jews.* ¶ [64] *ch.* 7. 18. Call 'em with a Whistle.

27 None shall be [65] weary nor [65] stumble amongst them: none shall slumber nor sleep: neither *shall the girdle of their loyns be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken.

[65] They shall meet with no lets.
* Dan.5.6.

28 [66] Whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirl-wind.

[66] All things shall concur for the effectual accomplishment of their designs.

29 [67] Their roring *shall be* like a lion, they shall rore like young lions: yea, they shall rore and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it.*

[67] They shall be fierce, cruel, and irresistible in their enterprises.

30 And in that day they shall [68] rore against them, like the roring of the sea: [69] and if *one* look unto the land, behold, darkness *and* ‖ sorrow: ‖ and the [70] light is darkned in the heavens [71] thereof.

‖ Or, *distress*
‖ Or, *when it is light, it shall be dark in the destruction thereof.*

[68] The *Assyrians*, or *Chaldeans* shall rore against the Jews. ¶ [69] *ch.*8.22. If any one of the Inhabitants look this way or that way, towards any part of the Land, they shall not see the least sign of any hope or help. ¶ [70] *q. d.* And if any look towards Heaven for comfort, yet they shall see none. There shall be no hope of help either upward or downward. ¶ [71] Of *Judea.*

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1 *Isaiahs vision.* 9 *The obstinacy of the people to their desolation.* 13 *A remnant shall be saved.*

3246. IN the year that king Uzziah [1] died, I [2] saw also the [3] Lord [4] sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and || his train filled the [5] temple.

|| Or, *the skirts thereof.*

[1] 2 *King.*15.7. ¶ [2] In a spiritual extasie or Vision; as *Ezek.*1.1. *Act.*10.10,11. and 22.17. 2 *Cor.* 12. 2. *Rev.*1. 12. ¶ [3] A symbolical Representation of the Divine Essence, as subsisting in three Persons, (called *Us*, *v.* 8. and Christs Glory, *John* 12.41. and attributed to the Holy Ghost, *Acts* 28.25.) ¶ [4] So 1 *King.*22.19. *Dan.*7.9. ready to pass Sentence, and execute Judgment on the Jews. (An Allusion to his sitting between the Cherubims.) ¶ [5] The other parts of it; to note, that the glory of God, and the benefits of Christ's Mediatorship extend to the whole Church.

2 [6] Above it [7] stood the [8] seraphims: each one had [9] six wings; with twain he covered his [10] face, and with twain he covered his [11] feet, and with twain he did [12] flie.

[6] Above the Throne, over against the Lord, whose Head and upper Parts in that humane shape wherein he appear'd, were lifted up far above the Throne. ¶ [7] *Dan.* 7.11. *Luke* 1.19. In the posture of Servants attending on their Lord and Master, 1 *King.*10.8. *Prov.* 22. 29. ¶ [8] Angels in humane shape; so called from fire or burning; to represent either (1) Their pure and spiritual Nature. Or (2) Their fervent Zeal for God's service and glory. Or (3) Their readiness to execute vegeance on the Jews (as the Fiery Serpents, which are called by the same name, *Numb.*21.6. were upon the Israelites in the Wilderness) and to burn 'em up like dross. ¶ [9] *Ezek.*1.6. and 10.21. *Rev.* 4.8. ¶ [10] As *Elijah* did, 1 *King.* 19. 13. To note their reverence of the Divine Majesty, as unable to behold his infinite brightness and glory. ¶ [11] As sensible of the natural infirmity and impurity, (at least comparative) of their ways and courses, *Job* 4. 18. ¶ [12] *v.* 6. *Dan.* 9. 21. Noting their swiftness in executing Gods commands.

† Heb. *this cried to this.*

3 † And [13] one cried unto another, and said, [14] Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts, [15] the † whole earth *is* full of his glory.

† Heb. *his glory is the fulness of the whole earth.*

[13] They did sing by turns the praises of their Lord, as *Exod.*15.1,21. *Ezra.*3.11. ¶ [14] *Rev* 4.8. Infinitely and superlatively holy in his Nature, and in all his Dispensations: particularly in this work of Judgment he is now about. ¶ [15] *Psal.*8.1,9. and 72.19. (1) Every thing in every part of the earth doth manifest his glory, *Psal.*19.1,2,3. (2) The Gentiles in all parts of the World shall be converted, and give glory to God upon the Jews impenitency, *Matth.* 13. 14,15. *Act.*28.19. *Rom.*11. 11,12,15.

† Heb. *thresholds.*

4 And the posts of the † door [16] moved at the voice [17] of him that cried, and the house was filled with [18] smoke.

[16] *Ch.*5.25. To note the dreadfulness of the Judgment approaching, and the fearful commotion and trembling it should cause, when executed. ¶ [17] *v.* 3. Of every one of the Seraphims that cried. ¶ [18] In token of God's indignation, (*Psal.*18.8. *Deut.*29.20. *Rev.*14. 11. and 15. 8.) and that it should be burnt.

† Heb. *cut off.*

5 ¶ Then said I, [19] Wo *is* me, for I am † undone, because I *am* a man of [20] unclean lips, and I [21] dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the [22] LORD of hosts.

[19] *Dan.*10.17. *Ex.*33.20. *Heb.*12.21. *Jud.*6.22. *Luke* 1.12. *Hab.* 3.16. ¶ [20] And consequently of a corrupt Heart and Nature, which discovers it self at the mouth, *Matth.* 12. 34. *&c.* and 15.19. ¶ [21] *Psal.* 119. 115. and 106. 35. And one way or other involved my self in the guilt of their sins. ¶ [22] *Judg.* 13.22. Appearing as a Judge.

† Heb. *and in his hand a live coal.*

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, † having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs [23] from off the altar.

[23] To note, that there's no cleansing from sin but by Christ, signified by that Altar, *Heb.*13.10.

† Heb. *caused it to touch.*
* Dan.10. 16.

7 And he †* laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is [24] taken away, and thy sin purged.

[24] This is a sign and assurance that the guilt of it is pardon'd, (so that thou needst not fear) and thou art accepted as fit for my service. He is purified before he is made a Reprover.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, [25] Whom shall I send, and who will go [26] for us? Then said I, † Here *am* I, send me.

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† Heb. *Behold me.*

[25] 1 *King.*22.19,20. Who is fit to be sent on the following errand? God either chooses fit instruments, or makes 'em so, *Exod.*4.10--12. ¶ [26] *Gen.* 1. 26. and 3. 22. In our name and stead; upon our service, and for our glory.

9 ¶ And he said, Go and tell [27] this people, [28] Hear ye ||† indeed, but [29] understand not; and [28] see ye † indeed, but [29] perceive not.

|| Or, *without ceasing, &c.*
†Heb. *in hearing.*
† Heb. *in seeing.*

[27] Not, *my People*, but *this People*, as not owned by God since they are so rebellious: so *v.* 10. *ch.*29. 13. *Jer.* 7. 16. *Exod.*32.7 ¶ [28] *Ezek.* 12. 2. *Matth.* 13. 14. *Mark* 4. 12. *Luke* 8.10. *John* 12.40. (See there.) *Act.*28.26. (See there.) *Rom.*11.8. *q. d.* You do indeed enjoy the means of Instruction and Reformation; you hear my Word, and see my Works, *Matth.*23.32. ¶ [29] *Psal.*106.7. *q. d.* Go on still in your obstinacy, and so let all those means that are used, prove ineffectual to you, (*Rev.*22.11.) the generality shall, through my just Judgment, be given up to your own blindness and hardness.

10 [30] Make the [31] heart of this people [32] fat, and make their ears [33] heavy, and [34] shut their eyes; [35] lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and [36] convert, and be [37] healed.

[30] *Ch.*28.13. and 29.10. Do that which will by accident have this effect, (the Consequent for the Antecedent) *q. d.* O my Prophet, be not thou wanting on thy part, but instruct, exhort, rebuke, threaten, and use all other fitting means to reclaim 'em; which yet will be all to no purpose, as to the generality; yea, so far from doing 'em any good, as that (through the inbred and improved corruption of their Natures) they'll but tend to their further hardning, (as the same Sun-beams which soften the Wax, do but harden the Clay) and become the Savor of death unto death to 'em, 2 *Cor.*2.16. ¶ [31] The temper and disposition of their minds. ¶ [32] *Psal.* 119. 70. More stupid and senseless, more stiff and hard, (like cold Suet) (as 'tis quoted, *John.*12.40.) more unteachable and untractable, *Zech.* 7.11. ¶ [33] *Acts* 7.51. *i.e.* Dull of hearing, (as *Act.*28.27.) which cannot hear, (*ch.*59.-1.) yea, which can't endure to hear, *Jer.* 6. -10. *Zech.* 7. 11. ¶ [34] *ch.* 44. 18. *q. d.* Thy preaching, and reproving 'em will but make 'em wink the harder. (for 'tis ascrib'd to themselves, *Matth.* 13. 15. *Act.* 28.27.) ¶ [35] Not that this is God's primary design, or that which his Ministers aim at, but only, This it will come to in the issue, that they shall not see, *&c.* through God's denying his efficacious Grace unto 'em, (*Deut.* 29.4.) and in Judgment giving them up to themselves, *Psal.* 81. 12. *Joh.* 9.39. ¶ [36] Turn from their sinful courses, (but shall be harden'd in 'em the more.) ¶ [37] *ch.* 1. 6. and 19. 22. and 53.5. and 57.18. Pardon'd, (*Mark* 4.12.) and deliver'd from the Power, Guilt, and Punishment of sin.

11 Then said I, Lord, [38] how long? and he answered, Until the cities be [39] wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be † [39] utterly desolate,

† Heb. *desolate with desolation.*

[38] *Psal.*6.-3. and 13.1. *viz.* Shall this sad Judgment and dispensation continue upon 'em? ¶ [39] (Which was fulfilled, partly by the *Assyrians*, *ch.* 36.1. and *Babylonians*, *Jer.* 34.1. and 52.7. but most fully by the *Romans* about forty years after Christs death.)

12 And the LORD [40] have removed men far away, and [40] *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

[40] *Ch.*26.-15. *Am.* 3. 6. Cause 'em to be carried captive into far Countries, whereby it shall come to pass that the Land shall be in a manner forsaken, the Inhabitants being forc'd away into Captivity.

13 ¶ But yet [41] in it *shall be* [42] a tenth, || and *it* shall return, and shall [43] be eaten: [44] as a teil-tree, and as an oak whose || substance *is* in them, when they cast *their leaves*: [45] *so* the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

|| Or, *when* it *is returned and hath been browsed.*
|| Or, *stock*, or *stem.*

[41] In the Land, and among the Inhabitants thereof. ¶ [42] See on *ch.* 1.9. A small remnant, either left in the Land, or preserved in Captivity, and after brought back again, which shall be a holy People, devoted to God, *ch.*4. 3. ¶ [43] Much wasted again afterwards, both by the *Syrians*, and chiefly by the *Romans*. ¶ [44] *q. d.* As trees, tho they seem dead in the Winter, and cast their Leaves, yet if there be sap and life in the Root, will flourish again in the Spring. ¶ [45] So, tho the State and Commonwealth of *Israel* may seem, by the forementioned Judgments, to be utterly ruin'd, and the Body of the People destroyed, yet there being an elect number among 'em, for their sakes they

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CHAP. VII.

1 *Ahaz is comforted by Isaiah.* 18 *Christ promised.* 17 *Ahaz judgment is propheſied to come by Aſſyria.*

3262. AND it came to paſs in the days of [1] Ahaz the ſon of Jotham, the ſon of Uzziah king of Judah, *that* [2] Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the ſon of Remaliah king of Iſrael, went up toward Jeruſalem to [3] war againſt it, but could [4] not prevail againſt it.

[1] 2 *King.*15.1. *&c.* A moſt wicked King, (2 *Chron.*28.1–3.) yet God was pleaſed to ſend many comfortable Propheſies to him and his People, for the ſupport and encouragement of the Faithful in thoſe times of publick diſtreſs. ¶ [2] 2 *Kin.* 16.5. ¶ [3] *Pſal.*83.3,4. ¶ [4] 2 *King.*16.5. *Pſal.*125.2.

2 And it was told the [5] houſe of David, ſaying, Syria † is confederate with [6] Ephraim. And his heart was [7] moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

† Heb. *reſteth on Ephraim.*

[5] *Jer.*21.12. *Ahaz*, (and his Court) deſcended from *David*, to whom God had promis'd an everlaſting Kingdom, 2 *Sam.*7.16. ¶ [6] *th.* 18.1. *Hoſ.*12.1. The King, and Kingdom of *Iſrael*, or the ten Tribes, whoſe firſt King was of that Tribe, 1 *King.*11.26. ¶ [7] *Matth.*2.3. 2 *King.*10. 4.

3 Then ſaid the LORD unto Iſaiah, [8] Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and ‖ [9] Shear-jaſhub thy ſon, at the end of the [10] conduit of the upper pool in the ‖ high-way of the fullers field.

‖ That is, *the remnant ſhall return.*

‖ Or, *cauſey-way.*

[8] An eminent inſtance of preventing mercy. See v. 1. ¶ [9] See on *ch.* 10. 21. This very Name carried a Sign and Pledg of the deliverance now promis'd, and of the ground of it, *viz.* God's purpoſe ſtill to preſerve a remnant among 'em as a Seed for the continuing of the Church in after-times. ¶ [10] *ch.*36.2. 2 *King.* 18. 17. 2 *Chron.* 32. 3, 4.

4 And ſay unto him, [11] Take heed, and [12] be quiet; fear not, † neither be faint-hearted, for the [13] two tails of theſe ſmoking fire-brands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the [14] ſon of Remaliah.

† Heb. *let not thy heart be tender.*

[11] 2 *Chron.*20.15. Take heed that thou ben't unquiet, and ſo diſturb'd in thy mind as thou art: Look that thou keep thy heart in a compoſed frame. ¶ [12] *ch.*30.15. *Exod.* 14. 13. 2 *Chron.* 20. 17. Satisfie thy ſelf in the aſſurance of God's protection and deliverance, by the belief of that joyful meſſage I now bring unto thee. ¶ [13] Thoſe two Kings and their Forces, which, tho they ſeem to threaten utter deſtruction, yet ſhall not be able to do much miſchief, their ſtrength and power being much waſted and almoſt conſumed. ¶ [14] So called by way of contempt, becauſe his Father was but an obſcure Perſon, and he got into the Throne by uſurpation, 2 *King.*15.25.

5 Becauſe Syria, Ephraim, and the ſon of Remaliah have taken [15] evil counſel againſt thee, ſaying,

6 Let us go up againſt Judah, and ‖ vex it, and let us [16] make a breach therein for us, and ſet a king in the midſt of it, *even* the [17] ſon of Tabeal.

[15] *Pſal.*83. 3. miſchievous counſel.

‖ Or, *waken.*

[16] Violently break in upon the land, and ſubdue it for our ſelves. ¶ [17] Some eminent Perſon, in whom they could both of them confide.

7 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, It ſhall not ſtand, neither ſhall it come to paſs.

8 For [18] the head of Syria is Damaſcus, and the [19] head of Damaſcus is Rezin; and within [20] threeſcore and five years ſhall Ephraim be broken, † that it be not a [21] people.

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† Heb. *from a people.*

[18] *q. d.* As *Damaſcus* is the Head-City of *Syria*, and *Rezin* is the Head or King of *Damaſcus*, ſo they ſhall continue to be, and not advance themſelves, and enlarge their Territories, as they deſign. ¶ [19] *viz.* From the time of this Propheſy to the Captivity of the ten Tribes by *Eſarhaddon*, 2 *Chron.*33.11. *Ezra.*4.2. ¶ [20] A diſtinct State and Commonwealth, living in their own Land, under their own Laws and Government.

9 And the [22] head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliahs [23] ſon: ‖ If ye will not [24] believe, ſurely ye ſhall not be eſtabliſhed.

‖ Or, *Do ye not believe?* it is *becauſe ye are not ſtable.*

[21] *Viz.* Me the Propher, (2 *Chron.* 28. 10.) and the meſſage I now deliver you from God, and rely upon him for deliverance, but ſeek out for forreign ſupport; you ſhall never proſper in any deſign for the ſecuring your ſelves, (as it came to paſs, 2 *Chron.*28.20.)

10 ¶ Moreover, the LORD † ſpake again unto Ahaz, ſaying,

† Heb. *added to ſpeak.*

11 [25] Ask thee a [26] ſign of the LORD [27] thy God: ‖ ask it either in [28] the depth, or in the heighth above.

‖ Or, *make thy petition deep.*

[22] *q. d.* Since I perceive thou art ſo diſtruſtful, I'll do any thing thou ſhalt deſire for the confirmation of thy Faith. ¶ [23] *ch.*37.30. and 38.7,8. *Judg.*6.36,40. *Jer.*19.1,10. and 27.2. and 51.63. ¶ [24] Whoſe Servant thou profeſſeſt thy ſelf to be. ¶ [25] 2 *King.*20. 9,10.

12 But Ahaz ſaid, I will [29] not ask, neither will I [30] tempt the LORD.

[26] (As being reſolv'd to go another way to work, and not depend upon God's promiſe or help, but upon the *Aſſyrian*, 2 *Kings* 16. 7–18.) ¶ [27] *Deut.* 6. 16. *viz.* By asking a Sign when there's no need of it, nor occaſion for it. He pretends Religion the better to cloak his wickedneſs.

13 And he ſaid, Hear ye now, O [31] houſe of David, *Is it* [32] a ſmall thing for you to [33] weary men, but will ye [34] weary my God alſo?

[28] A light Offence. ¶ [29] Oppreſs your Subjects, diſbelieve and perſecute the Lords Prophets. ¶ [30] By ſlighting his gracious Offer, diſtruſting his Help, and refuſing to rely on him.

14 [35] Therefore the Lord [36] himſelf ſhall give you a ſign, Behold, [37] a virgin ſhall conceive, and bear [38] a ſon, and ‖ [39] ſhall call his name [40] Immanuel.

‖ Or, *thou, O virgin, ſhalt call.* See Gen. 4.1, 25. & 16. 11. & 29. 32. & 30. 6,8. 1 Sam.4. 21.

¶ [31] Or, *Notwithſtanding.* ¶ [32] Of his own free accord, unaſk'd. ¶ [33] *Matth.*1.23. *Luke* 1.31. *q. d.* As God has often promis'd the ſending of the Meſſiah, and that he ſhall be *David's* Son, ſo I do now from God declare unto you, that it ſhall be in an extraordinary, wonderful manner; for he ſhall be conceived and born of a pure Virgin, without the help of Man: And therefore God can much more deliver you now without any Foreign Aid, (which yet thou art doubtful of) yea, and will preſerve this Nation, and that Tribe and Family in particular, till the accompliſhment of this Promiſe: So that thou mayeſt take this as a ſign for the confirmation of thy faith concerning the preſent deliverance. ¶ [34] *Matth.*1.21,25. *Luke* 1. 31. and 2.7. ¶ [35] *i. e.* He ſhall be. ¶ [36] *i. e.* (1) God and Man in one Perſon. (2) He who reconciles God and Man together, 2 *Cor.*5.19.

15 [41] Butter and honey ſhall he eat, that [42] he may know to refuſe the evil, and chooſe the good.

[37] *q. d.* And his Diet ſhall be ſuch ordinary things as other Children in that Country uſe to feed upon; whereby it ſhall appear that he is true humane Birth (tho ſomething more) ſubject to the like infirmities, (to ſtand in need of food) and capable of the like improvements, (to grow in knowledge) with other Children. ¶ [38] That being nouriſh'd by theſe meats, he may grow to ripeneſs of underſtanding, (*Luke* 2. 40, 52.) and be able to diſcern between things morally good and evil, *Deut.*1.39.

16 For [39] before the child ſhall know to refuſe the evil, and chooſe the good, the [40] land that thou abhorreſt ſhall be forſaken of both her kings.

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[39] *ch.*8.4. *q. d.* Yea, within leſs time than that Child ſhall attain to ſo much underſtanding, (which yet doubtleſs was ſooner than other Children did, *Luke* 2.46,47.) as to know. ¶ [40] The Lands of *Syria* and *Iſrael*, which have been ſo troubleſom to thee, ſhall be deprived of both their Kings; they being both of them ſlain within two years after this, 2 *King.*15.29,30. and 16.9. (and therefore ſhall not deprive *Jeruſalem*, nor deſtroy the Royal Family of *David*, as thou feareſt.)

17 ¶ [41] The LORD ſhall bring upon [42] thee and upon thy [43] people, and upon thy [44] father's houſe, [45] days that have not come, from the day that [46] Ephraim departed from Judah, *even* the [47] king of Aſſyria.

[41] *q. d.* But

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[47] 7.d. But tho God will deliver thee now from this present distress, yet he has a sorer Judgment in store for thee, and that even from those thou reliest upon. ¶ [48] 2 Chr. 28.20–22. ¶ [49] ch. 36.1, 12. Jer. 39. 9. ¶ [50] ch. 39. 7. 2 King. 18.13. 2 Chron. 33.11. and 36. 6, 10, 17. ¶ [51] Such times of calamity and distress. ¶ [52] 1 King. 12. 16. Revolted, (which was the greatest calamity that ever befel that Nation.) ¶ [53] The successive Kings of the Assyrian Empire.

3265. 18 And it shall come to pass [54] in that day, *that* the LORD shall [55] hiss for the [56] flie that *is* in the uttermost part of the rivers of [57] Egypt, and for the [58] bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.

[54] The time of executing this Judgment. ¶ [55] See on ch. 5. 26. ¶ [56] An enemy, which, like Flesh-flies, shall suck their blood, *viz.* the Egyptians, and some of their neighbouring Nations, which invaded and conquered them, 2 King. 23. 33. &c. ¶ [57] (Which abounded with flies, being low, as *Assyria* did with Bees, beeing woody.) ¶ [58] The *Assyrians*, numerous and fierce like Bees.

19 And they shall come, and shall [59] rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all ‖ bushes.

‖ Or, commendable trees.

[59] Overspread the whole Country, and make havock of all.

20 In the same day shall the Lord [60] shave with a rasour *that* [61] is hired, *namely* by them beyond the river, by the [62] king of Assyria, the [63] head, and the hair of the [63] feet: and it shall also consume [63] the beard.

[60] Utterly strip 'em of, and destroy. ¶ [61] Employed and set awork by God, (ch. 10. 6.) and for which he'll reward 'em, Jer. 27. 6, 7. Dan. 2. 38. Ezek. 27. 18, 19. ¶ [63] Noting an utter destruction of Persons of all ranks and degrees both high and low.

21 And it shall come to pass in [64] that day, *that* [65] a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep:

[64] After the foresaid desolation and destruction. ¶ [65] Any of those that are left in the Land, (*v.* 22.) after the Babylonish Captivity, (who perhaps formerly kept great store of Cattel) shall now be reduc'd to a small scantling.

22 And it shall come to pass for the [66] abundance of milk *that* they shall give, [67] he shall eat butter: for [68] butter and honey shall every one eat *that is* left † in the land.

† Heb. *in the midst of the land.*

[66] Proceeding from the plenty of Pasturage, there being so few Cattel left. ¶ [67] Having but few in his Family, and no Markets for it, and little Fish or Corn, he shall live upon his Dairy. ¶ [68] Such ordinary Country Fare, (an argument of great poverty, and scarcity of People) shall be the only provision that these poor people shall sustain themselves withal; the choicer kinds of Fruits being not to be had, *v.* 23.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines, at a thousand [69] silverlings, it shall *even* be [70] for briers and thorns.

[69] *i. e.* Shekels, which are about an hundred and fourteen pound sterling. ¶ [70] *ch.* 32. 13. *Jer.* 4. 26. 9. *d.* The rich and fruitful places, for want of Husbandry, and manuring, shall be overgrown with trash.

24 With [71] arrows and with bows shall *men* come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

[71] To defend themselves from Robbers, or wild Beasts.

25 And *on* all [72] hills that shall be digged with the mattock, [73] there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but [74] it shall be for the [75] sending forth of oxen, and for the [76] treading of lesser cattel.

[72] Places that the rich had formerly fenc'd for profit or pleasure, and were wont to be kept in good order, so that there was no fear of Briers and Thorns coming there. ¶ [74] They shall all lie open for Cattel of all sorts to graze upon, and to trample down at pleasure. ¶ [75] Sending out, or putting in, as they see good. ¶ [76] Going to and fro into any part of 'em, without any let or restraint.

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1 *A prophesie against Syria and Israel, 5 and Judah. 9 God's judgments irresistible. 19 Great afflictions shall be to idolaters.*

3262. MOreover, the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a [1] mans pen, [2] concerning † Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

† Heb. *In making speed to the spoil he hasteneth the prey,* or *Make speed,* &c.

[1] Such a Pen, and in such Characters as are commonly made use of, that so the Writing may be for the use of all, and remain upon Record for Posterity. ¶ [2] To shew what is the meaning of that Name, and why God commanded him to call his Child so, *v.* 3.

2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses [3] to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

[3] To bear witness that I did as God commanded me.

3 And I † went unto the [4] prophetess, and she conceived and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name [5] Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

† Heb. *approached.*

[4] My Wife. ¶ [5] Which signifies, *Make speed to the spoil; Hasten to the Prey.*

4 For before the child shall [6] have knowledge to cry, My father and my mother, ‖ [7] the riches of Damascus, and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

‖ Or, he that is *before the king of Assyria shall take away the riches,* &c.

[6] Be able to speak, (which is commonly about two years old. See on ch. 7. 19.) ¶ [7] Both these Countries of *Syria* and *Israel* shall be plunder'd and spoiled by the King of *Assyria*, and the wealth thereof sent into his own Country, (which accordingly came to pass, 2 King. 16. 9. and 15. 29.)

5 ¶ The LORD spake also unto me again, saying,

6 Forasmuch as [8] this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and [9] rejoyce in Rezin, and Remaliahs son;

[8] The Israelites and their Army, now combined with the *Syrians* against *Judah*, scorn and despise the weak estate of the Jews and Kingdom of *Judah*, now brought very low, and has no such strong defence as a great River, (*v.* 7.) but only a small Brook that slides gently along. ¶ [9] Boast of, and build much upon, the united power of these two great Kings, by means whereof they promis'd themselves a full conquest of the poor Jews.

7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon [8] them the [10] waters of the river, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his [11] glory: and he shall come up [11] over all his chanels, and go over [11] all his banks.

[10] *ch.* 28. 2. and 59. 19. *Rev.* 16. 12. The *Assyrian* Forces, whose abode is by the great River *Euphrates*. ¶ [11] Splendid Princes, brave Captains, valiant Commanders, and powerful Armies, which would make a gallant shew, and wherein he'd glory, and boast exceedingly, *ch.* 10. 8, 13. and 36. 9. and 37. 25. ¶ [11] Not keep within his own bounds, but invade and over-run the whole land of *Israel*, as an overflowing River does the neighbouring Meadows, *v.* 8.

8 And he shall [12] pass through Judah, he shall overflow and go over, he shall [14] reach *even* to the neck, and † the stretching out of his [15] wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, [16] O Emanuel.

† Heb. *the fulness of the breadth of thy land shall be the stretchings out of his wings.*

[12] Having over-run the land of *Israel*, he shall break into the land of *Judah*, 2 King. 18. 9, 13. ¶ [14] *ch.* 30. 28. Almost wholly swallow up and destroy 'em, 2 King. 18. 13. ¶ [15] His Troops and Forces shall overspread the whole Land from one side to another. ¶ [16] Given to thee O Christ, in a special manner, for the habitation of thy Church and People, and the peculiar place of thy Worship, (*Psal.* 2. 6.) and where thou must be born, live and die, (and therefore cannot be so utterly wasted and overwhelmed as the land of *Israel* shall be, (*ch.* 7. 8.) but preserv'd, and restor'd.)

9 ¶ [17] Associate your selves, O ye people, ‖ and ye shall be broken in pieces; and [18] give ear all ye of far countreys: gird your selves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird your selves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

‖ Or, *yet.*

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[a] Joel 3. 11. Do what you can, (ye Israelites and Syrians that combine against Judah, and all other enemies of God's Church and People in general) to strengthen, encourage, and secure your selves. (Spoken in scorn to 'em, that so God's faithful people may be encouraged to depend on Immanuel.) ¶ [b] Hearken to, and obey my counsel, not to engage against God's people. ¶ [c] Stand to your Arms.

10 [d] Take counsel together, and it shall [e] come to nought: speak the word, and it shall [f] not stand: for [g] God *is* with us.

[d] Ch. 7. 5, 6. Psal. 83. 3. ¶ [e] Job 5. 12. Psal. 33. 10. Acts 5. 38. ¶ [f] ch. 7. 7. ¶ [g] Rom. 8. 31. 2 Chron. 32. 7, 8. 1 John 4. 4. viz. In and through Christ, our Immanuel, or Mediator.

11 ¶ For the LORD spake thus to me † [h] with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not [i] walk in the way of [k] this people, saying,

† Heb. *in strength of hand.*

[h] Accompanying his Word with a powerful impression of it upon my heart by his Spirit. ¶ [i] Be so terrified and daunted with the apprehension of the approaching danger, as to make use of unlawful means for relief, as they did. ¶ [k] The generality of 'em.

12 [l] Say ye not, A confederacy, to all *them* to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye [m] their fear, nor be afraid.

[l] q. d. Let not those that would approve themselves faithful to me, consent to the making a Leage with, or calling in the *Assyrians*, or any other Foreigners to their assistance, (as the generality are inclin'd to do, 2 King. 16. 7.) ¶ [m] 1 Pet. 3. 14. With such an unbelieving, distrustful fear as they do, ch. 51. 12, 13.

13 [n] Sanctifie the LORD of hosts himself, and *let* him *be* [o] your fear, and *let* him *be* your dread.

[n] See on Lev. 10. 3. Numb. 20. 12. Set him apart, and advance him above all others, in respect of his power and faithfulness in making good his Promises, by giving credit to my message of deliverance, Deut. 32. 51. ¶ [o] Gen. 31. 53. The chief object thereof; so as to fear nothing else in comparison of him, Matth. 10. 28.

14 And he shall be for [p] a sanctuary; but for [q] a stone of stumbling, and for a [r] rock of offence to [s] both the houses of Israel, for a gin, and for a snare to the inhabitants of [t] Jerusalem.

[p] Ezek. 11. 16. Psal. 46. 1, 2. Prov. 18. 10. To secure you from all mischief, ch. 26. 20. ¶ [q] Luke 2. 34. Rom. 9. 33. (See there.) 1 Pet. 2. 8. Jer. 6. 21. An occasion of sin and ruin, (by their disbelieving his Word.) ¶ [s] The two Kingdoms of Judah and Israel, and the whole Body of the People therein, who don't believe and obey his word. ¶ [t] Even the most knowing and such as enjoy the greatest means, as well as others; (and therefore let God's faithful Servants take heed of being carried down the Stream with the multitude, Exod. 23. 2. Rom. 12. 2.)

15 And many among them shall [u] stumble and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

[u] Take offence at God's Word and Dispensations; especially at Christ and his outward meanness.

16 [w] Bind up the [x] testimony, [y] seal the law [z] among my disciples.

[w] Dan. 12. 4. q. d. Since many will disbelieve, and take offence at thy word, (v. 15.) to their own destruction, therefore let it be kept secret from the generality, and made known only to a few among 'em, my Disciples, Mat. 11. 25. ¶ [x] See on Deut. 4. 45. This particular word or message concerning the Messiah, ch. 7. 14. ¶ [y] To be made known to true Believers, (who are taught of God, ch. 54. 13. who will embrace it) for their support in these calamitous times.

17 And I [a] will wait upon the LORD [b] that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will [c] look for him.

[a] Ch. 26. 8. q. d. Tho' so many will prove unbelieving and disobedient, (v. 15.) who shall be overtaken with Judgment, yet for my part I'l wait upon God for the accomplishment of his promises; and that in particular concerning the Messiah. ¶ [b] Tho for the present he seems to be displeased with his people. See on Psal. 27. 9. ¶ [c] Mic. 7. 7. Hab. 2. 3. By Faith expect his return, and a comfortable issue of these sad dispensations in his due time.

18 [d] Behold, I and the children whom [e] the LORD hath given me, *are* for [f] signs, and for wonders in Israel [g] from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

[d] These words were spoken by *Isaiah* concerning himself and his Disciples, or spiritual children; but because he was a type of Christ herein; therefore the Apostle applies 'em to him and true Believers, Heb. 2. 13. ¶ [e] Gen. 33. 5. and 48. 9. 1 Cor. 4. 15. Gal. 4. 19. John 6. 37, 39. and 17. 6. ¶ [f] Psal. 71. 7. Zech. 3. 8. Wondred at for our folly in believing the promises, (and so were the Apostles in their days, 1 Cor. 4. 9, 13. Heb. 10. 33.) ¶ [g] Which yet comes to pass by the Providence of God, (and therefore I willingly submit to it.)

19 ¶ [h] And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have [i] familiar spirits, and unto [k] wizards *that [l] peep, and that [m] mutter: [n] should not a people seek unto their God? [o] for the living to the dead?

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[h] q. d. True indeed, many persons in such times of distress are apt to seek unto Wizards for advice and help; but let not this be your practice. ¶ [i] See on Lev. 19. 31. ¶ [k] ch. 29. 4. Speak with a low, puling voice. ¶ [l] 1 King. 14. 3. q. d. If they shall go about to entice you to that wicked practice, answer 'em thus, Don't all Nations use in cases of difficulty and distress to seek to their own God, (as Jonah 1. 5.) much more should we seek to our God, who is the only true God. ¶ [o] q. d. Is it fit or reasonable that we should seek to dead Idols, or the Spirits of dead men in them, in the behalf of our selves who are living persons?

20 [p] To the law and to the testimony: if [q] they speak not according to [r] this word, *it is* because* *there is* [s] no † light in them.

* Mic. 3. 6.

† Heb. *morning.*

[p] V. 16. Luke 16. 29. q. d. Let 'em seek to the Word of God for counsel and direction. ¶ [q] They that go about to seduce you. ¶ [r] viz. What I now say, That we must seek to the Law and Testimony. ¶ [s] No true saving knowledge; but only ignorance and blindness.

21 And [t] they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall [u] fret themselves, and curse [w] their king, and [x] their God, and [y] look upward.

[t] These profane Persons that would not seek to the Lord in their distress, but to Wizzards, shall be in an unsettled condition in their own Land, wandring up and down for refuge, but finding none, being reduc'd to great streights, and in very difficult circumstances. ¶ [u] Rev. 16. 10. Grow extreamly impatient under their troubles. ¶ [w] Who had call'd in the *Assyrian*, the cause of all this mischief. ¶ [x] Rev. 16. 10. Their Idol-Gods, who had not help'd 'em in this extremity. ¶ [y] q. d. Tho they curse God, yet by a sort of natural instinct, they look towards Heaven for help.

22 And they shall look on the [z] earth: and behold, trouble and [a] darkness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall be* driven [b] to darkness.

[z] Ch. 5. 30. ¶ [a] Distress and perplexity; not knowing what to do. ¶ [b] Job 18. 18. Jer. 23. 12. To further miseries.

CHAP. IX.

1 What joy shall be in the midst of afflictions, by the kingdom and birth of Christ. 8 The judgments upon Israel for their pride, 13 for their hypocrisie, 18 and for their impenitence.

NEvertheless, the [1] dimness *shall* not *be* such as *was* [2] in her vexation, when at the first [3] he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did [4] more grievously afflict *her* [5] by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan in Galilee || [6] of the nations.

|| Or, *populous.*

[1] The troubles and distress of this land of *Judea*, (threatned, ch. 8. 22.) either by *Sennacherib*, or *Nebuchadnezzar*, shall not be so great and grievous as the calamity of the ten Tribes, because the Babylonish Captivity was but for a short time in comparison of the other, and then afterwards the promis'd Messiah should come, and bring a great light to 'em, Matth. 4. 14–16. ¶ [2] In that distress that befell the Ten Tribes. ¶ [3] God, by *Pull*, 2 King. 15. 19. ¶ [4] By *Tiglath Pileser*, 2 King. 15. 29. ¶ [5] In that part of the Country that bordereth upon the Lake of *Gennesaret*. ¶ [6] Where many Heathen People dwelt, by reason of it's nearness to *Tyre* and *Sidon*.

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2 [7] The people that walked in darkneſs have ſeen a great light: they that dwell in the land [8] of the ſhadow of death, upon them hath the light ſhined.

[7] See on *Matth.* 4.16. *q. d.* And tho' their diſtreſs be great, yet not like thoſe forementiond, *v.* 1. becauſe there ſhall ariſe matter of joy and comfort to them, (which the other wanted,) for they that lived in a ſtate of ſin and ignorance, and in great miſery, ſhall have much comfort and matter of rejoycing; partly by the deſtruction of *Sennacherib*'s Army; partly by the return of many of 'em out of *Babylon*; but chiefly by the preaching and converſe of the Meſſiah in that part of the Country eſpecially, (*Matth.* 4.13.&c.) and by the miniſtry of the Goſpel. ¶ [8] In extremity of ſin and miſery, (See on *Iſa.* 3. 5.) in which thoſe parts were more eſpecially involv'd by reaſon of their great diſtance from *Jeruſalem*, and much converſation with the Heathen.

3 Thou haſt [9] multiplied the nation, *and* ‖ [10] not increaſed the joy: [11] they joy before thee, [12] according to the joy in harveſt, *and* as *men* rejoyce when they [13] divide the ſpoil.

‖ Or, *to him.*

[9] Enlarg'd thy Church by the converſion of the Gentiles, and bringing them in to be Members of it, *ch.* 2.2,3. ¶ [10] Or rather, *Thou haſt increas'd joy to it*; chiefly by their deliverance from the bondage of Sin, Satan, Death and Hell, by Chriſt. ¶ [11] Such as are converted to Chriſt, and have an intereſt in him, rejoyce ſincerely, as in thy ſight, when they are met together to celebrate thy Praiſes. ¶ [12] *ch.* 35. 10. and 16.9,10. *Pſal.* 126.5,6. With the greateſt joy imaginable, (1 *Pet.* 1. 8.) far ſurpaſſing all carnal joy, *Pſal.* 4. 7,8. ¶ [13] *Judg.* 5.30. 1 *Sam.* 30. 16. 2 *Chron.* 20.25,28.

‖ Or, *When thou brakeſt.*

4 ‖ For thou haſt [14] broken the yoke of his burden, and the [15] ſtaff of his ſhoulder, [16] the rod of his oppreſſour, [17] as in the day of * Midian.

* Judg. 7.22. Pſal. 83.9.

[14] *Jer.* 28. 2,11. and 30. 8. Deliver'd thy people from the bondage they were in; (eſpecially ſpiritual, by Chriſt, *v.* 6.) which was ſo burdenſom and grievous to 'em. ¶ [15] *ch.* 14. 5. and 10.5,24. The cudgel wherewith his ſhoulders were beaten. ¶ [16] The tyrannical Rule of thoſe that oppreſſed 'em; eſpecially Sin and the Devil. ¶ [17] *ch.* 10.26. *i.e.* Eaſily, and totally, by the wonderful work of God. As when *Gideon* overthrew the *Midianites*, (*Judg.* 7. 22.) by ſuch unlikely and contemptible means: Which was an eminent Type of Chriſt's conquering the Devil, and all his Enemies, by the preaching of the Goſpel, 2 *Cor.* 4.7.

‖ Or, *When the whole battel,* &c.
‖ Or, *and it was,* &c.
† Heb. *meat.*

5 ‖ [18] For every battel of the warriour *is* [19] with confuſed noiſe, and garments rolled in bloud, ‖ but [20] *this* ſhall be with burning *and* † fewel of fire.

[18] *q. d.* But this War, and the Victory obtain'd thereby, will not be like other Battels; for in other Battels, *&c.* ¶ [19] Beating of Drums, ſounding of Trumpets, ſhouting of Soldiers, neighing of Horſes, claſhing of Arms, rattling of Chariots, all blended together. ¶ [20] This Victory and Deliverance now promis'd, ſhall be effected with more eaſe to them, but more terrour to their Enemies, whom God will ſuddenly and utterly conſume, as it were by fire.

6 [21] For [22] unto us a child is born, unto us a ſon is [23] given, and the [24] government ſhall be upon his ſhoulder: and [25] his name ſhall be called, * Judg. 13.18. * [26] Wonderful, [27] Counſeller, [28] The mighty God, [29] The everlaſting Father, [30] The prince of peace.

[21] *q. d.* And theſe Deliverances ſhall certainly be wrought for us, becauſe He, both by whom, and for whoſe ſake they ſhall be wrought, is the Eternal Son of the Eternal Father, and the King of his Church, who ſhall be made Man in the fulneſs of time, and born of a Woman. ¶ [22] *Luke* 2. 11. For the benefit of the Jewiſh Nation primarily, *Matth.* 15.24. *Rom.* 9.5. and 15.8. ¶ [23] *John* 3.16. and 4.10. and 6.32,33. ¶ [24] *viz.* Of all the World, (as his Father's Deputy, *Matth.* 11,27. See there) and eſpecially of his Church (*Eph.* 1. 22. See there) is committed to his care and conduct. ¶ [25] *i. e.* He ſhall be really ſo, and ſo own'd and acknowledged to be, (as *ch.* 7.-14.) ¶ [26] In all reſpects; in his Perſon, Conception, Birth, *&c.* ¶ [27] *ch.* 28. 29. Of his Father's privy Council, from whom he reveals all neceſſary Truths to his people, both in his own Perſon, (*John* 1.-18. and 15.-15. and 17. 8.) and by his Prophets and Apoſtles, 1 *Pet.* 1. 11. ¶ [28] *Jer.* 23.6. *John* 1.1. *Rom.* 9.-5. 1 *John* 5.20. ¶ [29] Who tho' he be ſo, yet (about, as Man, yet as God is from everlaſting to everlaſting, and *The Father of Eternity*, *i. e.* The Author of Eternal Salvation to all true Believers, *Heb.* 5.9. *John* 6.39,40,47,51. and 10. 28. and 11. 25, 26. ¶ [30] The great Peace-maker (1.) between God and us, *ch.* 53.-5. *Rom.* 5.1. 2 *Cor.* 5.19. (2) Between Jew and Gentile, *Eph.* 2. 14. *&c.* (3) In our own Conſciences, *John* 14. 27. and 16.33. *Rom.* 14.17. 2 *Theſſ.* 3.16.

7 [31] Of the increaſe of *his* government [32] and peace *there ſhall be* no end, [33] upon the throne of David and upon his [34] kingdom, to order it, and to eſtabliſh it with judgment and with juſtice, [35] from henceforth even for ever: [36] the zeal of the LORD of hoſts will perform this.

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[31] *i. e.* His Kingdom and the proſperity thereof ſhall be enlarged beyond all bounds and limits, even to the utmoſt parts of the Earth, *ch.* 2.2,3. *Pſal.* 2.8 and 72. 8.-11. *Dan.* 2.-35. & 7.27. *Matth.* 24.14. *Luke* 1.33. *Rom.* 10.18. ¶ [32] *i. e.* He ſhall ſit upon the Throne of *David*, (1) as his Son and Heir, *Luke* 1.32. (2) That Throne which was promis'd to *David* and his Seed, 2 *Sam.* 7.16. (3) That whereof *David*'s was a Type, *Acts* 13.32,33. ¶ [33] The Church of God conſiſting of Jews and Gentiles, *Ezek.* 37.22. ¶ [34] From the beginning of it to all Eternity. ¶ [35] *ch.* 37.-32. 2 *Kin.* 19.-31. This great Work, which exceeds all human ability to accompliſh, ſhall therefore be brought to paſs by the Almighty power of God, out of his earneſt affection to his own Glory, to the Honour of his dearly beloved Son, and the welfare of his Church and People.

* 8 ¶ The LORD ſent a [36] word into Jacob, and it [37] hath lighted upon Iſrael.

[36] A threatning Meſſage concerning the ruin that is coming upon the ten Tribes. ¶ [37] Shall be accompliſh'd, *ch.* 14.27.

9 And all the people ſhall [38] know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that ſay [39] in the pride and ſtoutneſs of heart,

[38] *ch.* 26. 11. Find by ſad experience. ¶ [39] That are ſo proud and ſtout that they will not be humbled by thoſe Judgments that are already executed upon 'em; but rather ſet themſelves upon a higher pin.

10 [40] The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewen ſtones: the [41] ſycomores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars.

[40] *Mal.* 1.4. *q. d.* True; our Brick-buildings are ruin'd by the Enemy. ¶ [41] Our houſes built with Sycomore wood.

11 Therefore the LORD ſhall [42] ſet up the adverſaries of Rezin againſt him, and † [43] joyn his enemies together. † Heb. *mingle.*

[42] Raiſe up and proſper the *Aſſyrians*, (who ſlew *Rezin* (2 *Kings* 16.9.) in whoſe aſſiſtance the *Iſraelites* confided much, *ch.* 7.1,2.) againſt *Iſrael*. ¶ [43] Cauſe *Iſrael*'s Enemies (mention'd *v.* 12.) to unite their Forces againſt him.

12 The Syrians before, and the Philiſtines behind, and they ſhall devour Iſrael with † [44] open mouth: [45] for all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* ſtretched out ſtill. † Heb. *whole,* [44] *Pſal.* 124.3,6. [45] *ch.* 5.25. See there.

13 ¶ For * the people turneth not unto him that ſmiteth them, neither do they ſeek the LORD of hoſts. * Jer. 5.3.

14 Therefore the LORD will [46] cut off from Iſrael [47] head and tail, [48] branch and [49] ruſh in one day.

[46] *Viz.* By *Shalmaneſer*, 2 *Kings* 17. ¶ [47] *ch.* 19. 15. ¶ [48] Not the Body or Trunk of the Tree; the Stock or Root of this people was to be ſtill preſerved, *Rom.* 11. 1, 2, 5. but only the Branches, the moſt honourable and noble. ¶ [49] The weaker and meaner ſort.

15 The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head: and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the [50] tail.

[50] *Mal.* 2.9. The moſt contemptible of all the people; and who had ſeduc'd 'em by their flatteries.

16 ‖ For the leaders of this people cauſe *them* to [51] err, and *they that* [52] *are* ‖ led of them, *are* † [53] deſtroyed. ‖ Or, *they that call them bleſſed.* ‖ Or, *called bleſſed.* † Heb. *ſwallowed up.*

[51] *Ch.* 3.-12. [52] Readily embrace their erroneous Doctrines and deſtructive Counſels. ¶ [53] *Matth.* 15.14.

17 Therefore the Lord ſhall have [54] no joy in their young men, neither ſhall have mercy on their [55] fatherleſs and widows: for [56] every one *is* an hypocrite, and an evil doer, and every mouth ſpeaketh ‖ folly: * for all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* ſtretched out ſtill. ‖ Or, *villany.* * V. 12,21. Chap. 10.4.

[54] Whereas *ch.* 65.19. and 62.-5. *Pſal.* 35. 27. *Zeph.* 3. 17. ¶ [55] Whereas *Deut.* 16.11,14. and 24.19,20. ¶ [56] The generality.

18 ¶ For wickedneſs [57] burneth as the fire:

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Chap.10. it shall devour the [59] briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the [59] thickets of the forest, and they shall [60] mount up *like* the lifting up of smoke.

[58] Shall consume the Authors of it, *Ezek.*38.30. ¶ [59] *ch.* 10.-17. The meaner sort of people. ¶ [60] The higher trees; *i. e.* Persons of higher rank. ¶ [60] Be utterly consum'd, and vanish to nothing.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land [61] darkened, and the people shall be as the † fewel of the fire; no man shall spare his brother.

† Heb. *meat.*

[61] *Chap.* 8. 22. Overspread with Calamities.

† Heb. *cut.*

20 And [62] he shall † snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: * they shall [63] eat every man the [63] flesh of his own arm.

* Chap.49.26.

[62] Every one shall plunder and spoil any thing he can lay hands on. ¶ [63] Prey upon those which might have been some defence and protection to 'em, *v.*21.

21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; *and* they together *shall be* against Judah: * For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

* Chap.5.25.

CHAP. X.

1 The wo of tyrants. 5 Assyria, the rod of hypocrites, for his pride shall be broken. 20 A remnant of Israel shall be saved. 24 Israel is comforted with promise of deliverance from Assyria.

WO unto them that [1] decree unrighteous decrees, and ‖ that [2] write grievousness *which* they have prescribed:

‖ Or, *to the writers that write grievousness.*

[1] *Psal.*58.2. and 94. 20. Law-makers, who make unjust Laws: or Judges, who pass unjust Sentences, *Dan.* 6. 8, 9. 1 *Kings* 21.13.

2 To [3] turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless.

[3] To obstruct the course of Justice, that the poor, needy Widows and fatherless can't have right done 'em, *Jer.*1.-23.

3 And [3] what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation *which* shall come from [4] far; [3] to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave [5] your glory?

[3] *Job* 14.23. ¶ [4] By the *Assyrians*, who live far off, *ch.*5. 26. ¶ [5] *John* 6.68. ¶ [5] Your wealth, and bravery; to be secured for you.

4 [7] Without me they shall bowe down [8] under the prisoners, and they shall fall [8] under the slain: [9] For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

[7] Without my favour and help; *q. d.* All this shall come upon you, because you have cast off me, and so are destitute of my favour and help. ¶ [8] Be in a more forlorn and wretched condition than the rest of the Captives, 2 *Kings* 17.6. ¶ [9] *ch.* 5.-25. See there.

‖ Or, *Wo to the Assyrian.* † Heb. *Assur.* ‖ Or, *though.*

5 ¶ ‖ [10] O † Assyrian, the [11] rod of mine anger, ‖ and the [12] staff in their hand is mine indignation.

[10] Or, *Wo to the Assyrian*; *viz.* because he has wicked and self-ends in all he does by my Commission; (and therefore shall be punish'd at last, *v.* 12. 16-19.) ¶ [11] *Psal.* 17.-13. *Jer.*51.20. The Instrument I make use of to punish my people withal. ¶ [12] All the power they have to afflict my people is from my displeasure against 'em.

6 [13] I will send him against an [14] hypocritical nation, and against the people of [15] my wrath will I give him a charge to [16] take the spoil, and to [16] take the prey, and to † tread them down like the mire of the streets.

† Heb. *lay them a treading.*

[13] 2 *Kings* 24.2. 2 *Chron.*33.11. and 36.17. ¶ [14] *ch.*9.17. The *Israelites*, who are generally unsound in their profession. ¶ [15] *ch.*47.6. and 57.17. With whom I am exceedingly displeas'd. ¶ [16] An interpretation of *Maher-shalal-hash-baz*, *ch.*8.3.

7 Howbeit, [17] he meaneth not so, [17] neither doth his heart think so, but *it is* in his heart [18] to destroy, and cut off nations not a few.

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[17] *Ch.*45.-4. *Mich.*4.12. *viz.* To do my work, and fulfil my Will, but his own. ¶ [18] All that he aims at is to satisfie his own ambitious and revengful desires and designs.

8 For he saith, *Are* not my princes [19] altogether kings?

[19] 2 *Kings* 18.24. and 19. 10. *&c.* Equal to Kings.

9 [20] *Is* not * Calno, as Carchemish? *is* not Hamath as Arpad? *is* not Samaria, as Damascus?

* *Amos* 6.2.

[20] 2 *Kings* 18.34. *q. d.* Can't I conquer one of these as well as another? and therefore as I have subdued some of 'em, so I doubt not but to subdue any others that stand out against me.

10 As my hand hath [21] found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did [22] excel them of Jerusalem, and of Samaria:

[21] Subdued several kingdoms that were under the protection of their several gods. ¶ [22] *Viz.* In reputation and strength.

11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath [23] performed his whole work upon mount Zion, and on Jerusalem, I will † [24] punish [25] the fruit of the † stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the [25] glory of his high looks.

† Heb. *visit upon.* † Heb. *greatness of the heart.*

[23] Sufficiently chastis'd his own people. ¶ [24] *ch.* 37. 29, 36-38. ¶ [25] His insolent words and carriage, proceeding from intolerable pride of heart.

13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have [26] removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have [27] put down the inhabitants like ‖ a valiant *man*.

‖ Or, *many people.*

[26] Invaded their Lands, and added 'em to my own Dominions. ¶ [27] Depriv'd of their former glory and power.

14 And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs *that are* left, have I gathered † all the earth, and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

† All the Wealth and Riches of the Earth.

15 [28] Shall the ax boast it self against him that heweth therewith? *or* shall the saw magnifie it self against him that shaketh it? ‖ as if the rod should shake *it self* against them that lift it up, *or* as if the staff should lift up ‖ *it self*, *as if it were* [29] no wood.

‖ Or, *as if a rod should shake them that lift it up.* ‖ Or, that which is *not* won.

[28] *q. d.* Its extreamly unreasonable and foolish for thee to vaunt thy self above me, and ascribe all to thy self, who art but my Instrument. ¶ [29] As if it were not a poor contemptible Creature, unable to do any thing of it self.

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his [30] fat ones leanness, and under his [31] glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

[30] A sudden destruction among his great Forces, *ch.*37.36. ¶ [31] His victorious Army, whereof he so much boasted.

17 And the [32] light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his [33] thorns and his briers in one day;

[32] *i. e.* God who comforts his people will consume the *Assyrians*, and all his Enemies. ¶ [33] The Soldiers of his Army, who had vexed his people, and which should as easily be destroy'd, as thorns by the fire.

18 And shall consume the [34] glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, † [35] both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth.

† Heb. *from the soul, and even to the flesh.*

[34] *v.* 16. The chief Commanders, with the main Body of the Army it self. ¶ [35] With a total destruction; so that they shall be wholly discouraged.

19 And the rest of the [36] trees of his forest shall be † few, that a child may write them.

† Heb. *number.*

[36] The Remainder of that mighty Host.

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20 ¶ And it shall come to pass in [37] that day, *that* the [38] remnant of Israel, and such as are [38] escaped of the house of Jacob, * shall no more again stay upon him that [39] smote them: but shall stay upon the LORD, the holy One of Israel, [40] in truth.

* See 2 King. 16.7. 2 Chr. 28.20.

[37] When they had found by sad experience the bitter fruit of their own folly in trusting to the *Assyrian*, (who could not help nor deliver themselves.) ¶ [38] Who survive the *Assyrian* invasion, and succeeding calamities. ¶ [39] The *Assyrian*. ¶ [40] Not hypocritically, as before, *v.6.* but in sincerity.

21 [41] The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, [42] unto the mighty God.

[41] The interpretation of *Shear-jashub*, *ch.* 7. 3. (as before of *Maher-shalal-hash-baz*, *v.6.*) and shewing what was therein intimated. ¶ [42] To the acknowledgment and belief of the Messiah, called the mighty God, *ch.9.6.*

22 For though thy people Israel be [43] as the sand of the sea, *yet* [44] a remnant † of them shall return: [45] the consumption decreed shall overflow ‖ with righteousness.

† Heb. *in*, or *amongst*.

‖ Or, *in*.

[43] *Gen.*22.17. See there. ¶ [44] See on *ch.*1.9. Only a remnant shall be preserved from the common destruction: a type of God's Elect among 'em to be saved by Christ, *Rom.* 9.27,29. and 11.5. ¶ [45] *ch.*28.22. The destruction wherewith God has resolved to consume that Nation, shall be executed according to the rules of Justice in punishing the wicked, yet withal with Clemency in reserving a remnant.

23 For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined in the midst of all the land.

24 ¶ [46] Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a [47] rod, ‖ and [48] shall lift up his staff against thee, [49] after the manner of * Egypt.

‖ Or, *but he shall lift up his staff for thee.*

* Exod. 14.

[46] Since the *Assyrian* shall be destroyed, and a remnant preserv'd. ¶ [47] To correct thee, (but not with a Sword to destroy thee.) ¶ [48] *v.*32. Threaten thee with big words, as if he'd devour thee at a bit, † *ch.* 36. 13. *&c.* ¶ [49] As the *Egyptians* endeavour'd your utter ruin, (but could not effect it.)

25 For yet a very little while, and [50] the indignation shall cease, [51] and mine anger in their destruction.

[50] Mine anger against my People shall have an end in the destruction of the *Assyrian*, (they being the Rod of his anger, *v.*5.)

26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir up * [52] a scourge for him, [52] according to the slaughter of Midian [53] at the rock of Oreb: and * [54] *as* his rod *was* upon the sea, so shall he lift it up [55] after the manner of Egypt.

* 2 Kin. 19.35.

* Exod. 14.26, 27.

[52] One that shall punish and distress him severely, *viz.* the Angel that destroyed his Host. ¶ [52] *ch.* 9. 4. See there. In a strange and sudden manner in the night, when nothing less was look'd for, † *Judg.*7.22. ¶ [53] *Judg.*7.26. (So *Sennacherib* slain in his Idol-Temple, *ch.*37.37,38. ¶ [54] As God by *Moses*'s Rod divided the Sea to make way for your deliverance, and the destruction of the *Egyptians*, so shall he destroy the *Assyrians* now, as he did the *Egyptians* then.

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his [55] burden shall † be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his [55] yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be [56] destroyed [57] because of the anointing.

† Heb. *remove.*

[55] The Oppressions and Exactions, by taxes, plunder, free-quarter, *&c.* laid upon 'em by the *Assyrians*. ¶ [56] *ch.* 14. 25. Not only removed for the present, but so broken to pieces, as never to afflict thee more. ¶ [57] For the sake of the Messiah, who was the anointed, † *Psal.* 45.7. and was to come of that People, as *ch.*7.14. and 9.6. See there.

28 [58] He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron: at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages.

[58] *Sennacherib.* Here the Prophet gives an Historical Account (by way of Prophecy) of the march of *Sennacherib*'s Army through *Judea*, towards *Jerusalem*.

29 They are gone over * the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba, Ramah is afraid, * Gibeah of Saul is fled.

* 1 Sam. 13.23.

* 1 Sam. 11.4.

30 † Lift up thy voice, O daughter of * Gallim: cause it to be heard unto * Laish, O poor * Anathoth.

† Heb. *Cry shrill with thy voice.*

* 1 Sam. 25.44.

31 * Madmenah is removed, the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

* Judg. 18.7.

32 As yet shall he remain at * Nob that day: he shall [59] shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

* Josh. 21.18.

[59] Threaten hard, (which is all he can do) as *v.*24.

33 [60] Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts shall [61] lop the bough with terrour: and the high ones of stature *shall be* hewen down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

* Josh. 15.31.

[60] *q. d.* You have heard of a furious and forcible approach of an insolent Tyrant: But behold a strange change. Wait but a while, and you shall see his Comb cut, and his Crest fallen. ¶ [61] Cut off the chief Commanders in his Army in a terrible manner.

34 And he shall cut down the [62] thickets of the forest with iron, and [63] Lebanon shall fall ‖ by a mighty one.

‖ Or, *mightily.*

[62] The body of his Army, (*v.*18,19.) as with Axes, and instruments of Iron. ¶ [63] The vast Host of the *Assyrian* shall be destroyed by a mighty Angel, *ch.* 37. 36.

CHAP. XI.

1 The peaceable kingdom of the branch out of the root of Jesse. 10 The victorious restauration of Israel, and vocation of the Gentiles.

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AND there shall come forth [1] a rod out of the [2] stem of Jesse, and [3] a branch shall grow out of his [4] roots.

[1] The Anointing, (*ch.*10.27.) or Messiah, called a Rod, or slender Twig, to note his meanness, as to outward apperance, and in the eye of the World, *Phil.* 2. 7. ¶ [2] Or, *Stump*. Noting the low estate of *David*'s Family, when Christ was born. ¶ [3] *ch.*4.2. *Jer.*23.5. and 33.15. *Zech.*3.8. and 6.12. ¶ [4] There being nothing but a Root left under ground, as it were.

2 And the [5] spirit of the LORD shall [6] rest upon him, [7] the spirit of [8] wisdom and understanding, [7] the spirit of [9] counsel and [10] might, the spirit of [11] knowledge, and of [12] the fear of the LORD.

[5] The Holy Ghost, (*Matth.*3.16. *Acts* 10.38.) proceeding from the Father, *John.*15.26. ¶ [6] *John* 1.32. *Numb.* 11.25,26. 2 *King.*2.15. ¶ [7] By whom he shall be fitted with these, (and all other) Graces, Qualifications and Endowments for the discharge of his Office, *John* 1. 14,16. & 3. 34. *Acts* 2.33. *Col.*1.19. and 2.9. ¶ [8] *Col.*2.3. ¶ [9] Ability to advise and direct, *ch.*9.6. *n.*27. ¶ [10] Courage to execute good Counsel, and whatsoever belongs to him in his place, 1 *Sam.*14.6,13. and 17.32. 2 *Sam.* 23. 16. *Neh.*6.11. *Esth.*4.16. *Psal.*18.32. ¶ [11] *Col.*2.3. Of the whole Will and Counsel of God, (*John* 8.38,40.) and the most hidden things of men's hearts, *Matth.*9.4. See there. ¶ [12] A fear of Honour and Reverence, as his Father, whom he worship'd, lov'd and obey'd.

3 And shall make him of † quick understanding [13] in the fear of the LORD, and he shall not [14] judge after the sight of his eyes, neither [15] reprove after the hearing of his ears.

† Heb. *sent*, or *smell.*

[13] In those things that concern the fear of God; so as to judge exactly whether men do fear God truly, yea or no. ¶ [14] Pass Sentence for Persons according to outward appearance, *John* 8.15. and 7.24. 2 *Cor.*10.7. ¶ [15] Condemn or pass Sentence against any.

4 But with [16] righteousness shall he [14] judge the [17] poor, and ‖ [18] reprove with equity for the [19] meek of the earth: and he [20] shall smite the [21] earth with the [22] rod of his mouth, and with the [22] breath of his lips shall he [20] slay the [21] wicked.

‖ Or, *argue.*

[16] *Psal.*72. 2,4. *Rev.* 19. 11. ¶ [17] His Subjects; who are poor, broken-hearted, self-condemned Sinners; and for the generality, are a contemptible sort of men, *Matth.* 11.5. *Jam.*2.5. ¶ [18] Condemn their Oppressors. ¶ [19] *Zeph.* 2.3. See on *Matth.*5.5. Who are gentle under their sufferings. ¶ [20] *Mal.*4.6. Executes Judgment upon 'em in behalf of his poor Servants, whom they oppose and oppress. ¶ [21] Ungodly, earthly-minded men, enemies of his Church and

Chap. 11. and People. ¶ [23] *Job* 4.9. 2 *Thess.* 2. 8. *Rev.* 19. 15. His powerful Word.

5 And righteousness shall be the [23] girdle of his loyns, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

[23] Fit him for the execution of his Office, and dispatch of his business; and also be an honour and ornament to him.

6 [24] The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the [24] leopard shall lie down with the kid: and the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling together, and [25] a little child shall lead them.

[24] *Ch.*65.25. They that before were of a fierce, untractable disposition, shall be subdued and tam'd by the power of the Gospel, and become meek and gentle, (*v.*4.) and new Creatures, (2 *Cor.*5.17. 1 *Cor.*6.9–11. *Eph.*4.22,23.) and shall live and converse in the same Church with other poor Christians quietly and harmlesly. ¶ [25] They shall be ready to be guided and directed by the meanest, speaking from Christ, *Acts* 18.24–26.

7 And the cow and the bear shall [26] feed, their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall [27] eat straw like the ox.

[26] *Viz.* Together. ¶ [27] Not prey upon other living Creatures, as now he does. This notes the peaceable disposition and conversation of Christs Subjects.

8 And the sucking-child shall play on the hole of the [28] asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the ‖ [28] cockatrice-den.

‖ Or, *adders.*

[28] The most mischievous shall then become innocent and harmless.

9 They shall [29] not hurt nor destroy in all my [30] holy mountain: [31] for the earth shall be [32] full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the [33] sea.

[29] *Ch.* 2. 4. and 35. 9. *Job* 5. 23. *Hos.* 2. 18. ¶ [30] The Church. Where-ever the Gospel comes and prevails, it will have this effect. ¶ [31] *q. d.* And all this wonderful change shall be wrought by the Grace of the Gospel. ¶ [32] *Hab.*2.14. More abundantly filled than ever before with the saving knowledge of God in Christ. ¶ [33] The Chanel of the Sea.

10 ¶ And in that day there shall be [34] a root of Jesse, which shall [35] stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles [36] seek, and [37] his rest shall be † glorious.

† Heb. *glory.*

[34] *Rom.*15.12. See there. Christ growing upon the Root of *Jesse.* ¶ [35] Mount up, and be advanc'd (by the preaching of the Gospel) to a great height, for the Gentiles to resort unto, *John* 3.14,15. and 12.32. *Act.*2.5–12. ¶ [36] Repair unto him by Faith, and put their trust in him, *Rom.*15.12. ¶ [37] His Resting-place, *viz.* his Church and People, with whom he dwells, (*ch.*66.1. *Psal.*132.13,14.) shall be filled with greater Glory than the Jewish Tabernacle or Temple were, (*Hag.*2.9.) by the more plentiful effusion of the Gifts, Graces and Comforts of the Holy Spirit.

11 And it shall come to pass [38] in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the [39] second time, [40] to recover the remnant of his people which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

[38] In the days of the Messiah; after that the Gentiles are called, *v.* 10. ¶ [39] Besides his delivering 'em out of *Babylon.* ¶ [40] To bring home to himself by Christ, such of the Jews as shall be dispers'd among the Gentiles all the World over, *viz.* In the latter days, at their general conversion, *Rom.*11.25,26.

12 And he shall set up an [41] ensign for the nations, and shall [42] assemble the out-casts of Israel, and [43] gather together the dispersed of Judah, from the four † corners of the earth.

† Heb. *wings.*

[41] To gather the Gentiles to the Church; and to recal the Jews dispers'd among several Nations, both those of the ten Tribes, and those of the two Tribes, *James* 1.1 *Act.*2.11.

13 [44] The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the [45] adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

[44] *Ch.*9.21. *Jer.*3.18. *Ezek.*37.16,22. *Hos.*1.11. All animosities which ensued the revolt of the ten Tribes from Judah, shall be taken away. ¶ [45] The obstinate Enemies of the Church.

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14 But [46] they shall flie upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west, they shall spoil † them of the east together: they † shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab, and the children of Ammon shall † obey them.

† Heb. *the children of the east.*

† Heb. *Edom and Moab* shall be *the laying on of their hand.*

† Heb. *their obedience.*

[46] The Jews both of the ten Tribes and two Tribes being united, shall all joyn together to subdue the Nations to the yoke of Christ, *Numb.*24.17. *Obad.*18. *Zech.*10.11.

15 And the LORD shall [47] utterly destroy the [48] tongue of the Egyptian sea, and with his [47] mighty wind shall he [48] shake his hand over the river, and shall [49] smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over † dry-shod.

† Heb. *in shoes.*

[47] *Zech.*10.11. Dry up the River *Euphrates*, (*Rev.*16.12.) *i. e.* Remove all hindrances out of their way, which might obstruct their coming to Christ, and return to their own Land; (as he did for his People of old in their passage to *Canaan.*) ¶ [48] The Red Sea, like a Tongue. ¶ [47] *Exod.* 14.21. *Psal.*74.13. ¶ [48] (As *Moses* stretch'd out his hand over the Red Sea, *Exod.* 14. 16, 21.) ¶ [49] Dry up the River *Nilus*; to note, That there is no impediment so great, but shall be remov'd.

16 And there shall be [50] an high-way for the remnant of his people which shall be left from Assyria, [51] like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

[50] *Ch.* 19. 23. and 35. 8. A free passage. ¶ [51] *Exod.* 14. 26, 29.

CHAP. XII.

A joyful thanksgiving of the faithful for the mercies of God.

AND in [1] that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

[1] When God shall have done the great things mentioned, *ch.* 11.

2 Behold, God *is* [2] my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my [3] strength and *my* [3] song, he also is [3] become my salvation.

[2] *Psal.*27.1. and 44.7. *Prov.*21.31. *Jon.* 2.9. The Author of this great deliverance, and bringing me into the way of Salvation. ¶ [3] See on *Exod.*15.2.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw [4] water out of the wells of salvation.

[4] Grace and Comfort, (*John* 7.38. and 4.14. *Ezek.*36.26.) From Christ, and the Ordinances and Promises of the Gospel.

4 And in that day shall ye [5] say, [6] Praise the LORD, ‖ call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is [7] exalted.

‖ Or, *proclaim his name.*

[5] Not only praise God themselves, but stir up one another to do it. ¶ [6] 1 *Chron.* 16. 8. *Psal.* 105. 1. ¶ [7] *Psal.* 148.13. By the great things he has done, and making 'em known throughout all Nations.

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: [8] this *is* known in all the earth.

[8] This great work of Redemption is not confined only to *Judea*, as hitherto.

6 [9] Cry out and shout, thou † inhabitant of Zion: for [10] great *is* the holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

† Heb. *inhabitress.*

[9] *Ch.*54.1. *Zeph.*3.14. *viz.* For joy. ¶ [10] And has manifested himself to be.

CHAP. XIII.

1 God mustereth the armies of his wrath. 6 He threatneth to destroy Babylon by the Medes. 19 The desolation of Babylon.

THE [1] burden of [2] Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

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1 Burdensom Prophecy; or heavy Doom; or Prophecy deliver'd in heavy and threatning words, 2 *King.* 9. 25. *Jer.* 23. 33, 36. ¶ 2 Having prophecied hitherto concerning the Jews chiefly, and their affairs, he now turns his speech to the bordering Nations that were enemies to the Jews; and chiefly to *Babylon*, a Type of Antichrist.

2 Lift ye up a [1] banner upon the [2] high mountain, exalt the voice unto [3] them, [4] shake the hand, that they may [5] go into the gates of the nobles.

[1] *Ch.* 18. 3. *Jer.* 50. 2. To call people to be listed against *Babylon*. ¶ [2] Where it may most easily be seen. ¶ [3] The *Medes*, v. 17. ¶ [4] Beckon to 'em to come to this service. ¶ [5] Surprize *Babylon* with ease, and break into the Houses of the Nobles, where there's the best plunder.

3 I have [6] commanded my sanctified ones, I I have also called [7] my mighty ones [7] for mine anger, *even* them that [8] rejoyce in my highness.

[6] *Ch.* 10. 6. and 23. 11. *Jer.* 34. 22. and 50. 21. Stir'd up, by my Providence, the *Medes* and *Persians*, set apart for this Service of executing my vengeance on *Babylon*. ¶ [7] Furnisht with my strength, (*ch.* 5. 27. and 45. 1, 5.) to execute vengeance for me upon *Babylon*. ¶ [8] Triumph in those gallant actions that I shall work by 'em, and which tend much to the advancement of my Glory.

4 [9] The noise of a multitude in the mountains, † like as of a great people: a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battel.

† Heb. *the likeness of.*

[9] A description of the tumultuous, confused noise of a great Army in their march.

5 They come from a [10] far countrey, from the end of heaven, *even* the [11] LORD and the [12] weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole [13] land.

[10] *Media* and *Persia*. ¶ [11] *viz.* Comes. ¶ [12] The Instruments he makes use of, (*viz.* the *Medes* and *Persians*) to punish those with whom he is wroth. ¶ [13] *viz.* Of *Chaldea*.

6 ¶ Howl [14] ye, for the [15] day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a [16] destruction from the Almighty.

[14] The *Babylonians* or *Chaldeans*. ¶ [15] *ch.* 2. 10. & 10. 3. ¶ [16] *Joel* 1. 15. *Job* 31. 23.

§ Or, *fall down.*

7 Therefore shall all hands § be faint, and every mans heart shall melt.

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them, they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall † be [17] amazed † one at another, their faces *shall be as* † [18] flames.

† Heb. *wonder.* † Heb. *every man at his neighbour.* † Heb. *faces of the flames.*

[17] At this surprizing Calamity that shall befal 'em. ¶ [18] Pale with fear.

9 Behold, [19] the day of the LORD cometh, [20] cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

[19] Wherein they shall meet with cruel usage, (*Jer.* 50. 42.) exactly answerable to their usage of the Jews; which is described in the same words, *Jer.* 6. 23.

10 For [21] the stars of heaven, and the constellations thereof shall [22] not give their light: the [23] sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the [24] moon shall not cause her light to shine.

[21] *Ch.* 5. 30. *Ezek.* 32. 7, 8. *Joel* 2. 10, 31. *Matth.* 24. 29. All things shall look dark and dismal, so that they shall be filled with horror and terror, even the greatest of 'em, their Princes and Nobles. ¶ [23] The Emperor. ¶ [24] The Empress.

11 And I will punish the [25] world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

[25] The Chaldean State, or Babylonian Empire, (as *Luk.* 2. 1.)

12 I will make a man more precious then fine gold; even a man then the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 [26] Therefore I will [27] shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

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[26] Because of their wickedness, v. 11. ¶ [27] *Hag.* 2. 7. Put all into a confusion.

14 And [28] it shall be as the [29] chased roe, and as a sheep that no man [30] taketh up: [31] they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

[28] *Babylon.* ¶ [29] Running away before the Pursuers. ¶ [30] None shall dare to harbour 'em. ¶ [31] *Jer.* 50. 16. All her Auxiliaries shall run away, and leave her to shift for herself, *Jer.* 51. 9.

15 Every one *that is* found, shall be thrust through: and every one *that is* [32] joyned *unto them*, shall fall by the sword.

[32] *Rev.* 18. 4.

16 Their children also shall be [33] dashed to pieces before their eyes, their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

[33] *Psal.* 137. 9. *Nah.* 3. 10. (As they serv'd the Jews, 2 *Chr.* 36. 17.)

17 Behold, I will stir up the [34] Medes against them, which shall [35] not regard silver, and *as for* gold, they shall [35] not delight in it.

[34] *Ch.* 21. 2. *Jer.* 51. 11. *Dan.* 5. 28. ¶ [35] Not care for ransom, but seek more their Lives; as the Executioners of my wrath.

18 *Their* bows also shall dash their young men to pieces, and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb, their eye shall not spare children.

19 ¶ And Babylon the [36] glory of kingdoms, the [37] beauty of the Chaldees excellency, [38] shall be † as when God overthrew * Sodom and Gomorrah.

† Heb. *as the overthrowing of.* * Gen. 19. 24. Deut. 29. 23. Jer. 49. 18. & 50. 40.

[36] The most glorious Monarchy, the Lady of Kingdoms, (*ch.* 47. 5.) the Praise of the whole earth, (*Jer.* 51. 41.) the Head of Gold, *Dan.* 2. 37, 38. ¶ [37] The famous Seat of the Chaldean Monarchy. ¶ [38] *viz.* Totally and irrecoverably destroyed; (which was fulfilled by degrees, and so continues to this day.)

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian [39] pitch tent there, neither shall the shepherds [39] make their fold there.

[39] Because it is such a desolate place, fill'd with wild Beasts, v. 21.

21 But † [40] wild beasts of the desert shall lie there, and their houses shall be full of † doleful creatures, and ‖ † owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

† Heb. *Ziim.* [40] *Rev.* 18. 2. † Heb. *Ochim.* ‖ Or, *ostriches.* † Heb. *daughters of the owl.*

22 And † the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their ‖ desolate houses, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: and [41] her time *is* [42] near to come, and her days shall not be [43] prolonged.

† Heb. *Iim.* ‖ Or, *palaces.*

[41] *Viz.* To be thus dealt with. ¶ [42] In God's account, and in the eye of Faith; tho it were about two hundred years after. ¶ [43] Beyond the set time, *Hab.* 2. 3.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Gods merciful restauration of Israel. 4 Their triumphant insultation over Babel. 24 Gods purpose against Assyria. 29 Palestina is threatned.

1 FOr the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will [1] yet choose Israel, and [2] set them in their own land: and [3] the strangers shall be joyned with them, and they shall cleave to the [4] house of Jacob.

[1] *v.* 2. He'll destroy *Babylon*, (*ch.* 13. 22.) because he resolves to deliver *Sion*. ¶ [2] *Zech.* 1. 17. and 2. 12. (tho he seem'd to reject 'em.) ¶ [3] *Deut.* 30. 3–5. *Jer.* 24. 6. and 32. 37. *Ezek.* 37. 14. ¶ [4] *ch.* 61. 5. and 66. 21. *Eph.* 2. 11–17. *Psal.* 7. 6, 7. Many of the Gentiles, (fulfilled chiefly in Gospel-times; *ch.* 2. 3. *Zech.* 2. 11.) ¶ [5] Church of Jews and become one body with them, *Eph.* 2. 13.

2 And the [6] people shall take them, and [7] bring them to their place: and the [8] house of

[6] *ch.* 49. 22. [7] *ch.* 60. 4. [8] Israel

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Iſrael ſhall [a] poſſeſs them in the land of the LORD, for ſervants and handmaids: and they ſhall [b] take them captives, † whoſe captives they were, and they ſhall rule over their oppreſſours.

† Heb. *that had taken them captives.*

[a] Thoſe Strangers, *v.* 1. ¶ [b] Aſſiſt and accomodate 'em in their return, *ch.* 66. 20. *Ezra* 1. 4, 6. and 7: 13–16. ¶ [b] And then the Church of the Jews (in the latter days) ſhall make uſe of their aſſiſtance as they have occaſion, (*ch.* 60. 10, 12. and 61. 5. *Rom.* 16. 1, 2. 1 *Cor.* 16. 15. 2 *Cor.* 8. 4, 5.) they being firſt ſubdued to the faith of Chriſt by the preaching of the Goſpel, *Pſal.* 45. 5. and 68. 17, 18. *Rom.* 15. 16, 19. 2 *Cor.* 10. 4, 5.

3 And it ſhall come to paſs in the day that the LORD ſhall give thee reſt from thy ſorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou waſt made to ſerve:

‖ Or, *taunting ſpeech.*

4 That thou ſhalt [c] take up this ‖ proverb againſt the [d] king of Babylon, and ſay, [e] How hath the oppreſſour ceaſed! the ‖ golden city ceaſed!

‖ Or, *exactreſs of gold.*

[c] *Hab.* 2. 6. ¶ [d] A type of the Head of the Antichriſtian Church. ¶ [e] *q. d.* How was it poſſible that ſuch a thing ſhould ever be brought about?

5 [f] The LORD hath broken the [g] ſtaff of the wicked, *and* the ſcepter of the rulers.

[f] The anſwer to the former Queſtion, *v.* 11. *q. d.* 'Tis God's doing; and therefore wonder not at it. ¶ [g] *Pſal.* 125. 3. The Inſtruments of their cruelty.

† Heb. *a ſtroke without removing.*

6 He who ſmote the people in wrath with † a continual ſtroke; he that ruled the nations in anger, is perſecuted, *and* [h] none hindereth.

[h] Neither the *Babylonians* themſelves, nor none of their Confederates, could withſtand the power of the *Medes* and *Perſians*.

7 The whole earth is at [i] reſt *and* is quiet: they break forth into ſinging.

[i] *Viz.* Now that *Babylon* is deſtroyed.

8 Yea, the [k] fir-trees rejoyce at thee, *and* the [l] cedars of Lebanon, *ſaying*, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up againſt us.

[k] So frequently felled for their magnificent Buildings.

‖ Or, *the grave*

9 ‖ [m] Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet *thee* at thy coming: it ſtirreth up the dead for thee, *even* all the †‖ chief ones of the earth; it hath raiſed up from their [n] thrones all the kings of the nations.

† Heb. *leaders.* ‖ Or, *great goats.*

[m] The Grave rouſes up it ſelf upon the approach of ſo great a Monarch, to give ſuitable entertainment to him. ¶ [n] Sepulchres and Royal Monuments, (the only Thrones they have now) ſpoken in ſcorn.

10 All they ſhall ſpeak and ſay unto thee, Art thou alſo become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noiſe of thy viols: the worm is ſpread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

‖ Or, *O day-ſtar.*

12 How art thou fallen from [o] heaven, ‖ [p] O lucifer, [q] ſon of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didſt weaken the nations!

[o] *Lam.* 2. 1. *Luke* 10. 15. 18. From the height of thy Glory and Royal Majeſty. ¶ [p] The Morning-ſtar.

13 For thou haſt ſaid in thine heart, I will [r] aſcend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the ſtars of God: I will [s] ſit alſo upon the mount of the [t] congregation, in the [u] ſides of of the north.

[q] The Fore-runner of the Morning. ¶ [r] 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 4. Advance my ſelf above the ſtate of a Mortal Man. ¶ [s] Place my Royal Throne in the Temple at *Jeruſalem*. ¶ [t] *ch.* 33. 20. *Pſal.* 84. 7. and 122. 1–4. Whither the People us'd to reſort to worſhip. ¶ [u] *Pſal.* 48. 2. See there.

14 I will aſcend [x] above the heights of the clouds, I will be [y] like the moſt High.

[x] Into Heaven, *v.* 13. ¶ [y] *Ezek.* 28. 2.

15 Yet thou ſhalt be brought down to [z] hell, to the ſides of the [a] pit.

[z] The Grave, (as *v.* 9.) or any hole digg'd to bury thee in.

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16 They that ſee thee ſhall narrowly look upon thee, *and* conſider thee, *ſaying*, *Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did ſhake kingdoms?

17 *That* made the world as a wilderneſs, and deſtroyed the cities thereof, *that* ‖ [b] opened not the houſe of his priſoners?

‖ Or, *did not let his priſoners looſe homewards.*

[b] *Jer.* 50. 33. Kept 'em in perpetual Impriſonment.

18 All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them lie in glory, every one in his own [c] houſe.

[c] Sepulcher.

19 But [d] thou art [e] caſt out of thy grave, like an abominable branch: *and as* the raiment of *thoſe that are* ſlain, thruſt through with a ſword, that go down to the ſtones of the pit, as a carcaſe trodden under feet.

¶ [d] Probably meant of *Belſhazzar*, ſlain in the night, *Dan.* 5. 30. ¶ [e] Never interred in that Sepulcher thou hadſt prepar'd for thy ſelf.

20 Thou ſhalt not be joyned with them [f] in burial, becauſe thou haſt deſtroyed thy land, *and* ſlain thy people: [g] the ſeed of evil-doers ſhall [h] never be renowned.

[f] With ſuch an honourable interment as they uſe to have. ¶ [g] *Job* 18. 19. *Pſal.* 21. 10. and 37. 28. and 109. 13. ¶ [h] Or, *Not ever*, but cut off in a ſhort time.

21 [i] Prepare ſlaughter for his children for the iniquity of the [k] fathers; that they do not [l] riſe nor poſſeſs the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

[i] *q. d.* O ye *Medes* and *Perſians*, and your Aſſiſtants, cut off all the Branches of the Royal Family of *Babylon*. ¶ [k] *Ex.* 20. 5. *Matth.* 23. 35. Imitated by them their Children. ¶ [l] Recover their former flouriſhing condition.

22 For I will riſe up againſt them, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, and cut off from Babylon the [m] name, and remnant, and ſon and nephew, ſaith the LORD.

[m] All the Poſterity and Kindred of the King of *Babylon*.

23 [n] I will alſo make it a poſſeſſion for the bittern, and [o] pools of water: and I will [p] ſweep it with the beſom of deſtruction, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[n] *Ch.* 13. 19. *&c.* and 34. 11. *Zeph.* 2. 14. ¶ [o] A mooriſh ground. ¶ [p] 1 *King.* 14. 10.

24 ¶ The LORD of hoſts hath ſworn, ſaying, Surely as I have thought, ſo ſhall it [q] come to paſs; and as I have purpoſed, *ſo* ſhall it [q] ſtand.

[q] *Pſal.* 33. 10. (And therefore let not my people doubt of it, tho it ſeem never ſo incredible.)

25 That I will break the [r] Aſſyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then ſhall * his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their ſhoulders.

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[r] *Nah.* 1. 13. The Army of *Sennacherib*, (as a pledg of the full deſtruction of *Babylon*.)

26 This *is* the purpoſe *that is* purpoſed [s] upon the whole earth: and this *is* [t] the hand *that is* ſtretched out upon all the nations.

[s] *Ch.* 13. 11. Concerning theſe Empires of the *Aſſyrians* and *Chaldeans*, which rule almoſt all the world. ¶ [t] *ch.* 5. 25. The Power of God executing his purpoſe againſt all Nations under the Babylonian Monarchy.

27 For the LORD of hoſts hath purpoſed, and [u] who ſhall diſannul *it?* and his hand *is* ſtretched out, and who ſhall turn it back?

[u] *Ch.* 43. 13. 2 *Chron.* 20. 6. *Job* 9. 12. and 23. 13. *Pſal.* 33. 10, 11. *Prov.* 14. 21. and 21. 30. *Dan.* 4. 31, 32, 35.

28 In the year that * king Ahaz died, was this † burden.

* 2 *King.* 16. 20.

29 ¶ Rejoyce not thou whole Paleſtina, becauſe the [x] rod of him that ſmote thee is broken: for [y] out of the ſerpents root ſhall come forth a ‖ cockatrice, and his fruit *ſhall be* a fiery flying ſerpent.

‖ Or, *adder.*

[x] The

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[48] The power of the Kings of *Judah* (who were wont to be a great scourge unto thee) is now much impaired. ¶ [49] Out of the Royal Family of *Judah* shall arise one (*viz. Hezekiah*) who shall plague thee worse than ever, yea sting thee to death, 2 *Kings* 18. 8.

30 And the [50] first-born of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy [51] root with famine, and [52] he shall slay thy [51] remnant.

[50] The Jews brought to extream poverty at present, by thy cruelty, shall have plenty of all things (under *Hezekiah.*) ¶ [51] Utterly destroy thee, both Root and Branch. ¶ [52] God.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou [53] whole Paleſtina *art* diſſolved: for there ſhall come from the [54] north [55] a ſmoke, and ‖ [56] none *ſhall be* alone in his ‖ appointed times.

‖ Or, he ſhall *not* be *alone.* ‖ Or, *aſſemblies*

[53] The State of the *Philiſtines* is overthrown. ¶ [54] The Land of *Chaldea.* ¶ [55] *Nebuchadnezzar*; a vexing, ſmarting Scourge; as *Gen.* 15. 17. *Joel* 2. 30. ¶ [56] None of that great Army ſhall forſake his Fellows (either by running away, ſtaying behind, or the like) when God's appointed time for the deſtruction of the *Philiſtines* is come.

32 What ſhall *one* then anſwer the [57] meſſengers of the nation? That the [58] LORD hath founded Zion, and the [59] poor of his people ſhall ‖ [60] truſt in it.

‖ Or, *betake themſelves unto it.*

[57] Any Meſſengers ſent to enquire concerning the ſtate, both of the *Jews*, and of the *Philiſtines*. ¶ [58] *Pſal.* 87. 1, 5. and 102. 16. *Matth.* 16.–18. (And therefore will raiſe her up from the preſent diſtreſs, and protect, and eſtabliſh her.) ¶ [59] *Zeph.* 3. 12. *Zech.* 11. 7. Repair thither as to a ſtrong and ſecure place.

CHAP. XV.

The lamentable ſtate of Moab.

3278. Compl. 3280. THE [1] burden of Moab. Becauſe in the [2] night Ar of Moab is laid waſte, *and* ‖ brought to ſilence; becauſe in the night Kir of Moab is laid waſte, *and* brought to ſilence:

‖ Or, *cut off.*

[1] See on *ch.* 13. 1. *Ezek.* 25. 8. *Amos* 2. 1–3. *Jer.* 48. 1. &c. *Zeph.* 2. 8. A prophetical Deſcription of the deſtruction of the *Moabites*, the implacable Enemies of the *Jews*; begun to be executed by the *Aſſyrians*, and finiſh'd by the *Babyloniams.* ¶ [2] 1 *Theſſ.* 5. 1, 2. Suddenly and unexpectedly, *Jer.* 4. 20.

* Chap. 16. 12.

2 * [3] He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the [4] high places, to weep: Moab ſhall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba; on all their heads *ſhall be* [5] baldneſs, *and* every beard [5] cut off.

[3] The people generally as one man. ¶ [4] Run from idol to idol to bewail their calamity, and implore help. ¶ [5] *Jer.* 47. 5. and 48. 37, 38. *Ezek.* 7. –18. Having their hair cut off, in token of mourning, *Lev.* 19. 27, 28. and 21. 5. *Deut.* 14. 1. *Job* 1. 20. *Jer.* 7. 29.

3 In their ſtreets they ſhall gird themſelves with ſackcloth: on the tops of their houſes, and in their ſtreets every one ſhall howl, † weeping abundantly.

† Heb. *deſcending into weeping:* or, *coming down with weeping.*

4 And Heſhbon ſhall cry, and Elealeh: their voice ſhall be heard, *even* unto Jahaz: therefore the armed Soldiers of Moab ſhall cry out, [6] his life ſhall be grievous unto him.

[6] The life of every one of the *Moabites*, whether Soldiers or others.

5 [7] My heart ſhall cry out for Moab; ‖ his fugitive *ſhall* [8] *flee* unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping ſhall they go it up: for in the way of Horonaim they ſhall raiſe up a cry [9] of † deſtruction.

‖ Or, *to the borders thereof, even as an heifer.* † Heb. *breaking.*

[7] *Ch.* 16. 11. *Jer.* 48. 31, 36. Out of human compaſſion to them in their miſeries. ¶ [8] Or, *Shall cry unto* Zoar *as an heifer*, (as *Jer.* 48. 34.) *i. e.* Make a loud cry and lamentation. ¶ [9] For the deſtruction coming upon 'em.

6 For the [10] waters of Nimrim ſhall be † deſolate: for the hay is [11] withered away, the graſs faileth, there is no green thing.

† Heb. *deſolations.*

[10] Rich Paſtures and Meadows lying by the River's ſide. ¶ [11] All ſpoil'd by the Enemies Horſe.

7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, ſhall [12] they carry away to the ‖ [13] brook of the willows.

‖ Or, *valley of the Arabians.*

[12] Their Enemies. ¶ [13] To ſome place from whence they may convey 'em away ſafely.

8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab: the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.

9 For the waters of Dimon ſhall be full of bloud: for I will bring ‖ [14] more upon Dimon, † lions upon him that eſcapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

† Heb. *additions.*

[14] *Viz.* Than has been already mention'd.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Moab is exhorted to yield obedience to Chriſts kingdom, 6 and threatned for her pride: 9 The prophet bewaileth her. 12 The judgment of Moab.

3278. Compl. 3280. SEnd ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from ‖ † Sela to the wilderneſs, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

‖ Or, *Petra.* † Heb. *a rock.*

[1] Send the Tribute (2 *Kings* 3. 4.) due to the Kings of *Judah*, from all parts of your Country, to *Jeruſalem*, where the Kings Palace is.

2 For [2] it ſhall be *that* as a wandring bird ‖ caſt out of the neſt, ſo the daughters of Moab ſhall be at the [3] fords of * Arnon.

‖ Or, *a neſt forſaken.* * Num. 21. 13.

[2] *Viz.* If you don't follow the counſel given you *v.* 1. ¶ [3] At a loſs whither to fly.

3 † [4] Take counſel, [5] execute judgment; [6] make thy ſhadow as the night in the midſt of the noon-day, hide the out-caſts, bewray not him that wandreth.

† Heb. *Bring.*

[4] Adviſe what is fit to be done in your circumſtances, and how you may help my people in their diſtreſs. ¶ [5] Do no wrong to my people, but deal uprightly with 'em, and ſhew 'em that kindneſs that belongs to perſons in their caſe. ¶ [6] Afford 'em all the ſhelter that poſſibly you can in the extremity of their ſufferings, *ch.* 30. 2, 3. and 32. –2. *Judg.* 9. 15. *Jonah* 4. 5, 6, 8.

4 Let mine outcaſts dwell with thee, Moab, be thou a covert to them from the face of the ſpoiler: for the † extortioner is [7] at an end, the ſpoiler [7] ceaſeth, the † oppreſſours [7] are conſumed out of the land.

† Heb. *wringer.* † Heb. *treaders down.*

[7] Shall ſuddenly be thus dealt with, and my people deliver'd: who then will be in a capacity to requite thy kindneſs, *v.* 5.

5 And [8] in mercy * ſhall the throne be ‖ eſtabliſhed, and [9] he ſhall ſit upon it [10] in truth, in the tabernacle of David, judging and ſeeking judgment, and haſting righteouſneſs.

* Dan. 7. 14, 27. Mich. 4. 7. Luke 1. 33. ‖ Or, *prepared.*

[8] Through the free grace and favour of God ſhall the Kingdom of *Judah* be reſtor'd again to its former ſtrength and dignity. ¶ [9] Their King. ¶ [10] Firmly and conſtantly.

6 ¶ We have heard of the [11] pride of Moab, (he *is* very proud) *even* of his haughtineſs, and his pride, and his wrath: *but* [12] his lies *ſhall* not *be* ſo.

[11] *Jer.* 48. 29. Their proud carriage towards my people upon all occaſions, and their high thoughts of themſelves, ſo that they'l ſcorn to hearken to this counſel given 'em. ¶ [12] *Jer.* 48. 30. His vain, proud fancies and imaginations ſhall not come to paſs.

7 Therefore ſhall [13] Moab howl for Moab, every one ſhall howl: for the foundations of Kir-haraſeth ſhall ye ‖ mourn, ſurely *they are* [14] ſtricken.

‖ Or, *mutter.*

[13] *Jer.* 48. –20. The *Moabites* ſhall bewail one another. ¶ [14] Raſed and ruin'd.

8 For * the [15] fields of Heſhbon languiſh, *and* the [15] vine of Sibmah, [16] the lords of the heathen have broken down [17] the principal plants thereof, [18] they are come *even* unto Jazer, they wandred *through* the wilderneſs, [19] her branches are ‖ ſtretched out, they are gone over the ſea.

* Chap. 24. 7. ‖ Or, *plucked up.*

[15] The

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[15] The most pleasant and fruitful places are laid waste, and destroy'd. ¶ [16] The *Assyrians* or *Chaldeans*; the great Rulers of the Eastern Nations. ¶ [17] Best fruits, and goods, and choicest of the people. ¶ [18] The people of *Moab* are going into captivity, and are come as far as the borders of the Land. ¶ [19] Her people are dispers'd into several Countries.

9 ¶ Therefore I will bewail with the [20] weeping of Jazer, the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for ‖ the shouting for thy summer-fruits, and for thy harvest, [21] is fallen.

‖ Or, *the alarm is fallen upon*, &c.

[20] *Jer.* 48.32. Such a mourning as was made at the destruction of *Jazer*. ¶ [21] Ceased, (because all is laid waste.)

[22] *Jer.* 48.33.

10 [22] And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field, and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in *their* presses; I have made *their vintage*-shouting to cease.

11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp [23] for Moab, and mine inward parts [23] for Kir-hareseth.

[23] Out of compassion to 'em; as *ch.* 15. 5.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is [24] weary on the high place, that he shall come to [25] his sanctuary to pray, but he shall not prevail.

[24] *Ch.* 15.2. Tired with running from one High-place to another, and offering Sacrifices there. ¶ [25] The Temple of *Chemosh* their chief god, *Jer.* 48.13,46. 1 *Kings* 11.7.

13 [26] This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab [27] since that time.

[26] This Prophecy hitherto related. ¶ [27] *Viz.* That the foregoing Prophecy was reveal'd to me.

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14 But now the LORD hath [28] spoken, saying, Within [29] three years, [30] as the years of an hireling, and the [31] glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant *shall be* very small *and* ‖ feeble.

‖ Or, *not many.*

[28] Made this further discovery of his mind to me. ¶ [29] From the time of the delivery of this Prophecy. ¶ [30] *ch.* 21.16. That exact space of Time; neither more nor less. ¶ [31] Their Riches, and multitude of People, and whatever else they glory in, shall be brought into a contemptible condition.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Syria and Israel are threatned. 6 A remnant shall forsake Idolatry. 9 The rest shall be plagued for their impiety. 12 The woe of Israels enemies.

* Jer. 49.23. Amos 1.3. Zech. 9.1.

* THe [1] burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be [2] a ruinous heap.

[1] See on *Chap.* 13. 1. ¶ [2] Fulfill'd 2 *Kings* 16.9.

2 The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken; they shall be for flocks which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

3 [3] The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the [4] kingdom from Damascus, and [5] the remnant of Syria: they shall be [6] as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

[3] All the strong holds of the ten Tribes shall be ruin'd. ¶ [4] *Damascus* shall be no longer the Royal City. ¶ [5] Or, *from the remnant*; *i. e.* The remnant of the *Syrians* that are left shall be no longer a Kingdom, but only a Province belonging to *Assyria*. ¶ [6] Much what in such a condition in respect of credit and renown, as the Kingdom of *Israel*, *i. e.* very contemptible, *ch.* 7.16. and 8. 4.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

5 And it shall be [7] as when the harvest-man gathereth the corn, and reapeth the [8] ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.

[7] *i.e.* The *Israelites* shall be carried into captivity by the *Assyrians*, (2 *Kings* 15.29. and 17.6.) with as much ease as a Field of Corn is reap't and in'd. ¶ [8] The remainders that are left shall be glean'd up, (which was done by *Esarhaddon*, *Ezra* 4.-2.)

6 (¶ Yet [9] gleaning-grapes shall be left in it, [9] See on *ch.* 1. as the shaking of an olive-tree, two *or* three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.

7 At that day shall [10] a man look to his maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the holy One of Israel.

[10] Several of the *Israelites*, repenting of their former Idolatry, shall return to the true God, and trust in him alone; (fulfilled in part 2 *Chron.* 30.11. & 31.1. & 34. 33.)

8 And he shall [11] not look to the altars, [12] the work of his hands, neither shall respect *that* which his fingers have made, either the [13] groves, or the ‖ images.)

‖ Or, *sun-images.*

[11] Not trust to his idolatrous service any longer. ¶ [12] Set up without any warrant from God. ¶ [13] See on *Exod.* 34. 13.

9 ¶ In that [14] day shall the strong cities be as a [15] forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, [16] which they left, because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation.

[14] *Viz.* of *Israel's* calamity, *v.* 4, 5. ¶ [15] Left when the rest are lopt; so their strong Cities shall be left standing, when their lesser Towns are destroy'd. ¶ [16] Which Cities the *Canaanites* forsook for fear of the children of *Israel* when they came to possess the Land, and so they shall be forsaken again now for fear of the *Assyrian*.

10 Because [17] thou hast [18] forgotten the God [19] of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the [20] rock of thy strength: therefore shalt thou [21] plant pleasant plants, and shalt [22] set it with [23] strange slips:

[17] Land or State of *Israel*. ¶ [18] *Deut.* 8.14. *Psal.* 106.13, 21. *Jer.* 2.32. and 3.-21 and 13.-25. *Ezek.* 22.-12. and 23.35. *Hos.* 8.14. ¶ [19] *Psal.* 25.5. Who has so often saved and deliver'd thee. ¶ [20] *Psal.* 31.-2,3,4. A safe and secure Defence. ¶ [21] Bestow much cost, care and pains. ¶ [22] Fetch'd from far.

11 ‖ [23] In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and [23] in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: *but* the [24] harvest *shall be* ‖ a heap in the day of grief, and of desperate sorrow.

‖ Or, *removed in the day of inheritance*, *and* there shall be *desperately sorrow.*

[23] Daily and diligently use all possible endeavours to cultivate thy State, and make it flourish. ¶ [24] When you come to reap the fruit of all your labours, there shall be but a small parcel of it; *i.e.* all shall be destroy'd by the *Assyrian*, which will be matter of extream grief.

12 ¶ Wo to the ‖ multitude of [25] many people, *which* [26] make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, *that* make a rushing like the rushing of ‖ mighty waters.

‖ Or, *noise.*

‖ Or, *many.*

[25] Combin'd together against *Judah*. ¶ [26] Invade my people with great fury and rage, as if they'd swallow 'em up presently.

13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but *God* shall [27] rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and * shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like ‖ a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

[27] Destroy 'em) *Psal.* 65.7. * Psal. 83.13. Hos. 13.3.

‖ Or, *thistle-down.*

14 And behold, at evening-tide [28] trouble, *and* before the morning [29] he *is* not: [30] this *is* the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

[28] *Viz.* Among my people. ¶ [29] *Psal.* 30.5. The Enemy is destroy'd, *ch.* 37.36. ¶ [30] *Judg.* 5.31. *Psal.* 83.9.-18.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 God in care of his people will destroy the Ethiopians. 7 An access thereby shall grow unto the church.

1 WO to the land [1] shadowing with wings, ‖ which [2] *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:

[1] Or, *He*; calling to the *Egyptians* to send Messengers to the *Ethiopians*, their Neighbours and Allies, to advertise 'em of their approaching ruin. ¶ [2] Egypt abounding with Ships,

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whose Sails are like Wings that shadow the Sea. ¶ [5] Bordering upon the River *Nile*, which rises in *Ethiopia*, and from thence runs into *Egypt*.

2 That sendeth [4] ambassadours by the sea, even in vessels of [5] bulrushes upon the waters, *saying*, Go ye swift messengers to a nation ‖ [6] scattered and peeled, to a people [7] terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation ‖ † [8] meted out and [8] troden down, whose land the [9] rivers have ‖ spoiled.

‖ Or, *outspread and polished.*
‖ Or, *that meteth out, and treadeth down.*
† Heb. *of line, line, and treading under foot.*
‖ Or, *despise.*

[4] *Ezek.* 30.9. *Viz.* To the *Ethiopians*, to inform 'em of the preparations of the King of *Assyria* against 'em. ¶ [5] Or, *Reeds*, (as was very usual in *Ethiopia* and *Egypt*.) ¶ [6] That are to be scatter'd and plunder'd by the *Assyrian*. ¶ [7] 2 *Chr.* 14.9. and 16.8. ¶ [8] Design'd by God to be destroy'd by the Forces of the *Assyrians*, (*ch.* 20.4.) as *ch.* 8. 7,8. and 28. 2, 17. (and therefore they are not to be relied upon.)

3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, [9] see ye, when he [10] lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he [10] bloweth a trumpet, [9] hear ye.

[9] Take notice of this Judgment denounc'd, and the accomplishment thereof. ¶ [10] To call those together, whom he'll employ against the *Ethiopians*.

4 For so the LORD said unto me, I will [11] take my rest, and I will ‖ [12] consider in my dwelling-place like a [12] clear heat ‖ upon herbs, *and* like a [12] cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

‖ Or, *regard my set dwelling.*
‖ Or, *after rain.*

[11] Not interpose one way or other, but let their Enemies do what they will, or can against 'em. ¶ [12] Look upon 'em from Heaven, and take notice of their proceedings, which are like scorching beams without any shadow, and like rain in harvest, (which is unwelcom and hurtful.)

5 For [13] afore the harvest when the bud is perfect, and the sowre grape is ripening in the flower; he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks, and take away *and* cut down the branches.

[13] *q. d.* Tho' there be some appearance of, and they promise themselves good success in, their undertakings, yet God will blast all, and cut off the main body of the people of *Ethiopia*.

6 They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

7 ¶ In [14] that time * shall the [15] present be brought unto the LORD of hosts, of a people ‖ [5] scattered and peeled, and from a people [7] terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation [8] meted out and [8] troden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

* See Psal. 68. 31, & 72. 10. Chap. 16. 1.
‖ Or, *outspread and polished.* See V. 2.

[14] After the forementioned Judgment is executed, and the people awakned thereby to Repentance. ¶ [15] *Zeph.* 3. 10. The *Ethiopians* shall be converted to Christ by the preaching of the Gospel. *Acts* 8. 27–29.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The confusion of Egypt.* 11 *The foolishness of their princes.* 18 *The calling of Egypt to the church.* 23 *The covenant of Egypt, Assyria and Israel.*

THE burden of [1] Egypt. Behold, the LORD [2] rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt, and the idols of Egypt shall be [3] moved at his presence, and the [4] heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

[1] *Jer.* 46. 13. *Ezek.* 29. and 30. ¶ [2] *Psal.* 104. 3. Comes speedily and irresistibly to execute Judgment. ¶ [3] *Rend.* 12. 12. *Ezek.* 30. 13. Broken to pieces, and carried into captivity, *Jer.* 43. 12, 13. ¶ [4] The courage of the *Egyptians*.

† Heb. *mingle.*
[5] Raise Civil Wars among 'em.

2 And I will † [5] set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom.

† Heb. *be emptied.*

3 And the [6] spirit of Egypt shall † fail in the midst thereof, and I will † [7] destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

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† Heb. *swallow up.*

[6] The Understanding. ¶ [7] Deprive 'em of ability for advice; or disappoint their counsels.

4 And the Egyptians will I ‖ [8] give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

‖ Or, *shut up.* *ch.* 2. 4. *Jer.* 46. 26. *Ezek.* 29. 19.

5 And the [9] waters shall fail from the sea, and the [9] rivers shall be wasted and dried up.

[8] *Viz.* Of the River *Nile*, which used to flow in great abundance into the Sea, and the drying up thereof was a great Judgment, because the fruitfulness of the Land depended upon it.

6 And they shall turn the [10] rivers far away, *and* the [11] brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither.

[10] The Water-courses, whereby they convey'd the water of *Nile* to all parts of the Land, shall be of no use to 'em now. ¶ [11] The several Branches of the River, which were a great defence to the Country.

7 The paper-reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and † be no *more*.

† Heb. *shall not be.*

8 The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

9 Moreover, they that work in [12] fine flax, and they that weave ‖ net-works shall be [13] confounded.

‖ Or, *white works.*

[12] 1 *Kings* 10. 28. *Prov.* 7. 16. *Ezek.* 27. 7. ¶ [13] For want of Materials.

10 And [14] they shall be broken in the † purposes thereof, all that make sluces *and* ponds † for fish.

† Heb. *foundations.*
† Heb. *of living things.*

[14] *i. e.* They that were wont to get their living by keeping Fish in Ponds, shall fail of their gain that way.

11 ¶ Surely the princes of * [15] Zoan *are* fools, the counsel of the wise counsellers of Pharaoh is become brutish; how [16] say ye unto Pharaoh, I *am* the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

* Num. 13. 22.

[15] One of their chief Cities, where the Court was kept. ¶ [16] By your flatteries perswade him to think so highly of himself.

12 Where *are* [17] they? where *are* thy wise *men*? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.

[17] *Viz.* That may tell thee what is like to befal thee.

13 The princes of [18] Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived, they have also seduced Egypt, *even* ‖ † they that are the [18] stay of the tribes thereof.

‖ Or, *governours.*
† Heb. *corners.*

[18] The chief Council of their Provinces.

14 The LORD hath [19] mingled a † perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken *man* [20] staggereth in his vomit.

† Heb. *a spirit of perversities.*

[19] *Ch.* 29. 10. Made 'em drunk with, and given 'em up to a giddy temper, so that they are apt to mistake, and to follow pernicious counsels. ¶ [20] *Job* 12. 25. Reels about and vomits.

15 Neither shall there be *any* work for Egypt, which the [21] head or tail, branch or rush may do.

[21] *Chap.* 14. Neither high nor low, shall be able to do any thing that may help 'em.

16 In that day shall Egypt be [22] like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear, because of the [23] shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

[22] *Jer.* 51. 30. *Nah.* 3. 13. ¶ [23] *Zech.* 2. 8, 9. and 14. 16, 17. The Threatnings he denounces, and the Judgments he is bringing upon 'em.

17 And

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17 And the land of Judah shall be a [24] terrour unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention [25] thereof, shall be afraid in himself; because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against [26] it.

[24] In regard of the Miseries that are befaln 'em by the *Assyrians*; lest the like suddenly and in the next place befal themselves. ¶ [25] Of their Miseries. ¶ [26] *Egypt.*

18 ¶ [27] In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt * speak the † language of Canaan, and [28] swear to the LORD of hosts: [29] one shall be called the city ‖ of destruction.

* Zeph. 3.9.
† Heb. *lip.*
‖ Or, *of Heres*, or, *of the Sun.*

[27] In the latter days, when, after the Calling of the Jews, the Gospel shall be more generally embrac'd in the World, a considerable part of *Egypt* shall be converted, and make profession of the true Religion, and become Members of the Gospel Church. ¶ [28] *ch.*45.-23. 2 *Chron.*15.14. *Psal.*132.2. Engage themselves by Covenant to become subject to him. ¶ [29] *q. d.* But tho' some shall be converted, yet others shall continue in their old Idolatry, to their destruction.

19 In that day shall there be [30] an altar to the LORD, in the midst of the land of Egypt, and [31] a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.

[30] The Worship of God set up publickly. ¶ [31] *Gen.*12.7. and 28.18. *Josh.*22.10. A Monument of the true Religion, and some evidence of Piety in all parts.

20 And it shall be for a [32] sign, and for a [32] witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressours, and he shall send them [33] a saviour and [33] a great one, and he shall deliver them.

[32] That they have taken him for their God, and profess themselves to be his People; as *Josh.* 4. 20, 21. and 22. 27. ¶ [33] *Tit.* 2. 13. 1 *Tim.* 6. 15. A great and mighty Saviour, Christ.

21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and * shall [34] do sacrifice and oblation, yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and [35] perform *it*.

* Mal.1.11.

[34] Perform Spiritual Service and Worship. ¶ [35] Practise according to their Profession.

22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt, he shall [36] smite and [36] heal *it*, and they shall return *even* to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall [37] heal them.

[36] By their Oppression (*v.* 20.) and other Afflictions he shall bring about their Conversion. ¶ [37] Deliver 'em from their troubles.

23 ¶ [27] In that day shall there be [38] a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptian shall serve with the Assyrians.

[38] *Ch.*11.16. Being now converted to the true Faith, they shall joyn together in the Worship of God.

24 In that day shall [39] Israel be the third with [39] Egypt, and with [39] Assyria, *even* a [39] blessing in the midst of the land:

[39] Both Jews and Gentiles (even the most obstinate, malicious and accursed) shall be united together, and the Jews shall be the means of conveying the Blessing to the others.

25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* Egypt my people, and Assyria * the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

* Psal.100.3. Chap.29.23. Eph.2.10.

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A type prefiguring the shameful captivity of Egypt and Ethiopia.

IN the year that * Tartan came unto Ashdod (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him) and fought against Ashdod, and took it:

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2 At the same time spake the LORD † by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go, and [1] loose the sackcloth from off thy loyns, and put off thy shoe from thy foot: and he did so, * walking [2] naked and bare-foot.

† Heb. *by the hand of Isaiah.*

[1] To be a visible Sign representing to their eyes (to make the deeper impression upon 'em) what before was spoken in their ears. So *Ezek.*12.3-7. ¶ [2] Script of his upper garment of Sackcloth.

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3 And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and bare-foot [3] three years *for* a sign and wonder upon Egypt, and upon Ethiopia;

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[3] To note how long this Judgment should continue upon them.

4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away † the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and bare-foot, * even with *their* buttocks [4] uncovered, to the † shame of Egypt.

† Heb. *the captivity of Egypt.*
2 Sam.10.4. Jer.13. 22,26.
[4] *ch.*47.-2.

5 And [5] they shall be afraid and ashamed of † Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

† Heb. *nakedness.*

[5] Any that trust in 'em for help: particularly, the *Israelites*, who were much guilty of this sin, *ch.*30.2. and 31. 1.

6 And the inhabitant of this ‖ [6] isle shall say in that day, Behold, [7] such *is* our expectation whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

‖ Or, *countrey.*

[6] The Land of *Judea*; which borders upon the Sea. ¶ [7] *q. d.* We see what's become of those Nations from whom we expected help against the *Assyrians*; they could not secure themselves: and therefore ——*How shall we escape?*

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2. The fall of Babylon. 11 Edom scorning the prophet, is moved to repentance.

THE burden of the [1] desert [2] of the sea. [3] As whirlwinds in the south pass through; *so* it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.

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[1] *Babylon*, which was to be made desolate like a Wilderness, *ch.*13.19-22. ¶ [2] Lying upon the great River *Euphrates*, and full of Moors and Pools made by that River. ¶ [3] As Whirlwinds coming from the South (*Job* 37.9. *Zech.*9.-14.) pass along without stop or stay, and let nothing stand before 'em, so the calamity of *Chaldea* comes from *Persia*, (between which and *Babylon* there was a great Wilderness) whose Inhabitants are fierce and savage, *ch.*13.17,18.

2 [4] A † grievous vision is declared unto me; the [5] treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth: [6] go up, [7] O Elam: [8] besiege, O Media: [9] all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

† Heb. *hard.*

[4] Containing heavy Judgments against *Babylon*. ¶ [5] *ch.* 33.1. The *Babylonians* are now paid in their own coin by the *Medes* and *Persians*. So *Rev.*13.10. ¶ [6] *ch.*13.17. ¶ [7] O *Persia*, *Dan.*7.5. ¶ [8] *Viz. Babylon.* ¶ [9] Those mournful complaints of my People and other Nations oppress't by her, shall cease in her destruction.

3 Therefore are [10] my loyns filled with pain; pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing *of it*, I was dismayed at the seeing *of it*.

[10] The words of the Prophet bewailing the destruction of the *Babylonians*; as *ch.*15.5. (See there.) and 16.9. *Hab.*3.16. Much more should they bewail it themselves.

4 ‖ My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night [11] of my pleasure hath he † turned into [12] fear unto me.

‖ Or, *My mind wandred.*
† Heb. *put.*

[11] Wherein I us'd to take sweet and pleasing rest. ¶ [12] By this Vision which caus'd so much fear to him.

5 [13] Prepare the table, watch in the watch-towre; [13] eat, drink: [14] arise ye princes, *and* [14] anoint the shield.

[13] Spoken of, and to the *Babylonians* in scorn of their Security and Luxury in the midst of approaching danger, *Jer.* 51. 39. ¶ [14] *q. d.* But the Tables will soon be turn'd; for you'l hear an Out-cry to run to your Arms.

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6 For thus hath the Lord ſaid unto me, [15] Go, ſet a watchman, let him declare what he ſeeth.

[15] *q. d.* And what I now ſee in Viſion concerning *Babylon*, ſhall really come to paſs.

7 And he ſaw [16] a chariot *with* [16] a couple of horſemen, a chariot of [17] aſſes, *and* a chariot of [17] camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed.

[16] The united Forces of the *Medes* and *Perſians* under *Cyrus* and *Darius*. ¶ [17] Waggons and Carriages for Proviſion, and Military Furniture.

‖ Or, *cried as a lion.*

8 And ‖ he cried, [18] A lion: my lord, I ſtand continually upon the * watch-tower in the day-time, and I am ſet in my ward ‖ whole nights.

* Hab. 2. 1.

‖ Or, *every night.*

[18] Or, *As a lion*; *i.e.* The Watchman cries with a dreadful and terrible voice at the ſight of the danger approaching.

9 And behold, here cometh [16] a chariot of men, *with* [16] a couple of horſemen: and [19] he anſwered and ſaid, Babylon [20] is fallen; and all the [21] graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

[19] God anſwered thus, that the Prophet might underſtand the meaning of the Viſion. ¶ [20] *Jer.* 51. 8. *Rev.* 14. 8. and 18. 2. 'Tis as ſure as if it were already done. ¶ [21] *ch.* 46. 1. *Jer.* 50. 2. and 51. 44.

† Heb. *ſon.*

10 O [22] my threſhing, and the † corn of my floor: [23] that which I have heard of the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, have I declared unto you.

[22] *q. d.* You *Babylonians*, tho you have hitherto threſh'd my people, and many other Nations, yet now the time is come for you to be threſh'd, *Jer.* 51. 33. ¶ [23] 1 *Cor.* 11. 23.

* Jer. 43. 7. Ezek. 35. 2. Obad. 1.

11 ¶ * The burden of [24] Dumah. [25] He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, [26] what of the night? watchman, [27] what of the night?

[24] *Idumea*, the *Edomites*. ¶ [25] Some of the *Edomites* call to the Watchman, *v.* 6. ¶ [26] What has happened to night? ¶ [27] Repeated, to note their great ſolicitude and diſtraction.

12 The watchman ſaid, [28] The morning cometh, and alſo the [28] night: [29] if ye will enquire, enquire ye: [30] return, [31] come.

[28] *q. d.* Tho you have ſome reſpite at preſent from your fears, yet they'l ſeize upon you ere long to purpoſe, and you can't long eſcape. ¶ [29] If you have a mind to prevent theſe Judgments, you muſt enquire ſeriouſly what courſe is to be taken by you to pacifie God's Wrath. ¶ [30] *viz.* To God by Repentance. ¶ [31] Joyn your ſelves to God's People.

13 ¶ The burden upon [32] Arabia. In the [33] foreſt in Arabia ſhall ye lodge, O ye [34] travelling companies of Dedanim.

[32] *Jer.* 49. 28. ¶ [33] The Country of *Arabia*, which ſhall be made deſolate like a Foreſt by the *Aſſyrians*. See *n.* 1. ¶ [34] Merchants which travel in companies through *Arabia*.

‖ Or, *bring ye.*

14 The inhabitants of the land of Temah ‖ [35] brought water to him that was thirſty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.

[35] Readily ſupplied their Countrimen in their neceſſity, when they fled before the *Aſſyrians* invading the Land.

‖ Or, *for fear of.*
† Heb. *from the face of.*
[36] See on *ch.* 16. 14.

15 For they fled ‖ † from the ſwords, from the drawn ſword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievouſneſs of war.

16 For thus hath the LORD ſaid unto me, [36] Within a year, [36] according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar ſhall fail.

† Heb. *bows.*

17 And the reſidue of the number of † archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar ſhall be diminiſhed: for the LORD God of Iſrael hath ſpoken *it*.

CHAP. XXII.

1 The invaſion of Jewry by the Perſians. 8 Their humane wiſdom reproved.

THE [1] burden of the [2] valley of viſion. [3] What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the houſe-tops?

[1] A denunciation of heavy Judgments by *Sennacherib* and *Nebuchadnezzar*. ¶ [2] *Jer.* 21. 13. *Jeruſalem*, compaſs'd about with high Mountains, (*Pſal.* 125. 2.) and where there were frequent Viſions and Revelations of God's mind to the Prophets. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 15. 3. What's become of your former ſecurity and confidence, when you made ſo light of all the threatnings of God's Prophets, but now run away to hide your ſelves.

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2 Thou art full of [4] ſtirs, [4] a tumultuous city, [5] a joyous city: thy ſlain *men are* not ſlain with the ſword, nor dead in [6] battel.

[4] Doleful Out-cries and Clamours; inſtead of joyful Shouts and Acclamations. ¶ [5] *ch.* 32. 13. ¶ [6] But with Famine or Peſtilence, (*Jer.* 14. 18. and 38. 2.) or in their flight, as *v.* 3.

† Heb. *of the bowe.*

3 All thy [7] rulers are fled together, they are bound † by the [8] archers: all *that are* found in thee are [9] bound together, *which* have [10] fled from far.

[7] 2 *Kings* 25. 4. *&c.* ¶ [8] *Babylonian* Soldiers, that purſued and ſurprized 'em. ¶ [9] *Jer.* 52. 11. ¶ [10] Come to *Jeruſalem* for ſhelter.

† Heb. *I will be bitter in weeping.*

4 Therefore ſaid I, [11] Look away from me, † I will [12] weep bitterly, [11] labour not to comfort me; becauſe of the ſpoiling of the daughter of my people.

[11] Let me alone to mourn, and ſeek not to divert me from it. ¶ [12] *Jer.* 4. 19. and 9. 1. and 13. 17. *Luke* 19. 41.

5 For *it is* a day of trouble, and of [12] treading down, and of [14] perplexity by the Lord GOD of hoſts in the [2] valley of viſion, [15] breaking down the walls, and of crying [16] to the mountains.

[12] *Ch.* 10. 6. *Viz.* Of my People by their inſolent Enemies. ¶ [14] *Eſth.* 3. 15. *Mich.* 7. 4. ¶ [15] *ch.* 5. 5. 2 *Kings* 25. 10. Of Cities and Houſes. ¶ [16] So loud, that it may be heard to the neighbouring Mountains.

† Heb. *made naked.*

6 And [17] Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men *and* horſemen, and [18] Kir † uncovered the ſhield.

[17] The *Perſians*, who were famous for Archery, were there aſſiſting againſt the *Jews*. ¶ [18] The *Medes* alſo made ready their glittering Weapons.

† Heb. *the choice of thy valleys.*
‖ Or, *towards.*

7 And it ſhall come to paſs *that* † thy choiceſt valleys ſhall be full of chariots, and the horſemen ſhall ſet themſelves in array ‖ at the gate.

8 ¶ And [19] he diſcovered the covering of Judah, and thou didſt [20] look in that day to the armour of the [21] houſe of the foreſt.

[19] The Enemy has ſeiz'd upon and diſmantled their fenced Cities, which were their chief Safeguard. ¶ [20] Preſently they betook themſelves to the Arm of Fleſh, and outward means only, for their ſecurity. ¶ [21] 1 *Kings* 10. 17.

9 Ye have [22] ſeen alſo the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye [23] gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

[22] View'd and repair'd the decay'd places in the Fort of *Sion*. ¶ [23] For the ſupply of the City, 2 *Chron.* 32. 4, 5.

10 And ye have [24] numbred the houſes of Jeruſalem, and the houſes have ye broken down to fortifie the wall.

[24] To know your own ſtrength, and make anſwerable proviſion.

11 Ye made alſo a ditch between the two walls, for the water of the old pool: but [25] ye have not looked unto the [25] maker thereof, neither had reſpect unto him that [26] faſhioned it long ago.

[25] The generality never ſought unto God, who had long ago made *Jeruſalem* a holy City, and choſen it for the place of his ſpecial Reſidence, and ſolemn Worſhip. ¶ [26] *ch.* 37. 26.

12 And in that day did the Lord GOD of hoſts [27] call to weeping and to mourning, and to [28] baldneſs, and to girding with ſackcloth:

[27] *Ezek.* 21. 10. By his Providential Diſpenſations and Promiſes did invite 'em to Repentance, for the preventing of theſe Calamities. ¶ [28] *Ezra* 9. 3. *Job* 1. 20. *Mich.* 1. 16.

13 And behold, joy and gladneſs, ſlaying oxen, and killing ſheep, eating fleſh, and drinking wine; [29] let us eat and drink, for to morrow we ſhall die.

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[30] Gr. 56.12. 1 Cor. 15.32. See there, and. The Prophets threaten us with speedy and utter destruction, and therefore let us make use of our time and enjoyments while we have 'em.

14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall [30] not be purged from you, till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

[30] 1 Sam. 3.14. No Sacrifice shall make atonement for you, but vengeance shall pursue you all your days to your utter destruction.

15 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, *even* unto Shebna, which *is* [31] over the house, *and* say,

[31] Lord Steward of the Houshold, and likely a prime Minister of State.

16 [32] What hast thou here? and [33] whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here ‖ *as* he that heweth him out [34] a sepulchre on high, *and* that [35] graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?

‖ Or, o *he*.

[32] What right and title hast thou to this Office? ¶ [33] What Relations hast thou in *Jerusalem*? ¶ [34] A stately magnificent Monument in some eminent place. ¶ [35] Builds his Palace on a Rock, for continuance: (little dreaming of what follows.)

17 Behold, the LORD ‖ will carry thee away with † [36] a mighty captivity, and will surely [37] cover thee.

‖ Or, *who covered thee with an excellent covering, and clothed thee gorgeously, shall surely*, &c. v. 18.

† Heb. *the captivity of a man.*

[36] In a forcible, irresistible manner. ¶ [37] Overwhelm thee with shame and contempt.

18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee, *like* a ball into a † [38] large countrey: there shalt thou die, and there the [39] chariots of thy glory *shall be* the shame of thy lords house.

† Heb. *large of spaces.*

[38] A great way off. ¶ [39] Thy stately Chariots, wherein thou wast wont to ride up and down the streets of *Jerusalem*, shall turn to the disgrace of thy Master, who advanced thee, so worthless a Person, to this Dignity.

19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall [40] he pull thee down.

[40] God.

20 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, [41] 2 *King.* 18.18 that I will call my servant [41] Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:

21 And I will clothe him with thy [42] robe, and strengthen him with thy [42] girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand, and he shall be a [43] father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

[42] The Ensigns of his Office and Dignity. ¶ [43] Be careful and tender of 'em.

22 And the [44] key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder: so he shall [45] open and none shall shut, and he shall shut, and none shall open.

[44] The supream Power of governing the Kings Court and Family. ¶ [45] *Job* 12.14. Have also late power to dispose of all things there, (wherein he was a type of Christ, *Rev.* 3.7.)

23 And I will fasten him *as* a [46] nail in a sure place; and [47] he shall be for a glorious throne to his fathers house.

[46] *Ezr.* 9.8. ¶ [47] By his prudent carriage he shall procure respect to himself, and all his Relations.

24 And they shall [48] hang upon him all the glory of his fathers house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity: from the vessels of cups, even to all the ‖ vessels of flagons.

‖ Or, *instruments of viols.*

[48] All his Kindred, from the highest to the lowest, shall be advanc'd by him, and own their dependance upon him.

25 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the [47] nail *that is* fastened in the sure place, be removed, and be cut down and fall; and the [50] burden that *was* upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

[47] *Shebna*, that now seem'd both to himself and others to be so firmly fixt. ¶ [50] All that had their dependance upon him shall fall with him.

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1 *The miserable overthrow of Tyre.* 17 *Their unhappy return.*

THE burden of [1] Tyre. Howl, ye [2] ships of Tarshish: for [3] it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entring in: [4] from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them. 3287. Compl. 3432.

[1] *Jer.* 25.22. and 47.4. *Ezek.* 26. and 27. and 28. *Am.* 1.9. *Zech.* 9.2,3. ¶ [2] That were wont to trade with *Tyre*. ¶ [3] *Tyre* shall be destroyed by *Nabuchadnezzar*, (*Ezek.* 26.7.) so that there shall be no place of entertainment, nor no commerce there. ¶ [4] This destruction that is coming upon the *Tyrians* is made known to 'em by their Neighbours of the land of *Chittim*.

2 [5] Be † still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have [6] replenished.

† Heb. *silent.*

[5] Cease your boasting and jollity, O ye *Tyrians*, and sit down in silence as Mourners. ¶ [6] With Mariners, Merchants and Commodities.

3 And [7] by great waters the seed of Sihor, the [7] harvest of the river *is* her revenue, and she is a [8] mart of nations.

[7] By the Sea is brought to thee the Grain and other Commodities of *Egypt*, and whatsoever else is produc'd by the inundation of the River *Nile*, is enjoyed by thee. ¶ [8] *Ezek.* 27.3. The place whither all Nations resort for traffick, (and yet this shall not save her from ruin.)

4 Be thou ashamed O [9] Zidon; for the [10] sea hath spoken, *even* [10] the strength of the sea, saying, I [11] travail not, nor [11] bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, *nor* bring up virgins.

[9] A Neighbour place to *Tyre*, and therefore must needs be much concern'd at her ruin. ¶ [10] *Tyre*, which was situate in the Sea, (*Ezek.* 28.2.) and the strongest of all Sea-Towns. ¶ [11] Send forth no more Colonies, but am bereaved of all my own Inhabitants.

5 [12] As at the report concerning Egypt, *so* shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

[12] As all the neighbouring Nations were perplex'd and terrified at the Report of God's destroying *Egypt* in *Moses*'s time, so shall they be now at the destruction of *Tyre*.

6 [13] Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl ye inhabitants of the isle.

[13] Let the Inhabitants of *Tyre* flee to *Tarshish* to secure themselves, and let such as used to come to *Tyre* for Traffick, now betake themselves to *Tarshish*, or some other place for Trade.

7 [14] *Is* this your joyous *city*, whose antiquity *is* of ancient days? [15] her own feet shall carry her † afar off to sojourn.

† Heb. *from afar off.*

[14] Is all your mirth and jollity come to this? ¶ [15] Her Ships shall carry her Inhabitants into Foreign Countries to seek new Habitations.

8 Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the [16] crowning *city*, whose merchants *are* princes, whose traffickers *are* the honourable of the earth?

[16] That crowns her People with glory and wealth.

9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, † [17] to stain the pride of all glory, *and* to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

† Heb. *polluto*

[17] To humble and pull down that pomp and magnificence, which people are wont to pride themselves in, (as the *Tyrians* did, *Ezek.* 27.3. and 28.2,5.)

10 [18] Pass through thy land as a river, [19] O daughter of Tarshish: [20] *there is* no more † strength.

† Heb. *girdle.*

[18] Flee away swiftly into other Countries to secure thy self from the judgments approaching. ¶ [19] O *Tyre* that art nourish'd by the Sea. ¶ [20] You are now bereft of all those defences and strong holds, (*v.* 11.) wherewith you were formerly encompass'd.

11 [21] He stretched out his hand over the sea, [21] he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given

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en a [22] commandment ‖ againſt † the merchant-city, to deſtroy the ‖ ſtrong holds thereof.

‖ Or, *concerning a merchant-man.*

[21] God has ſmitten *Tyre*, and made the neighbouring Nations tremble at the fall thereof. ¶ [22] A commiſſion to her Enemies.

† Heb. *Canaan.*

12 And he ſaid, Thou ſhalt no more rejoyce, O thou [23] oppreſſed virgin, [24] daughter of Zidon: ariſe, paſs over to Chittim, there alſo ſhalt thou have no reſt.

‖ Or, *ſtrengths.*

[23] Who tho thou haſt not been conquered hitherto, yet now ſhalt be deſtroyed. ¶ [24] *Tyre*, which was firſt built and peopled by a Colony of the *Zidonians*.

13 [25] Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was [26] not *till* the Aſſyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderneſs: [27] they ſet up the towers thereof, [27] they raiſed up the palaces thereof, [28] *and* he brought it to ruine.

[25] *q. d.* That you *Tyrians* mayn't think it impoſſible that your City ſhould be brought to ruin, conſider what befel the *Chaldeans* or *Babylonians*. ¶ [26] Not a Kingdom, or of any account at firſt, till *Nimrod* founded the *Aſſyrian* Monarchy, and gathered together thoſe that dwell ſcattered up and down in barren places. ¶ [27] This People now gathered together fell to building their City. ¶ [28] Yet God will bring this *Chaldean* Monarchy to ruin.

[29] *Tyre* your ſtrong harbour.

14 Howl, ye ſhips of Tarſhiſh: for [29] your ſtrength is laid waſte.

15 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, that Tyre ſhall be [30] forgotten ſeventy years, according [31] to the days of one king: after the end of ſeventy years † ſhall Tyre [32] ſing as an harlot.

† Heb. *it ſhall be unto Tyre as the ſong of an harlot.*

[30] Forſaken of Merchants. ¶ [31] To the Reign, or Succeſſion of one Family of their Monarchs, *viz. Nebuchadnezzar*, and his Son and Grandſon. ¶ [32] Return to her former ſtate of proſperity and traffick, and uſe all means to draw cuſtomers thither again.

16 [33] Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that haſt been forgotten, make ſweet melody, ſing many ſongs, that thou mayeſt be remembred.

[33] Here he ſhews what means they'd uſe to regain their Cuſtomers.

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17 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs after the end of ſeventy years, that the LORD will viſit Tyre, and ſhe ſhall [34] turn to her hire, and ſhall [35] commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

[34] Return to her former way of merchandizing. ¶ [35] Have commerce indifferently with all Nations.

18 And [36] her merchandiſe, and her hire ſhall be [37] holineſs to the LORD: it ſhall not be treaſured nor laid up: for her merchandiſe ſhall be for them that [38] dwell before the LORD, [38] to eat ſufficiently, and for † durable clothing.

† Heb. *old.*

[36] *q. d.* And then afterwards they ſhall be converted to the Faith of Chriſt, and beſtow a great part of their gains on pious uſes, *Acts* 21.3–5. ¶ [37] *Exod.* 28.36. *Zech.* 14.20. ¶ [38] For the ſupport and maintenance of the Miniſters of the Goſpel, and they ſhall afford a large ſupply to 'em.

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1 Gods judgments upon the land. 13 A remnant ſhall joyfully praiſe him.

1 BEhold, the LORD [1] maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waſte, and † turneth it upſide down, and ſcattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

† Heb. *perverteth the face thereof.*

[1] This and the three following Chapters contain one entire Prophecy, ſhewing both the Rejection of the Jews, *v.* 1–20. and alſo their receiving into the Church again in the latter days, by the Ruine of their proud Enemies, *v.* 21, 22. and the ſetting up of Chriſts Kingdom among 'em, *v.* 23. and ſo on to the end of *ch.* 27. ¶ [2] *ch.* 34.–16. *Am.* 3. 6. *Jer.* 29.5. Brings deſolating Judgments upon all the land of *Judea*.

2 And it ſhall be, [3] as with the people, ſo with the ‖ prieſt; as with the ſervant, ſo with his maſter; as with the maid, ſo with her miſtreſs; as with the buyer, ſo with the ſeller; as with the lender, ſo with the borrower; as with the taker of uſury, ſo with the giver of uſury to him.

‖ Or, *prince.*

[3] *Hoſ.* 4.9. Perſons of all ranks and conditions ſhall fare alike; the greateſt and beſt, as bad as the meaneſt and worſt, *Jer.* 36.19. ¶ [4] *Ezek.* 7.12, 13.

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3 The land ſhall be utterly emptied, and utterly ſpoiled: for the LORD hath ſpoken this word.

4 The earth mourneth *and* fadeth away, the [5] world languiſheth *and* fadeth away, [6] the † haughty people of the earth do languiſh.

† Heb. *height of the people.*

[5] The land of *Judea*. ¶ [6] They who uſe to carry themſelves proudly againſt my meſſages and threatnings.

5 The earth alſo is [7] defiled under the inhabitants thereof: becauſe they have tranſgreſſed the [8] laws, [9] changed the ordinance, [10] broken the everlaſting covenant.

[7] *Lev.* 18.25, 27. *Numb.* 35.33. *Pſal.* 106.–38. *Jer.* 3. 1, 2. ¶ [8] The Moral Laws. ¶ [9] Not kept cloſe to the Inſtitutions of God in his Worſhip, but invented new ways of their own. ¶ [10] Not performed the conditions of the Covenant of Grace, which is of an unchangeable nature.

6 Therefore hath the [11] curſe devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are deſolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are [12] burned, and few men left.

[11] *Matth.* 27.25. ¶ [12] Conſum'd by God's wrath.

7 The new wine [13] mourneth, the vine languiſheth, all the [14] merry-hearted do ſigh.

[13] *Ch.* 16. 8, 9. *Joel* 1. –10, 12. Becauſe there is ſo little. ¶ [14] That uſed to make their hearts merry with Wine, *Pſal.* 104.15.

8 The [15] mirth of tabrets ceaſeth, the noiſe of them that rejoyce endeth, the joy of the harp ceaſeth.

[15] *Ch.* 16.19. *Jer.* 7.34. and 16.9. and 25.10. *Ezek.* 26.13. *Hoſ.* 2.11.

9 [16] They ſhall not drink wine with a ſong; [17] ſtrong drink ſhall be bitter to them that drink it.

[16] Their drunken Feaſts and Revellings ſhall ceaſe. ¶ [17] Their miſeries will imbitter all their comforts.

10 [18] The city of confuſion is broken down: every houſe is ſhut up, that no man may come in.

[18] *Jeruſalem*; where there is nothing but diſorder, and therefore is devoted to deſolation.

11 *There is* a crying [19] for wine in the ſtreets, all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

[19] *Hoſ.* 9.14. For the loſs and ſpoil of their Vintage and other Commodities, (inſtead of lamenting their ſins.)

12 In the city is left deſolation, and the gate is ſmitten with deſtruction.

13 ¶ When thus it ſhall be in the midſt of the land among the people, *there ſhall be* [20] as the ſhaking of an olive-tree, *and* as the gleaning-grapes when the vintage is done.

[20] See on *ch.* 17. 6.

14 [21] They ſhall lift up their voice, they ſhall ſing for the [22] majeſty of the LORD, they ſhall [23] cry aloud from the ſea.

[21] The remnant preſerv'd ſhall praiſe God. ¶ [22] The Glory of his Power and Goodneſs in their preſervation. ¶ [23] Rejoyce in thoſe Countries and Coaſts where they are preſerv'd, and their lives ſecur'd.

15 Wherefore [24] glorifie ye the LORD in the ‖ fires, *even* the name of the LORD God of Iſrael [25] in the iſles of the ſea.

‖ Or, *valleys.*

[24] Own his Power, Juſtice and Goodneſs (and accordingly put your truſt in him, and patiently wait for deliverance) in the midſt of all your ſufferings and troubles, *Ezek.* 39.6. ¶ [25] In thoſe remote Countries where you are diſperſ'd.

16 ¶ [26] From the † uttermoſt part of the earth have we heard ſongs, *even* glory to the [27] righteous: [28] but I ſaid, † My leanneſs, my leanneſs,

† Heb. *wing.*

† Heb. *Leanneſs to me,* or *My ſecret to me.*

Chap. 24. leanness, wo unto me! [36] the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

[36] *q. d.* Formerly indeed there was abundant matter of Thanksgiving among us, but now 'tis otherwise. ¶ [37] God the Father, who has manifested himself to be a righteous God, by performing his Promises of delivering his People, and destroying their Enemies; and also Christ, who is the Lord our righteousness, and a righteous one, *ch.* 53. 11. 1 *John* 2.1. ¶ [38] *q. d.* Tho there be matter of Joy in some respect, yet I am even consum'd with sorrow for the sins of my people. ¶ [39] The Jews shall deal very treacherously and unworthily with their Messiah.

17 [30] Fear, and the pit, and the snare *are* upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

[30] *Jer.* 48.43,44. *q. d.* And thereupon God will send variety of Judgments upon you.

18 And it shall came to pass, *that* he [31] who fleeth [32] from the noise of the fear, shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit, shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are [33] open, and the [34] foundations of the earth do shake.

[31] He that escapes one danger shall fall into another, *Am.* 5.19. ¶ [32] By reason of the rumour of some evil approaching. ¶ [33] To pour down Judgments upon 'em in abundance, (as on the old World, and on *Sodom.*) ¶ [34] *Psal.* 18.7.

19 [35] The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

[35] A general Defolation is coming upon the Land.

20 [36] The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be [36] removed like a cottage, and [37] the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, and not rise again.

[36] The Inhabitants of the land know not which way to turn themselves, (*ch.* 19. 14.) and are tumbled from one place to another, (as a Lodge that is made but for a night, and taken down again.) ¶ [37] Their heinous sins shall bring heavy Judgments.

21 And it shall come to pass [38] in that day, *that* the LORD shall † punish the host of the [39] high ones *that are* on high, and [40] the kings of the earth upon the earth.

† Heb. *visit upon.*

[38] In the fittest season for it. ¶ [39] The proud and potent Enemies of his people, who possess the high places of the Earth, as the proud *Assyrian* and *Babylonian* Monarchs; and also *Gog* and *Magog*. ¶ [40] Those petty Kings that are Vassals to the other, *Ezek.* 38. 5,6. *Dan.* 11.-43.

22 And [41] they shall be gathered together, † *as* prisoners are gathered in the ‖ pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be ‖ [42] visited.

† Heb. *with the gathering of prisoners.* ‖ Or, *dungeon.* ‖ Or, *found wanting.*

[41] The Enemies shall be gathered together, in order to their destruction, *Rev.* 19.19. ¶ [42] *viz.* In Judgment to their utter destruction.

23 Then the [43] moon shall be confounded, and the [43] sun ashamed, when the [44] LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and ‖ before [45] his ancients gloriously.

‖ Or, there shall be *glory before his ancients.*

[43] *Ch.* 13.10. *Ezek.* 32.7. *Joel* 2.31. and 3.15. The greatest Potentates shall stoop to Christ, and be obscured by the splendour of his Kingdom. ¶ [44] When Christ shall advance his Kingdom upon earth. ¶ [45] All his Faithful People, and particularly, his Apostles and Ministers of the Gospel; manifesting the glory of his Almighty Power, and other Attributes in his Ordinances and Providences.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The prophet praiseth God for his judgments, 6 for his saving benefits, 9 and for his victorious salvation.

1 O LORD, thou *art* my God, I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; *thy* counsels [1] of old *are* faithfulness *and* truth.

[1] The Prophet here abruptly breaks forth into a solemn Celebration of the praise of God for his Works mentioned, *ch.* 24. and especially for the Glory of Christs Kingdom. ¶ [2] Purpos'd from Eternity, and long ago made known in thy Promises and Threatnings.

2 For thou hast made * of a city, an [3] heap; *of* a defenced city, [3] a ruine: [4] a palace of strangers, to be no city, it shall never be built.

[3] Utterly ruin'd the Countries of thy Enemies. ¶ [4] The Cities of the Heathen, where their Kings built their Palaces.

3 Therefore shall the [5] strong people glorifie thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

[5] The stoutest of thine Enemies being humbled by their Judgments, shall be converted, or at least forc'd to acknowledge thy power.

4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against* the [6] wall.

[6] Ready to overturn it.

5 Thou shalt bring down [7] the noise of strangers, [7] as the heat in a dry place; *even* the heat with the shadow of a cloud: [8] the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

[7] The furious attempts of the Heathen, as easily as thou dost allay the scorching heat of the Sun in dry desarts by the interposition of a Cloud. ¶ [8] The Power or Posterity of thine enemies shall also be ruin'd.

6 ¶ And [9] in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a [10] feast of fat things, a feast of wines [11] on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

[9] In the Church, and more especially in the Church of the Jews after their general Conversion. ¶ [10] *Luke* 22. 30. *Matth.* 8.11. and 22.2. *Rev.* 19.9. Spiritual dainties for the refreshment of the Souls of his People in the Ordinances, Privileges and Graces of the Gospel. ¶ [11] When the Lees are well setled at the bottom, and so the Wine is fine.

7 And he will † destroy in this mountain [12] the face of the covering † cast over all people, and the [12] vail *that is* spread over all nations.

† Heb. *swallow up.* † Heb. *covered.*

[12] Free his People from that ignorance that naturally remains upon 'em, 2 *Cor.* 3.14. *&c.*

8 [13] He will swallow up death in victory, and the LORD God will [14] wipe away tears from off all faces, and [15] the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken *it.*

[13] Christ will destroy Death for ever, and make an absolute Conquest of it, that it shall no more prevail over his redeemed ones, (which was done partly by his own death, (2 *Tim.* 1.10. *Heb.* 2.15.) but fully at the Resurrection, 1 *Cor.* 15.54.) ¶ [14] *Rev.* 7.17. and 21.4. Remove all Causes and Occasions of Sorrow. ¶ [15] That scorn and contempt which was continually poured upon 'em by the unbelieving World, *ch.* 37.3. and 54.4. *Psal.* 74.22. *Ezek.* 36. 15.

9 ¶ And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* [16] our God, we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD, we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoyce in his salvation.

[16] Our Messiah, for whom we have waited a long time, (*Luke* 2.25.) is now at last come into the World, bringing salvation with him.

10 For [9] in this mountain shall the [17] hand of the LORD rest, and [18] Moab shall be ‖ troden down under him, even as straw is ‖ troden down for the dunghil.

‖ Or, *thresshed.* ‖ Or, *thresshed in Madmenah.*

[17] The Power and Providence of God, and his gracious Presence shall be continually with his Church, *Matth.* 28.20. ¶ [18] All his Enemies.

11 And [19] he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall bring down

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Chap.26. down their pride together with the [20] spoils of their hands.

[19] God shall smite and destroy his enemies with ease, and they shall be able to make no resistance. ¶ [20] All that Wealth they have gotten by spoiling his People.

12 And the fortress of the high forts of thy
[21] *ch.*26.-5. walls shall he [21] bring down, lay low, *and* bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *A song inciting to confidence in God.* 20 *An exhortation to wait on God.*

IN that [1] day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah, [2] We have a strong city, [3] salvation will *God* appoint *for* walls and bulwarks.

[1] When the glorious things promised, *ch.* 24. & 25. shall be accomplish'd, there shall be great rejoycing in the Church, and particularly among the Jews after their conversion. ¶ [2] Our Church is so strongly fortified by God, that no adverse power shall prevail against her any more. ¶ [3] *ch.* 60.-18. God's Protection will be instead of the strongest Walls for our security.

2 [4] Open ye the gates, that the righteous nati-
† Heb. *truths*. on which keepeth the † truth may enter in.

[4] *Ch.*62.10. *Psal.*118.19,20. Make way for that multitude of Converts that shall come into the Church in those days; who are sincere in the profession of the true Religion, and walk according to the rule of the Gospel.

† Heb. *peace, peace.* ‖ Or, *thought, or imagination.*

3 Thou wilt keep *him* [4] in † perfect peace, *whose* ‖ mind *is* stayed *on thee*: [5] because he trusteth in thee.

[4] *John* 14.27. and 16.33. *Rom.*5.1. and 14.17. *Phil.* 4.7. In all manner of true and sound peace. ¶ [5] *Psal.*37.-40. 1 *Chron.*5.-20. 2 *Chron.*13.-18. and 16.-8. *Psal.*9.10. and 22.4,5. and 32.-10. and 33.21.

† Heb. *the rock of ages.*

4 [6] Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* † [7] everlasting strength.

[6] 2 *Chron.*20.-20. *Psal.*55.22. and 62.8. *Prov.*3.5. and 16.3. ¶ [7] *ch.*63.-1. *Heb.*7.25. *Deut.* 32.4.

5 ¶ For he bringeth down them that [8] dwell on high: the [9] lofty city he layeth it low, he layeth it low, *even* to the ground; he bringeth it *even* to the dust.

[8] *Ch.*14.13,14. and 24.-21. and 25.-11. *Dan.* 4.-37. Are advanc'd to places of power and dignity. ¶ [9] *ch.* 25.12. The strongest and most defenced Cities of his Enemies; and particularly, proud *Babylon.*

6 [10] The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor, *and* the steps of the needy.

[10] *Ch.*37.-26. 1 *Sam.* 2.8. *Luke* 1.52. and 16.19. *Rom.* 16.20. *Rev.*2.26.

7 The way of the just *is* [11] uprightness: thou most upright dost [12] weigh the path of the just.

[11] *Prov.* 21.-8. Or, *Evenness*; *i. e.* Made plain and smooth for him, by the providence of God. ¶ [12] Examine and approve.

8 Yea, [13] in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we [14] waited for thee, the [15] desire of *our* soul *is* to thy name, and to [16] the remembrance of thee.

[13] Not only when our way was smooth and plain, (*v.*7.) but when it was uneasie to Flesh and Blood. ¶ [14] *ch.* 25.9. and 33.2 and 64.-4. ¶ [15] Even when thou didst afflict us, (*ch.*64.5. *Psal.*44.17,18. *Job* 13.15.) We earnestly desired to enjoy thy presence and favor. ¶ [16] And we desired to call to mind, for our support and comfort, what thou hast done for us formerly. *Psal.*77.-10-12.

9 With my soul have I desired thee [17] in the night, yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: [18] for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

[17] *Psal.* 63.6. and 119.62, 148. *Cant.* 3.1. When others are sleeping, my thoughts and affections are working towards thee. ¶ [18] *Psal.* 85.-16. *Job* 37.-23,24. *Rev.* 15.4. *q. d.* And no wonder if we seek thee then, because this is no more than is usual, and which thou makest account of, *Hos.*5.-15. See there.

10 [19] Let favor be shewed to the wicked, *yet* will he [21] not learn righteousness: [22] in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not [23] behold the majesty of the LORD.

[19] *q. d.* Tho Judgments work upon the Godly to reclaim 'em, yet the wicked will not be reclaimed, no not by mercies. ¶ [21] *Exod.* 8.15,31,32. *Eccl.*8.11. ¶ [22] In the place where Justice is profess'd and practis'd, and the contrary Vices discountenanc'd. ¶ [23] *v.*10. *ch.*5.-12. *Psal.*28.5. Observe or regard either his Works of Mercy or Judgment, tho the glory of his Divine Attributes shine forth never so brightly therein.

11 LORD, *when* thy hand is [24] lifted up, * Job 34.27. Psal.28.5. Chap. 5.12.
* they will not see: *but* they [25] shall see, and be ashamed for *their* [26] envy ‖ at the people, yea, [27] the fire of thine enemies shall devour them. ‖ Or, *towards* thy *people.*

[24] To punish 'em in a most exemplary, remarkable manner, yet they blind and harden themselves, both under Mercies, (*v.*10.) and under Judgments. ¶ [25] Be forc't, whether they will or no, to see and feel it too, 1 *Sam.*5.6.-12. ¶ [26] Spightful carriage towards thy People. ¶ [27] That vengeance wherewith thou art wont to destroy thine enemies.

12 ¶ LORD, [28] thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all [29] our works ‖ in us. ‖ Or, *for us.*

[28] *q. d.* Tho thou hast afflicted us, (*v.*8.) yet the time will come when we shall be in a prosperous and happy condition. ¶ [29] The great deliverances and mercies vouchsaf'd to us.

13 O LORD our God, [30] *other* lords besides thee have had dominion over us: *but* [31] by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

[30] 2 *Chron.*12.8. ¶ [31] By thy favour, and help, and Grace we'l own thee for our God, and our selves thy Servants; and accordingly trust in thee for deliverance, and celebrate thy praises.

14 [32] *They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* deceased, they shall not rise: [33] therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

[32] Those other Lords that have tyranniz'd over us. ¶ [33] That they might be thus effectually destroyed.

15 Thou hast [34] increased the nation, O LORD thou hast increased the nation, thou art [35] glorified; thou hadst removed *it* far *unto* all the ends of the earth.

[34] Made the Nation of the Jews a mighty numerous People. ¶ [35] *Lev.*10.3. *viz.* By thy Judgments upon 'em, in causing 'em to be dispers'd all the World over.

16 LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a † prayer *when* thy chastening *was* upon them. † Heb. *secret speech.*

17 Like as [36] a woman with child *that* draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, *and* crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD. [36] *ch.* 13.8. & 21.3. *Joh.*16.21.

18 We have been [37] with child, we have been [38] in pain; [39] we have as it were brought forth wind, [40] we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth, neither have [41] the inhabitants of the world fallen.

[37] In expectation of help, and deliverance out of our troubles. ¶ [38] Our hopes have proved empty and unsuccessful, and we have not been able to do any thing towards our own deliverance. ¶ [39] Our Enemies been subdued by us.

19 [40] Thy dead *men* shall live, [41] *together with* my dead body shall they rise; [42] awake and sing ye that dwell in dust: for thy [43] dew *is as* the dew of herbs, and [44] the earth shall cast out the dead.

[40] Thy People, O Church of the Jews, which seem to be lost in *Babylon*, and much more in their long dispersion, since Christs time, yet shall revive, and recover, and return again, *Ezek.*37.11,12. *Psal.*22.-15. and 71.20. and 137.3. *Dan.*12.2. ¶ [41] And tho I my self am in the same condition, yet we shall all be raised again, (in our Posterity and Successors, as *Rev.* 20.5,6.) ¶ [42] You shall awake out of your sleep, and rise out of your Graves. ¶ [43] The favor of God upon thee shall make thee revive and flourish again. ¶ [44] All Countries where you are dispers'd, shall restore you again.

20 ¶ [45] Come

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20 ¶ [45] Come, my people, [46] enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thy self as it were * for a [47] little moment, until the [48] indignation be overpast.

* Psal. 39.5. Chap. 54. 7,8. 2 Cor. 4.17.

[45] *Gen.* 7.1. *q. d.* Tho' such times of reviving shall come, yet in the mean while many storms are like to arise: and therefore provide against 'em. ¶ [46] Fly to God by Faith, Prayer, and Repentance for protection, (*Psal.* 9.9. and 18.2. and 32.7. and 143.9. *Ezek.* 11.16.) depend upon his Providence, (*Psal.* 27.5. and 31.20. and 33.18, 19. [2] *Sam.* 24.26, 27. *Gen.* 45.7. *Jer.* 39.12—14. 2 *Chron.* 20.22, 23. *Esth.* 6.) lay hold upon his Promises, (*Psal.* 119. 114.) make use of his Attributes, *Prov.* 18.10. *Psal.* 57.1. and 59.9. and 80.3. and 91.4. ¶ [47] *ch.* 54.7,8. *Psal.* 30.5. 2 *Cor.* 4.17. ¶ [48] That time of trouble spoken of *Dan.* 12.1.

21 For behold, the LORD [49] cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall [50] disclose her † bloud, and shall no more cover her slain.

† Heb. *blouds.*

[49] *Mich.* 1.3. ¶ [50] *Gen.* 4.10. *Job* 16.18. *Ezek.* 24.7. Bring it forth to light, that due vengeance may be executed for it.

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1 *The care of God over his vineyard.* 7 *His chastisements differ from judgments.* 12 *The church of Jews and Gentiles.*

IN [1] that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish [2] leviathan the ‖ [3] piercing [2] serpent, even leviathan that [4] crooked serpent, and he shall slay * the [2] dragon [5] that *is* in the sea.

‖ Or, *crossing like a bar.*

* Chap. 51.9. Ezek. 29.3. & 32.2.

[1] *Ch.* 26.22. ¶ [2] All the cruel Tyrants and Adversaries of the Church, whom the Devil employs to oppress the People of God, partly the Turk. ¶ [3] Piercing easily and suddenly with its sting into mens bodies. ¶ [4] Wrigling to and fro. ¶ [5] *Rev.* 17.1, 15. That has Dominion over many People and Nations; yea, and the Seat of whose Empire is in the very mouth of the Sea; at *Constantinople.*

2 In that day sing ye unto [6] her, [7] A vineyard of red wine.

[6] The Church; now deliver'd from her powerful Enemies, and bless'd with peace and prosperity. ¶ [7] *ch.* 5.17. *Psal.* 81.8. *q. d.* My Church, and People of the Jews that lately brought forth wild Grapes, and thereupon was made desolate, now flourishes again, bringing forth the choicest fruit.

3 I the LORD do keep it, I will water it every moment; lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 [8] Fury *is* not in me: [9] who would set the briers *and* thorns against me in battel? I would ‖ go through them, I would burn them together.

‖ Or, *march against.*

[8] *q. d.* Tho' I have been angry with my People, yet mine anger is not implacable; but now 'tis over. ¶ [9] *q. d.* Yet if any Hypocrite in the Church shall offer to contend with me, he shall feel the effects of my fury.

5 [10] Or let him take hold of my strength, *that* he may * make peace with me, *and* he shall make peace with me.

* Job 22. 21.

[10] If at any time Fury seems to be in me towards my People, let 'em seek unto me by fervent Prayer, and sincere Repentance, to stay my hand from destroying 'em, and they shall prevail, *Hos.* 12.4. *Jonah* 3.8—10. *Zeph.* 2.1, 2. *Luke* 14.32.

6 He shall cause them [11] that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

[11] His Church; the spiritual Seed of *Jacob*, when they shall have humbled themselves, and made their peace with God, (*v.* 5.) then shall they be firmly setled, and become numerous.

† Heb. *according to the stroke of those.*

7 ¶ [12] Hath he smitten him, † as he smote those that smote him? *or* is he slain according to the slaughter of *them that are* slain by him?

[12] *q. d.* And tho' he do sometimes punish his people for their sins, yet it is not after the same rate and manner, as he punishes their Enemies, *Jer.* 46.28.

* Job 23.6. Jer. 10.24. & 30.11.

8 * [13] In measure when ‖ it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it; ‖ [14] he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east-wind.

‖ Or, *thou sendest it forth.*

‖ Or, *when he moveth it.*

[13] *q. d.* As a Vine-dresser, when his Vine puts forth luxuriant branches, prunes it with discretion, lopping off only the superfluous branches, but not cutting down the body of the Tree: So God deals with his people when they need Chastisement; he does not correct 'em according to their Desert, (*Ezra* 9.13. *Psal.* 103.10.) nor according to the utmost of his Anger (*Hos.* 11.9.) but according to their strength, *Isa.* 57.16. 1 *Cor.* 10.13. ¶ [14] He asswages the fury of the Storm, and mitigates the severity of the Judgment.

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9 By [15] this [16] therefore shall [17] the iniquity of Jacob be purged, and this *is* [18] all the fruit to take away his sin; [19] when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalk-stones *that are* beaten in sunder, the groves and ‖ images shall [20] not stand up.

‖ Or, *sun-images.*

[15] Moderate Chastisement. ¶ [16] Because they are dealt so gently withal, and not destroy'd. ¶ [17] *ch.* 1.25. and 4.4. and 48.10. *Dan.* 11.35. *Mal.* 3.3. 1 *Cor.* 11.32. *Hebr.* 12.9, 10. *Joh.* 15.2. They shall be induc'd to repent, and so have their sins pardon'd. ¶ [18] *Viz.* Which God aims at in his correcting 'em, to bring 'em to Repentance. ¶ [19] *q. d.* Which sins of his People shall be taken away, when they manifest the truth of their Repentance by destroying all false Worship, and other sins. ¶ [20] Not continue standing, but be thrown down.

10 [21] Yet the defenced city *shall be* [22] desolate, *and* the habitation [22] forsaken, and left like a [22] wilderness: there shall the [23] calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof.

[21] *q. d.* But notwithstanding his intentions of mercy, he must first severely chastise 'em. ¶ [22] *ch.* 6.11, 12. and 64.10. *Ezek.* 36.4. ¶ [23] *ch.* 32.13, 14. *Jer.* 26.18. *Mich.* 3.12. Instead of Men, it shall be inhabited by Cattel.

11 [24] When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come *and* set them on fire: for it *is* a people of [25] no understanding: therefore he that [26] made them will not have mercy on them, and he that [26] formed them will shew them no favour.

[24] A further description of the desolation of the Country. ¶ [25] *ch.* 1.3. and 5.12, 13. and 42.18. &c. and 44.19. *Deut.* 32.28. *Psal.* 28.5. and 82.5. *Jer.* 4.22. and 5.4, 5. and 8.7. and 10.8, 14. ¶ [26] Not only as they are Creatures, or A People, but his peculiar People, advanc'd by him to be a famous Nation.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall [27] beat off from the chanel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered [28] one by one, O ye children of Israel.

[27] Sever and take from among the Nations, and gather together, like threshed corn into the Garner, all the *Israelites* that were scattered in those parts. ¶ [28] *Deut.* 30.3, 4 *Neh.* 1.9. *Jer.* 3.14. *Ezek.* 39.25, 28. *Amos* 9.9. *John* 7.12. *i.e.* Diligently; those few that are left.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the [29] great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of [30] Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of [31] Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

[29] *Numb.* 10.2, 3. God's singular Providence (manifested by that Edict of *Cyrus*, *Ezra* 1.1, 2.) and also the Gospel preach'd. ¶ [30] Whither the ten Tribes were carried. ¶ [31] *Jer.* 43.7. and 44.28. *Hos.* 8.13.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Ephraim threatned.* 16 *Christ promised.* 18 *Their security shall be tried.*

WO to * the [1] crown of pride, to the [2] drunkards of [1] Ephraim, whose * [3] glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, [4] which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of *them that are* † overcome with wine.

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* Verse 4.

† Heb. *broken.*

[1] *Hos.* 5.5. and 6.10. The proud State and Kingdom of the ten Tribes. ¶ [2] *V.* 7. *Hos.* 7.5. *Amos* 6.6. ¶ [3] The splendor and beauty of whose State shall soon be destroy'd by the *Assyrian* invasion. ¶ [4] Which proud and drunken *Israelites* dwell in the chief and principal part of the fat Vally of *Israel.*

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2 Behold, the Lord hath a [1] mighty and strong one, *which* as a tempest of hail, *and* a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall [6] cast down to the earth with the hand.

[1] The King of *Assyria*. ¶ [6] Suddenly and easily destroy all the glory of *Israel* with irresistible force.

† Heb. *with feet.*

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden † under feet.

4 And the [3] glorious beauty which *is* on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, *and* as the [7] hasty fruit before the summer: which *when* he that looketh upon it, seeth *it*, while it is

† Heb. *swalloweth.*

yet in his hand he † eateth it up.

[7] Early ripe fruit, which is most acceptable (*Mich.* 7. 1.) and soonest eaten up, so all their wealth and glory shall speedily be devour'd by the *Assyrian*.

5 ¶ In [8] that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty unto the [9] residue of his people:

[8] When the Kingdom of the ten Tribes shall be thus destroy'd. ¶ [9] The Kingdom of *Judah*, who shall be miraculously saved from *Sennacherib*, and continue his Church and People.

6 And [10] for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for [10] strength to them that turn the battel to the gate.

[10] *i. e.* God will endue the Rulers and Magistrates with Wisdom and Ability to judge aright; and the Soldiers with Courage and Valor to beat the Enemy back into his own Country, and pursue him to his own Gates.

* Prov. 20. 1. Hos. 4. 11.

7 ¶ But [12] they also * have [12] erred through wine, and through strong drink are [13] out of the way: [13] the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are [14] swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink, they [15] err in vision, they stumble *in* [16] judgment.

[11] Even *Judah*, notwithstanding their fair warning by the destruction of the *Israelites*, yet are guilty of the same sins, (and therefore must expect the like calamities). ¶ [12] Are grown corrupt both in Doctrin and Practice. ¶ [13] *ch.* 56. 10.–12. ¶ [14] Drown'd in it, and overcome thereby. ¶ [15] *Jer.* 5. 31. ¶ [16] *Deut.* 17. 9–11.

8 For [17] all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.

[17] This is their common practice at every meal, wherever they meet.

† Heb. *the hearing.*

9 ¶ Whom shall [18] he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand † doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts.

[18] *He*; any one: God or Man: *q. d.* They are all such drunken Sots, that it's in vain to offer to teach 'em any thing.

‖ Or, hath been.

10 For precept ‖ *must be* [19] upon precept, precept upon precept, line [19] upon line, line upon line, here a little *and* there a little.

[19] The same things must be often inculcated and driven into 'em.

† Heb. *stammerings of lips.* ‖ Or, *he hath spoken.*

11 [20] For with † [21] stammering lips and [21] another tongue ‖ will he speak to this people,

[20] Or, *Therefore*; because of their affected dulness and stupidity. ¶ [21] 1 *Cor.* 14. 21. He'll speak to 'em after another-gets manner; *viz.* by a People (the *Babylonians*) of an uncouth and strange Language, *Deut.* 28. 49. *Jer.* 5. 15.

12 [22] To whom he said, [23] This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest, and this *is* the refreshing: yet they [24] would not hear.

[22] Which stupid People God had frequently taught by his Prophets. ¶ [23] *q. d.* Harkning to my words deliver'd by my Prophets, is the only means to procure freedom from those many grievous troubles wherewith you have been so long molested. 2 *Chron.* 14. 2–7. and 15. 4–19. and 16. 7–9. *Jer.* 6. 16. *Matth.* 11. 28, 29. ¶ [24] *Psal.* 81. 11. *Jer.* 6. 16. and 44. 16. *Zech.* 7. 11.

13 [25] But the word of the LORD was unto them, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little *and* there a little; that they might go and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

[25] *q. d.* Tho' God's Word has been so plainly deliver'd to 'em, yet they continue like Children: and therefore such they shall still continue to be to their destruction.

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14 ¶ Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye [26] scornful men that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem.

[26] That scorn all my Threatnings, as if you were furnish'd with Armour of proof against 'em all.

15 Because ye have said, We have made a [27] covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us; for [28] we have made lies our refuge, and under falshood have we hid our selves.

[27] We fear no hurt from 'em. ¶ [28] *q. d.* We doubt not to be sufficiently secured by those ways and means you call Lies and Falshood: we hope to scape by our politick compliance with the Enemy, or crafty Devices, or the like.

16 ¶ [29] Therefore thus saith the Lord God, * Behold, [30] I lay in Zion [31] for a foundation, [32] a stone, [33] a tried stone, a precious [34] corner-*stone*, [33] a sure foundation: he that [35] believeth shall not make haste.

* Matth. 21. 42. Acts 4. 11.

[29] *q. d.* Because you trust to such rotten Props for security, I'll direct you to a better and surer Refuge. ¶ [30] *Rom.* 9. 33. 1 *Pet.* 2. 6. Send to my Church of the Jews in the first place, (*ch.* 2. 3. *Acts* 3. 26.) and from thence the news of it is to be spread all the world over. ¶ [31] Jesus Christ, who is the Foundation of the Covenant and Promises, (2 *Cor.* 1. 20.) and upon whom I'll build my Church, *Matth.* 16. 18. ¶ [32] 2 *Pet.* 2. 4. ¶ [33] A sure Saviour on whom sinners may safely rely. ¶ [34] *Psal.* 118. 22. Uniting both Jews and Gentiles, *Eph.* 2. 14. *&c.* ¶ [35] On him (1 *Pet.* 2. 6.) and the Promises made in him will not seek by any unlawful means to get out of trouble, but will wait God's leasure, *ch.* 8. 17. and 10. 20. and 30. 18. *Psal.* 62. 1, 2. and 112. 7, 8. and 121. 1, 2. 2 *Chron.* 14. 11. and 16. 8. and 20. 12. *Jer.* 17. 7.

17 [36] Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet, and the hail shall sweep away * the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding-place.

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[36] *q. d.* And tho' they that rely upon this Foundation shall be secure, yet as for others that will not, they shall be destroy'd.

18 ¶ And your covenant with death shall be disanulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be † troden down by it.

† Heb. *a treading down to it.*

19 [37] From the time that it goeth forth, it shall take you: for [38] morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night, and [39] it shall be a vexation, only *to* ‖ understand the report.

‖ Or, when *he shall make* you *to understand doctrine.*

[37] *q. d.* When once it begins to break in upon you, it shall not stay till it has laid fast hold on you. ¶ [38] Constantly every morning it shall pursue you. ¶ [39] The bare rumour and tidings thereof shall cause great perplexity to you.

20 [40] For the bed is shorter, then that *a man* can stretch himself on *it*: and the covering narrower, then that he can wrap himself in *it*.

[40] *q. d.* Those shifts you trusted to will not now secure you.

21 For the LORD shall rise up as *in* [41] mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of [42] Gibeon, that he may do his work, his [43] strange work; and bring to pass his act, his [42] strange act.

[41] 2 *Sam.* 5. 20. 1 *Chron.* 14. 16. ¶ [42] *Josh.* 10. 12. 2 *Sam.* 5. 25. ¶ [43] This extraordinary and unusual Judgment, (and contrary to his wonted kindness) of punishing his People so severely.

22 Now therefore be ye not [26] mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts [44] a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

¶ [44] *Ch.* 10. 23. An utter destruction of the ten Tribes.

23 ¶ [45] Give ye ear, and hear my voice, hearken and hear my speech.

[45] *q. d.*

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[41] *q. d.* And to convince you hereof, consider what I now further say.

24 [42] Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?

[42] *q. d.* The Plowman does not spend all his time about one sort of work only, but has several, which he dispatches every one in its season; so God has various Methods of his dealings with several people, and will not always be threatning, but will at last proceed to execution.

25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in ‖ the principal wheat, and the appointed barley, and the ‖ rie in their † place?

‖ Or, *the wheat in the principal* place, *and barley in the appointed* place.

‖ Or, *spelt:*

† Heb. *border.*

26 ‖ For his God doth [43] instruct him to discretion, *and* doth teach him.

‖ Or, *And he bindeth it in such sort as his God doth teach him.*

[43] *Job* 35.11. *Exod.*28.3. and 31.3. and 35.35. 1 *King.*7.13. *Psal.*18.34.and 144.1. *Dan.*1.17.

27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing-instrument, neither is a cart-wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.

28 Bread-*corn* is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break *it* with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.

29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, *which* is [44] wonderful in counsel, *and* [44] excellent in working.

[44] *Ch.*25.1. *Jer.*32.19. Takes strange and wonderful courses, according to his secret counsel and purpose, both for the destruction of his Enemies, and protection of his people.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *Gods judgment upon Jerusalem,* 9 *their senslesness,* 13 *and deep hypocrisie.* 18 *A promise of sanctification.*

‖ Or, *Oh Ariel,* That is, *The lion of God:* Ezek. 43.15, 16.

‖ Or, *of the city.*

† Heb. *cut off the heads.*

‖ WO to [1] Ariel, to Ariel ‖ the city *where* [2] David dwelt! [3] add ye year to year, [3] let them † kill sacrifices.

[1] The word signifies *The Lion of God*; whereby is meant the Altar of Burnt-offerings; (*Ezek.*43.15,16.) so called, because it devour'd and consum'd the bodies of the beasts laid upon it; which includes also the Temple, and City of *Jerusalem*, so called in regard of its strength, (*Lam.*4.12.) and because the Altar stood there. ¶ [2] (Which yet will not secure it, nor you, from destruction.) ¶ [3] *Jer.*7.21. *Amos* 4.4,5. *q. d.* Go on time after time in keeping your solemn Feasts, and killing your appointed Sacrifices, as long as you can, but all will do you no good.

2 [4] Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me [5] as Ariel.

[4] *q. d.* Notwithstanding this your formal, customary Worship (wherein you confide so much) both City and Temple shall be brought into great straits. ¶ [5] *i. e.* Both City and Temple shall be like the Altar, filled with the Bodies of dead Men (instead of Beasts) sacrificed to my Justice.

3 And [6] I will camp against thee round about, and [6] will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

[6] *Viz.* By those Enemies I'll send against thee, 2 *Kin.* 25. 1. *Luke* 19.43.

4 And thou shalt be brought down, *and* shalt speak out of the [7] ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the [7] dust, and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall † [8] whisper out of the dust.

† Heb. *peep,* or *chirp.*

[7] *Ch.*47.1. In a low, submissive manner, it being almost either afraid or asham'd to be heard, (tho' thou didst talk so scornfully before, *v.*14.) ¶ [8] *ch.*8.19.

5 Moreover, the multitude of thy [9] strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the [9] terrible ones *shall be* [10] as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an [11] instant suddenly.

[9] Auxiliaries hired from abroad, or the most valiant of thy own Soldiers. ¶ [10] *ch.*17.13. *Job* 21.18. *Psal.*35.5. ¶ [11] *ch.*30.13.

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9 [12] Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with [13] thunder, and with [13] earth-quake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

[12] *Jerusalem.* ¶ [13] Dreadful devouring Judgments, 2 *Kin.* 25.14.

7 ¶ And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night-vision.

8 It shall even be as when a hungry *man* dreameth, and behold he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty *man* dreameth, and behold he drinketh; but he awaketh; and behold *he is* faint, and his soul hath appetite: [14] so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

[14] No more satisfied with those cruelties they have committed against you, than a hungry man is satisfied with a Dream of eating and drinking.

9 ¶ [15] Stay your selves and wonder; ‖ [16] cry ye out, and cry: * they are [17] drunken, but [18] not with wine; they [17] stagger, but not with strong drink.

‖ Or, *take your pleasure and riot.*

* See Chap. 28.7,8.

[15] Pause upon it, and consider the stupidity of this people, and you can't but wonder at it. ¶ [16] Through astonishment and horrour. ¶ [17] *ch.*19.14. ¶ [18] But with the spirit of sensleness, *v.*10.

10 For the LORD hath [19] poured upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your † rulers, * the seers hath he [20] covered.

† Heb. *heads.*

See Chap. 3. 2. Jer.26.8. * 1 Sam. 9.9.

[19] *Rom.* 11.8. Smitten you with judicial blindness, and sensleness of your danger and misery. ¶ [20] *ch.*25.7. *Mich.* 3.6,7. With spiritual blindness.

11 And the vision [21] of all is become unto you, as the words of a ‖ book * *that is* sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is [22] learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot, for it *is* sealed:

‖ Or, *letter.*

* Chap.8.16. Rev.5.1,5.

[21] Of all the Messages, Warnings and Threatnings deliver'd by all the Prophets. ¶ [22] So neither the learned nor unlearned among the Jews, could receive benefit by these Warnings, because of that judicial blindness, and hardness that God had given 'em up to.

12 And the book is delivered to him that is [23] not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I am not learned.

13 ¶ Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people [24] draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have [25] removed their heart far from me, and [26] their fear towards me is taught by the precept of men:

[23] *Ch.*48.1,2. and 58.2,3. *Jer.*12.2. *Ezek.* 33.31. *Matth.* 15.8 See there. ¶ [24] Their Love and Delight and other Affections are bestow'd upon other things. ¶ [25] All their Devotion and Worship is only such as is of human Invention, and Institution, *Jer.*7.31. *Hos.*4.11. *Col.*2.22.

14 Therefore, behold, I will † proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: for the [27] wisdom of their wise *men* shall [28] perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be [28] hid.

† Heb. *add.*

[26] *Jer.*49.7. *Obad.*8. 1 *Cor.*1.19. ¶ [27] Come to naught, and stand 'em in no stead.

15 Wo unto them that [29] seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, * [29] Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

* Ecclus 23. 18.

[28] *Ch.*30.1. Lay their plots so cunningly, as if God himself should not discover 'em. ¶ [29] *Job* 22.13,14. *Psal.* 10. 11,13. and 64.5. and 94.7.

16 Surely [30] your [30] turning of things upside

Chap.29. down shall be esteemed as the potters clay: for [31] shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no [32] understanding?

[30] All your subtle devices by which you turn your selves into all shapes, and pervert the order which God has appointed, are as throughly discern'd and easily alter'd by me, as clay by the potter, *Jer.*18.6. ¶ [31] *ch.*45.-9. No more can you bring to pass any of your contrivances without my Concurrence and Providence. ¶ [32] To find out our cunning plots.

17 *Is* it not yet a very little while, and [33] Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the [34] fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?

[33] *Ch.* 32.-15. Barren places become fruitful; *i.e.* the Gentiles become the people of God. ¶ [34] The Jews, now my only Church, be rejected for their impenitency.

18 ¶ And in that day shall the [35] deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the [35] blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

[35] *Ch.*35.-5. The deaf and blind Gentiles be brought to the Saving knowledge of God in Christ.

† Heb. *add.* 19 The meek also shall † [36] increase *their* joy [37] in the LORD, and the [38] poor among men shall rejoyce in the holy One of Israel.

[36] *Ch.*61.10. *Joh.*15.11. *Phil.*4.4. 1 *Pet.* 1.6, 8. ¶ [37] In the sense of his love and favour, and for his mercy shew'd to 'em. ¶ [38] *Psal.*9.18. and 10.14, 17, 18. and 12.5. *Matth.* 5.3. and 11.5. 1 *Cor.*1.26—29.

20 For the [39] terrible one is brought to nought, and the [40] scorner is consumed, and all that watch [41] for iniquity are cut off:

[39] The proud and potent Enemies of the Church. ¶ [40] *Ch.*28.14. ¶ [41] For opportunities of sin and mischief.

21 That [42] make a man an offender for [43] a word, and lay a snare for [44] him that reproveth in the gate, and [45] turn aside the just for a thing of nought.

[42] Punish men as transgressours. ¶ [43] *Viz.* Of reproof, or any thing they dislike. ¶ [44] *Amos* 5.10. The faithful Prophets and Ministers. ¶ [45] *Amos* 5.12. Pervert Justice for a very small advantage to themselves.

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD who [46] redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be [47] ashamed, neither shall his face now wax [48] pale.

[46] Preserv'd him from many dangers, and brought him out of an idolatrous place. ¶ [47] *Viz.* Of their infidelity, being now converted to Christ. ¶ [48] For fear of their enemies; but shall serve God without (such) fear, *Luke* 1.74.

* Chap.19.23. 23 But [49] when he seeth his children, * the work of mine hands [50] in the midst of him, they shall [51] sanctifie my name, and sanctifie the holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

[49] When the believing Jews shall see the Gentiles converted to Christ by their means, and the preaching of the Gospel, my Grace concurring therewith, *ch.*43.21 and 60.-21. *Psal.* 118.-8. *Eph.*2.1. ¶ [50] Joyn'd together in the same Church with themselves. ¶ [51] Own these great things to be my work, and praise my Name for it, *Acts* 11.18.

† Heb. *know understanding.* 24 [52] They also that erred in spirit shall † come to understanding, and they that [53] murmured, shall learn doctrine.

[52] Those Gentiles that were out of the way of Happiness. ¶ [53] Contradicted, and rejected the instructions of my Prophets.

CHAP. XXX.

1 The people threatned for their confidence in Egypt; 8 and contempt of Gods word.

WO [1] to the [2] rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but [3] not of me; and that [4] cover with a covering, but [5] not of my spirit, [6] that they may add sin to sin:

[1] *Lam.*5.-16. *Ezek.*16.23. *Hos.*7.13. ¶ [2] *ch.*1.2 and 63.10. *Jer.*5.23. ¶ [3] *Psal.*9.15. ¶ [4] Seek to hide themselves from approaching Judgments. ¶ [5] Not such as by my Spirit in my Word, I have directed 'em to, but that which I have forbidden. ¶ [6] To those sins they are already guilty of that they may add further sins, by seeking to secure themselves by unwarrantable means.

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2 * That [7] walk to go down into Egypt, (and * have not asked at my mouth) to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

[7] Send their Ambassadours thither for succour; as *ch.* 20.5. 2 *Kings* 17.4. *Jer.*37.5,7, and 43.5,7.

* Chap.31.1. * Num.27.21. 1 Kings 22.7. Jer.21.2. & 42.2,20.

3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your [8] shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt *your* [9] confusion.

[8] Because they shall be unable to help you, *v.*5.

4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadours came to Hanes.

5 * They were all ashamed of a people *that* could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame and also a reproch.

* Jer.2.36.

6 * [9] The burden of the beasts of the south: into [10] the land of trouble and anguish, from whence *come* the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people *that* shall not profit *them*.

* Chap.57.9. Hos.8.9. & 12.1.

[9] *q. d.* But yet they'l send whole loads of Presents upon Asses and Camels into *Egypt*, to hire Forces for their Defence. ¶ [10] *Egypt* and *Ethiopia*; who shall but hurt, instead of helping 'em.

7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried ‖ concerning [11] this, [12] Their strength *is* to sit still.

‖ Or, *to her.*

[11] This counsel and practice. ¶ [12] *v.*15. *ch.*7.4. The only way to secure themselves is to stay at home, and trust in, and wait upon God for his help.

8 ¶ Now go, write [13] it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the † [14] time to come for ever and ever:

† Heb. *latter.*

[13] *Hab.*2.2. This Prophecy and Warning forementioned. *day.* ¶ [14] To witness against 'em.

9 That * this *is* a rebellious people, [15] lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD:

* Deut.32.20. Chap. 1.4.

[15] Whose Profession and Practice does not agree; but give one another the lie, *Rev.* 3.9.

10 Which [16] say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, [17] Prophesie not unto us right things, speak unto us [18] smooth things, prophesie [18] deceits:

[16] *Viz.* In effect, and by their actions, discouraging the true Prophets, and countenancing and encouraging the false. ¶ [17] *Jer.*11.-21. *Amos* 2.-12. and 7.13. *Mich.*2.6. Don't tell us of your strict, precise Rules. [18] *Mich.*6.11. *Jer.*6.14. and 23.17. *Ezek.*13.10,18,22. Which please our humours, and comply with our lusts, (tho' in the issue they'l prove Deceits, *Jer.*23.26,32. *Ezek.*13.7,8.)

11 [19] Get you out of the way, [19] turn aside out of the path, [20] cause the holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

[19] Forbear that course of preaching up such strictness and preciseness, as now you take. ¶ [20] Trouble us with no more of your Messages from the holy One of *Israel* you talk so much of.

12 Wherefore thus saith the holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this [21] word, and trust in ‖ [22] oppression and [23] perverseness, and stay thereon:

‖ Or, *fraud.*

[21] *Viz.* Of warning not to send to *Egypt* for help. ¶ [22] Stopping the mouths of God's faithful Messengers, (and thereby thinking to scape the Judgment.) ¶ [23] Your rebellious course of sending to *Egypt*.

13 Therefore [24] this iniquity shall be to you [25] as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking * cometh suddenly at an instant.

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[24] Of sending thither. ¶ [25] *Psal.*62.-3. Your certain and sudden ruin: as the swelling of a high wall is a sign of it's fall.

14 And [26] he shall break it [27] as the breaking of

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† Heb. *bottle of pottery.*

of the † potters vessel, that is broken in pieces, he shall not spare; so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it, a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water *withall* out of the pit.

[29] This your carnal confidence, and your selves thereby, shall be shatter'd all to pieces. ¶ [27] *Jer.* 19. 11.

15 For thus saith the LORD God, the holy One of Israel, [28] In returning and [12] rest shall ye be saved, in [12] quietness and in [29] confidence shall be your strength; and ye would not.

[28] *V.* 7. *viz.* From your evil ways, and particularly that of sending to *Egypt*. ¶ [29] *ch.*26.3,4. 1 *Chron.*5.–20. 2 *Chr.* 13.–18. and 16.8,9. *Psal.*34.22. and 37.40. and 125. 1.

16 But ye said, No, for we will [30] flee upon horses: therefore shall ye [31] flee: and we will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

[30] To procure help. ¶ [31] Before your Enemies.

17 [32] One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one: at the rebuke of five shall ye flee, till ye be left as ‖ [33] a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an [33] ensign on an hill.

‖ Or, *a tree bereft of branches*, or *boughs*, or *a mast*.

[33] *Lev.*26.8. *Deut.*28.25. and 32.30. ¶ [32] A few straggling here and there.

18 ¶ And [34] therefore will the LORD [35] wait that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be [36] exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD *is* a God [37] of judgment; * blessed *are* all they that [38] wait for him.

* Psal.2.12. & 34.8. Prov.16. 20. Jer.17.7.

[34] Or, *For this end.* From hence to the end of the Chapter is an illustrious Prophecy of Mercy to *Israel* in the last days, when they shall be restor'd to their own Country again. ¶ [35] *Viz.* For a fit season to deliver you; when you are humbled by these Judgments, and so fitted for Mercy. ¶ [36] *ch.*33.10. *Psal.*21.–13.and 46,10. Advance his own honour, by working gloriously for you. ¶ [37] *Jer.*10.24. Who deals with his people according to the exact Rules of discretion and moderation. ¶ [38] See on *Psal.* 27. 14. Seek not to secure themselves by any indirect courses, but stay till God deliver 'em.

19 For the people shall [39] dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee, at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

[39] Continue there in safety notwithstanding *Sennacherib*'s Attempts: and also afterwards return out of *Babylon* thither again; but chiefly, shall in the latter days be brought home to Christ, and become Members of his Church.

20 And *though* the Lord give you the [40] bread of adversity, and the [41] water of ‖ affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be [42] removed into a corner any more, but thine [42] eyes shall see thy teachers:

‖ Or, *oppression.*

[40] 1 *Kings* 22. 27. 2 *Chron.* 18. 26. Be brought into great straits in the mean while. ¶ [41] There shall not be such a scarcity of 'em as heretofore, when they were persecuted and driven into corners. ¶ [42] *Viz.* In greater plenty in Gospel-times, *Matth.*9.38.

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye [43] turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

[43] *Deut.*5.32. and 17.11,20.and 28.14. *Josh.*1.7.and 23.–6. 2 *Kings*22.–2. 2 *Chron.* 34.–2. *Prov.* 4. 27. Out of the strait way of duty.

† Heb. *the graven images of thy silver.*

22 Ye shall [44] defile also the covering of † thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: † thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

† Heb. *scatter.*

[44] See on *ch.*2.20. Destroy the Images covered with costly Ornaments.

[45] In seed time

23 Then shall he give the rain [45] of thy seed that thou shalt sow thy ground withal, and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattel feed in large pastures.

24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground, shall eat ‖ † clean provender which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

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‖ Or, *savoury.* † Heb. *leavened* Ch. 2. 14,15.

25 And there shall be * upon every high mountain, and upon every † high hill, [46] rivers *and* streams of waters, in the day of the great [47] slaughter, when the [48] towers fall.

† Heb. *lifted up.*

[46] By reason of the abundance of Rain to make 'em fruitful. ¶ [47] *Viz.* Of God's Enemies. ¶ [48] The Princes and Grandees of *Sennacherib*'s Army, and other proud Enemies.

26 Moreover, the [49] light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be seven-fold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

[49] There shall be an abundant increase of knowledge in those times, *ch.*11.–9. *Joel* 2.28,29

27 ¶ [50] Behold, the [51] name of the LORD cometh [52] from far, burning with his anger, and the [53] ‖ burden *thereof is* † heavy: [54] his lips are full of indignation, and his [54] tongue as a devouring fire.

‖ Or, *grievousness of flame.* † Heb. *heaviness.*

[50] Here he propheſies particularly concerning the destruction of the *Assyrian* Forces; and under them, of their other potent Enemies. ¶ [51] The Lord himself. ¶ [52] From Heaven, *ch.*37.36. and also, when he seems to be far off, and had for a long time (sixteen hundred years and more) withdrawn himself from 'em. ¶ [53] This punishment he'll inflict will prove very grievous and intolerable. ¶ [54] Pronouncing a dreadful Sentence against 'em.

28 And his [55] breath as an overflowing stream shall reach to the midst of the neck, [56] to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and *there shall be a* [57] bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err.

[55] The effects of his anger, issuing from him like a mighty torrent of water shall bring the *Assyrian* into a dangerous condition, *ch.*8.8. ¶ [56] To trouble those People that served under him, till they were scattered and brought to nothing. ¶ [57] *ch.*37.29. 2 *King.* 19.28. Those of them that are not destroyed, shall be hinder'd of their purpose, and forc'd to wander up and down to their ruin.

29 Ye shall have a song as in the [58] night, *when* a holy solemnity is kept, and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with [59] a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the † mighty One of Israel.

† Heb. *Rock.* Deut.32. 4.

[58] (A great part of which was spent in feasting and rejoycing at their Festival times.) ¶ [59] *Psal.*42.–4.

30 And the LORD shall cause † his [60] glorious voice to be heard, and shall [61] shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, *with* scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.

† Heb. *the glory of his voice.*

[60] His Thunder, (which perhaps accompanied the destruction of the *Assyrian* Army.) ¶ [61] Make it appear that their destruction is by his immediate power, proceeding from his furious indignation.

31 For through the [60] voice of the LORD shall the [62] Assyrian be beaten down *which* [63] smote with a rod.

[62] And all other their grand enemies, particularly the *Turk*, who shall then be their chief Enemy. ¶ [63] Who was God's Rod, *ch.*10.5,6.

32 And † in every place where the [64] grounded staff shall pass, which the LORD shall † lay upon him, it shall be with [65] tabrets and harps: and [66] in battels of shaking will he fight ‖ with it.

† Heb. *every passing of the rod founded.* † Heb. *cause to rest.* ‖ Or, *against them.*

[64] This Judgment which shall take fast hold of the *Assyrian*. ¶ [65] Great triumphant Joy of God's People for their ruine and destruction, as *Rev.* 19. 1, 2. ¶ [66] With Judgments inflicted by his own hand will God destroy 'em.

33 For [67] Tophet *is* [68] ordained † of old: yea, for the [69] king it is prepared, he hath made *it* deep *and* large: the pile thereof *is* fire and much

† Heb. *from yesterday.*

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Chap. 31. much wood, [55] the breath of the LORD, like a [70] ſtream of brimſtone, doth kindle it.

[67] 2 *King.*23.10. *Jer.*7.31,32. The Place for their execution. An Emblem or Type of Hell, *Matth.* 18.8,9. and 25.41. ¶ [68] Prepar'd by God for the puniſhment of impenitent Sinners. ¶ [69] *viz.* Of *Aſſyria*, and his great Commanders; as alſo for their other Grand Enemy, the Grand ior himſelf. See *n.*62. ¶ [70] *Gen.*19.24.

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The prophet ſheweth the curſed folly in truſting to Egypt, and forſaking of God.

WO to them that go down to [1] Egypt for help, and ſtay on horſes, and truſt in chariots, becauſe *they are* many; and in horſemen, becauſe they are very ſtrong: but they look not unto the holy One of Iſrael, neither ſeek the LORD.

[1] *Ch.*30.2. Contrary to *Deut.*17.16. and 28.68. *Hoſ.*11.5.

2 [2] Yet he alſo *is* wiſe, and will bring evil, and will not † call back his [3] words: but will ariſe againſt the houſe of the evil-doers, and againſt the [4] help of them that work iniquity.

† Heb. *remove.*

[2] *q.d.* As wiſe as you think your ſelves, yet God is able to countermine all your ſubtle contrivances, and bring evil upon you in ſpight of all your projects to the contrary. ¶ [3] His threatnings. ¶ [4] Their Helpers, *i.e.* The *Egyptians*, who come in to the help of this wicked people.

3 Now the Egyptians *are* [5] men and not God, and their horſes fleſh and not ſpirit; when the LORD ſhall [6] ſtretch out his hand, both he that helpeth ſhall fall, and he that is holpen ſhall fall down, and they all ſhall fail together.

[5] *Pſal.*9.20. and 56.11. *Ezek.*28.9. ¶ [6] *Jer.*15.-6. *Zeph.* 2.13.

4 For thus hath the LORD ſpoken unto me, [7] Like as the lyon and the young lyon roring on his prey, when a multitude of ſhepherds is called forth againſt him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abaſe himſelf for the ‖ noiſe of them: ſo ſhall the LORD of hoſts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

‖ Or, *multitude*

[7] *Mic.*5.8. Here he treats of God's Mercy to the Jews, in the latter days, with a promiſe, (uttered exhortation-wiſe) of their turning to him, (*v.*6,7.) and a Threat of the Downfal, principally of that mighty Tyrant, (ſpoken of, *ch.*30.31.) but immediately of the *Aſſyrian*, *v.*8,9.

5 [8] As birds flying, ſo will the LORD of hoſts [9] defend Jeruſalem, defending alſo he will [10] deliver *it*, *and* [11] paſſing over he will preſerve *it*.

[8] *q. d.* As Birds come flying ſpeedily, and keep a flying about, when any one comes near to deſtroy their Neſts, or Young, ſo—— ¶ [9] *ch.*37.35. *Pſal.*91.5. and 125.2. *Zech.* 2.5. and 9.15. and 12.8. ¶ [10] *Pſal.*37.40. ¶ [11] As the Angel paſſed over the Houſes of the Iſraelites, ſo will God now ſpare his People, and deſtroy their Enemies.

6 ¶ [12] Turn ye unto *him from* whom the children of Iſrael have [13] deeply revolted.

[12] This is to be underſtood as a promiſe of their converſion. ¶ [13] *Hoſ.*9.9.

7 For [14] in that day every man ſhall [15] caſt away his idols of ſilver, and † his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you [16] *for* a ſin.

† Heb. *the idols of his gold.*

[14] When the *Aſſyrian* ſhall invade your Land, you ſhall then find the vanity of your Idols, and truſting in them. ¶ [15] See on *ch.*2.20. ¶ [16] Wherewith to commit that moſt heinous ſin of Idolatry.

8 ¶ Then ſhall the Aſſyrian fall with [17] the ſword, not of a [18] mighty man; and the ſword, not of a [18] mean man, ſhall devour him: but he ſhall flee ‖ from the ſword, and his [19] young men ſhall be † ‖ diſcomfited.

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‖ Or, *for fear of the ſword.* † Heb. *for melting, or tribute.* ‖ Or, *tributary.*

[17] Stroke or blow. ¶ [18] But of an Angel, 2 *King.*19.35. or by the immediate hand of God from Heaven, *Rev.*20. 8-10. *Ezek.*38. and 39. ¶ [19] The youth and flower of his Army.

9 And † he ſhall paſs over to his ‖ [20] ſtrong hold for fear, and his princes ſhall be afraid of the [21] enſign, ſaith the LORD, [22] whoſe fire *is* in Zion, and [22] his furnace in Jeruſalem.

† Heb. *his rock ſhall paſs away for fear.* ‖ Or, *ſtrength.*

[20] Strong City of *Niniveh*, ch.37.37. ¶ [21] Of that enſign or deſtruction which God by his Angel had lifted up againſt 'em. ¶ [22] Who is and will appear to be in *Sion* like a fire to defend his People, and conſume their enemies.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 The bleſſings of Chriſts kingdom: 9 Deſolation is foreſhewn: 15 Reſtauration is promiſed to ſucceed.

BEhold, [1] a king ſhall reign in righteouſneſs, and [2] princes ſhall rule in judgment.

[1] *Hezekiah*, as a Type of Chriſt; but chiefly Chriſt typified by him, *Pſal.*45.6,7. and 72.2. ¶ [2] Chief Officers of State under the King; and Officers in the Church under Chriſt.

2 And a [3] man ſhall be as an hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempeſt: as [4] rivers of water in a dry place, as the ſhadow of a † great rock in a [5] weary land.

† Heb. *heavy.*

[3] That King and his Officers; both in the Type and Antitype ſhall be a ſhelter to the People from oppreſſion and violence, affliction and perſecution. ¶ [4] A great refreſhing to thoſe that are wronged, (by righting 'em.) ¶ [5] In a hot Country where the Traveller is grown weary, *John* 4.6.

3 And [6] the eyes of them that ſee, ſhall not be dim; and the [6] ears of them that hear, ſhall hearken.

[6] Such as are willing to be inſtructed, ſhall receive benefit, *viz.* an increaſe of knowledge, *Matth.*13.12.

4 The heart alſo of the † [7] raſh ſhall [7] underſtand knowledge, and the tongue of [8] the ſtammerers ſhall be ready to ſpeak ‖ plainly.

† Heb. *haſty.* ‖ Or, *elegantly.*

[7] Such as ruſh upon ſin without any conſideration, (as all unregenerate Perſons do) ſhall become more knowing and conſiderate, *Neh.*8.-8,12. ¶ [8] Who could ſpeak but very imperfectly of the things of God, ſhall talk to edification, *Prov.*15.-26. *Zeph.*3.9. *Eph.*4.29. *Col.*4.6.

5 [9] The vile perſon ſhall be no more called liberal, nor [9] the churl ſaid *to be* bountiful.

[9] *Pſal.*15.4. Wicked, worthleſs Perſons ſhall be valued and treated accordingly, and all things managed with great ſimplicity and ſincerity.

6 For the [10] vile perſon will ſpeak villany, and his heart will [11] work iniquity, [11] to practiſe hypocriſie, and [12] to utter errour againſt the LORD, [11] to make empty the ſoul of the hungry, and he will cauſe the drink of the thirſty to fail.

[10] Such Perſons will ſome time or other diſcover the temper of their Spirits by their outward Behaviour. ¶ [11] Contrive ſome miſchief or other, and then cover over his foul purpoſes and practices with fair pretences. ¶ [12] To pronounce unrighteous Sentences, (which is againſt the Will of God) whereby the poor ſhall be deprived of their livelihood, and neceſſary proviſions.

7 [13] The inſtruments alſo of the churl *are* evil: he deviſeth wicked devices to deſtroy the poor with [14] lying words, even ‖ when the needy [15] ſpeaketh right.

‖ Or, *when he ſpeaketh* againſt *the poor in judgment.*

[13] Theſe wicked perſons ſpoken of, *v.*5. make uſe of ſuitable means and methods, and inſtruments to bring about their evil purpoſes. ¶ [14] By falſe informations, Evidence, unjuſt Cenſures, or the like. ¶ [15] Has a juſt Cauſe, and ſpeaks nothing but reaſon in the defence of it.

8 But the liberal deviſeth liberal things, and by liberal things ſhall he ‖ [16] ſtand.

‖ Or, *be eſtabliſhed.*

[16] Be firmly ſettled in a proſperous condition, (and not undo himſelf thereby, as ſome imagin.)

9 ¶ [17] Riſe up ye women that are at eaſe, hear my voice ye careleſs daughters, give ear unto my ſpeech.

[17] Here is threatned an extream deſolation to befall the Jews, till by the Spirit of God they are made new Creatures, *v.*15. which will produce bleſſed Fruit, *v.* 16-18. and may refer to the laſt days.

10 † Many

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10 † Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the [18] gathering shall not come.

†Heb. *days above a year.* [18] *viz.* Of other fruits.

11 Tremble ye women that are at ease: be troubled ye careless ones: strip ye and make ye bare, and gird *sackcloth* upon your loyns.

12 They shall lament for the [19] teats, for the † pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

†Heb. *fields of desire.*

[19] Because their milk is dried up for want of food.

13 Upon the land of my people shall come up [20] thorns *and* briers, ‖ yea, [21] upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city.

‖ Or, *burning upon, &c.*

[20] *Ch.*7.-23. and 34.13. *Hos.* 9.-6. ¶ [21] That Ground upon which your Houses stand, wherein you make so merry.

14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken, the multitude of the city shall be left, the ‖ forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks:

‖ Or, *clifts and watch-towers.*

15 [22] Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and [23] the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the [24] fruitful field be counted for a forest.

[22] *q. d.* This desolation forementioned shall continue more or less till the days of the Messiah, when God will abundantly bestow his Spirit on the Apostles and other Believers, *Joel* 2.28. and then afterwards other Calamities shall be brought upon 'em more severely for their rejecting of Christ. ¶ [23] *ch.*29. 17. (See there.) and 35.2. and 37. 24. They that were desolate and destroyed, shall revive and flourish, and their enemies be brought to destruction; and also the barren Gentiles shall become the People of God; and the Jews, now his fruitful Garden, be rejected.

16 Then [24] judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and [24] righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

[24] *Ch.*60.21. Righteous Judgment shall be executed in all places.

17 And the [25] work of righteousness shall be [26] peace, and the effect of righteousness, [27] quietness and [27] assurance for ever.

[25] The fruit and benefit that shall redound to my people thereby. ¶ [26] *ch.*26.3. and 48.18. and 54.-13. and 66.12. *Psal.*119.165. *Jam.*3.18. Both inward and outward, with God and Man: and also outward prosperity, *Psal.* 72.2,3. *Rom.*14.17. ¶ [27] A quiet composure of mind, and a confident assurance of God's Mercy, and the fulfilling of his Promises, *ch.*30.-15.

18 And [28] thy people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places:

[28] Both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews after their Conversion in the last days

19 [29] When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the [30] city shall be ‖ low in a low place.

‖ Or, *utterly abased.*

[29] *i. e.* God shall vouchsafe great peace to his faithful people, even when Judgments are pour'd down upon impenitent Sinners; and particularly upon the unbelieving Jews. ¶ [30] *Jerusalem* shall be brought very low, even utterly destroyed, *Matth.*24.2.

20 [31] Blessed *are* ye that sow beside all [32] waters, that send forth *thither* the feet of the [33] ox and the [33] ass.

[31] *q. d.* Happy are the Apostles and Gospel-Ministers (in comparison of those that lived afore 'em) who shall find abundant success of their labours, in the conversion of multitudes unto Christ, *John*4.38. *Acts* 2.41. and 4.4. and 5.14. ¶ [32] Fat grounds, such as lie by Rivers. ¶ [33] To plow and sow.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Gods judgments against the enemies of the church. 13 The godlies priviledges:

WO to thee that [1] spoilest, and thou [2] *wast* not spoiled; and dealest [3] treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee: [4] when thou shalt cease to spoil, [5] thou shalt be spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

[1] *V.*8. *ch.*21.2. *ch.*24.8. Who hast plunder'd and spoil'd the People of God, the Jews. ¶ [2] Thine Enemies were not able to do thee any hurt. ¶ [3] 2 *King.* 18. 14, 17. ¶ [4] When the time set for thy victorious proceedings is expir'd. ¶ [5] *Jer.*25.12,14. *Hab.*2.8. *Rev.*13.10. and 16.6.

2 O LORD, be gracious unto us, we have [6] waited for thee: be thou [7] their arm [8] every morning; our salvation also in the time of trouble.

[6] *Ch.*8. 17. and 25. 9. and 26. 8. and 30.-18. ¶ [7] The strength of thy people, (whom here he prays for, upon consideration of the Judgments coming upon 'em.) ¶ [8] *Jer* 7.18. *Psal.*73.14. *Lam.*3. 23. Speedily and constantly.

3 At the noise of the [9] tumult the [10] people fled: at the lifting up of thy [11] self the nations were scattered.

[9] *Viz.* In the *Assyrian* Camp, caused by the Angels destroying of 'em. ¶ [10] They that escap'd that stroke. ¶ [11] *ch.*30.30. To smite and destroy thine Enemies.

4 And your spoil shall be [12] gathered [13] *like* the gathering of the caterpiller: [14] as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

[12] *V.*-23. 2 *Chron.* 20. 25. ¶ [13] As Caterpillars devour all that is green, and leave nothing behind 'em, so shall men gather your spoils. ¶ [14] As Locusts run to and fro in the Field, so shall each man that goes out of *Jerusalem* run up and down to gather what Spoils he can find in the Camp of the *Assyrians.*

5 The LORD [15] is exalted: for he dwelleth [16] on high, he [17] hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

[15] *V.*10. *ch.*2.-11. and 12.4. *Psal.*118.16. Will manifest his Power, and gain much honour to himself by the destruction of his Enemies, and deliverance of his People. ¶ [16] And so can bring unavoidable destruction on his Enemies, *Psal.* 2.4,5. & 11.4,6. and 93.4. and 113.3. ¶ [17] Will fill *Jerusalem* with the execution of Justice, and so the City shall be blessed with true Religion and Righteousness.

6 And [18] wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of [19] thy times, *and* [20] strength of † salvation: [21] the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

†Heb. *salvations.*

[18] Spiritual Wisdom, and the saving knowledge of God, (which shall then abound) and also the exercise of Wisdom and knowledge in the pious and prudent management of the affairs of the Realm, shall be the means to establish the Peace and prosperous estate thereof. ¶ [19] O *Hezekiah,* (to whom he here turns his Speech.) ¶ [20] A strong safeguard and defence, *ch.*32.17,18. ¶ [21] His Zeal and Care to promote the true Worship of God shall be as dear to him, as all treasures, and a means to increase his Wealth, 2 *Chron.*32.27.-29.

7 Behold, [22] their ‖ valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadours [23] of peace shall [24] weep bitterly.

‖ Or, *messengers*

[22] Even their stoutest Soldiers shall be stricken with fear, and lament their great danger upon the invasion of the *Assyrians,* and their besieging the Cities. ¶ [23] Sent to obtain Peace. ¶ [24] For their disappointment, 2 *King.* 18. 37.

8 The high-ways lie [25] waste, the way-faring man [25] ceaseth, [26] he hath broken the [27] covenant, he [28] hath despised the cities, he [29] regardeth no man.

[25] *Judg.*5.6. Because of the danger in travelling. ¶ [26] *Sennacherib.* ¶ [27] Made with the state of *Judah,* 2 *King.* 18. 14.-17. ¶ [28] Scorns their strength, and rejects their messages for peace. ¶ [29] *Luke* 18.-2.

9 The earth mourneth *and* languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed *and* ‖ hewn down: [30] Sharon is like a wilderness, and Bashan and Carmel [31] shake off *their fruits.*

‖ Or, *withered away.*

[30] *Ch.*35.2. 1 *Chron.*27.29. *Cant.*2.1. ¶ [31] Are spoiled of their fruits.

10 [32] Now will I rise, saith the LORD: now will I be [33] exalted, now will I lift up my self.

[32] When the case seems desperate, and there's no hope for my people of help and deliverance, *Deut.* 32. 36. *Psal.* 72.*Ps. Isa.*59.16. and 30.17,18.

11 [34] Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth

Chap.33. forth ſtubble: [34] your breath *as* fire ſhall devour you.

[33] Your plots and deſigns againſt *Jeruſalem* ſhall prove fruitleſs and ſucceſsleſs. ¶ [34] Your rage againſt my people ſhall be your own ruin.

12 And the [35] people ſhall be *as* the burnings of lime: *as* thorns cut up ſhall they be burnt in the fire.

[35] The *Aſſyrian* Army ſhall be conſum'd by the fire of God's Wrath, and the deſtroying Angel.

[36] *ch.*18.3. 13 ¶ [36] Hear ye *that are* far off, what I have done: and ye *that are* near, acknowledge my might.

14 [37] The ſinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulneſs hath ſurprized the hypocrites: [38] who among us ſhall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us ſhall dwell with everlaſting burnings?

[37] *q.d.* This miraculous deſtruction of the *Aſſyrians* ſhall ſtrike even the moſt profane among my people, who uſed to ſcoff at my threatnings, with terror, leſt I ſhould proceed in wrath againſt themſelves. ¶ [38] So that they ſhall ſay, How ſhall we be able to endure the wrath of this God, which if it once ſeize upon us, will utterly conſume us, and will alſo be a pledge and forerunner of eternal torments in Hell, if not prevented by timely repentance?

†Heb. *in righteouſneſſes.* †Heb. *uprightneſſes.* ‖ Or, *deceits.* † Heb. *bloods.* 15 He that [39] walketh † righteouſly, and [40] ſpeaketh † uprightly; he that deſpiſeth the gain of ‖ oppreſſions, that ſhaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that ſtoppeth his ears [41] from hearing of † blood, and ſhutteth his eyes [42] from ſeeing evil:

[39] *Ch.*56.1,2. *Pſal.*15.2. and 26.11. and 106.3. ¶ [40] *Pſal.* 15.2. ¶ [41] From harkening to any motion that has a tendency to murder. ¶ [42] Will not only not do it himſelf, but will not countenance it in others; nor behold any thing that may be an occaſion of it to himſelf, *Job* 31.1.

[39] Out of the reach of danger. † Heb. *bright*, or, *high places.* † Heb. *of far diſtances.* 16 He ſhall dwell [43] on † high: his place of defence *ſhall be* the munitions of rocks, bread ſhall be given him, his waters *ſhall be* ſure.

17 Thine eyes ſhall ſee the [44] king in his beauty: they ſhall [45] behold the land † that is very far off.

[44] *Hezekiah* in a more proſperous condition than formerly, (2 *Chron.*32.23.) and Chriſt, (typified by him) triumphing over all his Enemies, and ruling his own People with righteouſneſs. ¶ [45] Be at liberty to travel about, whereſoever their occaſions called 'em, *Pſal.*31.8. and 119.45.

† Heb. *weigher.* 18 Thine heart ſhall [46] meditate terrour: [47] Where *is* the [48] ſcribe? where *is* [49] the † receiver? where *is* he [50] that counted the towers?

[46] Call to mind, with delight and thankfulneſs, the former troubles and diſtreſs thou haſt been in, ſo as not to fear any more ſuch attempts, *v.*19. ¶ [47] The Apoſtle applies theſe words to Goſpel-times, (1 *Cor.* 1.20.) and ſo directs us to refer 'em thither alſo. ¶ [48] The Muſter-maſter. ¶ [49] The Treaſurer for the Army. ¶ [50] The chief Ingineer to ſurvey their Works and Fortifications. *q. d.* Here are none of theſe Officers to look after any thing: Let us get 'em as ſoon as may be.

‖ Or, *ridiculous* 19 Thou ſhalt [51] not ſee a fierce people, a people of a [52] deeper ſpeech then thou canſt perceive: of a ‖ [52] ſtammering tongue, *that thou canſt* not underſtand.

[51] *Exod.*14.13. Not be troubled any more with the *Aſſyrians*, but deliver'd from 'em, 2 *King.*19.32. ¶ [52] *ch.*28.11. See there.

20 [53] Look upon Zion the city of our ſolemnities: thine eyes ſhall ſee Jeruſalem a [54] quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* ſhall [55] not be taken down, not one of the ſtakes thereof ſhall ever be removed, neither ſhall any of the cords thereof be broken.

[53] *Pſal.*48.12,13. Obſerve and conſider her beauty and ſafety; that ſhe has not received the leaſt damage, notwithſtanding all the threats of the Enemy, *ch.* 10. and 11. ¶ [54] *Pſal.*46.5. and 125.1,2. ¶ [55] *Pſal.* 78.-69. A Type of the ſtability of the Church, *Matth.*16.18.

† Heb. *broad of ſpaces*, or *hands.* 21 But there the glorious LORD *will be* unto us a [56] place † of broad rivers *and* ſtreams; wherein ſhall go [57] no galley with oars, neither ſhall gallant ſhip paſs thereby.

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[56] A ſtrong and ſecure defence. ¶ [57] No Enemy be able to diſturb us, *Pſal.*91.9,10.

† Heb. *ſtatute-maker.* 22 For the LORD *is* our [58] judge, the LORD *is* our † [59] law-giver, the LORD *is* our [60] king, he will [61] ſave us.

[58] To deliver us from our Enemies, (as the Judges of old did the Iſraelites, *Judg.*2.16.) and right us againſt thoſe that wrong us, *Pſal.*7.6,8,11. and 9.4. and 26.1. and 75.7. and 94.2. ¶ [59] *Jam.*4.12. Who has in a peculiar manner appointed Laws for us, *Pſal.*147.19,20. *Deut.*33.-2. ¶ [60] *Pſ.* 44.4. and 74.12. and 89.-18. ¶ [61] *ch.* 25.9. *Pſal.* 72.4, 12--14.

‖ Or, *They have forſaken thy tacklings.* 23 ‖ [62] Thy tacklings are looſed, they could not well ſtrengthen their maſt, they could not ſpread the ſail: then is the prey of a great ſpoil [63] divided, [64] the lame take the prey.

[62] Thy Army, O *Aſſyrian*, ſhall be ſhatter'd to pieces, and deſtroyed. ¶ [63] *viz.* By my People, who ſhall ſeize upon the ſpoils of the *Aſſyrian* Camp, when they are deſtroyed and gone. ¶ [64] Even the meaneſt ſhall partake of theſe benefits.

24 And the [65] inhabitant ſhall not ſay, I am ſick: the people that dwell therein *ſhall be* [66] forgiven *their* iniquity.

[65] *Viz.* Of *Jeruſalem*, ſhall have no occaſion of complaint by reaſon of the ſiege, but ſhall be fully deliver'd from their Enemies, and all evil occurrents. ¶ [66] *viz.* Upon their repentance and reformation procur'd by this affliction.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 The judgments wherewith God revengeth his church: 11 The deſolation of her enemies.

† Heb. *the fulneſs thereof.* 1 [1] COme near ye nations to hear, and hearken ye people: let the earth hear, and † all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

[1] Take notice with admiration, of God's Judgments upon all his Enemies.

[2] That are enemies to the Church. 2 For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon [2] all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly deſtroyed them, he hath delivered them to the ſlaughter.

3 Their ſlain alſo ſhall be caſt out, and their [3] ſtink ſhall come up out of their carcaſes, and the mountains ſhall [4] be melted with their blood.

[3] *Joel* 2.-20. ¶ [4] *Pſal.*97.5. *Am.*9.-13. Run down with ſtreams of blood, as if melted into blood.

* Pſal.102.26. Ezek.32.7. & 3.15. Mat.24.29. 2 Pet.3.10. 4 And * all the hoſt of heaven ſhall be [5] diſſolved, and the heavens ſhall be rolled together as a ſcrole: and all their hoſt ſhall fall down as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling *fig* from the fig-tree.

[5] *Ch.*13.10. and 24.23. *Joel.*3.15. *Rev.*6.13,14. Such confuſions and deſolations in Kingdoms and Nations, and ſuch terror and conſternation upon mens Spirits, as if the day of Judgment were come.

5 For my ſword ſhall be [6] bathed in heaven: behold, it ſhall come down upon Idumea, and upon [7] the people of my curſe [7] to judgment.

[6] Judgment is decreed in Heaven, and from thence ſhall be executed upon mine enemies, *Rom.* 1.18. ¶ [7] All thoſe whom I have devoted to deſtruction, to take vengeance on 'em.

* Chap.63.1. 6 The ſword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatneſs, *and* with the blood of [8] lambs and [8] goats, with the fat of the kidneys of [8] rams: for * the LORD hath [9] a ſacrifice in Bozrah, and a great ſlaughter in the land of Idumea.

[8] Perſons of all ranks (whoſe deſtruction ſhall be as acceptable to God as a Sacrifice.) ¶ [9] *Zeph.*1.-7.

‖ Or, *rhinoceros.* 7 And the ‖ [10] unicorns ſhall come down with them, and the [10] bullocks with the bulls, and their

Chap.35. their land shall be ‖ soked with bloud, and their dust made fat with fatness.

‖ Or, *drunken.* [10] The most fierce and potent Grandees among 'em shall be destroy'd with the meaner sort.

8 For *it is* the [11] day of the LORDs vengeance, *and* the year of recompences for the controversie [12] of Zion.

[11] *Ch.* 63.4. ¶ [12] Which the Church of God has with her Enemies for all the wrong they have done 'em.

9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into [13] pitch, and the dust thereof into [13] brimstone, and the land thereof shall become [13] burning pitch.

[13] *Deut.*29.23. The Land of *Idumea* shall be laid waste, like *Sodom* and *Gomorrah.*

10 It shall [14] not be quenched night nor day, * Mal.1.4. the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: * from generation to generation it shall be waste, none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

[14] This desolation shall continue for a long time; as *Jer.* 7.-20. Rev.14.11. and 19. 3.

‖ Or, *pelican.* 11 ¶ But the ‖ [15] cormorant and the bittern shall possess it, the owl also and the raven shall * 2 Kin.21.13. Lam.2.8. dwell in it, and * he shall stretch out upon it the [16] line of confusion, and the [16] stones of emptiness.

[15] *Ch.*13.18–22. and 14.23. *Zeph.*2.14. *Rev.*18.2. ¶ [16] The Line and Plummet to mark 'em out to destruction.

12 They shall call the nobles thereof [17] to the kingdom, but none *shall be* there, and all her princes shall be [18] nothing.

[17] To take the Government thereof upon 'em. ¶ [18] Altogether unable to help.

* Hos.9.6. 13 And * thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof, * Chap.13.21. and * it shall be an habitation of dragons, *and* a ‖ Or, *ostriches.* † Heb. *daughters of the owl.* court for ‖ † owls.

14 † The wild beasts of the desert shall also † Heb. *Ziim.* meet with † the wild beasts of the island, and the † Heb. *Ijim.* satyr shall cry to his fellow, the ‖ shrich-owl also ‖ Or, *night-monster.* shall rest there, and find for her self a place of rest.

15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 ¶ Seek ye out of the [19] book of the LORD, and [20] read: no one of [21] these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath [22] gathered them.

[19] This Prophecy, written by God's command. ¶ [20] *Viz.* What is written therein; and compare it with the event (when it's come to pass) and you shall find it exactly fulfill'd. ¶ [21] Doleful creatures, *v.*11.14,15. ¶ [22] Brought 'em together, (as is here foretold.)

17 And he hath [23] cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

[23] Given the Land of *Idumea* to these Creatures for their habitation.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 The joyful flourishing of Christs kingdom. 3 The weak are encouraged by the vertues and priviledges of the gospel.

[1] THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them: and the desert shall rejoyce, and blossom as the rose.

[1] The Land of *Judea*, laid waste by the *Assyrian* Invasion, and the Church in general formerly oppressed and persecuted, shall rejoyce at this destruction of the Enemy, (*ch.*34.) and the prosperity of the Church ensuing thereupon, *ch.*52. 9. and 55.12. *Psal.*48.11. and 58.10.

* Chap.32.15. 2 * It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoyce even with joy and singing; the [2] glory of Leba- Chap.36. non shall be given unto it, [2] the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.

[2] The glorious manifestations of God's goodness and power to his people.

3 ¶ [3] Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

[3] *Hebr.* 12. 12. Encourage one another; especially let God's Ministers encourage his people to wait with Faith and Patience for the accomplishment of these promises.

4 Say to them *that are* of a † fearful heart, Be † Heb. *hasty.* strong, fear not: behold, your God [4] will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence, he will come and save you.

[4] *Ch.*30.27. and 40.10. and 66.15. *Hab* 2.3. *Hebr.* 10. 37. *Viz.* To destroy his Enemies and deliver his People: and Christ also will come in the Flesh for both these ends, *Luke* 2. 34.

5 Then the [5] eyes of the blind shall be opened, and * the [5] ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. * Mark 7. 32. &c.

[5] *Ch.*29.18. and 32.3. and 42.7. The poor Gentiles, who before were blind and deaf, shall have the eyes of their Mind open'd to see God's Works, and their ears to hear and receive his Word: (*Acts* 26.18. 2 *Cor.*4.6. *Eph.* 1. 18.) as a Pledge whereof many shall have their bodily sight and hearing restor'd, and many other Cures wrought on 'em, *Matth.* 9.27. *&c.* and 11.5. and 12.22. and 20.30. and 21. 14. *John* 9.6,7.

6 Then shall * the [6] lame *man* leap as an hart, * Matth. 11.5. & 21.14. and the tongue of the [7] dumb sing: for * [8] in the John 5.8,9. wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in Acts 3.2.&c. the desert. & 8.7.& 14.8. &c.

[6] The Lame, both corporally and spiritually, shall rejoyce in sense of God's goodness to 'em, enabling them to walk uprightly and sincerely. ¶ [7] *Matth.*9.32,33. and 12.22. and 15.30. *Luke* 1.64. and 2.20. and 19.37. and 24.50. *Acts* 3.8,9. *Rom.*15.11. ¶ [8] The Gentiles, who have been destitute of God's grace and all goodness, shall partake of a plentiful effusion thereof upon 'em, *John* 7.38,39.

7 And [8] the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in * Chap.34.13. * the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall* ‖ Or, *a court for reeds,* &c. *be* ‖ grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And an [9] high-way shall be there, and [9] a way, and it shall be called the way [10] of holiness, the unclean shall [11] not pass over it, ‖ but it *shall* ‖ Or, *for he* *be* for [12] those: the way-faring men, [13] though shall be *with* fools, shall not err *therein.* *them.*

[9] Men shall travel up and down freely without molestation: and shall also enjoy the liberty of the Ordinances to lead 'em to Heaven and Happiness. ¶ [10] *ch.*65.21. Wherein holy men do walk, and holiness is practis'd. ¶ [11] *Joel* 3. 17. *Rev.*21.27. ¶ [12] Those Regenerate ones, upon whom the Cures formention'd (*v.*5,6.) shall be wrought. ¶ [13] *Mat.* 11. 25.

9 * [14] No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there: but the redeemed shall walk *there.* * Lev.26.6.

[14] The Spiritual Enemies of God's people; the Devil and his Instruments, shall not so molest 'em, as to turn 'em out of the way, or destroy 'em in it, *ch.* 11.9.

10 And * [15] the ransomed of the LORD * Chap.51.11 shall return and come to Zion with songs, and [16] everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and [17] * sorrow and sigh- * Chap.25.8. ing shall flee away. Rev.7.17.

[15] Such as Christ has redeem'd from the Spiritual Bondage of Sin and Satan, shall turn from their former wicked ways, and joyn themselves to the Church. ¶ [16] *John* 16. 22. ¶ [17] *Rev.*21.4.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Sennacherib invadeth Judah. 4 Rabshakehs blasphemous perswasion to the people. 22 His words are told to Hezekiah.

3294. [1] NOw it came to pass in the fourteenth year [1] See on 2 *Kin.* of king Hezekiah, *that* Sennacherib king 18.13.&c.

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of Aſſyria came up againſt all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

2 And the king of Aſſyria ſent Rabſhakeh, from Lachiſh to Jeruſalem, unto king Hezekiah, with a great army: and he ſtood by the conduit of the upper pool in the high-way of the fullers field.

3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim Hilkiahs ſon, which *was* over the houſe, and Shebna the ‖ ſcribe, and Joah Aſaphs ſon the recorder.

‖ Or, *ſecretary.*

4 ¶ And Rabſhakeh ſaid unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus ſaith the great king, the king of Aſſyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou truſteſt?

† Heb. *a word of lips.* ‖ Or, But *counſel & ſtrength are for the war.*

5 I ſay, *ſayeſt thou* (but *they are but* † vain words) ‖ *I have* counſel and ſtrength for war: now on whom doſt thou truſt, that thou rebelleſt againſt me?

* Ezek. 29.6,7.

6 Lo, thou truſteſt in the * ſtaff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand and pierce it: ſo *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that truſt in him.

7 But if thou ſay to me, We truſt in the LORD our God: *is it* not he whoſe high places, and whoſe altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and ſaid to Judah and to Jeruſalem, Ye ſhall worſhip before this altar?

‖ Or, *hoſtages.*

8 Now therefore give ‖ pledges, I pray thee, to my maſter the king of Aſſyria, and I will give thee two thouſand horſes, if thou be able on thy part to ſet riders upon them.

9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the leaſt of my maſters ſervants, and put thy truſt on Egypt for chariots and for horſemen?

10 And am I now come up without the LORD againſt this land to deſtroy it? the LORD ſaid unto me, Go up againſt this land, and deſtroy it.

11 ¶ Then ſaid Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabſhakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy ſervants in the Syrian language; for we underſtand *it*: and ſpeak not to us in the Jews language, in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

12 ¶ But Rabſhakeh ſaid, Hath my maſter ſent me to thy maſter and to thee, to ſpeak theſe words? *hath he* not *ſent me* to the men that ſit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piſs with you?

13 Then Rabſhakeh ſtood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews language, and ſaid, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Aſſyria.

14 Thus ſaith the King, Let not Hezekiah deceive you, for he ſhall not be able to deliver you.

15 Neither let Hezekiah make you truſt in the LORD, ſaying, The LORD will ſurely deliver us, this city ſhall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Aſſyria.

16 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus ſaith the king of Aſſyria, ‖ † Make an agreement with me by a preſent, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own ciſtern:

‖ Or, *ſeek my favour by a preſent.* † Heb. *Make with me a bleſſing.*

17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 *Beware* leſt Hezekiah perſwade you, ſaying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Aſſyria?

19 Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and Arphad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

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20 Who *are they* amongſt all the gods of theſe lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD ſhould deliver Jeruſalem out of my hand?

21 But they held their peace, and anſwered him not a word: for the kings commandment was, ſaying, Anſwer him not.

22 ¶ Then came Eliakim the ſon of Hilkiah, that *was* over the houſhold, and Shebna the ſcribe, and Joah the ſon of Aſaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabſhakeh.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *Hezekiah mourning, ſendeth to Iſaiah to pray for them.* 6 *Iſaiah comforteth them.* 36 *An angel ſlayeth the Aſſyrians.* 37 *Sennacherib ſlain by his ſons.*

1 AND it came to paſs when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himſelf with ſackcloth, and went into the houſe of the LORD. ¹ See on 2 Kin. 19.1.&c.

2 And he ſent Eliakim, who *was* over the houſhold, and Shebna the ſcribe, and the elders of the prieſts covered with ſackcloth, unto Iſaiah the prophet the ſon of Amoz.

3 And they ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of ‖ blaſphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not ſtrength to bring forth.

‖ Or, *provocation.*

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabſhakeh, whom the king of Aſſyria his maſter hath ſent to reproch the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant *that is* † left.

† Heb. *found.*

5 So the ſervants of king Hezekiah came to Iſaiah.

6 ¶ And Iſaiah ſaid unto them, Thus ſhall ye ſay unto your maſter, Thus ſaith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou haſt heard, wherewith the ſervants of the king of Aſſyria have blaſphemed me.

7 Behold, I will ‖ ſend a blaſt upon him, and he ſhall hear a rumour, and return to his own land, and I will cauſe him to fall by the ſword in his own land.

‖ Or, *put a ſpirit into him.*

8 ¶ So Rabſhakeh returned, and found the king of Aſſyria warring againſt Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachiſh.

9 And he heard ſay concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee: and when he heard *it*, he ſent meſſengers to Hezekiah, ſaying,

10 Thus ſhall ye ſpeak to Hezekiah king of Judah, ſaying, Let not thy God in whom thou truſteſt, deceive thee, ſaying, Jeruſalem ſhall not be given into the hand of the king of Aſſyria.

11 Behold, thou haſt heard what the kings of Aſſyria have done to all lands by deſtroying them utterly, and ſhalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have deſtroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Telaſſar?

13 Where *is* the king of * Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

* Jer. 49.23.

14 ¶ And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the meſſengers, and read it: and Hezekiah

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zekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying,

16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth, thou hast made heaven and earth.

3294. 17 Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproch the living God.

18 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria † Heb. *lands.* have laid waste all the † nations and their countreys,

† Heb. *given.* 19 And have † cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of mens hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know, that thou *art* the LORD, *even* thou only.

21 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:

22 This *is* the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him, The virgin, the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn, the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

23 Whom hast thou reproched and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the holy One of Israel.

† Heb. *By the hand of.* 24 † By thy servants hast thou reproched the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains to the sides of Lebanon, and I will cut † Heb. *the talness of the cedars thereof,* and *the choice of the fir-trees thereof.* down † the tall cedars thereof, *and* the choice fir-trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, *and* ‖ the forest of his Carmel.

‖ Or, *the forest* and *his fruitful field.* 25 I have digged and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the ‖ besieged places.

‖ Or, *fenced and closed.* ‖ Or, *Hast thou not heard* how *I have made it long ago,* &c. as 2 King. 19. 25. 26 ‖ Hast thou not heard long ago, *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

† Heb. *short of hand.* 27 Therefore their inhabitants *were* † of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the house-tops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up.

‖ Or, *sitting.* 28 But I know thy ‖ abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

* Chap. 30. 28. Ezek. 38. 4. 29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult is come up into mine ears: therefore * will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

30 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as groweth of it self: and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

† Heb. *the escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.* 31 † And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah, shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

3294. 32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and † they that escape out of mount Zion: * the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

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† Heb. *the escaping.* * 2 Kin. 19. 31.

33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with † shields, nor cast a bank against it. Chap. 9. 7.

† Heb. *shield.*

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

35 For I will * defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant Davids sake. * 2 Kin. 20. 6.

36 Then the * angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses. * 2 Kin. 19. 35.

37 ¶ So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

38 And it came to pass as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of † Armenia: and Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead. †Heb. *Ararat.*

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1 Hezekiah hath his life lengthened. 8 The sun goeth ten degrees backward for a sign of that promise. 9 Hezekiahs thanksgiving.

3291. IN those days was Hezekiah sick unto death: and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came [1] See on 2 *Kin.* 20. 1–11. unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, † Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. † Heb. *Give charge concerning thy house.*

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

3 And said, Remember, now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight: and Hezekiah wept † sore. † Heb. *with great weeping.*

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

5 Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

6 And I will deliver thee, and this city, out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

7 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken:

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees which is gone down in the † sun-dial of Ahaz ten degrees backward. So the Sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down. † Heb. *degrees by* or *with, the sun.*

9 ¶ [2] The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:

[2] A Song of Thanksgiving (for his Recovery) as *ch.* 12. and 25. and 26. *Exod.* 15. *Judg.* 5. 1 *Sam.* 2. *Psal.* 18. and 30. and 34.

10 I said [3] in the cutting off of my days, I shall go [4] to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the [5] residue of my years.

[3] When that message of death was brought me, *v.* 1. ¶ [4] 2 *Cor.* 1. 9. Into the Grave. ¶ [5] Which according to the course of nature I might have lived.

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11 I said, I shall [6] not see the LORD, *even* the LORD in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

[6] *Psal.* 27.4. and 42.2. and 84. 7. No longer enjoy Communion with God in his Ordinances.

* Job 7.6.

12 * [7] Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a [8] shepherds tent: [9] I have cut off like a weaver, my life: he will cut me off ‖ with pining sickness: [10] from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

‖ Or, *from the thrum.*

[7] The time of my life and abode here in this World. ¶ [8] Soon set up and taken down. ¶ [9] I made no other account but that my life was at an end. ¶ [10] Thou art continually, every day and night, pursuing me with such pains as will suddenly make an end of me.

13 [11] I reckoned till morning, *that* as a lion so will he break all my bones: [10] from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

[11] I lay musing with my self all night long till morning, concluding that I should soon be dispatch'd.

14 Like a crane *or* a swallow, so did I [12] chatter: I did [12] mourn as a [13] dove: mine eyes fail *with looking* upward: O LORD, I am oppressed, ‖ [14] undertake for me.

‖ Or, *ease me.*

[12] My speech was broken and imperfect by reason of my pain. ¶ [13] *ch.* 59.11. *Ezek.* 9.16. ¶ [14] *Psal.* 119.122. Rescue me out of this imminent danger of death I am in.

15 [15] What shall I say? he hath both [16] spoken unto me, and himself hath [16] done *it*: I shall go [17] softly all my years [18] in the bitterness of my soul.

[15] *q. d.* And as I pray'd for deliverance and rescue (*v.* 14.) so God has done it, and I know not how to express my thankfulness for the same. ¶ [16] Sent me a contrary message, (*v.* 5.) and wrought my Recovery, 2 *Kings* 20. 7. ¶ [17] Circumspectly and carefully, so as to avoid every evil. ¶ [18] Or, *after the bitterness*; *i. e.* after my deliverance from this bitter and dangerous Disease.

16 O Lord, by [19] these *things men* [20] live, and in all these *things is* [21] the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

[19] Thy Word, Promises, and gracious Dealings. ¶ [20] *Deut.* 8.3. ¶ [21] That Life which is in my Body, from my Soul united to it.

‖ Or, *on my peace* came *great bitterness.* † Heb. *loved my soul from the pit.*

17 Behold, ‖ [22] for peace I had great bitterness; but thou hast † in love to my soul *delivered it* from the [23] pit of corruption: for thou hast [24] cast all my sins behind thy back.

[22] Instead of Health, Freedom from Enemies, and the like Mercies, which I promis'd my self the continuance of. ¶ [23] *Psal.* 55.23. The Grave, which consumes the Body. ¶ [24] *ch.* 43.25. *Psal.* 85.2. *Jer.* 31.34. *Mich.* 7.19. Forgiven those iniquities which brought this evil upon me.

18 [25] For the [26] grave cannot praise thee, death can*not* celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for [27] thy truth.

[25] *q. d.* Thou hast delivered me, that I might praise thee: which if I had been dead I could not have done. ¶ [26] *Psal.* 6.5. and 30.9. and 88.10–12. and 115.17,18. Persons in the Grave; the dead. ¶ [27] The accomplishment of thy Promises.

[28] *Psal.* 78.3,4. & 145.4. *Joel* 1.3.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: [28] the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20 The LORD *was ready* to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments, all the days of our life, in the house of the LORD.

* 2 Kin. 20.7. [29] As *Mark* 7.33. *John* 9.6.

21 For * Isaiah had said, Let them take [29] a lump of figs, and lay *it* for a plaister upon the boyl, and he shall recover.

22 Hezekiah also had said, What *is* the sign, that I shall go up to [30] the house of the LORD?

[30] That was the first place he design'd to visit after his Recovery.

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1 *Merodach-baladan sending to visit Hezekiah, hath notice of his treasures.* 3 *Isaiah foretelleth the Babylonian captivity.*

1 AT that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. 3291. [1] See on 2 *Kin.* 20.12–20.

2 And Hezekiah was [2] glad of them, and shewed them the house of his ‖ precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his ‖ † armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

‖ Or, *spicery.* ‖ Or, *jewels.* † Heb. *vessels*, or *instruments.*

[2] Tickled with a vain-glorious humour of being sent and sought unto by so potent a King, at so great a distance, 2 *Chr.* 32.25.

3 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prohet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far countrey unto me, *even* from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts.

6 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. Compl. 3398. 3405. 3416.

7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. Compl. 3398.

8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken: he said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

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1 *The promulgation of the gospel.* 3 *The preaching of John the Baptist.* 9 *The preaching of the Apostles.*

1 COmfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

[1] *q. d.* Tho' there be mention of sad tidings, (*ch.* 39.6,7.) yet there's ground of comfort also for my people, not only in respect of their deliverance from that evil, and captivity, but also of their Redemption from their Spiritual Enemies by Christ.

† Heb. *to the heart.* ‖ Or, *appointed time.*

2 Speak ye † comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her ‖ [2] warfare is accomplished, that her [3] iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORDs hand [4] double for all her sins.

[2] Her appointed time for her Captivity in *Babylon.* ¶ [3] *ch.* 39.17. God's wrath is appeased, and he'll remove the punishment. ¶ [4] *ch.* 61.7. *Jer.* 16.18. and 17.18. *Zech.* 9.12. *Rev.* 18.6. Punishment abundantly sufficient to answer God's design for their Reformation.

3 ¶ [5] The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, * [7] Prepare ye the way [8] of the LORD, make [9] straight in the desert a high-way for [8] our God. * Mal. 3.1.

[5] *Matth.* 3.3. (See there.) *q. d.* Methinks I hear the voice of one crying to poor Captives in a desolate, forlorn condition, both corporally, and spiritually. This is meant immediately of the deliverance of the Jews out of *Babylon*; but chiefly of the Redemption both of Jew and Gentile by Christ; whose forerunner was *John* the Baptist, *Matth.* 3.1. *&c.* ¶ [7] *i. e.* God by his Spirit shall so dispose mens hearts, and by his Providence so order the Affairs of the World, as to make

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make way for the fulfilling of this promiſe; and particularly, *John* the *Baptiſt*, by his Preaching ſhall bring men to repentance, and ſo fit 'em for the receiving of Chriſt. ¶ [8] For the entertainment of the Lord Chriſt in Men's Hearts. ¶ [9] *Deut.* 19.3. Even, and level, and direct, that they may go certainly and readily in it, without either ſtumbling or wandring.

4 [10] Every valley ſhall be exalted, and every mountain and hill ſhall be made low: and the crooked ſhall be made ‖ ſtraight, and the rough places ‖ plain.

‖ Or, *a ſtraight place.*

‖ Or, *a plain place.*

[10] *Luke* 3.5. All hindrances ſhall be removed, (*ch.* 11. 15, 16. and 42. 11. *Zech.* 3. 7.) and all ſorts of Perſons prepar'd by the *Baptiſt*'s Miniſtry, to ſtoop to the Yoke of Chriſt.

5 And the [11] glory of the LORD ſhall be revealed, and [12] all fleſh ſhall ſee *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath ſpoken *it*.

[11] The glorious power and goodneſs of God manifeſted in the deliverance of the Jews from *Babylon*, and the redemption of all Nations by Chriſt. ¶ [12] Both Jews and Gentiles.

6 [13] The voice ſaid, Cry. And [14] he ſaid, What ſhall I cry? All fleſh *is* [15] graſs, and all the goodlineſs thereof *is* as the flower of the field.

[13] *Viz.* Of God to me, which I heard in viſion. ¶ [14] The Prophet *Iſaiah* himſelf. ¶ [15] *ch.* 37.27. *Pſal.* 37. 2. and 90. 5,6. and 92.7. and 102.11. and 103.15. *Jam.* 1. 10. 1 *Pet.* 1.24. *q. d.* The deſigns and endeavours of the moſt powerful perſons will ſoon periſh and come to nothing; and therefore fear not the power of your enemies; for God's word and promiſes ſhall certainly take effect; and therefore you may comfortably expect the accompliſhment of them.

7 The graſs withereth, the flower fadeth; becauſe the [16] ſpirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: ſurely the [17] people *is* graſs.

[16] The Wind, *Pſal.* 103. 16. and 147. 18. *Hoſ.* 13. 15. ¶ [17] *Pſal.* 39.5. Even the Jews themſelves as well as others.

8 The graſs withereth, the flower fadeth: but the [18] word of our God ſhall [18] ſtand for ever.

[18] *ch.* 14.26,27. and 55. 10, 11. *Pſal.* 33. 10,11. and 119. 89,91. *Dan.* 4. 35. *Matth.* 5. 18. *Mark* 13. 31. God's purpoſes and promiſes; and particularly the glad tidings of Salvation by Chriſt, publiſht in the Miniſtry of the Goſpel, and received by true Faith, ſhall become an abiding principle, 1 *Pet.* 1.23--25. 2 *John* 2.

9 ¶ ‖ O Zion that bringeſt [19] good tidings, get thee up into the [20] high mountain: ‖ O Jeruſalem, that bringeſt [19] good tidings, lift up thy voice with ſtrength: lift *it* up, be not [21] afraid: ſay unto the cities of Judah, [22] Behold your God.

‖ Or, *O thou that telleſt good tidings to Zion.*

‖ Or, *O thou that telleſt good tidings to Jeruſalem.*

[19] *Viz.* Of deliverance from the *Babyloniſh* Captivity to other Cities and parts of the Country; and of Redemption by Chriſt, to other Nations, *ch.* 2.3. *Luke* 24.47. *Rom.* 10.18. ¶ [20] To be the better heard, as *Judg.* 9. 7. 1 *Sam.* 26.13,14. ¶ [21] *viz.* Leſt it ſhould prove falſe, becauſe ſo unlikely, *ch.* 35.4. ¶ [22] *ch.* 12.2. and 25.9. Take notice of God's appearing for your comfort and deliverance; and alſo that the Meſſiah, ſo long expected, is now at laſt exhibited, *Hab.* 2.7. *Zech.* 9.9. *Mal.* 3.1. *Acts* 13.32,33.

10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come ‖ with [23] ſtrong *hand*, and [24] his arm ſhall rule for him: behold, his [25] reward *is* with him, and ‖ [26] his work before him.

‖ Or, *againſt the ſtrong.*

‖ Or, *recompenſe for his work.*

[23] Almighty power to deliver his People from their ſtrongeſt Enemies, *John.* 12.31. 1 *Joh.* 3. 8. *Col.* 2.15. *Heb.* 2. 14. *Luke* 24.19. ¶ [24] *ch.* 59.16. *Pſal.* 115. 3. and 135.6. His own Power ſhall be ſufficient without any other help to overcome all oppoſition. ¶ [25] *ch.* 62.--11. *Rev.* 22. 12. To reward Perſons according to their works, either with Mercy or Judgment. ¶ [26] He is ready to execute what he has undertaken.

11 He ſhall [27] feed his flock like a ſhepherd: he ſhall [28] gather the lambs with his arm, and [28] carry *them* in his boſom, *and* ſhall [29] gently lead thoſe that ‖ are with young.

‖ Or, *give ſuck*

[27] *Ezek.* 34.23. Make all neceſſary proviſion for 'em, both for their ſafety and ſuſtenance, *Pſal.* 23.1--4. *Ezek.* 34.11--14. ¶ [28] *ch.* 42.3. *Matth.* 11. 28. ¶ [29] *Gen.* 33. 13. So Chriſt, *Matth.* 9.14,17. *John.* 16.12. and St. *Paul*, 1 *Cor.* 3.1,2.

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12 ¶ [30] Who hath meaſured the waters in the hollow of his hand? and meted out heaven with the ſpan, and comprehended the duſt of the earth in a † meaſure, and weighed the mountains in ſcales, and the hills in a balance.

† Heb. *tierce.*

[30] *Prov.* 30.4. *q. d.* God is a God of infinite Power and Wiſdom above all, either Creatures or falſe Gods, and therefore able to do theſe things forementioned.

13 [31] Who hath directed the ſpirit of the LORD, or *being* † his counſellour hath taught him?

† Heb. *man of his counſel.*

[31] *Job* 21.22. and 36.22,23. *Rom.* 11.34. 1 *Cor.* 2.16. (And therefore none can hinder the execution of his purpoſes, *v.* 15.)

14 With whom took he counſel, and *who* † inſtructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and ſhewed to him the way of † underſtanding?

† Heb. *made him underſtand.*

15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the ſmall duſt of the balance: behold, he taketh up the iſles as a very little thing.

† Heb. *underſtandings.*

16 And Lebanon *is* not ſufficient to [32] burn, nor the beaſts thereof ſufficient for a burnt-offering.

[32] Serve for wood for a Sacrifice anſwerable to his Greatneſs.

17 All nations before him *are* [33] as nothing, and they are counted to him leſs than nothing, and vanity.

[33] *Dan.* 4. 35.

18 ¶ [34] To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeneſs will ye compare unto him?

[34] *V.* 25. *ch.* 46. 5. *Act.* 17. 29. *Exod.* 15. 11. (See there.) *Pſal.* 89.6,8. and 96.4,5. (And therefore take heed of making any repreſentations of him, or complying with the Heathen in any idolatrous Worſhip.)

19 [35] The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldſmith ſpreadeth it over with gold, and caſteth ſilver chains.

[35] *Ch.* 41.7. and 44.9,12--20. and 46.6,7. *Jer.* 10. 3--5,8,9. *Pſal.* 115.4--8. and 135.15--18.

20 He that † *is* ſo impoveriſhed that he hath no oblation, chooſeth a tree *that* will not rot; he ſeeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image *that* ſhall [36] not be moved.

† Heb. *is poor of oblation.*

[36] *Ch.* 41.--7. Can't ſtir a ſtep out of its place where it's faſtened.

21 Have [37] ye not [38] known? have ye not heard? [39] hath it not been told you from the beginning? [39] have ye not underſtood from the foundations of the earth?

[37] Even your idolatrous Gentiles. ¶ [38] *viz.* That the great God *Jehovah* is the Creator and Governor of the World, and of ſuch infinite perfections, as not to be repreſented by any image. ¶ [39] *Rom.* 1. 20. *q. d.* You were taught this truth from the very beginning of the World, (tho you have ſince forgotten it, and declined from it.)

22 ‖ *It is* he that ſitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as [40] graſhoppers; that [41] ſtretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and ſpreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

‖ Or, *him that ſitteth*, &c.

[40] *Numb.* 13.33. ¶ [41] *ch.* 42. 5. and 44.--24. *Job* 9. 8. *Pſal.* 104.2. *Jer.* 10.12.

23 That bringeth the princes to [42] nothing, he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

[42] *Job* 12. 21. *Pſal.* 107.40.

24 Yea, [43] they ſhall not be planted, yea, they ſhall not be [43] ſown, yea, their ſtock ſhall not take root in the earth: and he ſhall alſo [44] blow upon them, and they ſhall wither, and the whirlwind ſhall take them away as ſtubble.

[43] The Princes and Judges ſhall not continue and flouriſh, but be eaſily deſtroyed. ¶ [44] Blaſt 'em.

25 [34] To whom then will ye liken me, or ſhall I be equal? ſaith the holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes [45] on high, and [46] behold who hath created theſe *things*, that [47] bringeth out their hoſt by [48] number: he calleth them all

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all by [48] names, by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power, [49] not one faileth.

[45] To the Heavens, *ch.* 51. 6. *Job* 35. 5. ¶ [46] Consider of what infinite Power and Wisdom that God must needs be that has created the Heavens, and the Host thereof. ¶ [47] Created 'em at first out of nothing, and causes 'em to rise every day. ¶ [48] *Psal.*147. 4. ¶ [49] Not one of his Hosts from the Creation till this present has ever been wanting or defective in the business he appoints 'em to, *ch.*48.13. *Judg.*5.20. *Psal.*148.8.

27 [50] Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest O Israel, [51] My way is hid from the LORD, and [52] my judgment is passed over from my God?

[50] *Ch.*49.14. *q. d.* Since the power, wisdom, and goodness of God is so evident, why shouldst thou, his People, distrust him in any respect? ¶ [51] *Job* 3. 23. *Ezek.* 37. 11. Our Case is so desperate, that God himself can't find out a way for our deliverance. ¶ [52] *Job* 27.2. and 34.–5. Or at least he has neglected to give judgment for me.

28 ¶ [53] Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the creator of the ends of the earth [54] fainteth not, neither is [54] weary? *there is* [55] no searching of his understanding.

[53] *Matth.*15.16. 1 *Cor.*3.16. and 6.9,15,16,19. ¶ [54] *Joh.* 5.17. And so become unable to help and take care of his People, *v.* 29,31. ¶ [55] *ch.*55.8,9. *Psal.*147.–5. *Rom.* 11. 33.No finding out the reasons of his dispensations.

29 He giveth power to the [56] faint; and to *them that have* no might, [57] he increaseth strength

[56] 2 *Cor.*12.–9. *Phil.*4.13. *Col.* 1. 11. ¶ [57] Gives abundance of strength.

30 Even [58] the youths shall faint and be weary, and the [58] young men shall utterly fall.

[58] *Psal.*33.16. and 34. 10. *Am.* 2. 14. They that are furnish'd with the best natural abilities.

31 But they that [59] wait upon the LORD shall † [60] renew *their* strength: they shall [61] mount up with wings as eagles; they shall [62] run and not be weary, *and* they shall [62] walk and not faint.

† Heb. *change.*

[59] *Psal.*27.14. See there. *viz.* For his assistance, and the performance of his Promises. ¶ [60] *Psal.*103.5. 2 *Cor.*1.8–10. and 4.8–10,16. and 12.9,10. Grow stronger and stronger in Faith and Patience. ¶ [61] *Exod.*19.4. *Rom.*8. 35, 37. Easily overcome all difficulties. ¶ [62] *viz.* In the way of duty.

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1 *God expostulateth with his people about his mercies to the church,* 10 *about his promises,* 21 *and about the vanity of idols.*

1 KEep silence before me, O islands, and let the people [2] renew *their* strength: let them come near, then let them [3] speak: let us come near together to judgment.

[1] Attend diligently to my Plea, and then answer it if you can, ye People of Heathen Countries. ¶ [2] *ch.*40.31. Muster up all the Arguments they can to defend themselves, and hinder the execution of my purposes. ¶ [3] Say what they can for themselves.

2 [4] Who [5] raised up † the [6] righteous man from the east, called him [7] to his foot, [8] gave the nations before him, and [8] made *him* rule over kings? [8] he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, *and* as driven stubble to his bow?

† Heb. *righteousness.*

[4] *q.d.* I my self, without the help of any of your Idols, have done this. ¶ [5] *ch.*45.13. See on *Act.*13.23. ¶ [6] *Abram*, who was righteous by Faith, *Gen.*15.6. *Rom.*4.3. It may be also meant of *Cyrus*, who was God's great instrument to manifest his righteousness in delivering his People, and destroying their Enemies, and so fulfilling his Will. See *ch.* 45.1. (and therefore all their Enemies can't hinder their deliverance.) ¶ [7] To follow him whithersoever he directed, *Gen.*12.1. *Heb.*11.8. ¶ [8] Gave him the victory over several Kings, *Gen.*14.14.

3 He pursued them *and* passed † [9] safely, *even* by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet.

† Heb. *in peace.*
[9] *Gen.*14. 15.

4 [4] Who hath wrought and done *it*, [10] calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD the [11] first, and [11] with the last, I *am* he.

[10] *ch.*46.10. Disposing of all Nations and Generations of Mankind from the beginning of the World to the end of it. ¶ [11] *ch.*43.–10. and 44.6. and 48.12. *Rev.* 1.17. & 22.13. From Eternity to Eternity.

5 [12] The isles saw *it*, and [13] feared: the ends of the earth were afraid, [14] drew near, and [14] came.

[12] The People of Heathen Countries observed these wonderful works of God, in the destruction of his Enemies. ¶ [13] *Exod.*15.15,16. *Josh.*5.–1. Lest such Judgments should befal themselves. ¶ [14] To consult together for the preservation of themselves and their Idols, *Josh.* 10. 1–4. and 11.1–5.

6 [15] They helped every one his neighbour, and *every one* said to his brother, † Be of good courage.

† Heb. *Be strong.*

[15] *Exod.*15. 5,6,9. 1 *Sam.*4. 6–9. *Psal.* 64. 5.

7 So the [16] carpenter encouraged the ‖ goldsmith, *and* he that smooth*eth with* the hammer ‖ him that smote the anvil, ‖ saying, It *is* ready for the sodering: and he fastened it with nails *that* it should not be moved.

[16] *ch.*40.19,20 & 44.12.
‖ Or, *founder.*
‖ Or, *the smiting.*
‖ Or, *saying of the soder, It is good.*

8 But thou Israel *art* [17] my servant, Jacob whom I have [18] chosen, the seed of Abraham [19] my friend.

[17] *Lev.*25.42. By special Covenant, (and therefore must not serve Idols, as the Heathen do.) ¶ [18] *ch.*44. 1. *Exod.* 19. 4,5. *Deut.*7.6. and 10.15. and 14.2. *Psal.*135.4. ¶ [19] 2 *Chr.* 20.7. *Jam.*2. 23. See there.

9 *Thou* whom I have [20] taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee [21] from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant, I have chosen thee, and [22] not cast thee away.

[20] Brought, (*viz.* In the loyns of thy Father *Abram*) fom *Chaldea* to *Canaan*. ¶ [21] From among those Persons of Quality that were thy Kindred and Neighbours there, and so preferred thee before them. ¶ [22] Not rejected, nor forsaken thee, never since I took thee to be my people, as thou hast frequently given me just cause to do.

10 ¶ Fear thou not, for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed, for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with [23] the right hand of my righteousness.

[23] My Almighty Power, exercised in the righteous destruction of my Enemies, and deliverance of my People.

11 Behold, all *they that were* [24] incensed against thee, shall be ashamed and [25] confounded: they shall be as nothing, and † they that strive with thee, shall perish.

† Heb. *the men of thy strife.*

[24] *ch.*45.–24. ¶ [25] *ch.*60.12. *Exod.*23.22. *Zech.*12.3.

12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt [26] not find them, *even* † them that contended with thee: † they that war against thee shall be as [27] nothing, and as a thing of nought.

† Heb. *the men of thy contention.*
† Heb. *the men of thy war.*

[26] *Job* 20.7–9. *Psal.*9. 5.6. and 10.–15. and 37. 35, 36. *Dan.*2.33. ¶ [27] *ch.*40.23. *Psal.*39. 5.

13 For I the LORD thy God will [28] hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee.

[28] *Ch.*42.6. To Guide, (*ch.*51.18.) Strengthen, (*ch.*45.1. *Psal.* 80 17.) and keep thee from falling, as *ch.* 42. 6. *Psal.* 63.8. and 73.23.

14 [29] Fear not, thou [30] worm Jacob, *and* ye ‖ men of Israel: I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the holy One of Israel.

‖ Or, *few men.*

[29] *v.*10,13. ¶ [30] *Job* 25.6. *Psal.*22.6. Weak in thy self, and despised, and troden under foot by thine enemies.

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having † teeth: thou shalt [31] thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills [32] as chaff.

† Heb. *mouths.*

[31] *Ch.*2.14. *Zech.*4.7. Subdue thy loftiest and most powerful

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erful Enemies. Fully accompliſh'd in Goſpel-times in the Churches ſpiritual Conqueſt, 2 *Cor.*10.4,5. ¶ [32] *Pſal.*18.42.

16 Thou ſhalt fan them, and the wind ſhall carry them away, and the whirlwind ſhall ſcatter them: and thou ſhalt [33] rejoyce in the LORD, *and* ſhalt [35] glory in the holy One of Iſrael.

[33] Give God the Glory of all, *ch.*25.1–5. and 26.1–6.

17 *When* the poor and needy ſeek [34] water and *there is* none, *and* their tongue faileth for thirſt, I the LORD [35] will hear them, *I* the God of Iſrael will [36] not forſake them.

[34] Comfort, refreſhing, and relief, *ch.*12.3. *John* 4.10. and 7.37. ¶ [35] 2 *Cor.* 12.9. *Pſal.* 107.5, 6. ¶ [36] *Gen.*28.15. *Joſh.*1.5. 1 *Sam.*12.22. *Heb.*13.5.

18 I will open [37] rivers in high places, and fountains in the midſt of the valleys: I will make [38] the wilderneſs a pool of water, and the dry land ſprings of water.

[37] *Ch.*30.25. and 35.7. and 44.3. ¶ [38] *Pſal.*107.35. The barren Jews and Gentiles to become fruitful.

19 I will plant in the wilderneſs the [39] cedar, the ſhittah-tree, and the myrtle, and the oyl-tree: I will ſet in the deſert the fir-tree, *and* the pine, and the box-tree together:

[39] *ch.*55.13. Goſpel-Ordinances, and alſo Perſons eminent for Gifts and Graces.

[40] *Pſal.*109.27.

20 [40] That they may ſee, and know, and conſider, and underſtand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the holy One of Iſrael hath created it.

†Heb. *Cauſe to come near.*

21 † [41] Produce your cauſe, ſaith the LORD; bring forth your ſtrong *reaſons*, ſaith the King of Jacob.

[41] Here he renews the challenge, (begun *v.* 1.) to the Idolatrous Gentiles to defend their Idols, and Idol-worſhip as well as they can.

22 Let [42] them bring *them* forth, and ſhew us what ſhall happen: let them ſhew the [43] former things what they *be*, that we may † conſider them, and know [44] the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

† Heb. *ſet our hearts upon them.*

[42] *Ch.*45.21. and 46.10. The Idols themſelves, or their Worſhipers. ¶ [43] Thoſe things which are firſt to come to paſs before others, and in what order things ſhall happen; which firſt, which laſt. ¶ [44] Whether the events did anſwer to their predictions.

23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye *are* gods: yea, [45] do good, or do evil, that we may be diſmayed, and behold *it* together.

[45] *Jer.*10.5.

24 Behold, ye *are* ‖ [46] of nothing, and your work ‖ of nought: an abomination *is he that* chooſeth you.

‖ Or, worſe *then nothing.*

[46] *ch.*44.9. 1 *Cor.* 8.4.

25 [47] I have [48] raiſed up [48] *one* from the north, and he ſhall come: from [48] the riſing of the ſun ſhall he [49] call upon my name, and he ſhall come upon princes as *upon* morter, and as the potter treadeth clay.

‖ Or, worſe *then of a viper*

[47] *q.d.* But tho you neither know, nor can do any thing, yet I do now foretel, and will certainly bring about a great change in the World, which you cannot hinder. ¶ [48] *Cyrus* and his Followers; who by his Mothers ſide was a *Mede*, and a great part of his Army were people of *Media*, which lay North of *Judea*; and by his Father he was a *Perſian*; and *Perſia* was Eaſt from *Judea*. ¶ [49] Proclaim my Name, *Ezra* 1.1,2.

26 [50] Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and [51] beforetime, that we may ſay, [51] *He is* righteous? yea, *there is* [52] none that ſheweth, yea, *there is* none that declareth, yea, *there is* [52] none that heareth your words.

[50] Which of all your Idols did or could foretel ſuch things? ¶ [51] Before they come to paſs, that we may acknowledge he has rightly foretold 'em, and ſo has a juſt claim to Divinity. ¶ [52] There's none of all your Worſhipers and Admirers that can hear you ſpeak, or foretell any ſuch thing.

27 [53] The firſt *ſhall ſay* to Zion, [54] Behold, behold them, and I will give to Jeruſalem [53] one that bringeth good tidings.

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[53] I who am the firſt, (*v.* 4.) do, and will foretel my People things to come. ¶ [54] I repreſent things future, (*viz.* the return of my people out of *Babylon* by the means of *Cyrus*) as if they were preſent. ¶ [55] My Prophets and Miniſters to declare both their corporal and ſpiritual deliverance.

28 For I beheld, and *there was* [56] no man, even amongſt them, and *there was* no counſeller, that when I asked of them, could † anſwer a word.

[56] None of the Idols.

† Heb. *return.*

29 Behold, they *are* all [57] vanity, their works *are* nothing: their molten images *are* [46] wind and confuſion.

[57] *V.*24. *ch.*44.9. Shew themſelves to be fooliſh perſons, without underſtanding.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *The office of Chriſt,* 5 *Gods promiſe unto him.*
10 *An exhortation to praiſe God.*

1 BEhold [2] my ſervant whom I [3] uphold, [4] mine elect *in whom* my ſoul [5] delighteth: I have [6] put my ſpirit upon him, he ſhall [7] bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

[2] The Words of God the Father, ſpeaking of Chriſt, by whom he'd confer great Bleſſings upon his People. ¶ [3] Chriſt, (to whom the Evangeliſt applies this paſſage, *Matth.*12.18–21.) who was God's Servant as Man and Mediator, *ch.*49.3. and 53.11. *Phil.*2.7. ¶ [3] Enable to the work aſſigned him, both of doing and ſuffering, *ch.*49.8. *Joh.*16.32. and 17.4. ¶ [4] Choſen and ſet apart from Eternity by me to this Office, *ch.* 43.10. *John* 6.-27. 1 *Pet.* 1.20. and 2.-4. ¶ [5] *Matth.*3.17. and 17.5. As the only means of Reconciliation and Acceſs to me, *John* 14.6. *Eph.* 1.4, 6. and 2.14, 18. ¶ [6] *ch.*11.2. and 61.1. *John.*1.33,34. and 3.34. Furniſh'd him with all gifts and graces without meaſure for the full diſcharge of his Office. ¶ [7] Cauſe the Goſpel, (which is the Law or Will of God) to be publiſh'd to the Gentiles, and thereby ſet up his Kingdom among them, and rule them as his peculiar people.

2 He ſhall [8] not cry, nor lift up, nor cauſe his voice to be heard in the ſtreet.

[8] Neither erect, nor manage his Kingdom with contention, or oſtentation, but in a meek, humble and peaceable way, *Matth.*12.16,17,20. *Zech.*9.-9.

3 [9] A bruiſed reed ſhall he not break: and ‖ the [9] ſmoking flax ſhall he not † quench: he ſhall [10] bring forth judgment unto truth.

‖ Or, *dimly burning.*

† Heb. *quench it.*

[9] Not drive poor broken-hearted Sinners to deſpair, by dealing roughly with 'em; nor caſt off ſuch as have but the weakeſt ſincere deſires after Grace, but encourage, cheriſh, ſtrengthen and deal kindly with 'em, *ch.*40.11,29–31. and 50.10. *Matth.*11.28. *Luke* 19.10. *Phil.*1.6. ¶ [10] *ch.* 11.3,4. *John* 7.24. *Pſal.*94.15. Judge truly, uprightly and impartially; ſo that tho he'l deal gently with the weakeſt that are ſincere, yet he'll not cheriſh any in their ſins, nor ſhew any favour to Hypocrites and Impenitents.

4 He ſhall not [11] fail, nor be † [11] diſcouraged, till he have [12] ſet judgment in the earth: and the [13] iſles ſhall wait for his law.

† Heb. *broken.*

[11] Faint and be diſheartned by any difficulties he meets with, but go on couragiouſly till he has finiſh'd his work, *John* 17.24. *Heb.*12.2,3. ¶ [12] Publiſh'd his Law or Doctrin among the Nations by his Apoſtles and Miniſters, ſeiled his Church, eſtabliſh'd his Kingdom in the hearts of People, and ſubdued all contrary Powers. ¶ [13] All Nations ſhall readily embrace his Goſpel.

5 ¶ Thus ſaith God the LORD, he that [14] created the heavens, and ſtretched them out; he that ſpread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it, he that giveth bread unto the people upon it, and ſpirit to them that walk therein.

[14] *ch.*44.24. *Zech.* 12.1.

6 I the LORD have called thee [15] in righteouſneſs, and will [16] hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee [17] for a covenant of the people, for [18] a light of the Gentiles;

[15] *Ch.*45.13. See there. *Heb.*5.4,5. To declare my righteouſneſs,

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ouſneſs, (*Rom.* 3.26) and faithfulneſs in fulfilling my promiſes, *Act.* 13.32,33. ¶ [16] *ch.* 41.13. See there. ¶ [17] *ch.* 49.8. To be the Mediator, Surety, and Confirmer of the Covenant made between me and my people, whether Jews or Gentiles, *Rom.* 15.8. 2 *Cor.* 1.20. *Heb.* 7.22. ¶ [18] *ch.* 9. 2. and 49.-6. and 51.-4. *Luke* 2. 32. *Act.* 13. 47. and 22. 21. To endue 'em with ſaving knowledge, and conduct 'em to everlaſting happineſs.

7 [19] To open the blind eyes, to [20] bring out the priſoners from the priſon, *and* them that ſit in darkneſs out of the priſon-houſe.

[19] *Ch.* 35.5. *Acts* 26.18. 2 *Cor.* 4.4,6. *Eph.* 1.18. *Rev.* 3. 18. ¶ [20] *ch.* 49. 9. and 61.-1. *Luke* 4. 17-21. To deliver Sinners, (who are the Bond-ſlaves of Sin and Satan, 2 *Tim.* 2. 26.) from that Thraldom.

8 I *am* the [21] LORD, that *is* [22] my name, and [23] my glory will I not give to another, neither my praiſe to graven images.

[21] *Jehovah*, *Exod.* 3.14. and 6.3. and 15.-3. Who have all Being in and of my ſelf, and give Being to all my Creatures, and all my Promiſes. ¶ [22] *Pſal.* 83.18. Whereby I am diſtinguiſh'd from all Idols. ¶ [23] *ch.* 48.11. *Exod.* 20. 5. Not any longer ſuffer that honour and worſhip, which is peculiar to my ſelf, to be given to Idols, but will by Chriſt and the Goſpel aboliſh Idolatry out of the World.

9 Behold, the [24] former things are come to paſs, and [25] new things do I declare: before they ſpring forth I [26] tell you of them.

[24] *Joſh.* 21.45. and 23.14. 1 *Kings* 8.23,24. Whatſoever I have foretold long ago. ¶ [25] *ch.* 44.7,8. and 46.9,10. Concerning the deliverance of my people from *Babylon*, and their Redemption by Chriſt, which ſhall be accompliſhed in their ſeaſon. ¶ [26] That you may believe that I am God, *John* 13.19.

10 Sing unto the LORD [27] a new ſong, *and* his praiſe [28] from the end of the earth: ye that go down to the ſea, and † [29] all that is therein; [29] the iſles and the inhabitants thereof.

† Heb. *the fulneſs thereof.*

[27] *Pſal.* 33.3. For this new and wonderful mercy of the redemption of the World by Chriſt. ¶ [28] From all parts where this mercy ſhall be known. ¶ [29] All that dwell in the Iſlands, or any other remote parts, let 'em all joyn together in celebrating the praiſes of God for this great mercy.

11 Let the [30] wilderneſs, and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* [31] Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock ſing, let them ſhout from the top of the mountains.

[30] Perſons barren of good. ¶ [31] The *Arabians*, and all other barbarous People.

12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praiſe in the iſlands.

13 The LORD ſhall [32] go forth as a mighty man, he ſhall ſtir up [33] jealouſie like a man of war: he ſhall cry; yea, rore; he ſhall || prevail againſt his enemies.

|| Or, *behave himſelf mightily.*

[32] To battel againſt his Enemies. ¶ [33] His fierce indignation.

14 I have long time [34] holden my peace, I have been ſtill *and* refrained my ſelf: *now* will I [35] cry like a travailing woman, I will deſtroy and † devour at once.

† Heb. *ſwallow*, or *ſup up.*

[34] Forborn taking vengeance, and ſuffered the Devil and his Inſtruments to corrupt the World with Idolatry. ¶ [35] Haſten the execution of my Wrath with all ſpeed.

15 I will make waſte [36] mountains and [36] hills, and dry up all their herbs, and I will make the rivers iſlands, and I will [37] dry up the pools.

[36] My moſt lofty and proud enemies. ¶ [37] *ch.* 50.-2. Remove all impediments, as *Rev.* 16.12.

16 And I will bring the [38] blind by a way *that* they knew not, I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will [39] make darkneſs light before them, and [39] crooked things † ſtraight. Theſe things will I do unto them, and † [40] not forſake them.

† Heb. *into ſtraightneſs.*

[38] Ignorant Sinners into the way of holineſs, which hitherto they have been unacquainted with. ¶ [39] Enlighten their dark minds, and rectifie their perverſe wills and affections. ¶ [40] *John* 13.1.

17 ¶ They ſhall be turned back, they ſhall be greatly [41] aſhamed that truſt in graven images, that ſay to the molten images, Ye *are* our Gods.

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[41] *Ch.* 1. 29. and 44. 11. and 45. 16. *Pſal.* 97. 7.

18 Hear ye [42] deaf, and look ye [42] blind, that ye may ſee.

[42] *Ch.* 6.-9. *Jer.* 4.22. *Ezek.* 12.2 Who reject the means of knowledge vouchſaf'd you, and obſtinately perſiſt in your ignorance.

19 [43] Who *is* blind but my ſervant? or deaf, as [44] my meſſenger *that* I ſent? who *is* blind as *he that* [45] *is* perfect, and blind as the LORD's ſervant?

[43] *q. d.* None are ſo blind as the Jews, who call themſelves my Servants, and yet obſtinately ſhut their eyes againſt the light, *Rom.* 11.25. 2 *Cor.* 3. 14. ¶ [44] The Prieſts and Levites. ¶ [45] Count themſelves the only-knowing and enlightned Perſons, *John* 7. 49. and 9. 40, 41. *Rom.* 2. 17, 20.

20 Seeing [46] many things, but thou [47] obſerveſt not: [48] opening the ears, but he heareth not.

[46] Many wonderful works of God wrought for you and among you, *Deut.* 4. 3,4. ¶ [47] *Pſal.* 107. 43. and 106. 7. Doſt not duly conſider 'em, *ch.* 1.-3. ¶ [48] Pretending to hearken, (*ch.* 58.2. *Jer.* 42. 2,5,6. *Ezek.* 14. 1,3. and 33.30,31.) but he regards not what is ſaid.

21 The LORD is [49] well-pleaſed [50] for his righteouſneſs ſake, he will [51] magnifie the law, and [51] make || *it* honourable.

|| Or, him.

[49] Or, *Has a good will to this People. q. d.* Tho thou art a a wicked People, reſiſting the cleareſt Light, (*v.* 20.) and ſo deſerv'ſt to be deſtroyed; yet he is pleaſed, not only to bear with thee, but to do thee good. ¶ [50] That he may manifeſt his faithfulneſs in fulfilling his promiſes to thy Forefathers. ¶ [51] Maintain the honour of his Law in making good his promiſes contained in it.

22 [52] But this *is* a people robbed and ſpoiled, *they are* all of them ſnared in holes, and || they are hid in priſon-houſes: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for † a ſpoil, and [53] none ſaith, Reſtore.

|| Or, *in ſnaring all the young men of them.*

† Heb. *a treading.*

[52] *q. d.* Tho God has ſhewed ſuch favor to you, yet it's evident he has ſeverely puniſh'd you for your ſins; and therefore take heed leſt by your impenitency therein you provoke him utterly to caſt you off. ¶ [53] None affords pity or relief.

23 [54] Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken, and hear † for the time to come?

† Heb. *for the after-time.*

[54] Yet very few will repent and reform.

24 Who gave Jacob for a ſpoil, and Iſrael to the robbers? did not the [55] LORD, he againſt whom we have ſinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

[55] *Ch.* 10.5,6. and 45.7. *Judg.* 2.11-14. and 3.12. and 4. 1,2. 2 *Chron.* 15.6. and 36.16. *Job* 1.21. and 2.10. *Pſal.* 75.7. *Am.* 3.-6. *Lam.* 3.38.

25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the [56] ſtrength of battel: and it hath ſet him on fire round about, yet he [57] knew not; and it burned him, yet he [57] laid *it* not to heart.

[56] A moſt powerful enemy, and other grievous Judgments. ¶ [57] *Jer.* 5.3-5. *Am.* 4.11. *Rev.* 9.18-21. and 16.8-11. Took no notice of God's hand in it, ſo as to repent.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 The Lord comforteth the church with his promiſes, 14 foretelleth Babylons deſtruction, and his peoples deliverance.

1 BUt now thus ſaith the LORD * that created thee, O Jacob, and he that [2] formed thee, O Iſrael, [3] Fear not: for I have † redeemed thee, I have called *thee* [5] by thy name, thou *art* mine.

* Verſ. 7.

[1] *q. d.* Tho

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[5] *q. d.* Tho' the generality continue obstinate and impenitent under Judgments, (*ch.*42.24.) yet I'll not utterly cast off and destroy thee, but reserve a Remant, whom I'll deal graciously withal. ¶ [2] Into a National Church, and State, and made thee a holy people for my self. ¶ [3] *ch.*41.10. ¶ [4] *ch.*41.14. and 44.-22. From the *Egyptians*, and divers other Enemies; (and therefore will redeem thee again.) ¶ [5] To be my peculiar people, distinguish'd from all others, *ch.*42.6. *Exod.*19.5,6.

2 [6] When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

[6] *q. d.* Tho' I see good to exercise thee with manifold Afflictions, (*Psal.*66.12.) yet thou shalt not be destroy'd thereby, but I'll bring thee safe thorow them.

3 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the [7] holy One of Israel, thy saviour: I gave [8] Egypt *for* thy ransom, [8] Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

[7] *ch.*41.14. and 49.-26. and 60.-16. ¶ [8] Destroy'd many Nations, as the *Egyptians*, *Ethiopians*, (2 *Chron.*14.9.&c.) and others, in order to thy deliverance, *Prov.*11.8. and 21.18.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been [9] honourable, and I have [10] loved thee: therefore will I give [11] men for thee, and [11] people for thy ‖ life.

‖ Or, *person.*

[9] Of great renown above other Nations. ¶ [10] *Deut.*7.7, 8. *Jer.*31.3. *Mal.*1.2. Made it appear that I have a great affection for thee. ¶ [11] Any other Nations, as occasion requires.

* Jer.30.10. & 46.27.

5 * [3] Fear not, for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy [12] seed from the east, and gather thee from the west.

[12] Those that are carried captive to *Babylon*, and other Countries; and the Converts of the Gentiles (who are the Spiritual Seed of *Abram*) from all parts, *Matth.*8.11.

[13] *ch.*42.-22.

6 I will say to the north, [13] Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 *Even* every one *that is* called by my name: for * I have [14] created him [15] for my glory, I have [14] formed him, yea I have [14] made him.

* Psal.100.3. Chap.29.23. John 3.3,5. 2 Cor.5.17. Eph.2.10.

[14] *V.* 1. ¶ [15] To manifest my glorious Attributes in their deliverance.

* Chap. 42.19. Ezek.12.2.

8 ¶ Bring forth * [16] the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

[16] Your Idols (*Psal.*115.5,6.) to defend themselves, if they can, and prove their Divinity.

9 Let all the nations be [17] gathered together, and let the people be [17] assembled: [18] who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their [19] witnesses, that they may be [20] justified: or let them [21] hear and say, [21] *It is* truth.

[17] To plead the cause of their Idols with me. ¶ [18] *ch.* 41.22, 23. *q. d.* Which of 'em can foretel any thing concerning the deliverance of my people out of *Babylon*, and their Redemption by Christ? ¶ [19] To prove that they have foretold things to come. ¶ [20] Vindicated from the charge of Falshood. ¶ [21] *Viz.* My witnesses which I can produce, and then acknowledge that what I have said is true, *viz.* That I am God alone.

10 [22] Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and [23] my servant whom I have [24] chosen: that ye may know and belive me, and understand that I *am* he: [25] before me there was ‖ no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

‖ Or, *nothing formed of God.*

[22] *q. d.* You my people can testifie that I have foretold many things which you have seen accomplish'd. ¶ [23] *ch.*42.1. The Messiah (concerning whom many things were foretold that came exactly to pass.) ¶ [24] See on *ch.* 42. *n.* 4. ¶ [25] *ch.*41.-4. and 44.-8.

11 I, *even* I *am* the [26] LORD, and beside me *there is* no saviour.

[26] *Ch.*45.-21. *Hos.*13.4. *Deut.*6.4. *Psal.*83.18. and 86.-10.

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12 I have [27] declared, and have [27] saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no [28] strange *god* among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* god.

[27] Foretold your deliverance, and brought it to pass accordingly, *ch.*37.35,36. and 46.10. ¶ [28] *Deut.* 32.-12. Owned and worshipt by you.

13 Yea, before the [29] day *was*, I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall † [30] let it?

† Heb. *turn it back.*

[29] Any time at all. ¶ [30] *ch.*14.27. and 46.10. *Job* 9.12.

14 ¶ Thus saith the LORD your redeemer, the holy One of Israel, [31] For your sake I have [32] sent to Babylon, and have brought [33] down all their † nobles, and the [34] Chaldeans, whose cry *is* in the [35] ships.

† Heb. *bars.*

[31] *V.*-3,4. In order to your deliverance. ¶ [32] *Viz. Cyrus*, With his *Medes* and *Persians*. ¶ [33] *Viz.* From that height of glory wherein they formerly lived. ¶ [34] The common people. ¶ [35] Wherein they either flee from, or are carried away captive, by their Enemies.

15 I *am* the LORD, your holy One, the creatour of Israel, your king.

16 Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a [36] way in the sea, and a [36] path in the mighty waters:

[36] *Ch.*51.10. *Exod.*14.22. *Josh.* 3.17. Can remove all hindrances of my peoples return.

17 Which bringeth forth the [37] chariot and horse, the [37] army and the power; they shall lie [38] down together, they shall [38] not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

[37] *Exod.*14.4.-9,23. ¶ [38] Be irrecoverably destroy'd.

18 ¶ [39] Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

[39] *ch.*46.9. *q. d.* Your former deliverances are not to be compar'd with what I intend to do for you hereafter, in the work of Redemption by Christ, *Jer.*16.14,15. and 23.7,8.

19 Behold, I will do a * [40] new thing: [41] now it shall spring forth, shall ye not know it? * I will even make a way in the [42] wilderness, *and* rivers in the [42] desert.

* 2 Cor. 5.17. Rev. 21.5. * Exod.17.6. Numb. 20.11. Psal.78.16. Chap.35.6.

[40] Such as was never done afore; as *Jer.* 31.-22. *Numb.* 16.30. ¶ [41] Shortly (according to my reckoning) and towards which, things are working already. ¶ [42] For the free and comfortable passage of my people out of *Babylon*; and for the Gentiles coming to Christ.

20 [43] The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the ‖ † owls: because * I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

‖ Or, *Ostriches.* † Heb. *daughters of the owl.* * Chap.48.21.

[43] The Gentiles (which are like Beasts, *Matth.* 15.-26.) and are as yet a great way off from mercy, *Eph.*2.13.

21 * [44] This people have I formed for my self, they shall [45] shew forth my praise.

* Psal. 102.18.

[44] My peculiar people, whether of Jews or Gentiles. ¶ [45] 1 *Pet.*2.9.

22 ¶ But thou hast [46] not called upon me, O Jacob, but thou hast been [47] weary of me, O Israel.

[46] Not owned me in Christ, (which is the only true way of worship.) ¶ [47] *Mal.*1.13. So that thy deliverance is of free grace, *v.*25.

23 * Thou hast [48] not brought me the † small cattel of thy burnt-offerings, neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. [49] I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

* Amos 5.25. † Heb. *lambs*; or, *kids.*

[48] *Viz.* In a right manner; out of Obedience to my commands; but for some sinister respects, *Zech.*7.5,6. ¶ [49] Not requir'd such abundance of these offerings, as to make thee weary of my service.

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24 Thou haſt [50] bought me no ſweet cane with money, neither haſt thou † filled me with the fat of thy ſacrifices: but thou haſt made me [51] to ſerve with thy ſins, thou haſt * wearied me with thine iniquities.

† Heb. *made me drunk*, or *abundantly moiſtened.*

* Chap. 1. 14. Mal. 2. 17.

[50] Been niggardly in my ſervice, (but bountiful in the ſervice of thy Idols.) ¶ [51] *Amos* 2. 13.

25 I, *even* I *am* he that [52] blotteth out thy tranſgreſſions * for mine [53] own ſake, and will [54] not remember thy ſins.

* Chap. 48. 9.

[52] *Ch.* 44. 22. *Pſal.* 51. 1. *Col.* 2. 14. ¶ [53] *Ezek.* 36. 22. ¶ [54] *Pſal.* 25. 7. and 79. 8. *Jer.* 31. 34.

26 [55] Put me in remembrance: let us [56] plead together: declare thou, that thou mayeſt be juſtified.

[55] *q. d.* I know many of you are highly conceited of your ſelves, and if I have forgotten any of your good works for which you deſerve to be pardon'd and deliver'd, be ſure to mind me of 'em. A bitter Taunt. ¶ [56] *ch.* 1. 18.

27 [57] Thy firſt father hath ſinned, and thy † teachers have tranſgreſſed againſt me.

† Heb. *interpreters.*

[57] All your forefathers were ſinners; and therefore you can't plead any favour for their ſakes, no more than for your own, *Pſal.* 78. 8. and 106. 6, 7. *Jer.* 3. 24, 25. *Zech.* 1. 4. *Mal.* 3. 7.

28 Therefore * I have [58] profaned the ‖ princes of the ſanctuary, and have given Jacob to the [59] curſe, and Iſrael to reproches.

* Chap. 47. 6. ‖ Or, *holy princes.*

[58] Expoſed the chiefeſt of the Prieſts to contempt and deſtruction (tho' they are counted holy.) ¶ [59] To utter deſtruction, as an accurſed thing.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 *Gods church comforted.* 7 *The vanity of idols, and of idol-makers.*

1 YEt now hear, * O Jacob my ſervant, and Iſrael whom I have choſen.

[1] See on *ch.* 43. 1. * Chap. 41. 8. Jer. 30. 10. & 46. 27.

2 Thus ſaith the LORD * that [2] made thee, and [2] formed thee [3] from the womb, *which* will help thee, [4] Fear not, O Jacob, my ſervant, and and thou [5] Jeſurun, whom I have choſen.

[2] *Ch.* 43. 7. ¶ [3] From the time that I firſt took thee to be my peculiar people. ¶ [4] *ch.* 41. 10. ¶ [5] See on *Deut.* 32. 15.

3 For I will * pour [6] water upon [7] him that is thirſty, and flouds upon the dry ground: I will pour my [6] ſpirit upon thy ſeed, and my [6] bleſſing upon thine off-ſpring:

* Chap. 35. 7. Acts 2. 18.

[6] *Joel* 2. 28. *John* 7. 38. All ſorts of ſpiritual bleſſings. ¶ [7] Such as are deſtitute, and deſirous thereof.

4 And they ſhall ſpring up [8] *as* among the graſs, as willows by the water-courſes.

[8] As Plants and Herbs do, that grow in green and fruitful Meadows.

5 [9] One ſhall ſay, I *am* the LORD's: and another ſhall call *himſelf* by the name of Jacob: and another ſhall ſubſcribe *with* his hand unto the LORD, and ſurname *himſelf* by the name of Iſrael.

[9] Many, even among the Gentiles, ſhall joyn themſelves to the Church, upon the preaching of the Goſpel.

6 Thus ſaith the LORD the king of Iſrael, and his redeemer the LORD of hoſts, * I *am* the [10] firſt, and I *am* the [10] laſt, and [11] beſides me *there is* no God.

* Chap. 48. 12. Rev. 1. 8, 17. & 22. 13.

[10] See on *ch.* 41. 4. ¶ [11] *Pſ.* 8. *ch.* 43. 10, 11. and 45. 6, 21. 1 *Cor.* 8. 5, 6.

7 And [12] who, as I, ſhall call, and ſhall declare it, and [13] ſet it in order for me, [14] ſince I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and ſhall come? let them ſhew unto them.

[12] *Ch.* 41. 22. and 45. 21. Which of all the Heathen gods can effect and foretel what ſhall come to paſs? ¶ [13] Relate the method of theſe events? ¶ [14] From thoſe times, long ſince paſt, that I appointed the Poſterity of *Jacob* to be my peculiar people.

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8 [15] Fear ye not, neither be [15] afraid: have not I [16] told thee from that time, and have declared *it?* [17] ye *are* even my witneſſes. [18] Is there a God beſides me? yea, *there is* no † God, I know not *any.*

† Heb. *Rock.* Deut. 32. 4.

[15] As if the Idol gods could hinder me from making good my promiſe to you. ¶ [16] Have not I foretold thee ever ſince I took thee for my people, what ſhould befal thee? ¶ [17] See on *ch.* 43. 10. ¶ [18] *ch.* 45. 5. *Deut.* 4. 35, 39. and 32. 39. 1 *Sam.* 2. 2.

9 ¶ They that make a graven image *are* all of them [19] vanity, and [20] their † delectable things ſhall not profit, and [21] they *are* their own witneſſes, * they ſee not, nor know; [22] that they may be aſhamed.

† Heb. *deſirable.* * Pſ. 115. 4.

[19] See on *ch.* 41. 29. ¶ [20] Their Idols curiouſly carv'd, and richly adorn'd, which they take ſo much delight in. ¶ [21] Both the Idols, and Idol-makers are proof enough of their ſenſleſneſs. ¶ [22] Therefore they have juſt cauſe to be aſham'd of their folly in worſhipping ſuch ſenſleſs things.

10 [23] Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image * *that* is profitable for nothing?

* Hab. 2. 18.

[23] *q. d.* Who but a mad man would account that to be a god, which himſelf has made, and is good for nothing?

11 Behold, [24] all his fellows ſhall be * aſhamed: and the workmen, they *are* [25] of men: let them all be [26] gathered together, let them [26] ſtand up; *yet* they ſhall fear, *and* they ſhall be aſhamed together.

* Pſal. 97. 7. Chap. 1. 29. & 42. 17. & 45. 16.

[24] The whole Society of Idol-makers, and Worſhippers. ¶ [25] But meer men; and therefore can't make a god. ¶ [26] As *Acts* 19. 24–29.

12 [27] The ſmith with ‖ the tongs both worketh in the coals, and faſhioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the ſtrength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his ſtrength faileth; he drinketh no water, and is faint.

[27] *ch.* 40. 19. & 41. 6, 7. *Jer.* 10. 3, 4. ‖ Or, *an ax.*

13 The carpenter ſtretcheth out *his* rule: he marketh it out with a line: he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compaſs, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the houſe.

14 He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypreſs and the oak, which he ‖ [28] ſtrengtheneth for himſelf among the trees of the foreſt: he planteth an aſh, and the rain doth nouriſh *it.*

‖ Or, *taketh courage.*

[28] Suffers to grow till it come to a ſufficient ſtrength and bigneſs.

15 Then ſhall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof and warm himſelf; yea, he kindleth *it* and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worſhippeth *it:* he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.

16 He burneth part thereof in the fire: with part thereof he eateth fleſh: he roſteth roſt, and is ſatisfied: yea, he warmeth *himſelf*, and ſaith, Aha, I am warm, I have ſeen the fire.

17 And the reſidue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worſhippeth *it*, and prayeth unto it, and ſaith, Deliver me, for thou *art* my god.

18 They have [29] not known, nor underſtood: for he hath † [30] ſhut their eyes, that they cannot ſee; *and* their hearts, that they cannot underſtand.

† Heb. *daubed.*

[29] *Ch.* 45. 20. *Jer.* 10. 8, 14. ¶ [30] See on *ch.* 6. 10. 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 11. Given 'em up to Judicial blindneſs.

19 And

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19 And none † * considereth in his heart, neither *is there* knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burnt part of it in the fire, yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof: I have roasted flesh and eaten *it*, and shall I make the residue therof an [31] abomination? shall I fall down to the † stock of a tree?

† Heb. *setteth to his heart.*
* Chap.46. 8.
[31] *Deut.*27.15.
† Heb. *that which comes of a tree.*

20 He feedeth on [32] ashes: *a [33] deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot [34] deliver his soul, nor say, [35] *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

* *Hos.*4.12.
[32] *Hos.*12.1. That which will do him hurt; and will at last be turned into dust and ashes. ¶ [33] A mind corrupted and misled by Custom, Error, and the like, turns him out of the way of Truth. ¶ [34] *Viz.* From this Error, and the vengeance that will follow upon it. ¶ [35] Is not this Idol which I honour and trust to, a meer Fiction and Delusion which will deceive me?

21 ¶ [36] Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou *art* my servant; I have [2] formed thee, thou *art* my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me:

[36] Think upon what I have now said concerning the sottishness of these persons, and their practices.

22 I have [37] blotted out as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me, for I have redeemed thee.

[37] *ch.*43.25.

23 [38] Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done *it*: shout ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

[38] *Ch.*42.10. and 49.13. *Psal.*96.11,12. and 98. 7, 8. *Jer.* 51.48. *Rev.* 18.20.

24 Thus saith the LORD thy redeemer, and * he that [2] formed thee [3] from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things*, * that [39] stretcheth forth the heavens alone, that spreadeth abroad the earth by my self:

* Chap.43.1.
* Job 9.8.
[39] *Ch.*40.22. and 42.5. and 51.13. *Job* 9.8. *Psal.* 104.2.

25 That * frustrateth the [40] tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad, that [41] turneth wise *men* backward, and [42] maketh their knowledge foolish:

* Chap.47.13.
[40] The Predictions of Astrologers, South-sayers, and the like, concerning the long continuance of the Babylonish Monarchy. ¶ [41] *Ch.* 19. 3, 11, 13, 14. *Job* 5.12–14. *Psal.* 33.10. and 37. 12–15. Blasts their designs, so that they can proceed no further, but are forc'd to take new measures. ¶ [42] *ch.*29.14. 2 *Sam.*15.31. 1 *Cor.*1.20. and 3.19. Gives 'em up to foolish and destructive counsels.

26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers, that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the † decayed places thereof:

† Heb. *wasts.*

27 * That saith to the deep, [43] Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

* See Jer.50. 38.& 51. 32, 36.
[43] *ch.*43.16. & 51.10,11.

28 That saith of [44] Cyrus, *He is* [45] my shepherd, and shall perform all [46] my pleasure, even [47] saying to Jerusalem, * Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

* Ezra 1.1.&c. Chap.45.13.
[44] Here design'd by name about 200 years before he was born, (as 1 *Kings* 13.2.) to assure 'em of the certainty of their deliverance by him. ¶ [45] To protect and provide for my people. ¶ [46] *ch.* 46. 11. and 48. 14. Both concerning *Babylon* (*ch.*48.14.) and *Jerusalem*, *ch.*45.13. 2 *Chron.*36.22,23. ¶ [47] Giving command for the rebuilding of it.

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CHAP. XLV.

1 God calleth Cyrus for his churches sake. 5 He challengeth obedience. 20 He convinceth the Idols of vanity.

THus saith the LORD to his [1] anointed, to [2] Cyrus, [3] whose right hand I ‖ have holden, to subdue [4] nations before him: and I will [5] loose the loyns of kings [6] to open before him the two-leaved gates, [6] and the gates shall not be shut.

‖ Or, *strengthened.*
[1] One specially design'd, set apart, and qualified for my service of delivering my people. And herein a Type of Christ. ¶ [2] See on *ch.* 44. 28. ¶ [3] See on *ch.* 41. 13. ¶ [4] *Jer.*51.9. ¶ [5] Weaken 'em. ¶ [6] So that upon his approach the Gates of their Cities, and all other places, shall be open'd to him.

2 I will [7] go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will [8] break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron.

[7] To remove all obstructions. ¶ [8] *Psal.* 107. 16. *Prov.* 18. 19.

3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know, that I the LORD, which [9] call * *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel.

* Ex.33.12,17.
[9] Have so long before hand made mention of thy name, *vers.* 1.

4 [10] For Jacob my servants sake, and [10] Israel mine elect, I have even [9] called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast [11] not known me.

[10] Out of my love to them, that thou mightest deliver 'em out of bondage. ¶ [11] Had no distinct, particular knowledge of me, as my people have, (but only in a general way, (*Ezra* 1. 2.) as many Heathens had.)

5 ¶ [12] I * *am* the LORD, and * *there is* none else, *there is* no God besides me: I [13] girded thee, though thou hast [11] not known me:

* Deut.4.35, 39.& 32.39.
* V.14.18,21.
[12] *Ch.*43.11. and 44. 6,8. ¶ [13] Made thee strong and active, and fitted and disposed thee for these great undertakings.

6 That [14] they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none besides me, I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else.

[14] All Nations may be convinc'd of this by those great things I'll do by thee.

7 I form the [15] light, and * create [15] darkness: I make peace, and create [16] evil: I the LORD do all these *things*.

* Amos 3.6.
[15] Comfort and Calamity; Prosperity and Adversity. ¶ [16] See on *ch.*42.24.

8 [17] Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the [17] earth open, and let them bring forth [18] salvation, and let righteousness spring up together: I the LORD have created it.

[17] *Psal.* 85. 11. *q. d.* I'll bestow such plenty of Blessings upon you, as if they rain'd down from Heaven, or grew out of the Earth. ¶ [18] Deliverance to my people.

9 Wo unto him that [19] striveth with his maker: *let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth: [20] shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath [21] no hands?

[19] Either designs to do what he'd not have done; or to hinder what he would have done; or quarrels and murmurs at any of his Dispensations; as *ch.* 40. 27. and 49. 14. *Job* 21.7–13. *Psal.*73.1–22. *Jer.*12.1,2. *Hab.* 1. 2–4,13,14. ¶ [20] *ch.*29.16. *Jer.*18.6. *Rom.*9.20. ¶ [21] No ability, or skill to make good work.

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10 Wo unto him that ſaith unto *his* father, What begetteſt thou? or to the woman, What haſt thou brought forth?

11 Thus ſaith the LORD, the [22] holy One of Iſrael, and his [22] maker, [23] Ask me of things to come concerning my ſons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

[22] *Ch.*43.15, and 44.2. ¶ [23] *q.d.* If inſtead of quarrelling at my dealings with you, you'l humbly deſire information about 'em, I am ready to give you ſatisfaction, and you may have any thing at my hands, *Matth.* 7.7. See there.

12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands have ſtretched out the heavens, and all their hoſt have I [24] commanded.

[24] *Ch.*40.26. Made by my word of command, and governed by my pleaſure.

13 I have raiſed [25] him up [26] in righteouſneſs, and I will || direct all his ways: he ſhall [27] build my city, and he ſhall let go my captives, * [28] not for price nor reward, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

|| Or, *make ſtraight.*
* Chap.52.3.

[25] *Cyrus, v.* 1. ¶ [26] *ch.*42.6. See there. Moſt juſtly to puniſh the wicked *Babylonians*, and manifeſt my own righteouſneſs, truth and goodneſs. ¶ [27] *ch.*44.28. 2 *Chron.* 36.22, 23. ¶ [28] *ch.* 13.17. Without any ranſom or conſideration required from them.

14 Thus ſaith the LORD, The [29] labour of Egypt, and [29] merchandiſe of Ethiopia, and of the Sabeans, [30] men of ſtature, [29] ſhall come over unto thee, and they ſhall be thine, they ſhall come after thee, * [31] in chains they ſhall come over: and they ſhall fall down unto thee, they ſhall make ſupplication unto thee, *ſaying*, Surely God [32] *is* in thee, and [33] *there is* none elſe; *there is* no God.

* Pſal.149.8.

[29] The glory and wealth (gotten by theſe means) of divers Nations, ſhall be brought to thee, O *Jeruſalem*, and my people there, *ch.*60.5--7. *Ezra* 1.4. and 7.21, 22. ſpecially, by the converſion of the Gentiles to the Goſpel Church. ¶ [30] Tall, goodly perſons. ¶ [31] Be led captive, as it were, by the power of the Goſpel, *Pſal.* 68.18. with *Eph.* 4.8. ¶ [32] *Ezek.*48.--38. *Zech.*8.--23. 1 *Cor.* 14.25. ¶ [33] We are now plainly convinc'd that thou art the only true God.

15 Verily thou *art* a God [34] that hideſt thy ſelf, O God of Iſrael the ſaviour.

[34] (1) The grounds and reaſons of whoſe Diſpenſations are unſearchable, (*Pſal.*77.19. *Rom.*11.33,34.) and therefore not to be quarrel'd at, *v.*9--11. (2) Who doſt often defer to help thy people in time of diſtreſs, (*ch.*57.17. *Pſal.* 10.1.) and therefore they muſt with patience wait upon thee, *ch.* 8.17. (3) Who carrieſt on the deliverance of thy people and deſtruction of thy enemies in a myſterious manner.

16 [35] They ſhall be aſhamed, and alſo confounded all of them: they ſhall go to confuſion together *that are* * makers of idols.

[35] Idolaters.
* Chap.44.11.

17 *But* Iſrael ſhall be ſaved in the LORD with [36] an everlaſting ſalvation: ye ſhall not be aſhamed nor confounded [37] world without end.

[36] Which ſhall reach unto eternity, Whereof the Babyloniſh Deliverance was a Type. ¶ [37] *Joel.*2.26,27. Not always find your ſelves diſappointed of that Salvation you expect from God.

18 For thus ſaith the LORD *that created the heavens, God himſelf that formed the earth and made it; he hath eſtabliſhed it; he created it not in vain, he formed it to be [38] inhabited; * I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none elſe.

* Chap.42.5.
* Verſe 5.

[38] By mankind; and eſpecially by his Church; for whoſe ſake all things were made, 1 *Cor.*3.22,23.

19 I have not ſpoken [39] in ſecret, in a [39] dark place of the earth: I ſaid not unto the ſeed of Jacob, Seek ye me [40] in vain: I the LORD [41] ſpeak righteouſneſs, I declare things that are [41] right.

[39] *Ch.*48.16. After the manner of the Heathen Oracles, but publickly and plainly reveal'd my mind to you, *Deut.*30.11, 14. *John* 18.20. ¶ [40] As Idolaters do to their Idols. ¶ [41] That which I promiſe is true; and that which I command is juſt and good, *Pſal.*19.7--10. and 111.7,8.

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20 ¶ [42] Aſſemble your ſelves and come: [42] draw near together ye *that are* [43] eſcaped of nations: they have [44] no knowledge that ſet up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot ſave.

[42] *Ch.* 43.9. and 48.14. *Viz.* To hear what I ſhall now ſay, and to a more impartial conſideration of the vanity of your Idols. ¶ [43] *Viz.* From thoſe Calamities I am now bringing upon all the Nations round about, for their abominable Idolatries. ¶ [44] *ch.* 44.9,17. &c.

21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near, yea, let them [45] take counſel together: who hath [46] declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and * *there is* [47] no God elſe beſide me, a juſt God and a ſaviour, *there is* none beſide me.

* V.5,11,18.

[45] To maintain the cauſe of their Idols. ¶ [46] *ch.* 41.22. and 43.9. and 44.7. and 46.10. and 48.14. *Viz.* What I am about to do to *Cyrus*. ¶ [47] *v.*5,14,18.

22 [48] Look unto me, and be ye ſaved [49] all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none elſe.

[48] Caſt off your Idols, and own and truſt in me as the only true God. ¶ [49] *Pſal.* 22.27. Ye Gentiles all the world over.

23 I have ſworn by my [50] ſelf, the word is gone out of my mouth [51] *in* righteouſneſs, and ſhall not return, that unto me [52] every knee ſhall bowe, * every tongue ſhall ſwear.

* Gen.31.35. Deut.6.13. Chap.65.16.

[50] *Jer.*22.5. and 49.13. *Hebr.* 6.13. ¶ [51] Which I will moſt faithfully perform. ¶ [52] *Phil.*2.10. I will ſo evidently and undeniably manifeſt my ſelf to be the true God, that multitudes of all Nations ſhall own my Soveraignty, and pay me worſhip. And this ſhall be moſt fully effected at the day of Judgment, *Rom.*14.10,11.

24 || Surely, ſhall [53] *one* ſay, [54] In the LORD have I † righteouſneſs and [55] ſtrength: *even* to him ſhall *men* [56] come, and * all [57] that are incenſed againſt him ſhall be aſhamed.

|| Or, *Surely he ſhall ſay of me, In the* LORD *is all righteouſneſs and ſtrength.*
† Heb. *righteouſneſſes.*
* Chap.41.11.

[53] All ſuch as are converted from Idols to own the true God in Chriſt. ¶ [54] From Chriſt alone, and by virtue of my Union with him, and intereſt in him, (and not from Idols) I am accounted Righteous, and acquitted from Condemnation, through the merit of his Blood, (*Acts* 13.39. 1 *Cor.* 1.30. 2 *Cor.* 5.21.) and am endued with a principle of Righteouſneſs and Holineſs, by the efficacy of his Spirit. ¶ [55] Actual aſſiſtance and ability for the performance of every duty, *John* 15.--5, *Phil.*2.13. and 4.13. ¶ [56] Seek to him for all good. ¶ [57] His implacable enemies.

25 [54] In the LORD ſhall all the [58] ſeed of Iſrael be [59] juſtified, and ſhall [60] glory.

[58] True Believers both of Jews and Gentiles. ¶ [59] Owned as righteous by God, and acquitted from thoſe aſperſions which are caſt upon 'em by men. ¶ [60] Triumph in their relation to him, and intereſt in him.

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1 The idols of Babylon could not ſave themſelves.
3 God ſaveth his people to the end. *5 Idols are not comparable to God.*

*[1] BEl boweth down, [1] Nebo ſtoupeth, their idols were upon the beaſts, and upon the cattel: your carriages *were* heavy loden, *they are* a burden to the weary *beaſt*.

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* Chap.21.9.

[1] *Jer.*50.2. and 51.44. The Babylonian Idols are fain to ſubmit to the victorious *Perſians*.

2 They ſtoup, they bowe down together, [2] they could not deliver the burden, but † themſelves are gone into captivity.

† Heb. *their ſoul.*

[2] The Babylonians could not ſecure their Idols (called a Burden, *v.*1.) from being carried away.

3 ¶ Hearken

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3 ¶ Hearken unto me, O houſe of Jacob, and all the [3] remnant of the houſe of Iſrael, *which are* born *by me*, from the belly, *which are* carried from the womb.

[3] *Ch.*10.21,22. and 11.11,15. and 28.5. That yet ſurvive after the Babyloniſh Captivity.

4 And *even* to *your* old age I *am* he, and *even* to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear, even I will [4] carry and will deliver *you*.

[4] *Exod.* 19. 4. *Deut.* 1. 31. and 32.-11.

[5] *ch.*40.18. See there.

5 ¶ [5] To whom will ye liken me and make *me* equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6 [6] They laviſh gold out of the bag, and weigh ſilver in the balance, *and* hire a goldſmith, and he maketh it a god: [7] they fall down, yea, they worſhip.

[6] *Ch.*40.19. and 44.12. *Jer.*10.3. ¶ [7] *ch.*44.17.

[8] *ch.*45.-20.

7 They bear him upon the ſhoulder, they carry him, and ſet him in his place, and he ſtandeth; from his place ſhall he not remove: yea, *one* ſhall cry unto him, yet [8] cannot he anſwer, nor ſave him out of his trouble.

8 [9] Remember this, and [10] ſhew your ſelves men: [11] bring *it* again to mind, O [12] ye tranſgreſſours.

[9] *Ch.*44.21. ¶ [10] 1 *Cor.*16.13. Make uſe of your Reaſon. ¶ [11] Think of it again and again. ¶ [12] You who have been guilty of this ſin.

* Chap. 45. 5. & 48. 12.

9 Remember the former things of old, for I *am* God, and * *there is* none elſe, I *am* God, and *there is* none like me,

10 Declaring the [13] end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, ſaying, [14] My counſel ſhall ſtand, and I will do all my [15] pleaſure:

[13] What the iſſue of things will be, long before they come to paſs, *ch.*41.22,23. ¶ [14] *Pſal.* 33.11. *Prov.* 19. 21. and 21.30. ¶ [15] *Pſal.*115.-3. *Dan.*4.35.

† Heb. *of my counſel.*

11 Calling [16] a ravenous bird from the eaſt, the [16] man † that [17] executeth my counſel from a far country: yea, I have ſpoken *it*, I will alſo bring it to paſs; I have purpoſed *it*, I will alſo do it.

[16] *Cyrus*, coming ſwiftly from *Perſia*, and deſtroying his Enemies. ¶ [17] *ch.*44.28.

12 ¶ Hearken unto me, ye [18] ſtout-hearted, that *are* [19] far from righteouſneſs.

[18] *Ch.*48.4. *Zech.*7.11,12. *Mal.*3.13-15. *Acts* 7. 51. You among my people, who carry your ſelves ſtubbornly, notwithſtanding all means uſed to reclaim you. ¶ [19] Enemies to all good, and have given up your ſelves to all wickedneſs.

13 [20] I bring near my righteouſneſs: it ſhall not be far off, and my ſalvation ſhall not tarry; and I will [21] place ſalvation in *Zion* for *Iſrael* [22] my glory.

[20] *q. d.* Tho you are ſo wicked, yet I'll ſpeedily make good my promiſe of your deliverance, *Rom.*8.30. ¶ [21] Settle my People again in *Sion*, where they ſhall be ſafe. ¶ [22] By whoſe deliverance I'll gain to my ſelf my Glory, (*ch.*60.-21. and 63.-14.) and make them illuſtrious monuments of my glorious Power, Goodneſs, *&c.*

CHAP. XLVII.

1 God's judgment upon Babylon and Chaldea, 6 for their unmercifulneſs, 7 pride, 10 and over-boldneſs.

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1 COme down and ſit in the [1] duſt, O virgin daughter of Babylon, ſit on the [2] ground: *there is* [3] no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou ſhalt [4] no more be called tender and delicate.

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[1] *Jer.*13.18. and 48.18. ¶ [2] *Job* 2.-8. As a Mourner for thy approaching calamities. ¶ [3] That art tender and delicate like a Virgin, *v.*-1. ¶ [4] *Lam.*2.10. ¶ [5] Thy dignity and authority is taken from thee. ¶ [6] Be reduced to great ſtraights and miſeries.

2 [7] Take the milſtones and grind meal, [8] uncover thy locks, [8] make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, paſs over the rivers.

[7] *Exod.*11.5. *Judg.*16.21. *Job* 31.10. *Lam.*5.13. *Matth.*24. 41. *q. d.* Thou ſhalt be brought down to the baſeſt kind of ſlavery. ¶ [8] *q.d.* Thou ſhalt be ſtript of all thy raiment, and forc'd to trudge along with thy hair hanging about thy ears, and thy clothes tuck't up to paſs through thick and thin.

* Chap.20.4. Jer.13. 22,26. Nah.3.5.

3 * Thy nakedneſs ſhall be [9] uncovered, yea, thy ſhame ſhall be [9] ſeen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet *thee* [10] *as* a man.

[9] *Viz.* By thy Enemies, in a way of ſcorn and diſgrace, *Ezek.*16.37. ¶ [10] But like an Almighty God, whoſe power thou canſt not withſtand.

4 *As for* our redeemer, the LORD of hoſts *is* his name, the holy One of Iſrael.

5 Sit thou ſilent, and [11] get thee into darkneſs, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou ſhalt no more be called the lady of kingdoms.

[11] Thou ſhalt be brought into a calamitous, comfortleſs condition.

‖ Or, *cauſed thee to turn away.*

6 ¶ I was wroth with my people, I have [12] polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didſt ſhew them [13] no mercy, * upon the ancient haſt thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

* Deut.28.50.

[12] *ch.*43.28. Caſt 'em off as an unclean thing, and ſuffer'd them to be carried into a polluted Land. ¶ [13] 2 *Chr.* 36. 17.

7 ¶ And thou ſaidſt, I ſhall be a lady for [14] ever: ſo that thou didſt not lay [15] theſe *things* to thy heart, neither didſt remember the [16] latter end of it.

[14] *Rev.* 18.-7. *Obad.*-3. ¶ [15] Thy cruelty, and my threatnings for it. ¶ [16] What would at length befall thee for it.

8 Therefore hear now this, thou *that art* given to pleaſures, that dwelleſt [17] careleſly, that ſayeſt in thine heart, [18] I *am*, and [19] none elſe beſides me, I ſhall not ſit *as* a [20] widow, neither ſhall I know the loſs of children.

[17] Without fear of change. ¶ [18] *Zeph.* 2. 15. The great Monarch and Empreſs of the world. ¶ [19] Able to contend with me; equal to me in Power, Wealth, and Glory. ¶ [20] Deſtitute of a King or People to defend me, *Rev.*18.-8.

* Nah.3. 4.

9 But [21] theſe two *things* ſhall come to thee in a moment in one day; the loſs of children and widowhood; they ſhall come upon thee in their perfection, * [22] for the multitude of thy ſorceries, *and* [22] for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

[21] *Ch.*51.19. ¶ [22] For all thy magical arts and practices, (wherein the *Chaldeans* did abound, *v.* 12,13.)

10 ¶ For thou haſt truſted in thy [23] wickedneſs; thou haſt ſaid, [24] None ſeeth me: [25] thy wiſdom and thy [25] knowledge, it hath ‖ perverted thee; and thou haſt ſaid in thine heart, I *am*, and none elſe beſides me.

[23] Theſe and ſuch like wicked courſes. ¶ [24] *ch.*29. 15. *Pſal.*64. 5. and 94. 7. My deſigns are ſo cunningly contriv'd, and ſo cloſely carried, that God himſelf can neither diſcover, nor prevent 'em. ¶ [25] Thy high conceit of thy own policy, and skill in magical Arts, has miſled thee into the way of ſin and deſtruction.

† Heb. *from the morning thereof.*

11 Therefore ſhall evil come upon thee, thou ſhalt not know † from [26] whence it riſeth: and miſchief ſhall fall upon thee, thou ſhalt not be able

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able to † put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt [27] not know.

† Heb. *expiate it.*

[26] What Nation or Country. (They little dreaming at that time of any quarrel *Cyrus* had against 'em.) ¶ [27] Not foresee.

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

13 Thou art [28] wearied in the multitude of thy counsels: let now the † astrologers, the star-gazers, the † monthly prognosticatours stand up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee.

† Heb. *viewers of the heavens.*

† Heb. *that give knowledge concerning the months.*

[28] To save thy self this way and that way.

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble: the fire shall burn them: they shall not deliver † themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall* [29] not *be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.

† Heb. *their souls.*

[29] All the comfort thou didst expect from 'em shall utterly vanish.

15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even* thy merchants from thy youth, they shall [30] wander every one to his quarter, none shall save thee.

[30] Flee every one to his own Country.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 God, to convince the people of their obstinacy, revealeth his prophesies. 12 He exhorteth them to obedience.

* Psal. 68. 26.

HEar ye this, O house of Jacob, *which are* called by the name of Israel, and * are [1] come forth out of the waters of Judah; * Chap. 65. 16. Zeph. 1. 5. * Jer. 4. 2. & 5. 2. * which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, * *but* not in truth, nor in righteousness.

[1] Descended from *Judah*, as streams from their Fountain.

2 For they [2] call themselves of the holy city, and [3] stay themselves upon the God of Israel, the LORD of hosts *is* his name.

[2] Boast that they are Citizens of the holy City of *Jerusalem.* ¶ [3] Profess much confidence in God, and pretend great dependance upon him.

* Chap. 42. 9. & 43. 9. & 44. 7, 8. & 45. 21. † *ch.* 46. 10.

3 * † I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them, I did *them* suddenly, and they came to pass.

† Heb. *hard.*

4 [4] Because I knew that thou *art* † obstinate, and thy neck *is* an [6] iron sinew, and thy brow brass.

[5] *q. d.* I gave thee such undeniable proofs of my Deity, because of thy stubbornness. ¶ [6] Inflexible, and untractable.

5 [4] I have even from the beginning declared *it* to thee; before it came to pass I shewed *it* thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image hath commanded them.

6 [7] Thou hast heard: † see all this; and will not ye declare [8] *it*? I have shewed thee new things, from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

[7] *Viz.* How in all Ages I have foretold what should come to pass, and that it has come to pass accordingly. ¶ † Consider it well, and lay it to heart. ¶ [8] This, which you have heard and seen concerning my Predictions, and the accomplishment of them.

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7 They are [9] created now, and not from the beginning, even before the day [10] when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

[9] Brought to light. ¶ [10] Before the time that thou hadst heard any thing of 'em.

8 Yea, thou [11] heardest not, yea, thou knewest not, yea, from that time [12] that thine ear was not opened: [13] for I knew that thou wouldst deal very treacherously, and wast called a [14] transgressour from the [15] womb.

[11] Thou never heardst from any one else what I now tell thee. ¶ [12] When the least hint of this business had never come to thine ear. ¶ [13] *q. d.* I have used all these repetitions, because I knew thou'dst be ready to ascribe the foreknowledge of these things to thy Idols and Southsayers, (*v.* 5.) and wouldst not own my hand in what has befaln thee, but ascribe it to other things. ¶ [14] *ch.* 63. 10. *Deut.* 9. 7, 24. ¶ [15] The time that I brought thee out of *Egypt.*

9 ¶ [16] For my names sake will I defer mine anger, and [17] for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

[16] With respect to my own Glory. ¶ [17] That I may be praised for my mercy to thee.

10 Behold, [18] I have refined thee, but [19] not ‖ with silver; [20] I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

‖ Or, *for silver.*

[18] *q. d.* Tho I am resolv'd not utterly to destroy thee, yet I am forc'd to cast thee into the Furnace of affliction, thereby to refine thee. ¶ [19] Not with so vehement a fire as Silver is refin'd, but gently. ¶ [20] Made the Babylonish Captivity to be a means of refining thee, and then chose thee again, after I had seem'd to have cast thee off, *ch.* 50. 1. *Jer.* 3. 8.

11 For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake will I [21] do *it*; for how should *my name* be [22] polluted? and I will [23] not give my glory unto another.

[21] *Psal.* 79. 9. Deliver thee. ¶ [22] *Ezek.* 36. 20. Blasphemed, and mine honour eclipsed, as if I were not able to deliver 'em; as *Numb.* 14. 15, 16. *Deut.* 32. 27. *Josh.* 7. 8, 9. *Psal.* 42. 7-10. ¶ [23] *ch.* 42. 8.

12 ¶ Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, [24] my called, I *am* he, I *am* [25] the * first, I also *am* the [25] last.

* Rev. 1. 17. & 23. 13.

[24] Call'd to be my peculiar People. ¶ [25] See on *ch.* 41. 4.

13 [26] Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and ‖ my right hand hath spanned the heavens: *when* I * call unto them, they [27] stand up together.

‖ Or, *the palm of my right hand hath spread out.*

[26] See on *ch.* 42. 5. ¶ [27] Are ready to execute whatsoever I command.

* Chap. 40. 26.

14 All [28] ye assemble your selves and hear: which among [29] them hath declared these *things*? the LORD hath [30] loved him: [31] he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and [32] his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans.

¶ [28] My People. ¶ [29] The Idols which you hanker after. ¶ [30] Lov'd *Cyrus* with a common, general Love, such as he bears to all Mankind, (*Psal.* 145. 9.) and also with a further degree of love for his Vertues, (as *Mark* 10. 21. See there,) which love he does manifest by exalting him so highly, making use of him in so great services, and giving him such prosperous success. ¶ [31] *Cyrus* will fully execute God's pleasure on *Babylon*, *ch.* 44. 28. and 46. 11. ¶ [32] By his power he shall subdue and destroy the *Chaldeans.*

15 I, *even* I have spoken, yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16 ¶ Come ye near unto me, hear ye this, I have not spoken [33] in secret from the [34] beginning, from the time [35] that it was, [35] there *am* I: and now the Lord GOD and his [36] spirit hath [37] sent me.

[33] See on *ch.* 45. 19. ¶ [34] *ch.* 41. 26. *viz.* Of my taking you

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you to be my People, and revealing my mind to you. ¶ [35] That I first foretold it, I was there to make it good. ¶ [36] 2 *Pet.* 1. 21. ¶ [37] Given me commission to foretel these things concerning *Babylon* and *Cyrus*.

17 [38] Thus saith the LORD thy redeemer, the holy One of Israel, I *am* the LORD thy God which teacheth thee [39] to profit, which leadeth thee by the way *that* thou shouldest go.

[38] *ch.*43.14. ¶ [39] Such things as conduce to thy peace and prosperity, both here and hereafter, *v.*18. *Deut.* 4. 40. and 5.29. and 6.3. *Job* 22.21. *Luke* 19.42.

18 [40] O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and [41] thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.

[40] *Deut.*5.29. and 32. 29. *Psal.* 81. 13. ¶ [41] The fruit and reward of it, in peace and prosperity.

19 Thy seed also had been [42] as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; [43] his name should not have been cut off, nor destroyed [44] from before me.

[42] *Gen.*22.17. See there. ¶ [43] His Seed and Posterity, (whereby Men's Names are preserv'd.) ¶ [44] From the Land wherein was the Temple, the place of my special residence.

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20 ¶ * [45] Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth: say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

* Chap.52.11. Jer. 50.8. & 51.6,45. Zech. 2.6. Rev.18.4.

[45] *i.e.* You shall as certainly be deliver'd from thence, as if it were now a doing.

21 And * [46] they thirsted not *when* he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

* See Chap. 21.19,20.

[46] They wanted no necessary supplies in their return, but were miraculously provided for, as formerly when they came out of *Egypt*, *Exod.*17.6.

22 *There is* [47] no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

[47] *Ch.* 57. 20, 21. *Job* 15. 20, 21. and 20. 20. *q. d.* Tho Peace and Prosperity be the fruit and reward of Obedience, (*v.*18.) yet such as continue in a course of sin, can expect no share in it; (and therefore let all be careful to reform.)

CHAP. XLIX.

1 Christ being sent to the Jews, complaineth of them. 5 He is sent to the Gentiles. 13 God's love to the Church.

Listen, [1] O isles, unto me, and hearken ye people [2] from far, The LORD hath [3] called me from the womb, from the bowels of my mother hath he [3] made mention of my name.

[1] O ye Nations of the Gentiles in the remotest Countries, harken unto and embrace (and so you shall do) my Gospel which shall be preach'd unto you, when the Jews are rejected for their wickedness, *ch.*48.22. ¶ [2] *Jer.*1.5. *Gal.*1.15. Design'd me to this Office of Mediator from all eternity, (1 *Pet.*1.20.) and in order thereto has fitted me for it in the Womb, (*v.*5.) and made it known from my Birth, *Luke* 2. 10,11. ¶ [3] *Matth.*1.21. *Luke* 1.31.

2 And he hath made [4] my mouth like a sharp sword, [5] in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a [6] polished shaft, in his [5] quiver hath he hid me.

[4] My words to be powerful and efficacious for the convincing and converting of Souls, *Heb.*4.12. ¶ [5] *ch.*51. 16. *John* 7.30,44. *Luke* 22.53. ¶ [6] To pierce deep into men's hearts, *Psal.*45.5.

* Chap.42.1. Zech.3. 8.

3 And said unto me, * Thou *art* my servant, [7] O Israel, in whom I will be [8] glorified.

[7] The Messiah, of the stock of *Israel*, and most powerful, and always prevalent with God, *John* 11. 41, 42. ¶ [8] *John.*17.4.

4 Then I said, I have laboured in [9] vain, I have spent my strength [9] for nought, and in vain, *yet* surely [10] my judgment *is* with the LORD, and my ‖ [10] work with my God.

‖ Or, *reward.*

[9] *Viz.* Comparatively, without any considerable fruit of my labours among the Jews. ¶ [10] He'll judge for me, and reward me, not according to my success, but my diligence in my work. Tho the Patient die, yet the Physician has his Fee.

5 ¶ And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, ‖ Though Israel be not [11] gathered, yet shall I be [12] glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be [13] my strength.

‖ Or, *That Israel may be gathered to him, and I may*, &c.

[11] Converted, *Matth.* 23. 37. ¶ [12] Highly esteemed by God for the faithful discharge of my Duty, and have Glory conferred upon me, *ch.*52.13. *John* 5.23. *Phil.*2.9. ¶ [13] To enable me to the discharge of my Office, and support me against all opposition.

6 And he said, ‖ It is a [14] light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up [15] the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the ‖ [16] preserved of Israel: I will also give thee [17] for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be [18] my salvation unto the end of the earth.

‖ Or, Art thou *lighter then that thou shouldst*, &c.

‖ Or, *desolations.*

[14] A small matter, comparatively. ¶ [15] The Church of the Jews only. ¶ [16] That remnant of 'em which shall survive all their calamities and desolations. ¶ [17] See on *ch.* 42. 6. ¶ [18] The great Instrument and Author of that salvation which I'll bestow upon the Gentiles, *ch.* 45. 22. *Psal.*98.2. *Mark* 16.15,16. *John.*10.16.

7 Thus saith the LORD the redeemer of Israel, *and* his holy One, to him ‖ whom man [19] despiseth, to him whom the nation [19] abhorreth, to [20] a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and [21] arise, princes also shall [21] worship, because of the LORD that [22] is faithful, *and* the holy One of Israel, and he shall [23] choose thee.

‖ Or, *that is despised in soul*

[19] *Ch.*53.3. *Psal.*22.6,7. *Matth.* 11. 19. *John* 7. 12,20. and 8.52. & 10.20. *Acts* 3.14. ¶ [20] *Matth.*17.24,25. ¶ [21] *ch.*52.15. *Psal.*72.10,11. ¶ [22] Will make good his Promise to thee, *Psal.*2.8. ¶ [23] Make it appear that he has chosen thee to be the Redeemer of Mankind.

8 Thus saith the LORD, [24] In an acceptable time have [25] I heard thee, and [24] in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee [26] for a covenant of the people, to ‖ [27] establish the earth, [28] to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

‖ Or, *raise up.*

[24] In the days of thy flesh, (*Heb.*5.7.) and in the times of the Gospel, (2 *Cor.*6. 2. See there *n.* 9.) wherein I have determin'd to manifest my good will to the Gentiles, in accepting 'em to life and salvation. ¶ [25] *Heb.*5.7. *John* 11. 41,42. ¶ [26] See on *ch.*42.6. ¶ [27] Settle the Church upon firm foundations, and compose the great differences in the world between God and Man; Jews and Gentiles, *Eph.* 2. 14–16. ¶ [28] To restore Sinners to the heavenly inheritance, and to bring the Heathen (in a desolate, forlorn condition) to be his inheritance, *Psal.*2.8.

9 That thou mayest say to the [29] prisoners, Go forth; to them that *are* [29] in darkness, Shew your selves: they shall feed in the ways, and [30] their pastures *shall be* in all high places.

[29] *Ch.*42.7. ¶ [30] They shall plentifully enjoy the means of Grace at all times, and in all places, even the most barren.

10 They shall [31] not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the [31] heat nor [31] sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

[31] *Rev.*7.16. Have plentiful provision, and freedom from annoyances, as the *Israelites* had in the Wilderness by Manna, and the Pillar of the Cloud.

11 And I will [32] make all my mountains a way, and my high ways shall be exalted.

[32] *Ch.* 40.

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[31] *Ch.*40.3,4. Remove all hindrances, and bestow all furtherances.

12 Behold, [33] these shall come from far: and lo, [33] these from the north and from the west, and [33] these from the land of Sinim.

[33] My People, whether Jews or Gentiles.

[34] *ch.* 44.23. 13 ¶ * [34] Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth, and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14 But [35] Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my LORD hath forgotten me.

[35] *Ch.*40.27. *Psal.*13,1. and 31.22. and 88.14. *q. d.* The Church of the Jews, by reason of their long dispersion and desolation, may be thought to be wholly forsaken of God, but he'l return and shew mercy to 'em in the latter days, (*v.*14–23.) and utterly destroy their mighty Oppressor, *v.*24–26.

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, † Heb. *from having compassion.* that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon [36] the palms of *my* hands, [37] thy walls *are* continually before me.

[36] *Exod.*13.9,16. *Deut.*6.8. *Prov.*6.21. *Cant.*8.6. *Jer.*22.24. ¶ [37] The ruins and desolations of my Church are always in my thoughts, to get 'em repaired in the most fitting time.

17 Thy children shall [38] make haste; thy destroyers, and they that made thee waste, shall [39] go forth of thee.

[38] To build thee up again. ¶ [39] Be driven away again.

18 ¶ [40] Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: [41] all these gather themselves together, *and* come to thee: *as* I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them *on thee* as a bride *doth*.

[40] *ch.*60.4. ¶ [41] Even the Gentiles as well as thy own Children.

19 For thy [42] waste and thy [43] desolate places, * See Chap. 54.1,2. Zech 2. 4. & 10. 10. and the [43] land of thy destruction * shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

[42] Thy Land, which is now desolate and destroyed.

20 [43] The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place *is* too [44] strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

[43] The Gentiles, which shall become Members of the Gospel-Church, when the Jews are rejected. ¶ [44] *ch.* 54.1.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I [45] have lost my children, and am [46] desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? behold, I was left alone; these, where *had* they *been*?

[45] Few of the Jews in Christs time were the true Children of God, and afterwards the whole Nation was unchurch'd. ¶ [46] Without a Husband, (God having rejected the Church of the Jews.)

22 Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will [47] lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my [48] standard to the people: and they †Heb. *bosom.* shall bring thy sons in *their* † arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

[47] Beckon 'em to come in to my Church. ¶ [48] *ch.*11.12. To gather 'em to my Church, *i. e.* Powerfully work upon their hearts to become Members of my Church.

23 And kings shall be thy † nursing-fathers, and their † queens thy nursing-mothers: they shall [49] bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and [50] lick up the dust of thy feet, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: for they shall [51] not be ashamed that wait for me.

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† Heb. *nourishers.*

† Heb. *princesses.*

[49] Own themselves to be Children of the Church, and pay to the Church that honour which is due from Children to Parents. ¶ [50] *Psal.*72.9. Submit to thee. ¶ [51] *Psal.* 9.10. and 25.3. and 34.22. *Rom.*5.5. and 9.33.

24 ¶ * [52] Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the † lawful captive delivered? * Matth. 12.29 † Heb. *captivity of the just.*

[52] *q. d.* True indeed, the Church's Enemies, especially the Devil, are powerful, and Sinners are his lawful Captives, (yielding themselves up to him) yet this shall not hinder their deliverance.

25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the † captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with *him* that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. † Heb. *captivity.*

26 And I will * [53] feed them that oppress thee, [53] with their own flesh, and they shall be drunken with their own * blood, as with ‖ sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy saviour and thy redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. * Chap. 9. 20. * Rev. 14. 20. & 16. 6. ‖ Or, *new wine.*

[53] Cause 'em to destroy one another.

CHAP. L.

1 *Christ sheweth the cause of the Jews dereliction.*
10 *An exhortation to trust in God, and not in our selves.*

THus saith the LORD, [1] Where *is* * the bill of your mothers divorcement whom I have put away? or which of my creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have you sold your selves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away. * Deut. 24.1. Hos. 2. 2.

[1] *q. d.* I have not cast you off causlesly, and given you a Bill of Divorce, (as you commonly serve your Wives) but you have separated your selves from me by your sins, and given me just occasion to reject you.

2 Wherefore when I [2] came, *was there* no man? when I [2] called, *was there* none to answer? [3] Is my hand shortned at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, [4] at my rebuke I dry up the sea: I make the rivers [5] a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because *there is* no water, and dieth for thirst.

[2] Came to call 'em to repent and reform: I could find none to comply with my Call, and obey my Commands. ¶ [3] *ch.*59.1. *Numb.*11.23. *q.d.* If you are not delivered, the fault is not in me, but in your selves. ¶ [4] *ch.* 51.10. *Exod.* 14.21,29. *Psal.*106.9. *Nah.*1.4. ¶ [5] *ch.*42.15. and 63.13. *Psal.*107.33.

3 I clothe the heavens with [6] blackness, and I make [7] sackcloth their covering. [6] *Exod.*10.21. [7] *Rev.*6.12.

4 The Lord GOD hath given [8] me the [9] tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* [10] weary: he wakeneth morning by morning: he [11] wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

[8] The Messiah. *q.d.* And as God is able to deliver and redeem his People, (*v.*2.) so he has afforded them sufficient means to bring 'em to repentance in order thereto, and has sent me on that errand to 'em. ¶ [9] An ability to speak to the Heart, as well as to the Ear, *Psal.*45.2. *Matth.* 7.29. *Luke* 4.22. *John.*7.46. ¶ [10] *Matth.*11.28. With labouring under the burden of sin. ¶ [11] Is continually revealing his Will to me, (*John* 12.49.) which I attend unto, as those that desire to be learned, will hearken with all possible diligence and attention.

5 ¶ The Lord GOD hath [13] opened mine ear

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ear, and I was not *rebellious, neither turned away back.

*John 14. 31. Phil. 2. 8. Hebr. 10. 5. &c.

[13] *Psal.* 40. 6. Inabled me to hear and obey his commands.

6 [14] I gave my back to the smiters, and *my cheeks to them that [15] plucked off the hair: I [16] hid not my face from shame and [17] spitting.

*Lam. 3. 30.

[14] *Matth.* 26. 57, 67. and 27. 26, 30. *Luke* 22. 63, 64. *John* 18. 22. ¶ [15] *Neh.* 13, 25. ¶ [16] Willingly submitted to all manner of reproachful usage. ¶ [17] *Matth.* 26. 67. and 27. 30.

7 ¶ For the LORD God will help me, therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like [18] a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

[18] *Jer.* 5. 3. *Zech.* 7. 12. *Ezek.* 3. 9. Resolutely to undergo all opposition.

8 *He is* near that [19] justifieth me, who will contend with me? let us stand together: who *is* † mine adversary? let him come near to me.

† Heb. *the master of my cause.*

[19] *Rom.* 8. 33, 34. Vindicates my innocency, and acquits me from all those Calumnies and Reproaches that are laid upon me.

9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me, who *is* he *that* shall condemn me? lo, they all shall [20] wax old as a garment: [21] the moth shall eat them up.

[20] Decay and come to nothing. ¶ [21] *ch.* 51. 8. Some secret Curse and Judgment of God.

10 ¶ [22] Who *is* among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his [23] servant, that walketh *in* [24] darkness, and hath [25] no light? let him trust [26] in the name of the LORD, and [27] stay upon his God.

[22] Implying, That there were but a few such, tho' some there were. ¶ [23] Christ, (*ch.* 52. 13. and 53. 11.) by Obedience to whom only Salvation is to be obtain'd. ¶ [24] *ch.* 59. 9. In a disconsolate condition, through the apprehension of their lying under the wrath of God. ¶ [25] No comfort, nor hope left. ¶ [26] Upon God, his Goodness, and free Grace, declar'd in his Word. ¶ [27] Depend upon him for help and relief in due time.

11 Behold, [28] all ye that [29] kindle a fire, that compass *your selves* about with sparks: [30] walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled. * This shall ye have of mine hand, ye shall [31] lie down in sorrow.

*John 9. 39.

[28] Implying, That there were abundance of such. See *v.* 22. ¶ [29] Seek to support, relieve, and comfort your selves against the Judgments denounc'd against you, by carnal, vain shifts of your own devising, as your own Righteousness, and the like, *Rom.* 10. 3. ¶ [30] Spoken by way of scorn and derision. ¶ [31] Die in your sins, and so remain under the punishment of 'em to all Eternity.

CHAP. LI.

1 *An exhortation after the pattern of Abraham, to trust in Christ.* 9 *Christ defendeth his from fear.*

* Rom. 9. 30, 31, 32.

HEarken to me, * ye that [1] follow after righteousness, ye that [2] seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewen, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.

[2] *Prov.* 21. 21. *Matth.* 6. 33. ¶ [1] *ch.* 55. 6. *Psal.* 24. 6. *Zeph.* 2. 3. Set your hearts to serve and please him, and seek to him in all your straits.

2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bare you; for I [3] called him [4] alone, and blessed him, and [5] increased him.

[3] *Gen.* 12. 1–3. ¶ [4] When he was without issue, (*Gen.* 15. 2.) yea, without hopes of any in a natural way, *Gen.* 18. 11. *Rom.* 4. 19. ¶ [5] (And so can multiply your Church again, tho' reduc'd to never so small a number, *v.* 3.)

3 [6] For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places, and he will make her wilderness [7] like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

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[6] This seems more especially to refer to the last days. ¶ [7] Fruitful in Multitudes of Converts.

4 ¶ Hearken unto me, my people, and give ear unto me, O my nation: for [8] a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my [9] judgment [10] to rest for a [10] light of the people.

[8] The Doctrin of the Gospel: called The Law of Faith, *Rom.* 3. 27. ¶ [9] To be setled and established among the Gentiles, so as never to be extinguish'd. ¶ [10] *Prov.* 6. 23. 2 *Cor.* 4. 6.

5 [11] My righteousness *is* near; [12] my salvation is gone forth, and [13] mine arms shall judge the people: [14] the isles shall [15] wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

[11] The time is near when I'll approve my self righteous and faithful by performing my Promise of the Deliverance and Redemption of my people. ¶ [12] My secret and eternal purpose of saving my people, shall speedily be fulfill'd. ¶ [13] My Power, putting forth it self by my Spirit and Word, shall make the Gentiles obedient to me. ¶ [14] *ch.* 42. 4. The Gentiles in all Countries. ¶ [15] *viz.* For salvation and deliverance.

6 [16] Lift up your eyes to the [16] heavens, and look upon the [16] earth beneath: for the heavens shall [17] vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but [18] my salvation shall be [18] for ever, and [11] my righteousness shall not be abolished.

[16] Consider how firm and stable they seem to be. ¶ [17] *Psal.* 102. 26. *Matth.* 24. 35. ¶ [18] *ch.* 45. 17. and 54. 10. *Psal.* 119. 89, 90. *Matth.* 5. 18.

7 ¶ Hearken unto me, ye that [19] know righteousness, the people [20] in whose heart *is* my law; fear ye not the [21] reproch of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

[19] Love and practise it. ¶ [20] *Psal.* 37. 31. and 40. 7, 8. Being written there by God's Spirit, *Jer.* 31. 33. 2 *Cor.* 5. 3. ¶ [21] Censures of the carnal Jews.

8 For the [22] moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wooll; but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

[22] *ch.* 50. 9. See there.

9 ¶ Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. *Art* thou not it that hath cut [23] Rahab, *and* [24] wounded the dragon?

[23] *Egypt*, *Psal.* 87. 4. and 89. 10. ¶ [24] Destroy'd *Pharaoh*, *ch.* 27. 1. *Psal.* 74. 13, 14. *Ezek.* 29. 3. and 32. 2.

10 *Art* thou not it which hath [25] dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

[25] *Exod.* 14. 21.

11 Therefore the [26] redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion, and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy, *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

[26] *ch.* 35. 10.

12 I, [27] *even* I *am* he that comforteth you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldest [28] be afraid * of a man *that* shall die, and of the son of man *which* shall be made * [29] *as* grass?

* Psal. 118. 6. * 1 Pet. 1. 24.

[27] *Ch.* 43. 25. ¶ [28] *v.* 7, 8. *ch.* 2. 22. *Matth.* 10. 28. ¶ [29] *ch.* 40. 6. 1 *Pet.* 1. 24.

13 And forgettest the LORD thy maker, * that hath [30] stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth? and hast feared continually every day, because of the fury of the oppressour, as if he ‖ were ready [31] to destroy? and where *is* the fury of the oppressour?

* Job 9. 8. Psal. 104. 2. Chap. 42. 5. & 44. 24. ‖ Or, *made himself ready.*

[30] *Ch.* 40. 22. See there. ¶ [31] *Viz.* Without any hope of escape.

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14 The captive exile [32] hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

¶ [33] The time approaches for the delivery of my people.

15 But I *am* the LORD thy God, that * [34] divided the sea, whose waves rored: the LORD of hosts *is* his name.

* Job 26.12.

[34] Rather, *stilled*, or *quieted*; as *Jer.* 31. 35.

16 And * I have [35] put my words in thy mouth, and have [36] covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may [37] plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou *art* my [38] people.

* Deut. 18.18.

[35] Given thee my people, these Promises of Deliverance and Redemption. ¶ [36] *ch.*49.2. ¶ [37] *ch.*65.17 and 66.22. 2 *Pet.*3.13. Make a new and glorious state of Affairs in my Church. ¶ [38] *Viz.* In a more illustrious manner than ever formerly.

17 ¶ [39] Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which * hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the [39] dregs of * the cup of [40] trembling, *and* [39] wrung *them* out.

* Job 21.20. Jer. 25.15,16.
* Zech. 12.2. See Deut. 28. 28,34. Pf. 60.3.

¶ [39] *Ch.*52.1. *q.d.* Rouse up thy self, O my Church, out of that disconsolate condition that thou art now fall'n into, for there will be suddenly a happy change. ¶ [39] *Pſal.*75.8. The utmost of that Misery that God had alotted thee to undergo. ¶ [40] *Zech.*12.2. Which makes those to tremble that drink of it.

18 *There is* none to guide her among all the sons *whom* she hath brought forth: neither *is there any* that taketh her by the hand, of all the sons *that* she hath brought up.

19 [41] These two *things* † are come unto thee: [42] who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and † destruction, and the famine, and the sword? by whom shall I comfort thee?

† Heb. *hapned.*
† Heb. *breaking.*

[41] *Ch.*47.9. After mention'd, *viz.* destruction, and none to comfort. ¶ [42] *Pſal.*69.20.

20 * Thy sons have fainted, they [43] lie at the head of all the streets [44] as a wild bull in a net: they are full of [45] the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.

* Lam. 2. 11, 12.

[43] Languishing and ready to perish. ¶ [44] Fretting and afflicting themselves, and no way able to help themselves; not even those who have been of greatest power. ¶ [45] That Misery that was brought upon 'em by God's fury.

21 ¶ Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted and [46] drunken, * but not with wine:

[46] *ch.*29.9.
* See v. 17.

22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, *even* [39] the dregs of the cup of my fury, thou shalt [47] no more drink it again.

[47] No more lye under such Judgments after thy prosperity in the latter days, *ch.*52.1.

23 But I will [48] put it into the hand of them that afflict thee, which have said to thy soul, Bowe down, that we may go [49] over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street to them that went over.

[48] *Jer.*25.29.
[49] *Pſal.*66.12.

CHAP. LII.

1 Christ perswadeth the church to believe his free redemption, 9 and to joy in the power thereof.

1 AWake, awake, [1] put on thy strength, O Zion, [2] put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem the holy city: for * henceforth there shall [4] no more come into thee the uncircumcised, and the unclean.

* Chap. 35.8. & 60.21. Rev. 21.27.

[1] *Ch.*51.9,17. *q.d.* Thou shalt arise out of this calamitous condition thou art in at present. ¶ [2] *ch.* 51.9. Thou shalt be couragious, in confidence of God's favour and protection. ¶ [3] Thy sorrows shall be ended and thou shalt be advanc'd, in the latter days, to a most glorious and happy condition. ¶ [4] *ch.*51.22. Thy Enemies shall not molest thee as formerly, and thou shalt be more reformed.

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2 Shake thy self from the dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: [5] loose thy self from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

[5] Cast off thy yoke.

3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold [6] your selves for [7] nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

[6] By your sins. ¶ [7] *ch.* 45. 13. *Pſal.* 44. 12. *Jer.* 15. 13. Without any valuable consideration paid by your Enemies, either to you or me.

4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into [8] Egypt to sojourn there, and the [9] Assyrian oppressed them [10] without cause.

[8] *Gen.*46.6. Where they were oppress'd, and deliver'd 'em from thence. ¶ [9] *Jer.*50.17. ¶ [10] And I deliver'd 'em from that oppression also.

5 Now therefore, [11] what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for [7] nought? they that rule over them, make them to howl, saith the LORD, and my name continually every day *is* [12] blasphemed.

[11] What do I get by suffering my people to remain in *Babylon?* ¶ [12] *Ezek.*36.20,23. As if I were not able to deliver 'em.

6 Therefore my people shall [13] know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day, that I *am* he that [14] doth speak; behold, *it is* I.

[13] *Pſal.*9.10. Have experience of my Power and Goodnes in their Deliverance. ¶ [14] Have made these Promises, and will fulfil 'em; and also am the great Prophet, and Interpreter of my Father's Will to my Church.

7 ¶ How beautiful [15] upon the mountains are the feet of [16] him that bringeth [17] good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, * [18] Thy God reigneth!

* Pſal. 93.1. & 96.10. & 97.1.

[15] *Nah.*1.15. *Rom.*10.15. ¶ [16] Christ and the Apostles and Gospel-Ministers. ¶ [17] Of Redemption and Salvation by Christ. ¶ [18] Christ is enter'd upon his Kingdom, and will exercise his Authority over the Hearts and Consciences of Men all the World over, more eminently than he has done hitherto.

8 [19] Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice, with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall [20] see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

[19] Thy Ministers and Teachers shall unanimously publish these glad tidings to all Nations, *Rom.* 10. 18. ¶ [20] Be eye-witnesses of Christ's performing the Work of our Redemption.

9 ¶ [21] Break forth into joy, sing together ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

[21] *ch.*49.13. & 55.12.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and [22] all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

[22] *Pſal.* 98.2. *Luke* 3.6. See there.

11 ¶ [23] Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, [24] touch no unclean *thing*, go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, [25] that bear the vessels of the LORD.

[23] *Ch.* 48. 20. *Jer.* 50. 8. and 51. 6. *Rev.* 18. 4. Be sure that you come away from *Babylon*, and stay not there; (as he foresaw many of 'em would do) and so likewise from communion with sinners, 2 *Cor.* 6. 17. ¶ [24] 1 *Tim.* 5. 22. Keep your selves clean from idolatrous defilement, 1 *John* 5. 21. ¶ [25] Specially such as minister about holy things.

12 For ye shall not go out with [26] haste, nor

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go by [26] flight: for the LORD will go [27] before you: and the God of Iſrael *will* † *be* your rere-ward.

† Heb. *gather you up.*

[26] *Exod.* 12. 33, 39. and 14. 5. ¶ [27] *Exod.* 14. 19, 20.

‖ Or, *proſper.*

13 ¶ [28] Behold, [29] my ſervant ſhall ‖ deal prudently, he ſhall be [30] exalted and extolled, and be very [30] high.

[28] Here begins a particular, clear Prophecy concerning Chriſt, to the end of the next Chapter. ¶ [29] Chriſt, (*ch.* 42.1. and 49.6. and 53.11. *Ezek.* 34.23. *Zech.* 3.8.) ſhall manage his Office with admirable and exact Wiſdom. ¶ [30] *Phil.* 2. 9.

* Pſal. 22.6,7. Chap. 53.2,3.

14 [31] As many were aſtonied [32] at thee; (* [33] his viſage was ſo marred more then any man, and his form more then the ſons of men)

[31] The Speech of God the Father to Chriſt. ¶ [32] At thy mean and deſpicable appearance in the World. ¶ [33] His outward condition in the World was moſt calamitous and contemptible, being expos'd to all manner of Reproaches, Affronts, and Indignities; which could not but much alter the ſtate of his Body, and impair the ſightlineſs of it.

* Acts 2. 33.

15 [34] So * ſhall he [35] ſprinkle many nations, the kings ſhall [36] ſhut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them ſhall they ſee; and [37] *that* which they had not heard, ſhall they conſider.

[34] His Exaltation ſhall be anſwerable to his Humiliation, *v.* 14. ¶ [35] Beſtow his Word and Spirit upon 'em (*ch.* 55.10,11. *Deut.* 32.2.) whereby they ſhall be converted and brought to own him for their Lord and Saviour. ¶ [36] Attend upon his Word with ſilence and reverence. ¶ [37] *Rom.* 15.21.

CHAP. LIII.

1 *The prophet complaining of incredulity, excuſeth the ſcandal of the croſs,* 4 *by the benefit of his paſſion,* 10 *and the good ſucceſs thereof.*

‖ Or, *doctrine.* † Heb. *hearing.*

1 WHo hath believed our ‖ † report? and [2] to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

[1] *q. d.* Tho' many of the Gentiles will entertain Chriſt and the Doctrin of the Goſpel, (*ch.* 52. 15.) yet few of the Jews will give credit to us his Prophets ſpeaking of theſe things, nor to Chriſt himſelf, (*John* 12.38.) and but few alſo of the Gentiles, comparatively, will believe the Apoſtles in what they ſay concerning him, *Rom.* 10.16. ¶ [2] *ch.* 52. 10. And there are but few to whom the power of God in the Goſpel (*Rom.* 1.16. 1 *Cor.* 1.18.) ſhall be manifeſted for their Converſion.

* Chap. 11.1.

2 [3] For * he ſhall [4] grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: * he hath [5] no form nor comelineſs: and when [6] we ſhall ſee him, *there is* [7] no beauty that we ſhould deſire him.

* Chap. 49.7. Mark 9.12.

[3] *q. d.* And the ground or occaſion of their diſbelief of him is becauſe of his mean condition in the World, *ch.* 52.14. ¶ [4] He ſhall be but like a ſmall twig growing in dry ground, *i. e.* he ſhall ſpring from the poor, decay'd, contemptible family of *David*, (for ſo it was at that time.) ¶ [5] No ſuch outward ſplendor and pomp as the Jews expected in their Meſſiah. ¶ [6] Our people of the Jews. ¶ [7] Nothing that is taking with fleſh and blood, with ſenſe and reaſon.

* Pſal. 22.6.

3 * He is [8] deſpiſed and rejected of men, [9] a man of ſorrows, and [10] acquainted with grief: and ‖ † [6] we [11] hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was deſpiſed, and we eſteemed him not.

‖ Or, *he hid as it were his face from us.* † Heb. *as a hiding of faces from him, or from us.*

[8] *Ch.* 49.7. and 52.14. ¶ [9] Full of ſorrows all his life long; eſpecially at his death, when he endured deadly, hellish ſorrows, mingled with the wrath of God. ¶ [10] Familiarly converſt with all ſorts of griefs and ſufferings. ¶ [11] By way of contempt.

4 ¶ Surely [12] he hath born our griefs, and carried our ſorrows: yet [13] we did eſteem him ſtricken, ſmitten of God, and afflicted.

[12] *Matth.* 8. 17, *q. d.* Yet this did not befal him for any demerit of his own, but becauſe he took upon him our ſins, and underwent that puniſhment for 'em which was due to us. ¶ [13] Inſtead of honouring him for ſuch an undertaking, the generality of our Nation counted him no better than a Malefactor, and that he ſuffered juſtly for his own Offences.

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5 But he *was* ‖ wounded [14] for our tranſgreſſions, he was bruiſed for our iniquities: [15] the chaſtiſement of our peace *was* upon him, and with his † ſtripes we are [16] healed.

‖ Or, *tormented.* † Heb. *bruiſe.*

[14] *Rom.* 4.25. 1 *Cor.* 15. 3. To make Satisfaction to God's Juſtice for our ſins which he had freely taken upon himſelf. ¶ [15] That Puniſhment whereby our Peace and Reconciliation with God was purchas'd, was laid upon him by God's Juſtice, with his own conſent. ¶ [16] 1 *Pet.* 2.24. Deliver'd from the power and puniſhment of our ſins.

6 [17] All we like [18] ſheep have gone aſtray: we have turned every one to his own way, and the LORD hath † laid on him [19] the iniquity of us all.

† Heb. *made the iniquities of us all to meet on him.*

[17] *Pſal.* 14. 3. *Rom.* 3. 12, 23. Both Jews and Gentiles. ¶ [18] *Pſal.* 119.176. 1 *Pet.* 2.25. ¶ [19] 2 *Cor.* 5.21. The Puniſhment due to us; called [*Chaſtiſement*] *v.* 5.

7 He was oppreſſed, and he was afflicted, yet * he [20] opened not his mouth: * he is brought as a lamb to the ſlaughter, and as a ſheep before her ſhearers is dumb, ſo he [20] openeth not his mouth.

* Mat. 26.63. & 27. 12,14. Mark 14.61. & 15.5. * Acts 8.32.

[20] 1 *Pet.* 2.23. *viz.* By way of expreſſing any unwillingneſs to ſuffer, or impatience under his ſufferings.

8 He was ‖ [21] taken from priſon and from [21] judgment: and [22] who ſhall declare his generation? for * he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the tranſgreſſion of my people was † he ſtricken.

‖ Or, *taken away by diſtreſs and judgment: but &c.* * Dan. 9.26. † Heb. *the ſtroke upon him.*

[21] Rais'd up out of the grave, and from the ſentence of Comdemnation, and all the effects of it. ¶ [22] *q. d.* And then after his Reſurrection he ſhall have a numerous Offſpring converted to him by the preaching of the Goſpel, and ſo become his Children, *Hebr.* 2.10,13,14.

9 And [23] he made his grave with the wicked, and * with the [24] rich in his † death, [25] becauſe he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

* Mat. 27.57. † Heb. *deaths.*

[23] He yielded up himſelf to death and the grave as a Malefactor. ¶ [24] *i. e.* The wicked, (the ſame ſenſe with the former in other words) becauſe rich men commonly are ſo, *Luke* 18.24. ¶ [25] Or, *Not for any injury he had done, nor for any guile that was in his mouth,* 1 *Pet.* 2.22.

10 ¶ Yet it pleaſed the LORD to bruiſe him, he hath put *him* to grief: when thou ‖ ſhalt make * [26] his ſoul an offering for ſin, [27] he ſhall ſee *his* ſeed, he ſhall [28] prolong *his* days, and [29] the pleaſure of the LORD ſhall proſper in his hand.

‖ Or, *his ſoul ſhall make an offering.* * 2 Cor. 5.21. 1 Pet. 2.24.

[26] *i. e.* His Life, or Human Nature, a Sacrifice to make Atonement for the ſins of Mankind. ¶ [27] He ſhall thereby purchaſe the Redemption of all the Elect (*John* 12. 24.) which ſhall ſucceſſively in their ſeveral Ages, become his Children by effectual Calling, *John* 12. 32. ¶ [28] Even to all Eternity, *Rom.* 6. 9. *Rev.* 1. 18. and 4. 9. *Luke* 1. 33. ¶ [29] God's gracious purpoſe for the Redemption and Salvation of Mankind ſhall be effectually carried on by his Miniſtry and Mediation.

11 He ſhall [30] ſee of the travel of his ſoul, *and* ſhall be ſatisfied: * [31] by his knowledge ſhall * my righteous ſervant juſtifie many: for he ſhall [32] bear their iniquities.

* Rom. 5.18, 19. 1 Joh. 2.1. * Chap. 42.1. & 49.3.

[30] Enjoy the fruit and benefit of all his Sufferings, both in his own perſonal Glory, (*Phil.* 2. 8, 9. *Luke* 24. 26.) and in the Converſion and Salvation of all his Members, which he ſhall take as a full Satisfaction and Recompence for all his Sufferings. ¶ [31] *i. e.* Chriſt has purchas'd and merited this at my hands, that all, whether Jews or Gentiles, that know him, ſo as to believe in him, ſhould be acquitted from the guilt of their ſins, accounted righteous, and dealt with as ſuch. ¶ [32] *v.* 4, 5.

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12 Therefore will I [33] divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall [33] divide the spoil with the strong: because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was [34] numbred with the transgressours, and he bare the sin of many, and [35] made intercession for the transgressours.

[33] Bestow upon him transcendent honour and glory, more than the highest Creature is capable of, (*Eph.*1.-20.&c. *Phil.* 2. 8, 9.) and set up his Kingdom among and over all the Kingdoms of the World, *Dan.* 2. 44. ¶ [34] *Mark* 15. 28. *Luke* 22. 37. ¶ [35] *Luke* 23. 34. *Rom.* 8. 34. (See there.) *Hebr.*7.25. and 6. 24. 1 *John* 2.1. Perform'd all that belong'd to him as the great High-Priest of his Church.

CHAP. LIV.

1 *The amplitude of the Gentiles church*, 4 *their safety*, 6 *their deliverance out of affliction*, 11 *their fair edification*, 15 *and sure preservation.*

* Zeph.3.14. * [1] SIng, [2] O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child: for [3] more *are* the children of the [2] desolate then the children of the [4] married wife, saith the LORD.

[1] After the Prophecy of the Death of Christ (*ch.* 53.) follows a Prophey of the Churches Enlargement, in this Chapter. ¶ [2] *Cant.* 8. 8. The Church of the Gentiles (to which this is applied, *Gal.*4.27.) which has hitherto been barren, but in the days of the Gospel shall flourish exceedingly; which was in part fulfilled in the Primitive Times, and may be more fully, after the Calling of the Jews in the latter days, (to which several passages *n.* 6, 11.&c. seem to refer.) ¶ [3] 1 *Sam.* 2.-5. ¶ [4] The Church of the Jews, in Covenant with God for many Ages.

[5] *ch.*49.19,20. 2 [5] Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.

3 For thou shalt [6] break forth on the right hand and on the left; and [7] thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the [8] desolate cities to be inhabited.

[6] Bring forth multitudes of Converts among all Nations about thee on every side. ¶ [7] Some of thy Members, *viz.* the Apostles and Gospel-Ministers, shall convert the Gentile World, and gain 'em to the Church, *Acts* 1. 8. *Rom.* 1.-5. and 10. 18. *Col.* 1. 6, 23. ¶ [8] Those places formerly destitute of all good, to be filled with Members of the Church.

4 Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded, for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy [9] youth, and shalt not remember the reproch of thy [10] widowhood any more.

[9] Thy barrenness in former times. ¶ [10] When thou hadst no Relation to God.

5 For [11] thy maker *is* thine husband, (the * Luke 1. 32. LORD of hosts *is* his name;) and thy redeemer the holy One of Israel, [12] the God of the whole earth shall he be called.

[11] *Ch.* 43. 1, 21. ¶ [12] Who will take the Gentiles to be his peculiar people, *Rom.* 3. 29.

* Chap.62.4. 6 For the LORD *hath called [13] thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and [14] a wife of youth, [15] when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

[13] The Christian Church to be his Wife and Spouse, when thou wast (as a woman forsaken by her Husband) destitute of his love and favour. ¶ [14] As one to whom he has a fervent affection, (*ch.* 62. 2. *Prov.* 5. 18.) tho' for a time thou wast refused, and rejected by him.

7 For [15] a small moment have I [16] forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I [17] gather thee. Chap.54.

[15] *Ch.* 26.-20. *Psal.* 30. 5. 2 *Cor.* 4. 17. ¶ [16] Withdrawn the Expressions of my love and favour from thee. ¶ [17] Bring thee home to my self.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy redeemer.

9 For [18] this *is* * *as* the waters of [19] Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be [20] wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. * Gen.8.21. See Jer. 31. 35,36.

[18] This Covenant and Promise of Grace and Mercy to thee, *v.* 10. ¶ [19] *Gen.* 9. 11. ¶ [20] So as wholly to overwhelm and destroy thee; as the Earth was by the flood, *Matth.*16.-18.

10 For the mountains shall [21] depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from [22] thee, neither shall the covenant [23] of my peace be removed, saith the LORD, that hath mercy on thee.

[21] *Psal.* 46. 2. *Matth.* 5. 18. ¶ [22] The Christian Church of the New Testament; as it did from the Jewish of the Old. ¶ [23] Whereby I have made peace and friendship with thee.

11 ¶ [24] Oh thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted, behold, I will [25] lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

[24] *q. d.* O thou my poor Church, who hast most frequently been, and wilt again and again be in a most afflicted and comfortless condition for a time, be not discouraged thereby. ¶ [25] Raise thee up at last to a state of transcendent excellency and glory, by adorning thy several Members (who are living stones, 1 *Pet.* 2. 5.) with excellent gifts and graces, (typified by that 1 *Chron.*29.-2.) upon the foundation of the Doctrin of the Apostles and Prophets, *Eph.*2.20. *Rev.*21.14,19.

12 And I will make thy [26] windows of agates, and thy [26] gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

[26] The several Offices and Officers of the Church.

13 And * all thy children *shall be* [27] taught of the LORD, and great *shall be* the [28] peace of thy children. * Chap.11.9.

[27] *Jer.* 31. 34. *John* 6. 45. 1 *Cor.* 2.-16. 1 *Thess.* 4.-9. 1 *John* 2. 20. Inwardly and effectually by the Spirit of God. ¶ [28] *ch.* 48.-18. Inward, spiritual peace, *Rom.* 5.1.

14 [29] In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from [30] oppression; for thou shalt not fear; and from terrour, for it shall not come near thee.

[29] Upon a righteous foundation, and the exercise of righteousness and holiness. ¶ [30] By thy Rulers and Governours.

15 Behold, [31] they shall surely gather together, *but* not [32] by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee, shall fall for thy sake.

[31] Thy Enemies shall endeavour thy disturbance and destruction. ¶ [32] *Hos.* 8. 4. By my approbation and assistance.

16 Behold, I have [33] created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work, and I have created the waster to destroy.

[33] (And therefore can govern them and their actions as I please.)

17 ¶ No weapon that is formed against thee, shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment, thou shalt condemn.

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[34] Theſe Bleſſings, which are the reward of their righteouſneſs, and the vindication of their innocency.

CHAP. LV.

1 *The prophet with the promiſes of Chriſt, calleth to faith,* 6 *and to repentance.* 8 *The happy ſucceſs of them that believe.*

HO, [1] every one that [2] thirſteth, [3] come ye to the [4] waters, and he that hath [5] no money; [3] come ye, [6] buy and [7] eat, yea, come, buy [8] wine and [8] milk [9] without money, and [9] without price.

[1] Whether Jew or Gentile, *Joel* 2. 32. *Rom.* 10. 12. ¶ [2] *Matth.*5.6. *John* 7.37.*Rev.*21.6. and 22. 17. *viz.* After Chriſt and his Grace and Benefits, *Pſal.*42.1,2. and 63. 1,2. and 84.2. ¶ [3] By Faith, *Matth.*11.28.*John* 6.35. ¶ [4] Goſpel-Ordinances, where theſe Bleſſings are diſpens'd. ¶ [5] Is ſenſible of his own unworthineſs to deſerve any ſuch favour, and inability to procure it. ¶ [6] Provide and furniſh your ſelves with (by parting with that which Sinners highly eſteem, *viz.* their beloved Luſts.) ¶ [7] Partake of, *John* 6.54,56. ¶ [8] All ſorts of Goſpel-bleſſings and Priviledges. ¶ [9] Tho he have neither worth nor ability. See *n.* 5.

† Heb. *weigh.* 2 Wherefore do ye † [10] ſpend mony for *that which is* not bread, and your [10] labour for *that which* ſatisfieth not? hearken diligently unto [11] me, and [12] eat ye *that which is* good, and let your ſoul delight it ſelf in [13] fatneſs.

[10] Lay out your gifts, parts, opportunities for that which can afford no ſatisfaction nor refreſhment, (and ſuch are all worldly enjoyments, and ſuperſtitious ways of worſhip, 1 *Tim.*4.8. *Heb.*13.9.) ¶ [11] My counſels and directions contained in the Scriptures. ¶ [12] Let your Souls entertain, be converſant about, and delighted with that which is truly profitable and advantagious for 'em in reference to Eternity. ¶ [13] Goſpel-enjoyments, which are both pleaſant in themſelves, and will make you abound in grace and holineſs.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your ſoul ſhall live, and I will make an everlaſting covenant with [14] you, [15] *even* the * ſure mercies of David.

* 2 Sam. 7. 8. Pſal.89. 28.

[14] The thirſting Gentiles, as well as the Jews. ¶ [15] *Acts* 13. 34. See there. Even that Covenant which contains thoſe never-failing mercies and bleſſings which were promiſ'd moſt expreſly to *David*, and ſhall be beſtow'd in and through Chriſt, (the Mediator of the Covenant) who is *David*'s Son, and Succeſſor on his Throne.

4 Behold, I have [16] given him *for* [17] a witneſs to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

[16] Appointed, ordain'd Chriſt the Son of *David*. ¶ [17] *John* 18.37. *Rev.*3.14. One that ſhould make known to the Gentiles the counſel of God concerning men's ſalvation, and their duty in order thereto, *John* 12.49,50. and 17.6.

5 Behold, [18] thou ſhalt call a nation *that* thou knoweſt not, and nations *that* [19] knew not thee, ſhall run unto thee, [20] becauſe of the LORD thy God, and for the holy One of Iſrael; for he hath [21] glorified thee.

[18] Thou, the Meſſiah ſhalt bring to the ſaving knowledge of thy ſelf the Gentile-world, whom thou haſt not hitherto owned for thy people, *Pſal.*18.43. ¶ [19] *Rom.*15.20. *Eph.*2. 11,12. and 3.5,6. ¶ [20] Becauſe the Lord ſhall by many and unqueſtionable tokens manifeſt himſelf to be thy God, and thee to be his only Son. ¶ [21] *viz.* By thoſe Miracles he wrought by thee, and by ſtrengthening thee for thy work.

* Matth.5.25. John 7. 34. & 8. 21. 6 ¶ * Seek ye [22] the LORD while he may be [23] found, call ye upon him while he is [24] near.

[22] To get an intereſt in him, and to obtain his grace and favor. ¶ [23] *Pſal.*32.6. *Cor.*6.2. ¶ [24] *viz.* In the means of grace.

7 Let the wicked forſake his way, and the † unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will † abundantly pardon. Chap. 56.

† Heb. *man of iniquity.*
† Heb. *multiply to pardon.*

8 ¶ For my [25] thoughts [25] *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, ſaith the LORD.

¶ [25] *Viz.* Of pardoning and ſhewing mercy to Sinners, muſt not be meaſured by your thoughts and practices upon ſuch occaſions.

9 For [26] *as* the heavens are higher then the earth, ſo are my ways higher then your ways, and my thoughts then your thoughts. [26] *Pſ.* 103. 11, 12.

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the ſnow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give ſeed to the ſower, and bread to the eater:

11 So ſhall [27] my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it ſhall [28] not return unto me [29] void, but it ſhall accompliſh that which I pleaſe, and it ſhall [30] proſper *in the thing* whereto I ſent it.

[27] All my Promiſes, and thoſe in particular concerning the ſending the Meſſiah, receiving you into favor upon your Repentance, (*v.*7.) and the redemption and ſalvation of my People, *v.* 12. ¶ [28] *ch.* 45.23. ¶ [29] Without Succeſs. ¶ [30] Certainly be fulfilled.

12 For ye ſhall go [31] out with joy, and be [32] led forth with [33] peace: * the mountains and the hills ſhall break forth before you into ſinging, and * all the trees of the field ſhall clap *their* hands.

* Pſal.96. 12. & 98.8. Chap.35. 1. * 1Chr.16.33.

[31] *Viz.* Of your bondage under Sin and Satan, (as once out of *Egypt.*) ¶ [32] Led along and conducted by God. ¶ [33] *ch.*44.13. Safety, *ch.*52.12.

13 [34] In ſtead of the thorn ſhall come up the fir-tree, and in ſtead of the brier ſhall come up the mirtle-tree: and [35] it ſhall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlaſting [36] ſign *that* ſhall [37] not be cut off.

[34] *Ch.*41.19. *i.e.* You my People ſhall be delivered from wicked, miſchievous men, (2 *Sam.*23.6,7. *Mic.*7.4.) and all things that offend, (*Matth.*13.41.) and repleniſh'd with ſincere Believers, and all ſorts of Divine Graces and Bleſſings. ¶ [35] This great change ſhall bring much Glory to God. ¶ [36] *Viz.* Of his goodneſs and power to all ſucceeding generations. ¶ [37] Never forgotten.

CHAP. LVI.

1 *The prophet exhorteth to ſanctification.* 3 *He promiſeth it ſhall be general without reſpect of perſons.* 9 *He inveigheth againſt blind watchmen.*

THus ſaith the † LORD, [1] Keep ye ‖ judgment, and do juſtice: for [2] my ſalvation *is* [3] near to come, and [4] my righteouſneſs to be [3] revealed.

‖ Or, *equity.*

† Chriſt. ¶ [1] Perform the Duties you owe both to God and Man, that you may partake of the bleſſings and benefits forementioned. ¶ [2] That deliverance and redemption which I ſhall work for my People, and which I'll beſtow on thoſe that are thus qualified. ¶ [3] *ch.* 51. 5. The time draws on apace when it ſhall be fully wrought out by my coming into the World, *Matth.* 3. 2. *Mark* 1. 15. ¶ [4] In the perfect obſervance of all God's Commands, *Matth.* 3. 15.

2 Bleſſed *is* the man *that* [5] doeth this, and the ſon of man *that* [6] layeth hold on it: that [7] keepeth the ſabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

[5] Keeps

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[5] Keeps Judgment and Justice, *v.* 1. *Psal.*106.3. ¶ [6] Is earnest and fixed therein. ¶ [7] *Exod.*31.13–16. *Lev.*19. 3. *Jer.*17.21,22. *Neh.*13.17,18.

* See Deut. 23.1, 2, 3.

3 ¶ Neither let * [8] the son of the stranger, that hath joyned himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.

[8] Any Gentile born, who is become a true Member of my Church, *Jer.*50.5.

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and [9] choose *the things* that please me, and [10] take hold of my covenant:

[9] *Psal.*119.30. Holiness must not be our refuge, but our choice. ¶ [10] Sincerely enter into covenant with me, and carefully perform the conditions thereof, (*Psal.* 103. 18.) and then lay claim to the benefits and priviledges offer'd therein.

5 Even [11] unto them will I give in mine house, and within my walls, a place and a name better then of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

[11] *q. d.* They shall be spiritual Priests, and partake of all Gospel-priviledges equal with the Jews, (*Acts* 10. 34, 35. *Gal.*3.28. *Col.*3.11.) and have more honour and dignity, than if they had never so numerous an Offspring.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that joyn themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant:

7 Even them will I [12] bring to my holy mountain, and [12] make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* [13] accepted upon mine altar; for [14] mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

[12] Admit 'em to be Members of the Gospel-Church, and make 'em joyful by the Blessings, Priviledges, and Comforts I'll bestow on 'em there, *Psal.* 36. 8. and 42.-4. and 43.4. and 63.4, 5. and 84. 4, 10. ¶ [13] 1 *Pet.* 2. 5. ¶ [14] *Matth.*21.13. *i.e.* All Nations, as well as Jews, shall have free access to me in Prayer, and all other Services, and that in all places, *John* 4.21,23. 1 *Tim.*2.8.

8 The Lord GOD, which [15] gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, Yet will I gather [16] *others* to him, † besides those that are gathered unto him.

† Heb. *to his gathered.*

[15] Will gather to himself, and bring into their own Land again those poor *Israelites*, which are or shall be dispers'd in divers parts of the World. ¶ [16] Multitude of Gentiles to be Members of my Church, *John* 10.16. and 11.52.

9 ¶ [17] All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest.

[17] *q.d.* There shall be a great destruction and slaughter of my people the Jews for their wickedness, by their cruel enemies, so that the Beasts of the field will devour their carcases.

10 [18] His watchmen *are* [19] blind: they *are* all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they [20] cannot bark, ‖ sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

‖ Or, *dreaming*, or *talking in their sleep.*

[18] The Jewish Teachers, *Ezek.*3.17. and 33. 2. Here he seems to charge their destruction upon their Teachers, as *Hos.*4.6. *Matth.*15.14. ¶ [19] *Matth.*15.14. and 23.15,16,24. ¶ [20] Dare not reprove people for their sins, nor forewarn 'em of Judgments approaching.

† Heb. *strong of appetite.* † Heb. *know not to be satisfied.*

11 Yea, they *are* † greedy dogs *which* † [21] can never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all [22] look to their own way, every one for his gain, [23] from his quarter.

[21] *Ezek.* 34. 2, 3. ¶ [22] *ch.* 53. 6. and 57.-17. They are all for themselves, and mind only their own interest. ¶ [23] The place of his abode: Where-ever he dwells, in City or Country, this is his guise.

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12 Come ye, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill our selves with strong drink, and to morrow shall be as [24] this day, *and* much more abundant.

[24] *Prov.* 23. -35.

CHAP. LVII.

1 *The blessed death of the righteous.* 3 *God reproveth the Jews for their whorish idolatry.* 13 *He giveth evangelical promises to the penitent.*

THE righteous perisheth, and no man [1] layeth *it* to heart; and † merciful men *are* taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from ‖ the evil *to come.*

† Heb. *men of kindness*, or, *godliness.* ‖ Or, *that which is evil.*

[1] Takes notice of it, or is troubled at it, as a Token of approaching Judgment, as 1 *King.*14.12,13. 2 *King.*22.20.

2 He shall ‖ enter [2] into peace: they shall rest in their beds, [3] *each one* walking ‖ *in* his uprightness.

‖ Or, *go in peace.* ‖ Or, *before him.*

[2] *Rev.*14.13. *Matth.* 25. -21. *Luke* 16.-23. ¶ [3] Every one that sincerely serves God shall fare so.

3 ¶ But draw near [4] hither, ye [5] sons of the sorceress, the [5] seed of the adulterer, and the whore.

[4] To answer my demands and challenges, if you can. ¶ [5] Persons given to Witchcraft, Adultery, and Idolatry, *Matth.*3.-7. and 23.33. *John* 8.44.

4 [6] Against whom do you sport your selves? against whom make ye [7] a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? *are* ye not children [8] of transgression, [9] a seed of falshood?

[6] *q. d.* When you deride the Prophets and Messengers of God, 'tis not so much Them, as God, that is abused by you, *Exod.* 16.-8. *Numb.* 16.-11. *Luke* 10. 16. *Acts* 9.-4. 1 *Thess.*4.8. ¶ [7] *Job* 16.10. *Psal.*22.7. and 35.21. *Lam.*2.16. ¶ [8] Given to transgression. ¶ [9] Hypocrites, that dissemble with God, pretending to be his, when it's nothing so.

5 [10] Enflaming your selves ‖ with idols [11] under every green tree, [12] slaying the children in the valleys under the clifts of the rocks?

‖ Or, *among the oaks.*

[10] Being violent and eager upon your Idolatrous Worship. ¶ [11] *Deut.* 12.-22 *King.*16.4. and 17.10. ¶ [12] Sacrificing them to *Moloch*, *Lev.* 18.21. See there.

6 [13] Among the smooth stones of the stream *is* thy portion; they, they *are* thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink-offering, thou hast offered a meat-offering. [14] Should I receive comfort in these?

[13] *q.d.* You delight in the service of Idols made of smooth stones taken out of Rivers. ¶ [14] *q. d.* Certainly I cannot but be highly provok'd by such Courses, and punish those that are guilty of 'em.

7 * [15] Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.

* Ezek.16. 16, 25.

[15] Thou hast built thy Temples and Altars for Idols, upon High-Places, *Deut.* 12. 2. 1 *King.* 14. 23. 2 *King.* 17. 9. and 21. 3.

8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up [16] thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered *thy self to another* then me, and art gone up: thou hast [17] enlarged thy bed, and ‖ made thee *a covenant* with them; thou [18] lovedst their bed ‖ where thou sawest it.

‖ Or, *hewedst for thy self.* larger *then theirs.* ‖ Or, *thou providest room.*

[16] Some Images or Memorials of their publick Idol-gods, whereof they'd be put in mind as they came in or went out of doors, as *Ezek.*8.10. and 29.24. ¶ [17] Multiplied thy Idols and Altars. ¶ [18] 2 *King.*16.10.&c.

9 And

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‖ Or, *thou respectedst the the king.*

9 And ‖ thou [23] wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst [24] debase *thy self even* unto hell.

[23] Sentest Ambassadors to Foreign Princes to communicate with them in their Idolatries, *Ezek.* 16. 26, 28. and 23. 12, 16, 40. ¶ [24] Submit to most dishonourable terms, to procure their favour and assistance, as 2 *King.* 16. 7.

10 Thou art wearied in the [21] greatness of thy way, *yet* [22] saidst thou not, There is no hope: [23] thou hast found the ‖ life of thine hand; therefore thou [24] wast not grieved.

‖ Or, *living.*

[21] Length and tediousness of thy Journies into remote Countries, *v.* 9. ¶ [22] Wouldst not be convinc'd that all was to no purpose. ¶ [23] Thou fondly imagin'st that by these courses thou shalt find safety, and aid to strengthen thy hands. ¶ [24] Didst not repent thereof, but took'st pleasure and delight therein.

11 And [25] of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, [25] that thou hast lied, and hast not remembred [26] me, nor laid *it* to thy heart? [27] have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

[25] *q. d.* And whatsoever thou mightest pretend, yet there was no just cause of fear, which should make thee deal thus disloyally and perfidiously with me, as *ch.* 59. 13. ¶ [26] The great things I have done for thee. ¶ [27] *q. d.* Because I have long forborn to punish thee according to thy deserts, thou hast cast off all fear of me, *ch.* 26. 10. *Psal.* 50. 21, 22. and 55. 19. *Rech.* 8. 11. *Jer.* 48. 11.

12 I will [28] declare thy righteousness and thy works, for they shall [29] not profit thee.

[28] Make it appear, (by my Judgments on thee) whether thy ways are so just and righteous as thou pretendest, or rather direct and horrid wickedness. ¶ [29] But prove destructive in the end, *ch.* 30. 2, 3, 5. and 51. 2, 3. *Prov.* 11. 3–6.

[30] *Judg.* 10. 14. *Jer.* 2. 28.

13 ¶ When thou [30] criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take *them*: but he that putteth his trust in me, shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain:

14 And [31] shall say, [32] Cast ye up, cast ye up, [33] prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people.

[31] One whom I'll raise up shall give command that it may be thus done. ¶ [32] *ch.* 35. 8. and 62. 10. ¶ [33] *ch.* 40. 3.

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that [34] inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy, I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a [35] contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

[34] 1 *Tim.* 6. 16. *Psal.* 90. 2. Who alone possesses eternity, *i. e.* is truly eternal. ¶ [35] *ch.* 66. 2. *Psal.* 34. 18. and 51. 17. and 138. 6. Deeply afflicted for his sins, 2 *King.* 22. 19. 2 *Chr.* 32. 26. and 33. 12. *Ezek.* 6. 9. *Acts* 2. 37, 38. 2 *Cor.* 7. 10. (and such were many of the Jews in *Babylon*, doubtless, whom therefore he'd have mercy upon.)

16 For I will not contend [36] for ever, neither will I be always wroth: [37] for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls *which* [38] I have made.

[36] *Psal.* 103. 9. *Mic.* 7. 18. ¶ [37] *Psal.* 78. 38, 39. and 103. 13, 14. ¶ [38] *ch.* 42. 5. *Gen.* 2. 7. *Numb.* 16. 22. *Eccl.* 12. 7. *Zech.* 12. 1. *Heb.* 12. 9.

[39] *Jer.* 6. 13. & 8. 10.

† Heb. *turning away.*

17 For the iniquity of his [39] covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on † frowardly in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen [40] his ways and will [41] heal him: I will [42] lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his [43] mourners.

[40] His perverseness and stubbornness in evil, *v.* 17. ¶ [41] *ch.* 19. 22. *Jer.* 3. 22. First turn 'em from their sins, and then remove their miseries, the fruit thereof; and this notwithstanding his frowardness, as *ch.* 43. 22, 25. and 48. 8–11. *Ezek.* 36. 17–23, 32. ¶ [42] Guide and conduct him in the way of peace and happiness. ¶ [43] *v.* 15. *ch.* 61. 2, 3. and 66. 10. *Ezek.* 9. 4.

19 [44] I create the fruit of the lips; peace, peace to *him that* [45] *is* far off, and *to him that is* [45] near, saith the LORD, and I will heal him.

[44] Do, in an extraordinary way, cause inward peace and quiet of conscience, by the power of my Word in the mouths of my Ministers. ¶ [45] Both Gentiles and Jews.

20 But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 [46] *There is* no peace, saith my God, to the the wicked.

[46] *ch.* 48. 22. See there.

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1 *Hypocrisie is reproved.* 8 *The promises due to godliness,* 13 *and to the keeping of the sabbath.*

CRy † aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

† Heb. *with the throat.*

2 Yet they [1] seek me daily, and [2] delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and [3] forsook not the ordinance of their God: they [4] ask of me the ordinances of justice: they take [5] delight in approaching to God.

[1] *Ch.* 1. 11–15. and 29. 13. and 48. 1, 2. ¶ [2] *Jer.* 38. 30, 31. *Matth.* 13. 20. *Mark* 6. 20. *John* 5. 35. ¶ [3] Did not apostatize from his Institutions and commands. ¶ [4] Seek to know my righteous Laws.

3 ¶ Wherefore have we fasted, *say they*, and thou [5] seest not? *wherefore* have we [*] afflicted our soul, and thou [5] takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast [6] you find pleasure, and [7] exact all your ‖ † labours.

[*] Lev. 16. 29, 31. & 23. 27.

‖ Or, *things wherewith ye grieve others.*

† Heb. *griefs.*

[5] So as to deliver us from our troubles. ¶ [6] You are still resolv'd to persist in your sinful purposes, and to pursue and satisfie your own wicked inclinations and desires. ¶ [7] Are still cruel, rigorous and oppressive in your dealings with others.

4 Behold, ye [8] fast for strife and debate, and to [8] smite with the fist of wickedness; ‖ ye shall not fast as *ye do this* day, [9] to make your voice to be heard on high.

‖ Or, *ye fast not as this day*

[8] *Matth.* 23. 14. Under pretence of piety you are contentious and injurious. ¶ [9] If you would have God hear your Prayers, and answer 'em from heaven.

5 [10] Is it such a fast that I have chosen? [11] ‖ a day for a man to afflict his soul? *is* [11] *it* to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under *him*? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

‖ Or, *to afflict his soul* for a day.

[10] *Zech.* 7. 5. ¶ [11] *Lev.* 16. 29. To be righteous only for a certain set time, and then to return to his former wicked courses.

6 *Is* not [12] this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the [13] bands of wickedness, to undo the † heavy burdens, and to let the † oppressed [14] go free, and that ye [15] break every yoke?

† Heb. *bundles of the yoke.*

† Heb. *broken.*

[12] *viz.* Which is attended and seconded with such following courses as are afterwards mentioned. ¶ [13] Usurious and oppressive Contracts, *Exod.* 22. 25. ¶ [14] *Jer.* 34. 9. ¶ [15] Free 'em from all sorts of vexation.

7 *Is it* not to [16] deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou [17] bring the poor that are ‖ cast out

‖ Or, *afflicted.*

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[18] *Deut.* 4. 27. *Luke* 19. 8. *Ezek.* 18. 7. ¶ [17] *Matth.* 25. 35. *Rom.* 12. 13. *Hebr.* 13. 2. *Gen.* 18. 3–5. and 19. 2, 3. *Judg.* 19. 21, 22. *Acts* 16. 34. ¶ [18] *Matth.* 25. 36. *Job* 31. 19, 20. ¶ [19] *Prov.* 28. 27. *Luke* 10. 33–35. ¶ [20] *Judg.* 9. 2. 2 *Sam.* 5. 1. *Neh.* 5. 5.

8 ¶ Then shall [21] thy light break forth as the morning, and thine [22] health shall spring forth speedily: and [23] thy righteousness shall go before thee, [24] the glory of the LORD shall † be thy rere-ward.

† Heb. *gather thee up.*

[21] Matter or cause of Rejoycing (as *ch.* 60. 1. *Esth.* 8. 16. *Psal.* 37. 6. and 97. 11. and 112. 4.) shall certainly and speedily arise to thee. ¶ [22] *ch.* 57. 18. See there. The recovery of thy former prosperous condition. ¶ [23] Thou shalt evidently find manifold blessings bestow'd upon thee upon all occasions, as the reward of thy Righteousness. ¶ [24] *ch.* 52. 12. The glorious Providence and Presence of God shall protect and secure thee, *Exod.* 14. 19.

9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall [25] answer; thou shalt cry and he shall say, Here I *am*. if thou [26] take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the [27] putting forth of the finger, and speaking [28] vanity:

[25] *ch.* 30. 19. and 65. 24. *Psal.* 34. 15, 17. and 37. 4. and 118. 5. *Matth.* 7. See there. ¶ [26] The least sign or token of threatning. ¶ [27] That which may be grievous and afflicting to them that hear it.

10 And *if* thou draw out [28] thy soul to the hungry, and satisfie the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise [29] in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noon-day.

[28] Thy affections and compassion; so that thy heart go along with thy gift, *Deut.* 15. 7–10. 2 *Cor.* 8. 5, 12. and 9. 7. ¶ [29] *Psal.* 112. 4.

11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and [30] satisfie thy soul in † drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like [31] a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose ‡ waters fail not.

† Heb. *droughts.*

‡ Heb. *lie, or deceive.*

[30] Fill thee with plenty when others are in want, *Job* 5. 20. *Psal.* 33. 19. and 34. 9, 10. and 37. 19. ¶ [31] *Jer.* 17. 8.

12 And *they that shall be* of thee, shall [32] build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations [33] of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the [34] breach, [35] the restorer of paths to dwell in.

[32] *Ch.* 61. 4. ¶ [33] Which have lien buried in their own ruins for many Ages, *ch.* 61. 4. ¶ [34] *Ezek.* 22. 30. Made in their State and Nation. ¶ [35] Whereby men may pass freely to their several habitations.

13 ¶ If thou [36] turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing [37] thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the sabbath [38] a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable, and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words:

[36] Forbear any bodily employment whereby the Sabbath may be profan'd. ¶ [37] That which is pleasing and agreeable to thy own corrupt inclinations and affections. ¶ [38] In respect of the Duties therein perform'd; as *Psal.* 27. 4. and 36. 8. and 42. 1, 2, 4. and 43. 4. and 65. 4. and 84. 2. &c. and 122. 1, 2.

14 Then shalt thou delight thy self [39] in the LORD, and I will cause thee to * [40] ride upon the high places of the earth, and [40] feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

* Deut. 32. 13.

[39] *Job* 22. 26. In Communion with him in his Ordinances, and in the sense of his love and favour which shall then be manifested to thee, *ch.* 60. 21. *Psal.* 36. 8. ¶ [40] Continue thee still in the possession of the Land of *Canaan*. (A mountainous country.)

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CHAP. LIX.

1 *The damnable nature of sin.* 3 *The sins of the Jews.* 9 *Calamity is for sin.* 16 *Salvation is only of God.* 20 *The covenant of the redeemer.*

BEhold, the LORDs hand is not [1] shortned, that it cannot save: neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

[1] *ch.* 50. 2. *Numb.* 11. 23.

2 But your iniquities have [2] separated between you and your God, and your sins have ‖ [3] hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

‖ Or, *made him hide.*

[2] *Prov.* 15. 29. *Jer.* 12. 2. ¶ [3] *ch.* 54. 8. and 57. 17. *Deut.* 31. 17. Caused him to hide.

3 For [4] your hands are filled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity, your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered [5] perverseness.

[4] *ch.* 1. 15. [5] *Jer.* 9. 3–6.

4 [6] None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: they trust in [7] vanity, and speak lies; they [8] conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

[6] *V.* 16. Very few. ¶ [7] Those things that can do 'em no good, but will deceive 'em at last. ¶ [8] *Job* 15. 35. *Psal.* 7. 14.

5 They [9] hatch ‖ cockatrice-eggs, and [10] weave the spiders web: he that [11] eateth of their eggs dieth, and *that which is* ‖ [12] crushed breaketh out into a viper.

‖ Or, *adders.*

‖ Or, *sprinkled is as if there brake out a viper.*

[9] Contrive and bring forth mischievous Plots. ¶ [10] Lay Snares to entangle others. ¶ [11] Converses and joyns with 'em in their mischievous designs, *Prov.* 1. 11–19. ¶ [12] *Viz.* Between his teeth to be eaten by him, *i. e.* is approved and promoted by him.

6 [13] Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works *are* works of iniquity, and the act of violence *is* in their hands.

[13] Their designs shall not come to perfection, nor do 'em any good, *ch.* 28. 15, 18, 20. and 30. 12, 14. *Job* 8. 14, 15. *Prov.* 10. 2.

7 [14] Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity, [15] wasting and † destruction *are* in their paths.

† Heb. *breaking.*

[14] *Prov.* 1. 16. *Rom.* 3. 15. ¶ [15] *Rom.* 3. 16.

8 The way of peace they know not, and *there is* [16] no ‖ judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein, shall [17] not know peace.

‖ Or, *right.*

[16] No respect to Justice or Right. ¶ [17] *ch.* 48. 22. and 57. 20, 21.

9 ¶ Therefore is [18] judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness.

[18] Executing judgment for us, and righting our wrongs.

10 * [19] We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes: we stumble at noon-day as in the night; *we are* in [20] desolate places as dead *men*.

* Deut. 28. 29. Amos 8. 9.

[19] *Job* 5. 14. ¶ [20] *Lam.* 3. 6. In an exceeding sad and disconsolate condition, overwhelm'd with miseries, and in despair of ever seeing better days.

11 We roar all like bears, and * mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but *there is* none;

* Chap. 38. 14.

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none; for salvation, *but* it is far off from us.

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins [21] testifie against us: for our transgressions *are* [22] with us, and *as for* our iniquities, we [23] know them:

[21] *Chap.* 3. 9, *Jer.* 14. 7. Are witnesses of our guilt. ¶ [22] Lye heavy upon our Consciences. ¶ [23] Cannot but own and acknowledge 'em, *Jer.* 14. 20.

13 [24] In transgressing and [25] lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, [26] speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering [27] from the heart words of falshood.

[24] *Dan.* 9. 5. That we do transgress thy Laws we confess; And ¶ [25] that we deal very unfaithfully with the Lord. ¶ [26] Our discourse is of little else. ¶ [27] What is there conceiv'd, *ch.* 32. 6. *Matth.* 15. 19.

14 And judgment is [28] turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for [29] truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

[28] Perverted, wrested and corrupted. ¶ [29] None in places of publick concourse will own and make use of Truth, but it's trampled under feet every where, *v.* 15.

15 Yea, truth faileth, and he *that* departeth from evil ‖ maketh himself a [30] prey: and the LORD saw *it*, and it † displeased him that *there was* no judgment.

‖ Or, *is accounted mad.* † Heb. *was evil in his eyes.*

[30] *Psal.* 38. 20. *Hab.* 1. 13. 1 *John* 3. 12.

16 ¶ And he saw that *there was* [31] no man, and * wondred that *there was* no intercessour: * therefore [32] his arm brought salvation unto him, and [33] righteousness it sustained him.

* Mark 6. 6. * Psal. 98. 1.

[31] *Ezek.* 22. 30. To interpose and appear for right and justice. ¶ [32] *ch.* 63. 5. His own immediate power was put forth in securing his own Honour, and rescuing his People. ¶ [33] He executed righteous judgments on their Enemies, that so he might secure his own Cause and People.

17 * For he put on [34] righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with [35] zeal as a cloke.

* Eph. 6. 14, 17. 1 Thess. 5. 8.

[34] *V.* 16. Justice against his Enemies, and Faithfulness in making good his Promises to his People. ¶ [35] Fury against his Enemies.

18 According to *their* † deeds, accordingly he will repay, [36] fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies, to the [37] islands he will repay recompence.

† Heb. *recompenses.*

[36] *Ch.* 63. 6. ¶ [37] Those of his Enemies that inhabit any remote Countries.

19 * So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the [38] rising of the sun: when the [39] enemy shall come in * like a floud, the spirit of the LORD shall ‖ lift up a standard against him.

* Mal. 1. 11. * Rev. 12. 15. ‖ Or, *put him to flight.*

[38] *Psal.* 113. 3. ¶ [39] When the Devil and his Instruments shall make any violent Assault upon the Church, God's secret Power and Providence shall suddenly restrain and repress their outrage.

20 ¶ And the [40] redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

[40] Christ will at length become a Redeemer to the whole Nation of the Jews, when in the latter days they shall be converted to him, (as the Apostle applies and expounds these words, *Rom.* 11. 26, 27.)

21 As for me, this *is* my covenant with [41] them, saith the LORD, My spirit that *is* upon [42] thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not [43] depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seeds seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

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[41] *Viz.* That turn from transgression, *v.* 20. ¶ [42] My Church. ¶ [43] But continue with it (in the Officers and Members thereof) to direct and instruct it in all necessaries to the Worlds end, *Matth.* 28. 20. *John* 14. 16, 17.

CHAP. LX.

1 *The glory of the Church in the abundant access of the Gentiles,* 15 *and the great blessings after a short affliction.*

1 ARise, ‖ [1] shine, for thy [2] light is come, and * the [3] glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

‖ Or, *be enlightned, for thy light cometh.* * Mal. 4. 2.

[1] *q. d.* O my Church, thou shalt, under the Messiah, arise out of that low condition thou hast laid in a great while, (as *ch.* 52. 1, 2.) and shalt be brought into a joyful condition. ¶ [2] *ch.* 58. 8. *Matth.* 4. 16. *Luke* 1. 78, 79. The Messiah (*John* 8. 12. *Mal.* 4. 2.) and the Gospel by him. ¶ [3] The manifestation of God's glorious Attributes in and by Christ.

2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the [4] LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

[4] While the Gentile World continues in gross, Egyptian darkness, Christ shall come to the Church of the Jews and preach the Gospel to them, *Matth.* 4. 16.

3 *[5] And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and [5] kings [6] to the brightness of thy rising.

* Rev. 21. 24.

[5] *Ch.* 49. 23. *Rev.* 21. 24. And then afterwards the Gentiles shall be converted, and joyn themselves to the true Church. ¶ [6] Because of that splendour and brightness that shall be upon thee at thy rising from thy low condition.

4 [7] Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee, thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

[7] *ch* 49. 18, 22.

5 Then thou shalt [8] see and [8] flow together, and thine heart shall [9] fear, and be [10] enlarged, because * the ‖ [11] abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, [12] the ‖ forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee,

* Rom. 11. 25. ‖ Or, *noise of the sea shall be turned toward thee.* ‖ Or, *wealth.*

[8] *Viz.* That multitude of Children coming to thee (*v.* 4.) and thereupon thy heart shall wave to and fro within thee through abundance of joy at such a sight. ¶ [9] *Jer.* 33. 9. Be even overwhelmed with such a joyful sight; as *Gen.* 45. 26. ¶ [10] *Viz.* With joy, *Acts* 10. 45. and 11. 18. ¶ [11] The Nations that come to thee by Sea shall bring their Wealth, which they get by their Merchandize, to thee. ¶ [12] Give thee all their strength and assistance.

6 [13] The multitude of camels shall cover thee: the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from [14] Sheba shall come: they shall bring [15] gold and incense, and they shall [16] shew forth the praises of the LORD.

[13] The Gentiles becoming Members of the Church, shall consecrate themselves and all they have to the service of Christ and his Church, and supply thee according to their several Abilities. ¶ [14] *Psal.* 72. 10. ¶ [15] *Matth.* 2. 11. ¶ [16] Worship and serve God there, *Acts* 8. 27.

7 [17] All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will [18] glorifie the house of my glory.

[17] These Nations shall offer up Spiritual Sacrifices. ¶ [18] Make my Church glorious by this accession of the Gentiles to it.

8 Who *are* these *that* flie as [19] a cloud, and as the [19] doves to their windows?

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[19] In great multitudes, and with great speed and eagerness.

9 Surely [20] the isles shall wait for me, and the [21] ships of Tarshish first, * to bring [22] thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, * unto the name of the LORD thy God: and to the holy One of Israel, because he hath [23] glorified thee.

* Gal.4.26.
* Jer.3.17.

[20] People of remote Countries being convinc'd, by the Gospel, of their miserable condition by Nature, shall earnestly long for pardon and salvation by me. ¶ [21] The People of *Tarshish* shall be most forward to own and serve me. ¶ [22] The Members of the Church. ¶ [23] See *v.* 18. *ch.* 55. 5.

10 And * the sons of strangers shall [24] build up thy walls, and their [25] kings shall minister unto thee: for [26] in my wrath I smote thee, but [27] in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

* Zech.6.15.

[24] Contribute to the defence and protection of the Church. ¶ [25] *v.* 3. *ch.* 49. 23. ¶ [26] *ch.* 54. 8. and 57. 17, 18. *Jer.* 30. 14. *Lam.* 3. 1. ¶ [27] *ch.* 12. 1. and 14. 1.

11 Therefore [28] thy gates shall be [28] open continually, they shall not be shut day nor night, that *men* may bring unto thee [12] the || forces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may be* [29] brought.

|| Or, *wealth.*

[28] *Rev.* 21. 25. There shall be free access to the Church, and she shall readily receive all serious comers. ¶ [29] Prevail'd with by the power of the Gospel to submit to Christ.

12 For * the nation and kingdom that will not [30] serve thee, shall [31] perish: yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted.

* Zech.14.17.

[30] Submit to the Scepter of Christ. ¶ [31] *Psal.* 2. 12. 2 *Cor.* 4. 3.

13 [32] The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir-tree, the pine-tree, and the box together, to beautifie the place of my sanctuary, and I will make * the place of my feet glorious.

* See 1 Chron. 28. 2. Psal. 132. 7.

[12] *Ch.* 35. 2. and 41. 19. Persons of choice gifts and graces.

14 [33] The sons also of them that afflicted thee, shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bowe themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall [34] call thee, The city of the LORD, the Zion of the holy One of Israel.

[33] *Rev.* 3. 9. ¶ [34] Own thee for the true Church of Christ.

15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

16 Thou shalt also [35] suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings, and thou shalt know that * I the LORD *am* thy saviour and thy redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

[35] *ch.* 49. 23.
* Chap. 43. 3.

17 [36] For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy [37] officers peace, and thine [37] exactours righteousness.

[36] Thy carnal Administrations shall be changed into more spiritual Ordinances and Privileges. ¶ [37] Rulers and Governours, peaceable and mild, just and righteous, *ch.* 32. 16. and 32. 1, 2.

18 [38] Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but [39] thou shalt call thy * walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

* Chap. 26. 1.

[38] This, and what follows to the end of the Chapter, seems to relate chiefly to that peaceable and happy state the Church shall enjoy in the latter days. ¶ [39] That Protection and Security which God by his Providence shall afford thee, shall be continual matter of Praise and Thanksgiving.

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19 [40] The sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and [41] thy God thy glory.

[40] *Rev.* 21. 23. and 22. 5. Worldly comforts and enjoyments shall not then be esteemed of, in comparison of God's love and favour, and such spiritual Privileges. ¶ [41] *Zech.* 2. 5. Thy Relation to him, and interest in him, will be thy greatest honour.

20 [42] Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw it self: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

[42] Thy Prosperity shall be no more eclips'd and withdrawn, *ch.* 35. 10. *Rev.* 7. 16. and 21. 4.

21 * Thy people also *shall be* [43] all righteous: * they shall inherit the land for ever, * the branch of my planting, * the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

* Chap. 52. 1.
[43] *ch.* 4. 3. See there.
* Psal. 37. 11, 22. Mat. 5. 5.
* Chap. 61. 3. Matth. 15. 13.
* Chap. 29. 23. & 45. 11.

22 [44] A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will [45] hasten it in his time.

[44] The Church, which at first was but very small, shall grow exceeding numerous. ¶ [45] *Heb.* 2. 3.

CHAP. LXI.

1 *The office of Christ.* 4 *The forwardness,* 7 *and blessings of the faithful.*

[1] THE spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the [2] meek, he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound:

[1] This is spoken in the person of Christ; as appears by *Luke* 4. 18—21. See there. ¶ [2] *ch.* 11. 4. See there. *Matth.* 5. 5. See there. *ch.* 29. 19. *Psal.* 10. 17. and 22. 26. and 25. 9. and 37. 11. and 76. 9. and 147. 6. *Prov.* 3. 34 *Zeph.* 2. 3. Meekned and humbled with the sight and sense of their sins.

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the [3] day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all that [4] mourn:

[3] *Ch.* 59. 17, 18. and 63. 4. When God will destroy the spiritual enemies of his Church and People. ¶ [4] *v.* 3. *ch.* 57. 18. *Matth.* 5. 4.

3 To [5] appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, * to give unto them [6] beauty for ashes, [7] the oyl of joy for mourning, the garment [8] of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called [9] trees of righteousness, the [10] planting of the LORD, that he might be [10] glorified.

* Psal. 30. 12.

[5] *Viz.* Comfort. ¶ [6] Joyful Garments instead of mournful; *viz.* joy for mourning (as it follows.) ¶ [7] Such Ointments as they us'd to anoint themselves withal in times of joy, *Psal.* 104. 15. 2 *Sam.* 12. 20. *Eccl.* 7. 1. and 9. 8. *Matth.* 6. 17. ¶ [8] Which they were wont to wear in times of rejoycing and praising God. ¶ [9] Persons bringing forth fruits of Righteousness, *Phil.* 1. 11. ¶ [10] *ch.* 60. 21.

4 ¶ And they shall [11] build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

[11] *ch.* 58. 12. That the Gentiles, which have been long destitute of the true knowledge of God, and like a barren Wil-

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Wilderness, may be brought to know and serve the true God.

5 And [12] strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your [13] plowmen, and your [13] vine-dressers.

[12] The Gentiles, some of 'em shall become Teachers of the People. ¶ [13] Helpful to promote the work of grace in you.

6 But [14] ye shall be named the priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shall [15] eat the riches of the Gentiles, and [16] in their glory shall you boast your selves.

[14] You my people of the Jews, upon your embracing the Christian Faith, shall become all of you Spiritual Priests, as all true Christians are, 1 *Pet.* 2. 9. *Rev.* 1.6. and 5. 10. and 20. 6. ¶ [15] *ch.*60.6,16. Partake of their plenty. ¶ [16] You shall be highly advanc'd, by the addition of all that is glorious in them, to you.

* Zech.9.12.

7 ¶ For your shame * *you shall have* [17] double; and *for* confusion [18] they shall rejoyce in their portion: therefore [19] in their land they shall possess the double: [20] everlasting joy shall be unto them.

[17] A large reward. ¶ [18] My people shall rejoyce in those blessings God shall then bestow upon 'em. ¶ [19] Even in this world they shall have an abundant reward, *Mark* 10. 29, 30. ¶ [20] *ch.*35.10.

* Chap. 1. 11, 13.

8 [21] For I the LORD love judgment, * I hate [23] robbery for burnt-offering, and I will [24] direct their work in truth, and I will [25] make an everlasting covenant with them.

[21] *q. d.* I'll recompense my people for all their sufferings for my sake, because I love just and equal dealing, *Jer.*9.24. *Zech.*8.16,17. ¶ [23] All unjust dealing, tho' it be to promote my own Worship and Service. ¶ [24] Make 'em upright and sincere in my worship, and in their whole conversation. ¶ [25] *ch.*55.-3. *Jer.*32.40.

9 And [26] their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath [27] blessed.

[26] Among the Gentiles there shall be those, who being Members of the Church, shall be eminent for their piety. ¶ [27] *ch.*44.3. and 65.16,23.

* Psal.132.9, 16.

† Heb. *decketh as a priest.*

10 [28] I will greatly rejoyce [29] in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God, for * he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with [30] the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom † decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *her self* with her jewels.

[28] The Prophet here, in the person of the Church, makes a joyful acknowledgment of the goodness of God to her. ¶ [29] *Phil.* 3. 1. See there. ¶ [30] The discovery of God's goodness and faithfulness, in the work of their salvation.

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth: so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

CHAP. LXII.

1 The prophets fervent desire to confirm the church in gods promises. 5 The ministers office in preaching the gospel.

FOr Zions sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalems sake I will not rest, until the [2] righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth.

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[1] Under the person of the Prophet here is shewn the duty of all true Members of the Church, *viz.* to be importunate Suiters for the prosperity of the Church, and the accomplishment of the Promises made on her behalf, (*v.*-6,7. *Psal.*137.5,6). And it seems to have its utmost accomplishment in the flourishing state of the Church in the latter days, after the calling of the Jews. ¶ [2] Her righteous cause be fully vindicated and cleared; and the great work of the righteousness and salvation of the Church be fully accomplisht, and shall shine forth gloriously, in the Ministry of the Gospel.

2 And the Gentiles shall [3] see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and * thou shalt be [4] called by a new name, [4] which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

* Chap.65.15. See V.4.12.

[3] *Ch.*61.-11. Own and acknowledge how God has righted and honour'd thee, and thereupon joyn themselves to thee. ¶ [4] Brought into a new state, far more glorious than ever formerly, whereof God shall be the Author.

3 Thou shalt also be a [5] crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal [5] diadem in the hand of thy God.

[5] *Zeph.* 9. 16. God shall make thee glorious and precious, by his eminent preservation of thee.

* Hos.1.10. 1 Pet.2. 10. * Chap.54.6,7. ‖ That is, *My delight* is *in her.* ‖ That is, *Married.*

4 * Thou shalt no more be termed, * Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed, Desolate: but thou shalt be called ‖ Hephzibah, and thy land, ‖ Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be [6] married.

[6] Fruitful in children, like a married woman, *i.e.* the Church shall be much enlarged and replenisht with Members.

† Heb. *with the joy of the bridegroom.* * Chap.65.19.

5 For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons [7] marry thee: and † *as* the bridegroom rejoyceth over the bride, *so* * shall thy God [8] rejoyce over thee.

[7] Live and dwell with thee continually, and not be any more separated from thee. ¶ [8] Have a fervent and fresh Affection for thee.

* Ezek. 3.17. & 33. 7. ‖ Or, *ye that are the LORDS remembrancers.*

6 * I have [9] set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night: ‖ ye that [10] make mention of the LORD, keep not silence;

[9] Given thee Pastors which shall be diligent and industrious in the performance of their Office. ¶ [10] Are the Watchmen forementioned, whose Office it is to put God in mind of the Concernments of his People.

† Heb. *silence.*

7 And give him no † rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem [11] a praise in the earth.

[11] The subject of Praise and Thanksgiving for the great things done for her. *Viz.* (1) Furnishing it with fulness of Ordinances, *Deut.*4.6-8. (2) Ruling it according to his own orders, 1 *Cor.* 11. 2, 17,22. (3) Filling it with abundance of Light, *Cant.* 6.10. (4) Improving this Light to the works of Holiness, *Deut.*26. 18, 19. (5) Encreasing it, *ch.*51.1-3.

† Heb. *If I give,* &c. * Deut.28.31. &c. Jer. 5.17.

8 The LORD hath sworn by his [12] right hand, and by the [12] arm of his strength, † Surely, I will [13] no more * give thy corn *to be* meat for thine enemies, and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

[12] Almighty Power (which is engaged for the accomplishment of these things.) ¶ [13] *q. d.* My Church and People shall not be destitute of outward necessaries, but shall be supplied therewith, 1 *Tim.*4.8. *Matth.*6.33.

* See Deut. 12.12. & 14. 26. & 16.11, 14.

9 But they that have gathered it, shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together, shall drink it * in the courts of my holiness.

10 ¶ [14] Go through, go through the [15] gates; [16] prepare you the way of the people, [16] cast up, cast up the high-way, gather out the

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[17] ſtones, [18] lift up a ſtandard for the people.

[16] *Ch.* 48. 20. and 52. 11. ¶ [15] *Viz.* Of thoſe Cities where you are held Captives in *Chaldea*. ¶ [16] *ch.* 57. 14. ¶ [17] Whatſoever is offenſive and troubleſom. ¶ [18] *ch.* 49. 22. Let the Goſpel be preach'd.

11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, * Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, [19] thy ſalvation cometh; behold, [20] his reward *is* with him, and [20] his ‖ work before him.

* Zech. 9. 9. Matth. 21. 5. John 12. 15. ‖ Or, *recompenſe*.

[19] Thy Saviour that ſhall deliver thee, *Matth.* 21. 5. ¶ [20] *ch.* 40. 10. See there. *Rev.* 22. 10.

12 And they ſhall call them, The holy people, the redeemed of the LORD: and thou ſhalt be called, [21] Sought out, a city not forſaken.

[21] *Viz.* By the Gentiles, that they may joyn themſelves to thee.

CHAP. LXIII.

1 *Chriſt ſheweth who he is*, 2 *what his victory over his enemies*, 7 *and what his mercy toward his church.*

WHo *is* this that cometh [1] from Edom, with [2] died garments [1] from Bozrah? this *that is* † [3] glorious in his apparel, [4] travelling in the greatneſs of his ſtrength? [5] I that ſpeak in righteouſneſs, [6] mighty to ſave.

† Heb. *decked*.

[1] From the ſlaughter and deſtruction of his Enemies, *Rev.* 19. 19–21. ¶ [2] *Rev.* 19. 13. ¶ [3] *Rev.* 19. 12. ¶ [4] Indued with Almighty Power to perform his work whitherſoever he goes. ¶ [5] I the Meſſiah that never promiſe any thing, but what I'll faithfully perform. ¶ [6] *ch.* 60. 16.

2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat?

3 I have * [7] troden the wine-preſs alone, and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury, and their blood ſhall be ſprinkled upon my garments, and I will ſtain all my raiment.

* Lam. 1. 15.

[7] *Rev.* 19. 15. and 14. 20. Utterly ſubdued and deſtroy'd mine Enemies, (*ch.* 25 10.) wherein my power is ſo conſpicuous, that whatſoever is done by men therein (as my Inſtruments) is of no moment, nor conſideration.

4 For the [8] day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

[8] *ch.* 34. 8. & 61. 2.

5 And I looked, and * *there was* none to [9] help; and I [10] wondred that *there was* none to uphold: [11] therefore * mine own arm brought ſalvation unto me, and my [12] fury, it upheld me.

* John 16. 32. * Pſal. 98. 1.

[9] *Ch.* 26. 18. and 37. 3. *Viz.* My people, in their diſtreſs. ¶ [10] *ch.* 59. 16. ¶ [11] *Deut.* 32. 35, 36. ¶ [12] See on *ch.* 59. 16.

6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and * make them [13] drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their ſtrength to the earth.

* Rev. 16. 6.

[13] Aſtoniſh'd with the greatneſs of their Calamities, *Pſal.* 60. 3. and 75. 8. *Jer.* 25. 16, 27.

7 ¶ I will mention the loving kindneſſes of the LORD, *and* the praiſes of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath beſtowed on us, and the great goodneſs towards the houſe of Iſrael, which he hath beſtowed on them, according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindneſſes.

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8 For he ſaid, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not [14] lie: ſo he was their ſaviour.

[14] Deal falſly and deceitfully in their Covenant with me.

9 ¶ In all their affliction [15] he was afflicted, and the [16] angel of his preſence ſaved them: in his [17] love and in his pity he redeemed them, and he [18] bare them, and [18] carried them all the days of old.

[15] *Exod.* 3. 7, 9. *Judg.* 10. –16. *Acts* 9. –4. ¶ [16] Chriſt (*Exod.* 23. 20, 21.) who is always in the boſom of the Father, (*John* 11. 18.) continually making Interceſſion, *Rom.* 8. 34. ¶ [17] *Deut.* 7. 7, 8. ¶ [18] *ch.* 46. 3, 4. *Exod.* 19. 4. *Deut.* 1. 31. and 32. 11.

10 ¶ But they [19] rebelled, and [20] vexed his holy ſpirit: therefore he was turned to be their [21] enemy, *and* he [22] fought againſt them.

¶ [19] *Ch.* 30. 9. and 48. 4, 8. *Exod.* 16. 2, 3. *Numb.* 14. 4, 11. and 16. 3, 11, 42. *Deut.* 9. 7, 24. *Pſal.* 78. 56. and 95. 9. and 106. 7. *Ezek.* 20. 8, 13. ¶ [20] *Pſal.* 78. 40. *Acts* 7. 51. ¶ [21] *Jer.* 30. 14. *Lam.* 2. 4, 5. ¶ [22] *ch.* 30. 17. *Lev.* 26. 23–25. *Pſal.* 18. –26. *Deut.* 28. 25. and 32. 30. *Pſal.* 44. 9, 10.

11 Then he [23] remembred the days of old, Moſes *and* his people, *ſaying*, Where *is* he that * [24] brought them up out of the ſea, with the ‖ [25] ſhepherd of his flock? where *is* he that * put his holy [26] ſpirit within him?

* Jer. 2. 6. ‖ Or, *ſhepherds*, as *Pſal.* 77. 20. * Hag. 2. 5.

[23] Called to mind what he had done for 'em formerly in the days of *Moſes*, by his Miniſtry. ¶ [24] *Exod.* 14. 30. ¶ [25] *Moſes*. ¶ [26] *Neh.* 9. 20. The Gifts, Abilities, and Endowments of his Spirit to qualifie *Moſes* for that Employment.

12 That [27] led *them* by the right hand of Moſes, with his glorious arm, * dividing the water before them, to make himſelf an everlaſting name?

[27] *Pſal.* 106. –9. * Exod. 14. 21. Joſh. 3. 16.

13 That [27] led them through the deep, [28] as an horſe in the wilderneſs, *that* they ſhould not ſtumble?

[28] With as much ſafety, as a horſe goes on even ground.

14 As a beaſt [29] goeth down into the valley, the ſpirit of the LORD [30] cauſed him to reſt: ſo didſt thou lead thy people, to make thy ſelf a glorious name.

[29] Goes on gently and ſurely on plain ground. ¶ [30] Carried his people along through the wilderneſs, till at laſt he brought 'em to *Canaan*, their reſting place.

15 ¶ [31] Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holineſs and of thy glory: [32] where *is* thy [33] zeal and thy ſtrength, the ‖ [34] ſounding of thy bowels, and of thy mercies towards me? are they reſtrained?

‖ Or, *multitude*.

[31] *Deut.* 26. 14. *Pſal.* 80. 14. *Lam.* 3. 50. *q. d.* As thou haſt formerly help'd and deliver'd, ſo do it again. ¶ [32] *Pſal.* 89. 49. ¶ [33] *ch.* 9. –7. Fervent love to thy people. ¶ [34] *Jer.* 31. –20. *Hoſ.* 11. –8.

16 Doubtleſs thou *art* [35] our father, though Abraham be [36] ignorant of us, and Iſrael [36] acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our father, our ‖ redeemer, [37] thy name *is* from [38] everlaſting.

‖ Or, *Our Redeemer from everlaſting*, is *thy name*.

[35] *Ch.* 64. 8. *Deut.* 32. 6. *Mal.* 2. 10. *Matth.* 6. 9. ¶ [36] *Job* 14. 21. Not now in a capacity (for ought we know) to take notice of our preſent condition, nor afford us any relief in our troubles. ¶ [37] *i. e.* Thy ſelf. ¶ [38] *Mal.* 3. 6.

17 ¶ O LORD, why haſt thou [39] made us to err from thy ways? *and* [39] hardened our heart [40] from

Chap.64. [40] from thy fear: [41] Return for thy ſervants ſake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

[39] Given us up to a Spirit of error and obſtinacy, and left us to the bent and bias of our own corrupt Hearts? ¶ [40] So as that we ſhould not fear thee. ¶ [41] *Pſal.* 80. 14. and 90. 13. *ch.*65.8. Be reconcil'd, and ſhew thy ſelf favourable to us.

18 The people of thy holineſs have poſſeſſed *it* but [42] a little while: our adverſaries have [43] troden down thy ſanctuary.

[42] *Viz.* In compariſon of what God had promis'd to the Patriarchs. ¶ [43] *ch.*64.11. *Pſal.*74.3,7. *Lam.*1.10.

19 We are *thine*, thou never bareſt rule [44] over them, ‖ they were not [45] called by thy name.

‖Or, *thy name was not called upon them.*

[44] Not in ſuch a particular manner as over us, who are thy Covenant-people. ¶ [45] Neither owned thee, nor were owned by thee.

CHAP. LXIV.

1 *The church prayeth for the illuſtration of Gods power,* 9 *and complaineth of affliction.*

OH that thou wouldeſt rent the heavens, that thou wouldeſt [1] come down, [2] that the mountains might flow down at thy preſence.

[1] *Pſal.*18.9. and 144. 5. *viz.* In a furious manner to deſtroy thine enemies, (*ch.* 63. 18.) and deliver thy people. ¶ [2] *Pſal.*97.5. *Am.* 9. 5. *Mic.* 1. 4. That thou wouldſt put forth ſome ſingular manifeſtation of thy preſence.

2 As *when* the † melting fire burneth, the fire cauſeth the waters to boil, to make thy [3] name known to thine adverſaries, *that* the nations may [4] tremble at thy preſence.

† Heb. *fire of meltings.*

[3] *Ch.* 63. -12. *Pſal.* 9. 16. and 106. 8. ¶ [4] *Exod.* 15. 14-16.

3 When thou didſt [5] terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou cameſt down, the mountains flowed down at thy preſence.

[5] *Exod.*34.10. *Judg.*5.4,5. *Neh.*9.10, 11. *Pſal.* 78. 11-13, 43-53. and 105. 27-36. (And therefore we hope thou wilt do the like again.)

4 [6] For ſince the beginning of the world, *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye ‖ ſeen, O God, beſides thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

‖ Or, *ſeen a God beſides thee* which *doeth ſo for him*, &c.

[6] *q.d.* We beg theſe great things of thee, becauſe as thou haſt done, ſo thou wilt yet do far greater things for thy people than ever, in the glorious promulgation of the Goſpel, (to which the Apoſtle applies it, 2 *Cor.* 2.9.)

5 [7] Thou meeteſt him that [8] rejoyceth, and [9] worketh righteouſneſs, *thoſe that* [10] remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth, for we have ſinned: [11] in thoſe is continuance, and we ſhall be ſaved.

*Chap.26.8.

[7] *Luke* 15.20. *viz.* In a way of love, mercy, and reconciliation; preventing 'em with thy manifold favors, *Pſal.* 21. 3. ¶ [8] Serves thee cheerfully, *Deut.*16.11,14,15. and 28.47. *Pſal.* 37. 4. and 68. 3. ¶ [9] Delights in well-doing. ¶ [10] That being mindful of thee, and their duty to thee, are careful to walk in the ways of thy commandments. ¶ [11] *q. d.* Thy ways of mercy and goodneſs to thy people are ſtable and perpetual, and therefore we hope for ſalvation.

6 [12] But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all [13] our righteouſneſſes *are* as filthy rags, and we all do [14] fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have [15] taken us away.

[12] *q. d.* Yet all that Good we hope for, (*v.*-5.) is not for any thing in our ſelves, (*v.*6,7.) but of thy own goodneſs, *v.*8. ¶ [13] Our beſt ſervices, (as they come from us, and in reſpect of that exactneſs the Law requires.) ¶ [14] *Pſal.* 90.5,6. ¶ [15] Carried us out of our Land, and deprived us of all good.

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7 And *there is* [16] none that calleth upon thy name, that [17] ſtirreth up himſelf to take hold of thee: for thou haſt hid thy face from us, and haſt † conſumed us, † becauſe of our iniquities.

† Heb. *melted.* † Heb. *by the hand.*

[16] *Pſal.* 14. -3. *Hoſ.* 7. -7. Very few that ſeek to thee for the removal of theſe evils, and to pacifie thy wrath. ¶ [17] Uſes fervency and importunity to prevent thy departure from us.

8 [18] But now, O LORD, thou *art* [19] our father: we *are* the [20] clay, and thou our potter, and we all *are* the [21] work of thy hand.

[18] *q. d.* Yet notwithſtanding all this, tho we have carried out ſelves thus unworthily towards thee, *Deut.*32.6. ¶ [19] *ch.* 63.16. See there. ¶ [20] *ch.* 45. 9. *Jer.* 18. 6. *Rom.* 9. 20, 21. ¶ [21] (Therefore forget us not, (*ch.* 44. 21.) but ſpare us, *Job* 10.8,9. *Pſal.*138.-8.)

9 ¶ Be not wroth very ſore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity [22] for ever; behold, ſee we beſeech thee, we *are* all [23] thy people.

[22] *Pſal.*79.5. and 103.9. ¶ [23] *ch.* 63. 19.

10 [24] Thy holy cities are a wilderneſs, Zion is a wilderneſs, Jeruſalem a deſolation.

[24] *Pſal.*74. 22, 23.

11 Our holy and our beautiful houſe, where [25] our fathers praiſed thee, is burnt up with fire: and all our [26] pleaſant things are laid waſte.

[25] *q.d.* Tho 'tis true, we our ſelves have been very regardleſs of thy ſervice there, yet our Fathers were more diligent and upright in their Worſhip. ¶ [26] Stately Palaces, and magnificent Structures.

12 [27] Wilt thou refrain thy ſelf for theſe *things*, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very ſore?

[27] Surely thou canſt not contain thy ſelf from coming in to our help.

CHAP. LXV.

1 *The Gentiles called.* 2 *The Jews rejected.* 17 *The bleſſed ſtate of the new Jeruſalem.*

I * am [1] ſought of *them that* aſked not *for me*: I am [1] found of *them that* ſought me not: I ſaid, [2] Behold me, [2] behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name.

* Rom. 9. 24, 25,26. & 10. 20. Eph. 2. 12,13.

[1] Worſhip'd and ſerv'd by the Gentiles, who formerly minded no ſuch thing. ¶ [2] I both invited, and prevail'd with the Gentiles, (who formerly had no relation to me) to own me, and come to me by Faith.

2 [3] I have ſpread out my hands all the day unto [4] a rebellious people, which walketh in a way *that was* [5] not good, [6] after their own thoughts.

[3] *Rom.*10.21. See there. *q. d.* And the reaſon why I call the Gentiles to be my people, is, becauſe the Jews prove ſo rebellious and obſtinate. ¶ [4] *ch.*63.10. (See there.) *Jer.* 7. 13. and 11.7,8. ¶ [5] Very bad. ¶ [6] *Numb.*15.-39. *Deut.* 29.19. *Jer.*3.17. and 7.24. 2 *Pet.*2.-3.

3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually [7] to my face, that ſacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incenſe upon † altars of [8] brick.

† Heb. *bricks.*

[7] In contempt of my Omniſcience, and Omnipreſence. ¶ [8] (Which were different from thoſe appointed by God, and therefore abominable.)

4 Which remain among the [9] graves, and lodge in the [9] monuments, which [10] eat ſwines fleſh, and ‖ broth of [11] abominable *things is in* their veſſels;

‖ Or, *pieces.*

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[9] To

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[9] To conſult with Spirits that haunt ſuch places. ¶ [10] *ch.* 66.17. Forbidden; *Lev.*11.7. ¶ [11] Fleſh of Creatures unclean by the Law.

5 Which ſay, Stand by thy ſelf, come not near to me, for I am holier then thou: theſe *are* [12] a ſmoke in my ‖ noſe, a [13] fire that burneth all the day.

‖ Or, *anger.*

[12] Very offenſive to me. ¶ [13] Cauſing mine anger to burn againſt 'em continually.

6 Behold, [14] *it is* written before me, I will [15] not keep ſilence, but will [16] recompenſe, even [16] recompenſe into their boſom.

[14] Theſe their wicked courſes are ever in mine eye. ¶ [15] Forbear 'em no longer, *ch.*42.14. and 64.12. *Pſal.*50.21. and 83.1. ¶ [16] Puniſh 'em abundantly for their iniquities.

[17] *Matth.* 23.32,35,36.

7 [16] Your iniquities, and the iniquities of [17] your fathers together (ſaith the LORD) which have burnt incenſe upon the mountains, and blaſphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I meaſure their former work into their boſom.

8 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, [18] As the new wine is found in the cluſter, and *one* ſaith, Deſtroy it not, for a [19] bleſſing *is* in it: [11] ſo will I do for my [20] ſervants ſakes, that I may not deſtroy them all.

[18] *q. d.* As when a Gardner is about to prune off the luxuriant branches from a Vine, if he find one that has a bunch of Grapes on it, he ſpares it; ſo I'll not deſtroy the whole nation, but reſerve a remnant, *Jer.* 30. 11. *Am.* 9.-8. ¶ [19] *Joel* 2.14. Something which is the effect of God's bleſſing upon it. ¶ [20] That have ſome good in 'em.

9 And I will bring forth a [21] ſeed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an [22] inheritour of my mountains: and mine elect ſhall inherit it, and my ſervants ſhall dwell there.

[21] *Rom.*11.5. A ſmall number which ſhall be as a ſeed from whence others ſhall ſpring, *Rom.*9.27,29. ¶ [22] One that ſhall poſſeſs the Country of *Judea*, (which is mountainous.)

10 And [23] Sharon ſhall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have ſought me.

[23] *i. e.* The Jews of the Ten Tribes ſhall return and inhabit thoſe places again.

11 ¶ But [24] ye *are* they that forſake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that [25] prepare a table for that ‖ troup, and that furniſh the drink-offering unto that ‖ number.

‖ Or, *Gad.*
‖ Or, *Meni.*

[24] *q. d.* Though the generality be converted to Chriſt, yet ſome ſhall remain obſtinate, as *Deut.* 13.2. (See there.) and *Rev.*21.8. ¶ [25] Make feaſts to the multitude of your Idol-gods.

12 Therefore will I number you to the ſword, and ye ſhall all bowe down to the ſlaughter: becauſe [26] when I called, ye did not anſwer; when I ſpake, ye did not hear, but did evil before mine eyes, and did chooſe [27] *that* wherein I delighted not.

[26] *Ch.*66.4. *Prov.*1.24. See there. ¶ [27] *ch.* 66.-4. Such ways of Worſhip as I had not commanded, and therefore were exceeding diſpleaſing to me.

13 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, my ſervants ſhall [28] eat, but ye ſhall be hungry: behold, my ſervants ſhall [28] drink, but ye ſhall be thirſty: behold, my ſervants ſhall rejoyce, but ye ſhall be aſhamed.

[28] *Pſal.*37.19, 20. & 68.1,3.

14 Behold my ſervants ſhall ſing for joy of heart, but ye ſhall cry for ſorrow of heart, and ſhall howl † for vexation of ſpirit.

† Heb. *breaking.*

15 And ye ſhall leave your name for a [29] curſe unto my choſen: for the Lord GOD ſhall ſlay thee, and [30] call his ſervants by another name.

[29] *Prov.*10.7. *Jer.*29.22. ¶ [30] *ch.* 66.-2. Bring 'em into another ſtate and condition than formerly, in regard whereof other terms ſhould be given 'em, and ſpeeches uſed of 'em than before, *Rom.*9.26. 1 *Pet.* 2. 10.

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16 That he who bleſſeth himſelf in the earth, ſhall [31] bleſs himſelf in the God of truth, and he that ſweareth in the earth, ſhall [31] ſwear by the [32] God of truth; becauſe [33] the former troubles are forgotten, and becauſe they are [34] hid from mine eyes.

[31] Own the true God upon all occaſions, whether of bleſſing, ſwearing, or the like. ¶ [32] *ch.* 19. 18. *Deut.* 6. 13. *Zeph.*1.5. ¶ [33] My People ſhall be brought to ſuch a happy condition, that ſhall make 'em forget all their former miſeries. ¶ [34] Quite taken away.

17 ¶ [35] For behold, I create [36] new heavens and a new earth: and the [37] former ſhall not be remembred, nor come †into mind.

†Heb. *upon the heart.*

[35] *q. d.* The true God ſhall be owned all the world over, becauſe there ſhall be a new face of affairs in the Church. ¶ [36] *ch.*66.2. 2 *Pet.*3.13. *Rev.*21.1. 1 *Cor.*5.17. A new Goſpel-Church, wherein there is new Ordinances, a new way of Worſhip, (*John* 4.21-24.) and a larger meaſure of Gifts and Graces, (2 *Cor.*3.7-10.) eſpecially in the latter days after the Jews converſion. ¶ [37] *Jer.* 3. 16. The former ſtate of things.

18 But be you [38] glad and rejoyce for ever *in that* which I create: for behold, [39] I create Jeruſalem a rejoycing, and her people a joy.

[38] *ch.*66.10. ¶ [39] I am about to do that for 'em which ſhall yield abundant matter of Joy.

19 And [40] I will rejoyce in Jeruſalem, and joy in my people, and the voice of [41] weeping ſhall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

[40] *Ch.*62.5. *Jer.*32.41. *Zeph.* 3. 17. ¶ [41] *ch.*35.-10. and 51.-11. *Jer.*31.-12. *Rev.* 7. 17. and 21. 4. No ſuch matter of ſorrow any more, as formerly.

20 There ſhall be no more [42] thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not [44] filled his days: for the child ſhall die an hundred years old, but the ſinner *being* an hundred years old, ſhall be accurſed.

[42] Carried thence to Burial one that has lived only the time of an infant. ¶ [44] Lived to the full period of his days, according to the ordinary courſe of nature. Long Life is here promis'd as a pledg of eternal Life.

21 And * they ſhall build houſes, and inhabit *them*; and they ſhall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

* See Lev.26.16 Deut.28. 30. [45] *Am.*9.-14.

22 They ſhall not build, and another [45] inhabit; they ſhall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree, *are* the days of my people, and mine elect ſhall † long enjoy the work of their hands.

† Heb. *make them continue long*, or *wear out.*

23 They ſhall not labour in vain, nor [46] bring forth for trouble: for they *are* the ſeed of the bleſſed of the LORD, and their offſpring with them.

[46] Their Children ſhall live peaceably and proſperouſly as well as themſelves, and not meet with ſuch troubles as are uſually incident to Mankind, *Job* 5.7. and 14. 1.

24 And it ſhall come to paſs, that [47] before they call, I will anſwer, and [48] whiles they are yet ſpeaking, I will hear.

[47] *Pſal.*32.-5. *Dan.*10.12. *Luke* 15.18,20. ¶ [48] *Dan.* 9. 20-23. *Act.*10.44. and 11.15.

25 [49] The * wolf and the lamb ſhall feed together, and the lion ſhall eat ſtraw like the bullock: and * [50] duſt *ſhall be* the ſerpents meat.

* Chap. 11. 6, 7,9. * Gen.3.14.

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Chap. 66. They ſhall not hurt nor deſtroy in all my holy mountain, ſaith the LORD.

[49] *Ch.* 11. 6–9. See there. This certainly relates to the peaceable and flouriſhing Eſtate of the Church towards the end of the World. ¶ [50] Wicked men and Perſecutors ſhall not devour my People, as hitherto, but ſatisfie themſelves with their worldly enjoyments, (*Luke* 15.16.) and their ſinful pleaſures and delights, *Job* 15.16. *Prov.*4.17.

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1 *God will be ſerved in humble ſincerity.* 5 *The humble comforted.* 15 *God's judgments againſt the wicked.*

1 THus ſaith the LORD, [2] The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footſtool: [3] where *is* the houſe that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my reſt?

[1] In this Chapter (which is as it were the farewel that Chriſt takes of the old Synagogue) he leaves 'em three remembrances. (1) How the Jewiſh Church ſhould demean themſelves in his Worſhip, (who delights not in ceremonial but ſpiritual Service) *v.*1–3. (2) What heavy Judgments ſhall befal the Jews for ſticking obſtinately to the legal Rites, *v.*4. (3) The ſtate and conſtitution of the Church that ſhall be ſet up among 'em; in many particulars, *v.* 5–24. ¶ [2] *Acts* 7.49,50. *q. d.* Since I have ſuch a glorious Throne, do you think that I can be contained in ſo narrow a room as any material building? 1 *King.*8.27. ¶ [3] *q.d.* Do you think that you can build me an houſe anſwerable to my Majeſty, and where I muſt needs take up my reſt, without any thoughts of departure? much leſs am I confined to your Temple, (tho you confide ſo much in it, *Jer.*7.4,10.) or have fixed my reſt there.

2 For [4] all thoſe *things* hath mine hand made, and all thoſe *things* [5] have been, ſaith the LORD: [6] but to this *man* will I look, *even* to *him that is* [7] poor and of a [7] contrite ſpirit, and [8] trembleth at my word.

[4] Heaven and earth, *ch.*40.26. ¶ [5] Have their preſervation and continuance in being by my Power and Providence, *Heb.*1.2,3. *Col.*1.17. ¶ [6] *q. d.* Notwithſtanding my infinite Greatneſs, Majeſty and Power, yet—— ¶ [7] *ch.*57. 15. See there. ¶ [8] *Ezra* 9.4. and 10.–3. *Pſal.* 119.–161. *Prov.*13.–13. *Jer.* 36. 16. 2 *King.* 22. 11, 19. *viz.* Leſt he ſhould not obey the Precepts, obtain the Promiſes, and ſhun the Threatnings therein contained.

3 [9] He that killeth an ox, *is as if* he ſlew a man: he that ſacrificeth a ‖ lamb, *as if* he cut off a dogs neck: he that offereth an oblation, *as if* † *he offered* ſwines bloud: he that † burneth incenſe, *as if* he bleſſed an idol; yea, they have choſen their own ways, and their ſoul delighteth in their abominations.

‖ Or, *kid.*

† Heb. *maketh a memorial of.*

[9] *Ch.* 1. 11–14. *Prov.* 15. 8. and 21. 27.

4 I alſo will [10] chooſe their ‖ deluſions, and will bring [11] their fears upon them: becauſe [12] when I called, none did anſwer; when I ſpake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and choſe *that* in which I delighted not.

‖ Or, *devices.*

[10] Bring upon 'em mocking and diſgraceful uſage, *Jer.* 18. 16. and 19. 8. and 24.9. and 29.–18. ¶ [11] *Jer.* 20. 4. Thoſe terrors and affrightments which their ſins have deſerv'd, *Deut.*28.66. ¶ [12] *ch.*65.12.

5 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word, [13] Your brethren that [14] hated you, that caſt you [15] out [16] for my names ſake, ſaid, [17] Let the LORD be glorified: but he ſhall appear to your joy, and they ſhall be aſhamed.

[13] By Profeſſion, and in name only. ¶ [14] *Cant.* 1. 6. *Pſal.*38.20. ¶ [15] *John* 9.–34. and 16.2. Out of their Society. ¶ [16] *Matth.* 5. 10, 11. For your ſincere ſerving of me, and cleaving cloſe to me. ¶ [17] *q. d.* We aim only at God's honour and glory herein, *John* 16.–2.

6 [18] A voice of noiſe from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendreth recompence to his enemies. Chap. 66.

[18] A tumultuous noiſe both of Inhabitants and Enemies, when gotten into the City and Temple, at the taking of it.

7 [19] Before ſhe travailed, ſhe brought forth: before her pain came, ſhe was delivered of a man-child.

[19] *q. d.* Yet notwithſtanding thoſe evils, there ſhall be a mighty and ſudden increaſe of the Goſpel-Church.

8 Who hath heard ſuch a thing? who hath ſeen ſuch things? ſhall the earth be made to [20] bring forth in one day, *or* ſhall a nation be born at once? for [21] as ſoon as Zion travailed, ſhe brought forth her [22] children.

[20] *Viz.* All the Plants and Fruits that are uſually many months a growing. ¶ [21] *viz.* When the fulneſs of time came for the erecting the Goſpel-Church. ¶ [22] *viz.* In great multitudes, as *Acts* 2.41. and 4. 4.

9 Shall I [23] bring to the birth, and not ‖ cauſe to bring forth? ſaith the LORD: ſhall I cauſe to bring forth, and [24] ſhut *the womb?* ſaith thy God.

‖ Or, *beget.*

[23] Begin a work, and not perfect it, *Phil.*1.6. ¶ [24] That there ſhould not be a continual ſucceſſion of Converts in all Ages.

10 [25] Rejoyce ye with Jeruſalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoyce for joy with her, all ye that mourn [26] for her:

[25] *Ch.*65.18. ¶ [26] *Zeph.* 3. 18. For her preſent Calamities.

11 That ye may ſuck, and be ſatisfied with the [27] breaſts of her conſolations: that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the ‖ abundance of her [28] glory.

‖ Or, *brightneſs.*

[27] Goſpel-Ordinances and Promiſes. ¶ [28] *ch.* 60. 1,2, 3.

12 For thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a [29] river, and the [30] glory of the Gentiles like a flowing ſtream: then ſhall ye [31] ſuck, ye ſhall be [32] born upon *her* ſides, and be [32] dandled upon her knees.

[29] *Ch.* 48. 18. ¶ [30] *ch.* 60. –5. Perſons of the greateſt honour and renown among the Gentiles, ſhall be converted to the Church in great multitudes. ¶ [31] *ch.*60.16. ¶ [32] *ch.* 49.–22. and 60.4. Embrac'd and nouriſh'd with great affection.

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, ſo will I comfort you: and ye ſhall be comforted [33] in Jeruſalem.

[33] In becoming Members of the Church, *Act.* 9.31. and 13.52. and alſo in *Jeruſalem* it ſelf, *Zech.*12.6.

14 And when ye ſee *this*, your heart ſhall rejoyce, and * your bones ſhall flouriſh like an herb: and the [34] hand of the LORD ſhall be known towards his ſervants, and *his* indignation towards his enemies.

* See Ezek. 37.1.&c.

[34] His Power manifeſted for their good.

15 For behold, the LORD will come [35] with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, [36] to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

[35] *Pſal.* 50. 3. and 97. 3. *Am.* 7. 4. Terrible Judgments. ¶ [36] To puniſh his Enemies in a ſevere manner.

16 For by fire, and by his ſword, will the LORD [37] plead with all fleſh: and the ſlain [38] of the LORD ſhall be many.

[37] *Ezek.*38. 22. Execute Judgment on 'em. ¶ [38] By him.

17 They that ſanctifie themſelves, and purifie themſelves in the [39] gardens, ‖ [40] behind one *tree* in *another.*

‖ Or, *one after*

[39] Goſpel-Ordinances and Promiſes. ¶ [40] *ch.* 60. 1,2, 3.

Chap.66. in the midst, eating swines flesh, and [41] the abomination, and the [42] mouse; shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.

[39] Where they set their Idols, *ch.*65.-3. ¶ [40] Behind some one eminent tree in the middle of the Gardens, set apart for that service of washing and purifying themselves. ¶ [41] Any unclean creature. ¶ [42] *Lev.* 11. 29.

18 For I *know* their [43] works and their [43] thoughts: it shall come, that [44] I will gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come and [45] see my glory.

[43] *Viz.* Of Idolatry, and other wickedness. ¶ [44] *q.d.* Since they take such courses, and go on obstinately in the same, (*v.*3,4.) I'll cast 'em off, and take the Gentiles to be my People in their stead; *Acts* 2.8--11. ¶ [45] Partake of my Ordinances, and my glorious presence in 'em.

19 And I will set [46] a sign among them, and I will [47] send those that escape of them unto the nations, *to* Tarshish, Pul and Lud that draw the bow, *to* Tubal and Javan, *to* the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare [48] my glory among the Gentiles.

[46] The preaching of the Word attended with Miracles, called Signs, or some distinguishing Providence, whereby they shall be preserv'd from the common destruction. ¶ [47] Those few Jews, which being converted to the Christian Faith, did escape the common destruction of the Nation, and especially their National Impenitency and Unbelief, many of 'em, (and the Apostles in particular) shall be employed in all parts of the World for the conversion of others, *Matth.*28.19. *Acts* 13.46. ¶ [48] The glorious riches of my Grace in Christ.

20 And [49] they shall bring all your brethren *for* an [50] offering unto the LORD, out of all nations, upon horses, and in chariots, and in ‖ litters, and upon mules, and upon all swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, [51] as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel, into the house of the LORD.

‖ Or, *waches.*

[49] The Apostles and Gospel-Ministers thus sent abroad, shall bring the Converts of the Gentiles, who are your Brethren in Christ, (*Gal.* 3. 28.) all *Abram*'s Spiritual Seed. ¶ [50] *Rom.*15.16. and 12.1. ¶ [51] *i.e.* These converted Gentiles should now be a pure and holy People, and so acceptable to God.

21 And I will also take of them for *[52] priests, *and* for [52] Levites, saith the LORD.

22 For as * the [53] new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall [54] remain before me, saith the LORD, [55] so shall your seed and your name remain.

* Exod. 1.6. Chap.61. 6. 1 Pet.2. 9. Rev.1.6.

[52] Gospel-Ministers. * 2 Pet.3. 13. Rev.21. 1.

[53] See on *ch.* 65. 17. ¶ [54] *Matth.*16.--18. and 28. 20. ¶ [55] There shall be a continued succession of Believers to the end of the World.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* †[56] from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

† Heb. *from new-moon to his new-moon, and from sabbath, to his sabbath.*

[56] The People of God shall constantly attend his Worship and Service in their Assemblies, *Acts* 2.42,46.

24 And they shall go forth, and [57] look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for [58] their worm shall not die, neither shall [58] their fire be quenched, and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

[57] Take notice of God's severe Judgments executed upon his impenitent Enemies, as a Forerunner of their Eternal Damnation. ¶ [58] *Mark* 9. 44. Terrors of Conscience, and Torments of Body shall follow 'em to all Eternity.

JEREMIAH.

The ARGUMENT.

JEremy, *besides the ordinary Office of a Teacher, as he was a Priest, was, in his younger days* (Chap. 1. 5.) *called to the extraordinary Office of a Prophet: wherein he continued, for the least forty years together. In his time iniquity did exceedingly abound; so that his main business was to endeavour to reclaim and reform em, both by his Reproofs and Threatnings, for their Sins, and Persuasions to Repentance: wherein he met with much opposition both from the Princes, Priests, false Prophets and Common People, and no amendment: but rather they grew worse and worse. Whereupon he was at length constrained to denounce the Desolation of the Land, and Captivity of the People by the Babylonians or Chaldeans; which he lived to see executed. But withal, for the comfort and support of the Faithful, he foretels their Return after seventy years, and the enlargement of the Church by Christ: Of whose Person, Offices, Government, Preaching, Catholick Church both of Jews and Gentiles, and the flourishing Estate thereof he prophesies largely: as also of the destruction of those Nations that were Enemies to them: especially proud Babel, their most Tyrannical Oppressor.*

Upon the surprisal of the City he was set at liberty; but shortly after he was carried away by force into Egypt, where he continued Prophesying, probably, to his Death. His Style is generally the most plain of any of the Prophets.

CHAP. I.

1 The calling of Jeremiah. 11 His vision. 13 His message against Judah. 17 God promiseth to assist him.

3395. * *Eccl.* 1.1. *Isa.* 2. 1. *Am.* 1. 1. * Josh. 21. 18. 1 Chron. 6. 60.

1 THe words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in * Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

2 To whom the [a] word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

[a] *Ch.* 25. 1–13. *Mich.* 1. 1. *Zeph.* 1. 1. The Declaration of God's Will, which *Jeremiah* was to make known to the people, and is contained in this Book.

3416. † Jer. 52. 12.

3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto [b] the carrying away of Jerusalem captive * in the fifth month.

[b] 2 *Kings* 25. 1, 2, 3. So long as the Jewish Commonwealth continued. (Not but that he prophesied afterwards also.)

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Before I [c] formed thee in the belly, I [d] knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I [e] sanctified thee, *and* I † ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

[c] *Isa.* 49. 1, 5. *Gen.* 25. 23. *Isa.* 42. 1. and 44. 2. and 49. 1. and 65. 8. *Job* 10. 9. and 31. 15. *Psal.* 139. 15, 16. ¶ *Ezra* 31. [d] Approved and appointed thee for this work. ¶ [e] *Luk.* 1. 15. *Rom.* 1. 1. *Gal.* 1. 15. Design'd and fit'd thee apart (this he speaks to encourage him against those unusual difficulties he was to encounter with.) ¶ † The Neighbour-States with whom the Jews were concerned, as well as the Jews themselves. *Vse.* 10. *Obad.* 13. *Nah.* 3. 10.

† His *gavest*

6 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD, behold, I cannot * speak, for I am a child.

* Exod. 4. 10.

7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for [f] thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and what soever I command thee thou shalt speak.

[f] *q. d.* As thou art commanded, so thou shalt be enabled to the discharge of this work.

8 [g] Be not afraid of their faces: for * I *am* [h] with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

[g] *Ver.* 17. *Ezek.* 3. 9. *Acts* 13. 9. ¶ [h] *Ch.* 20. 11. *Exod.* 3. 12. *Deut.* 31. 6, 8. *Josh.* 1. 5. *Acts* 18. 10. 2 *Tim.* 4. 17, 18.

* Hebr. 13. 6.

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth, and the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have * put my words in thy mouth.

* Chap. 5. 14.

[i] To confirm him by this outward sign, against his fears and desponding apprehensions. as *Isa.* 6. 6, 7.

10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations, and over the kingdoms, to * [k] root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant.

* 2 Cor. 10. 4, 5.

[k] *i. e.* To foretel and prophesy of these things, (as *Ezek.* 21. 18. and 43. 3. Text and Margin compared: and so God himself expounds it, *Ch.* 18. 7, 9.) which God will fulfil. *Ver.* 18. and 5. 10, 11. *Ch.* 3. 14.

11 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, [l] what seest thou? And I said, I [m] see a * rod of an almond-tree.

* Jam. 1. 18. Rev. 14. 4. * Ch. 12. 14. See Ch. 50.

[l] So *Amos* 7. 8. and 8. 2. *Zech.* 4. 2. and 5. 2. ¶ [m] *Viz.* In vision. (¶ * A visible sign for confirmation of what was to be delivered (as *Isa.* 8. 1.) *viz.* that destruction would suddenly overtake 'em, *v.* 12. (the Almond Tree, being a Tree that blossoms very early.)

12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? and I said, I see * a seething pot, and the [n] face thereof *is* † toward the [o] north.

* Ezek. 11. 3, 7. & 24. 3. † Heb. *from the face of the north.*

[n] An Emblem or Resemblance of *Judah* and *Jerusalem*, and the Inhabitants thereof. [o] Or, Mouth of the Furnace, or Ranges where the fire is put. [p] Because from thence they were to come who should kindle the fire under this pot, and set it a boiling, *ver.* 14.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, [p] Out of the north an evil shall † break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

† Heb. *be opened.*

[q] *Chap.* 4. 6. and 6. 1. From *Chaldea* and *Babylon.*

Chap. 2.

15 For lo, I will *[21] call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD, and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entring of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

* Ch. 6. 22. & 10. 22.

[21] *Ch.* 5. 15. Effectually encline the Babylonians and their Confederates.

16 And I will [23] utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have [24] forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

[23] Pass Sentence and execute Judgment upon 'em. ¶ [24] *Isa.* 1. 4. and 65. 11.

17 ¶ Thou therefore *[25] gird up thy loyns, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I ‖ [26] confound thee before them.

* 1 Kings 18. 46. 2 King. 4. 29. & 9. 1.

‖ Or, *break to pieces.*

[25] Prepare thy self to do what I have commanded thee. ¶ [26] *Matth.* 10. 28. 1 *Cor.* 9. 26.

18 For behold, I have made thee this day, [27] a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

[27] *Ch.* 6. 27. and 15. 20. *Isa.* 50. 7. Unconquerable by them, *Ver.* 19.

19 And they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

CHAP. II.

1 Gods expostulation with the Jews touching their causeless revolt. 14 They are the causes of their own calamities.

MOreover, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I remember ‖ thee, the [1] kindness of thy * youth, the [1] love of thine espousals, when thou [2] wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.

‖ Or, *for thy sake.*

* Ezek. 23. 3, 8, 19.

[1] The kindness I shewed thee when I first took thee to be my people, *Isa.* 46. 11. *Ezek.* 16. 8, 22. (which yet thou hast not walk't worthy of, *v.* 5.) ¶ [2] Wast conducted by me, and furnisht with all necessaries, *v.* 6.

3 Israel *was* [3] holiness unto the LORD, *and* * the [4] first-fruits of his increase: * all that [5] devour him, shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

* Jam. 1. 18. Rev. 14. 4.

* Ch. 12. 14. See Ch. 50. 7.

[3] *Exod.* 19. 5, 6. A holy people; being set apart for his peculiar. ¶ [4] The first Nation that he chose for his own. ¶ [5] Did them wrong and make a prey of him, did transgress Gods command, and were punisht for it.

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, * What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after [7] vanity, and are become [8] vain?

* *Vers.* 31. *Isa.* 1. 2, 3. and 5. 3. *Mic.* 6. 3, 4. Wherein have I wronged you, or been worse then my word to you? ¶ [7] 2 *Kings* 17. 15. Vain Idols, *Deut.* 32. 21. 1 *Sam.* 12. 21. ¶ [8] Senseless and fottish. *Rom.* 1. 21, 22. *Psal.* 115. 8.

6 [9] Neither said they, * [9] Where *is* the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through [10] the wilderness, through a land [10] of deserts, and of [11] pits, through a land of [12] drought, and of the [13] shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

* Isa. 63. 9, 11, 12. Hos. 13. 4.

* Deut. 8. 15. & 32. 10.

[9] *Ver.* 8. *Ch.* 5. 24. They regarded not me who have done so great things for 'em, nor took any care to serve me. ¶ [10] Destitute of all necessaries. ¶ [11] Full of dangerous passages. ¶ [12] *Exod.* 17. 3. *Num.* 20. 2, 5. *Deut.* 8. 15. ¶ [13] See on *Job* 3. 5. wherein they were exposed to deadly dangers.

Chap. 2.

7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof, and [14] the goodness thereof; but when ye entred, ye [15] defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

[14] *Isa.* 1. 19. ¶ [15] *Gen.* 6. 12. *Psal.* 78. 58. and 106. 38. *Ezek.* 36. 17. With Idolatries and other wicked courses, *Ch.* 3. 1, 9.

8 The priests said not, [9] Where *is* the LORD? and they that [16] handle the law, [17] knew me not: the [18] pastours also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied [19] by Baal, and walked after [20] *things that* do not profit.

[16] That should have opened and taught it to others, *Deut.* 33. 10. *Nehem.* 8. 8. *Mal.* 2. 7. *Rom.* 2. 20. ¶ [17] *Hos.* 4. 6. *Luke* 11. 52. ¶ [18] *Chap.* 5. 5. Princes and Civil Magistrates. ¶ [19] In his name. ¶ [20] Idols, *v.* 5, 11.

9 ¶ Wherefore I will [21] yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and * with your children's children will I plead.

* Exod. 20. 5. Levit. 20. 5.

[21] Further argue and debate the Case with you.

10 For pass ‖ over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

‖ Or, *over to.*

11 [22] Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* * yet no gods? but my people have * changed [23] their glory, for *that which* doth not profit.

* Ch. 16. 20. * Rom. 1. 23.

[22] *Mich.* 4. 5. ¶ [23] *Psal.* 106. 20. Me the true God whose relation to me is their greatest honor and priviledge, (*Deut.* 4. 7, 8. and 33. 29. *Ezek.* 16. 10, 14.) of which therefore they may justly glory and make their boast.

12 * [24] Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be ye very [25] desolate, saith the LORD.

* Ch. 6. 19.

[24] *Isa.* 1. 2. *Deut.* 32. 1. ¶ [25] *Isa.* 13. 10. and 24. 23. Let your light and lustre be clouded and darkned, (as *Matth.* 27. 45.)

13 For my people have committed [26] two evils: they have forsaken me the [27] fountain of living waters, *and* [28] hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

[26] Great ones, *Chap.* 18. 13. ¶ [27] *Chap.* 17. 13. *Psal.* 36. 9. ¶ [28] Made themselves Idols that can do 'em no good (*v.* 11.) and sought unto Creatures for relief and refreshing, *Ch.* 17. 5.–8.

14 ¶ [29] *Is* Israel a servant? *is* he a home-born *slave?* why is he † spoiled?

† Heb. become *a spoil.*

[29] *q. d.* And if the Israelites are oppresst and impoverisht they may thank themselves for it, 'tis by reason of their Idolatry and other sins, *v.* 17.

15 [30] The young lions roared upon him, *and* † yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burnt without inhabitant.

[30] Their fierce and powerful Enemies. † Heb. *gave out their voice.*

16 Also the children of [31] Noph and [31] Tahapanes ‖ have broken the crown of thy head.

‖ Or, *feed on thy crown.* Deut. 13. 12. Ch. 43. 8.

[31] The Egyptians have made havock of all that is excellent in thee.

17 Hast thou not [32] procured this unto thy self, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

[32] *Ver.* 19 *Ch.* 4. 18. *Numb.* 32. 23.

18 And now [34] what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

[34] *q. d.* Tho thou seekest to the *Egyptians* and *Assyrians* for help, yet they shall not be able to help thee.

19 Thine own wickedness shall [35] correct thee, and thy backslidings shall [35] reprove thee: know therefore and see, that *it is* an [36] evil *thing* and [36] bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, saith the LORD God of hosts.

[35] *Isa.* 3. 9. *Hos.* 5. 5. Bring Judgments upon thee, and be

be the procuring cauſe of all thoſe evils that befal thee, *Ch.* 4. 18. ¶ [36] *Ch.* 4. -18. That which will bring manifold evils, and be very troubleſome and diſpleaſing, in the effects thereof.

20 ¶ For [37] of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burſt thy bands, and [37] thou ſaidſt, I will not ‖ tranſgreſs: when upon [38] every high hill, and under every green tree thou wandreſt playing the harlot.

‖ Or, *ſerve.*

[37] *q. d.* When formerly I delivered thee from thy Oppreſſors, thou didſt promiſe Reformation, *Deut.* 5. 27. and 26. 17. ¶ [38] *Ch.* 3. -6. *Iſa.* 57. 5-7. Yet thou haſt committed Idolatry every where.

* Mat. 21. 33. Mark 12. 1. Luke 20. 9.

21 Yet I had * [39] planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right ſeed: how then art thou [40] turned into the degenerate plant of a ſtrange vine unto me?

[39] *Exod.* 15. 17. *Pſal.* 44. 2. and 80. -8. *Iſa.* 5. 2. Setled thee at firſt in a right Church-conſtitution, ſet up mine Ordinances and Worſhip among you in the Purity thereof. ¶ [40] *Deut.* 32. 32. Become guilty of many ſuperſtitious, idolatrous practices, and much corruption both in Church and State.

* Job 9. 30. * Job 14. 17. Hoſ. 13. 12. Job 39. 5, &c. Ch. 14. 6.

22 For [41] though thou * waſh thee with nitre, and take thee much ſope, *yet* * [42] thine iniquity is marked before me, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[41] Uſeſt never ſo many excuſes and evaſions (*v.* 23.) to clear thy ſelf. ¶ [42] I can plainly diſcern moſt evident marks and tokens of thy ſins.

23 How canſt thou ſay, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? [43] ſee thy way in the valley, know what thou haſt done: ‖ *thou art* a [44] ſwift dromedary traverſing her ways.

‖ Or, *a ſwift dromedary.*

[43] Do but reflect upon thy frequent Idolatries in thoſe Vallies where thou haſt had opportunity to practiſe 'em. ¶ [44] Running up and down, ſometimes after one Idol, ſometimes after another, (as the Female Dromedary after the Males, *Ch.* 11. 13.)

‖ Or, *O wild aſs,* &c. † Heb. *taught.* † Heb. *the deſire of her heart* ‖ Or, *reverſe it.*

24 ‖ [45] A wild Aſs † uſed to the wilderneſs, *that* ſnuffeth up the wind at † her pleaſure, [46] in her occaſion who can ‖ turn her away? all they that [47] ſeek her, will not weary themſelves, [48] in her month they ſhall find her.

[45] *q. d.* And thou art ſo violent in the purſuit of thy Idolatrous practices, that thou canſt be no more reſtrained from 'em than a wild She-Aſs from running after the Male in coupling time. ¶ [46] When ſhe runs after the Male. ¶ [47] Endeavour to reclaim this people from their courſes, will ſee that it's to no purpoſe to trouble themſelves at preſent. ¶ [48] When ſhe grows big and unwieldy; ſo this people in time of diſtreſs may be dealt with, *Vers.* 27. *Hoſ.* 5. 15. and 6. 1.

25 [49] Withhold thy foot from being unſhod, and thy throat from thirſt: but thou ſaidſt, ‖ There is [50] no hope. No, for I have loved [51] ſtrangers, and after them will I go.

‖ Or, *Is the caſe deſperate?*

[49] *q. d.* Repent of, and refrain from theſe courſes which will bring thee to poverty and miſery, if continued in, *Ch.* 18. 12. and 14. 10. and 2. 18. ¶ [50] *Ch.* 18. 12. No remedy. You do but loſe your labour to diſſwade us from it. ¶ [51] Strange gods.

26 As the thief is aſhamed when he is [52] found: ſo is the houſe of Iſrael [53] aſhamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their prieſts and their prophets.

[52] (And ſo can't ſave himſelf any longer from diſgrace and puniſhment.) ¶ [53] *Viz.* 36. *viz.* When they find that their Idols can't help 'em, *Ver.* 28.

27 Saying to a ſtock, Thou *art* my father; and to a ſtone, Thou haſt ‖ brought me forth: for they have turned † *their* back unto me, and not *their* face: but in [54] the time of their trouble they will ſay, Ariſe, and ſave us.

‖ Or, *begotten me.* † Heb. *the hinder part of the neck.*

[54] *Judg.* 10. 10, 15. *Iſa.* 46. 16. *Hoſ.* 5. 15. (But God ſhould be our Choice, not our Refuge.)

28 But [55] where *are* thy gods that thou haſt made thee? let them ariſe if they can ſave thee in the time of thy † trouble: for † according to the number of thy cities, are thy gods, O Judah.

* Iſa. 45. 20. † Heb. *evil.* † Heb. *according*

[55] *Deut.* 32. 37. 2 *Kings* 3. 13. ¶ [56] *Chap.* 11. 13.

29 Wherefore will ye [57] plead with me? ye all have tranſgreſſed againſt me, ſaith the LORD.

[57] Stand to argue the matter with me, when the caſe is ſo plain, *Ver.* 23, 34.

30 [58] In vain have I ſmitten your [59] children, they [60] received no correction: [61] your own ſword hath devoured your prophets, like a deſtroying lion.

[58] *Ch.* 5. 3. *Iſa.* 1. 5. and 9. 13. *Amos,* 64. 11. *Zeph.* 3. 2. *q. d.* I us'd all ſorts of means, both fair and foul, but all to no purpoſe. ¶ [59] Inhabitants. ¶ [60] Were not reclaim'd by any Correction, (as *Levit.* 26. -41, 43.) ¶ [61] You your ſelves have ſlain thoſe Meſſengers God ſent to reclaim you, *Ch.* 26. 23. 2 *Chron.* 24. 20, 21. *Nehem.* 9. 26. *Matth.* 23. 29. 35, 37. *Luke* 11. 47. and 13. 33, 34. *Acts* 7. 52. 1 *Theſ.* 2. 15.

* Verſe 5.

31 ¶ O generation, ſee ye the word of the LORD. * [62] have I been a wilderneſs unto Iſrael? [63] a land of darkneſs? wherefore ſay my people, † [64] We are lords, we will come no more unto thee?

† Heb. *We have dominion.*

[62] Have not I plentifully provided for you while you continued obedient to me? *Ch.* 22. -15. 2 *Chron.* 26. 5. and 31. 10 and 32. 22, 23. ¶ [63] That has afforded you no comfort. ¶ [64] We can ſave our ſelves; we have no need of thee.

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten [65] me days without number.

[65] (Who have been their chiefeſt Ornament, *v.* 11.)

33 Why [66] trimmeſt thou thy way to ſeek love? therefore haſt thou alſo [67] taught the wicked ones thy ways.

[66] Takeſt ſuch tedious journies in purſuit of thy idolatrous courſes, *Iſa.* 57. 9, 10. ¶ [67] Become an example of wickedneſs to the vileſt of ſinners, ſo that they may become thy Scholars, 2 *Chron.* 33. 9.

34 [68] Alſo in thy [69] ſkirts is found the [70] blood of the ſouls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by † ſecret ſearch, but [71] upon all theſe.

† Heb. *digging.*

[68] Beſides thy Idolatry. ¶ [69] Borders. ¶ [70] 2 *Kings* 21. 16. and 24. 4. *Iſa.* 1. -15. and 59. 3, 7. *Lam.* 4. 14. *Ezek.* 9. 9. ¶ [71] In every part of the Land.

35 Yet thou ſayeſt, Becauſe I am innocent, ſurely his anger ſhall turn from me: behold, I will [72] plead with thee, becauſe thou ſayeſt, I have not ſinned.

[72] Why gaddeſt thou about ſo much [73] to change thy way? thou alſo ſhalt be aſhamed [73] of Egypt, as * thou waſt aſhamed of Aſſyria.

* Ch. 31. 22. * 2 Chron. 28. 20.

[73] Why goeſt ſometimes in one way, ſometimes in another. ¶ [73] *Ch.* 37. 7. 2 *Kings* 24. 7. *Iſa.* 20. 5, and 30. 5.

37 Yea, thou ſhalt go forth [74] from him, and thine hands [75] upon thine head: for the LORD hath [76] rejected thy confidences, and thou ſhalt not proſper in them.

[74] Or, *from hence,* i. e. from this place, thy own Country. ¶ [75] In token of thy extreme grief, 2 *Sam.* 13. 19. ¶ [76] Diſappoints your expectation of relief from your Allies.

CHAP. III.

1 Gods great mercy in Judahs vile whoredom.
12 The promiſes of the goſpel to the penitent.

† Heb. *Saying.*

THey ſay, If a man put away his wife, and ſhe go from him, and become another mans, ſhall he return unto her again? ſhall not that land be greatly † polluted? but thou haſt played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, ſaith the LORD.

† Deut. 24. 4. Would he be reconcil'd to her, and receive her again? ¶ † *Ver.* 9. *Ch.* 2. 7. *Viz.* By ſuch diſorderly, irregular practices. ¶ [1] And I'l receive thee into favour, *Zech.* 1. 3. *Mal.* 3. 7.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and ſee where thou haſt not been lien with: * in the

* Gen. 38. 14. Ezek. 16. 24, 29.

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the ways hast thou sat for [5] them, as the Arabian in the [6] wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms, and with thy wickedness.

[5] Shew me a place if thou canst, where thou hast not been guilty of spiritual or corporal uncleanness? ¶ [6] Thy Companions in Filthiness. ¶ [6] Waits for Merchants that pass that way.

3 Therefore the showers have been [7] withholden, and there hath been no latter rain, and * thou hadst a [8] whores forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

* Ezek. 3. 7.

[7] *Deut.* 28. 23, 24. *Isa.* 5. 6. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 6. 15. and 8. 12. *Zeph.* 3. 5.

4 Wilt thou not from [9] this time [10] cry unto me, My father, thou *art* the [11] guide of my youth?

[9] *Viz.* Wherein I have punisht thee with drought. *ver.* 3. ¶ [10] *Ver.* 19. Seek to appease my wrath, and obtain my favour again, that I may carry my self as a Father and Husband to thee. ¶ [11] *Prov.* 2. 17.

5 * [12] Will he reserve *his anger* for ever? will he keep *it* to the end? Behold, [13] thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

* Psal. 103. 9. Isa. 57. 16. ver. 12.

[12] *Psal.* 77. 7–9. and 85. 5. *Isa.* 57. 16. ¶ [13] *q. d.* Notwithstanding all thy fair pretences, thou still perseverest in thy wickedness. As *Isa.* 58. 2–4. *Hos.* 7. 14.

6 ¶ The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou [14] seen *that* which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up [15] upon every high mountain, and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

[14] Considered how they behav'd themselves all along. ¶ [15] See on *Ch.* 2. 20.

7 And [16] I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn thou unto me; but she [17] returned not: and her [18] treacherous * sister Judah saw *it*.

* Ezek. 16. 46. & 23. 2, 4.

[16] Frequently invited 'em to Repentance. *ver.* 1, 12. 2 *Kings* 17. 13. *Hos.* 12. 6. and 14. 1. ¶ [17] 2 *Kings* 17. 14. ¶ [18] Who had often broken their covenant with me, by their Idolatries and other abominations. 2 *Chron.* 21. 6, 11. and 24. 17, 18. and 28. 2, 3. and 33. 2, 9. ¶ [19] Both what their carriage was to me, and mine to them.

8 And [20] I saw when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery, I had [21] put her away, and [21] given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and [22] played the harlot also.

[20] *q. d.* Tho *Judah* sometimes pretended Repentance and Reformation, yet I plainly discern'd all was but in hypocrisie. *ver.* 10. ¶ [21] Caused her to be carried Captive out of her own land, the place of my special Presence, and so unchurch'd her. [22] *Ezek.* 23. 11. *&c.* 2 *Kings* 17. 19.

9 And it came to pass through the ‖ lightness of her whoredom, that [23] she [23] defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

‖ Or, *fame.* [23] *Judah.*

10 And yet for all this, her treacherous sister Judah hath [24] not turned unto me with her whole heart, but † feignedly, saith the LORD.

† Heb. *in falsehood.*

[24] *q. d.* I see though she pretended Reformation in the days of *Josiah*, yet it was not in sincerity. 2 *Chron.* 34. 29. 33. and 35. 1, 18. and 36. 12, 14.

11 And the LORD said unto me, * The backsliding Israel hath [25] justified her self more then treacherous Judah.

* Ezek. 23. 11.

[25] *Ezek.* 16. 51, 52. Been more justifiable and less guilty, (not having had such fair warnings, nor made such fair promises of Reformation.)

12 ¶ Go, and proclaim these words toward the [26] north, and say, [27] Return thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD, *and* I will not cause mine anger [28] to fall upon you: for I *am* [29] merciful, saith the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever.

[26] *Ch.* 16. 15. and 23. 8. Whither the ten Tribes were carried Captive. 2 *Kings* 15. 29. and 17. 6. (and perhaps the first converted Jews may come from thence.) ¶ [27] This is an implicite Promise, or Intimation that it should be so, *viz.* in the latter days. ¶ [28] To consume. ¶ [29] *Exod.* 34. 6, 7. *Deut.* 4. 31. *Psal.* 86. 15. and 103. 8. and 145. 8.

13 Only [30] acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast [31] scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

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[30] *Prov.* 28. 13. ¶ [31] Run up and down after strange Gods.

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD, for I am [32] married unto you: and I will [33] take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion.

[32] *Hos.* 2. 19, 20. ¶ [33] *Isa.* 27. 12. *q. d.* Since I look upon you still as my Spouse, I'll take such exact and particular care of you, that though there be but here and there one of you, you shall not be left behind, but brought back again to your own Country, and in due time, I'll call you to be Members of the Gospel-Church, *ver.* 18. *Isa.* 56. 7. and 66. 20.

15 And [34] I will give you [35] pastors [36] according to mine heart, which shall feed you [37] with knowledge and understanding.

[34] *Hos.* 13. 11. *Acts* 13. 20, 21. *Eph.* 4. 11. ¶ [35] *Ch.* 23. 4. *Ezek.* 34. 23. Governours both in Church and State. ¶ [36] 1 *Sam.* 13. 14. ¶ [37] In a skilful and discreet manner. *Psal.* 78. 72.

16 And it shall come to pass when ye be [38] multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark [39] of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it [40] come † to mind, neither shall they [40] remember it, neither shall they [40] visit *it*, neither shall ‖ [40] *that* be done any more.

† Heb. *upon the heart.* ‖ Or, *it be magnified.*

[38] *Ezek.* 36. 11. When the Church is enlarged under the Messiah, all that legal Worship, and those visible pledges of God's presence shall cease. ¶ [39] See on *Num.* 10. 33. ¶ [40] (All these expressions are heaped up by the Spirit of God, as foreseeing how difficultly the Jews would be brought off from these things.)

17 At that time they shall call [41] Jerusalem the throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be [42] gathered unto it, * to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall [43] they * walk any more after the ‖ imagination of their evil heart.

* Isa. 60. 9. * Ch. 11. 8. ‖ Or, *stubbornness.*

[41] The Gospel-Church shall be the place of his special Residence. ¶ [42] *Gen.* 49. 10. *Isa.* 2. 2. ¶ [43] Both Jews and Gentiles shall then govern themselves according to the Rule of the Word.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall [44] walk ‖ with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the [26] north, to the land that I have ‖ given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

‖ Or, *to.* ‖ Or, *caused your fathers to possess.*

[44] Be reconciled together. *Amos* 3. 3. *Isa.* 11. 13. *Ezek.* 37. 19, 22. *Hos.* 1. 11.

19 But I said, [45] How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee * a † pleasant land, † a goodly heritage [46] of the hosts of nations? and I said, [47] Thou shalt call me, My father, and shalt [48] not turn away † from me.

* Psal. 106. 24. Ezek. 20. 6. Dan. 8. 9. and 11. 16, 41, 45. † Heb. *land of desire.* † Heb. *an heritage of glory,* or *beauty.* † Heb. *from after me.*

[45] *q. d.* How can I in honour reckon thee among the number of my Children, since thou hast dealt so filthy and unworthily with me? *ver.* 20. ¶ [46] Whither multitudes of the Gentiles do flock. ¶ [47] I'll bestow upon thee a filial frame of heart towards me, and then I'll shew my self a Father to you. ¶ [48] *Ch.* 32. 40.

20 ¶ Surely *as* a wife treacherously departeth from her † husband, so * have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.

† Heb. *friend.* * Chap. 5. 11.

[49] *q. d.* Thou hadst need firmly to engage thy self to me, (*ver.* 19.) because of thy former perfidiousness.

21 [50] A voice was heard upon the [51] high places, weeping *and* [52] supplications of the children of Israel: [53] for they have perverted their way, *and* they have [54] forgotten the LORD their God.

[50] Bewailing their sins, and suing for pardon. ¶ [51] That their lamentation might be as publick as their sin. ¶ [52] *Zech.* 12. 10. ¶ [53] Their sorrow is for their sins rather than their sufferings. ¶ [54] *Ch.* 2. 32.

22 * Return ye backsliding children, *and* I will

* Hos. 14. 1.

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will [55] heal your backslidings: behold, we come unto thee, for thou *art* the LORD our God.

[55] Pardon your sins, and remove my judgments. *Isa.* 57. 18

* Psal. 121. 1, 2.

23 * Truly [56] in vain *is* salvation hoped for from the [57] hills, *and from* the multitude [57] of mountains: truly in the LORD our God *is* the [58] salvation of Israel.

[56] *Ch.* 10. 5, 14, 15. *Isa.* 46. 7. ¶ [57] Idols worshipt in those places, *ver.* 6. *Ch.* 2. 20. ¶ [58] *Psal.* 3. 8. and 44. 7. and 130. 7, 8. *Isa.* 43. 11. and 45. 15, 17. and 63. 1. *Jonah* 3. 8.

24 For [59] shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

[59] We have wasted our Estates upon our Idols.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

CHAP. IV.

1 God calleth Israel by his promise. 3 He exhorteth Judah to repentance.

IF thou wilt return, [1] O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto [2] me: and if thou wilt put away thine [3] abominations [4] out of my sight, then shalt thou not [5] remove.

[1] The ten Tribes, *Ch.* 3. 12. ¶ [2] *Joel.* 2. 12. According to your Profession, *Ch.* 3. 22. ¶ [3] Idols, *Deut.* 27. 15. *Ezek.* 11. 18. and 20. 7, 8. ¶ [4] From all places; even out of your Hearts as well as your Houses, *Ezek.* 14. 3, 4. ¶ [5] Be carried any more into Captivity.

* Isa. 65. 16. See ch. 5. 2. * Isa. 48. 1.

2 And * thou [6] shalt swear, The LORD liveth, * [7] in truth, [8] in judgment, and [9] in righteousness; [10] and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they [11] glory.

[6] *q. d.* Instead of Worshipping Idols any longer, and Swearing by them, (*Ch.* 5, 7. and 12. 16.) thou shalt Worship and swear by me only, *Isa.* 65. 16. ¶ [7] Not falsly nor deceitfully, (*Ch.* 5. 2. *Isa.* 48. 1. *Psal.* 24. 4.) but that which is agreeable to truth, *Psal.* 15. 2. *Rom.* 9. 1. ¶ [8] Not rashly, (1 *Sam.* 14. 39. *Matth.* 14. 7.) but upon due consideration of all circumstances. ¶ [9] Nothing but what is agreeable to Justice and Equity. ¶ [10] Then shall other People moved by thy example, joyn with thee in the worship of God, (*Ch.* 3. 17.) and count themselves blessed and happy in having him for their God, *Psal.* 144. 15. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 9. 24. *Isa.* 45. 25. 1 *Cor.* 1. 31. 2 *Cor.* 10. 17. Triumph in their Interest in him, and Relation to him.

3 ¶ For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, [12] Break up your fallow-ground, and [13] sow not among thorns.

[12] *Hos.* 10. 12. Humble your selves deeply for your sinful hearts and lives, and get your hearts rid of the evil, and fill'd with good. ¶ [13] *Matth.* 13. 7, 22. *q. d.* So long as your evil habits and dispositions continue, all your endeavours after Reformation will be to no purpose, *Matth.* 12. 33.

* Deut. 30. 6. Col. 2. 11.

4 * [14] Circumcise your selves [15] to the LORD, and take away the [16] foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem: [17] lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

[14] See on *Deut.* 10. 16. ¶ [15] That you may be fit for his service. ¶ [16] That natural corruption that cleaves to your hearts. ¶ [17] *Ch.* 21. 12. *Amos* 5. 6.

5 [18] Declare ye in Judah, and [18] publish in Jerusalem, and say, [19] Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, [19] Assemble your selves, and let us go into the [20] defenced cities.

[18] Give warning every where of the enemies approach, *ver.* 16. *Ch.* 6. 1. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 18. 14. ¶ [20] To secure our selves against the violence of the enemies.

‖ Or, *strengthen.* † Heb. *breaking.*

6 Set up the standard [21] towards Zion: ‖ retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the [22] north, and a great † destruction.

[21] To shew whither you are to repair for safety. ¶ [22] *Ch.* 1. 14, 15. and 6. 22. *Chaldea.*

7 [23] The lion is come up from his [24] thicket, and the [25] destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate, *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

[23] *Ch.* 2. 15. and 5. 6. *Dan.* 7. 4. Nebuchadnezzar. ¶ [24] *Babylon* his strong hold, and place of residence, *Dan.* 4. 30. ¶ [25] *Ch.* 50. 23. and 51. 20.

8 For this, [26] gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.

[26] *Chap.* 6. 26. 2 *Kings* 6. 30. *Isaiah* 22. 12.

9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, *that* the [27] heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall [28] be astonished, and the [29] prophets shall wonder.

[27] *Psal.* 73. 26. and 102. 4. His courage shall fail. ¶ [28] Not know what course to take. ¶ [29] The false Prophets shall be dismayed as well as the rest, and be abhorred by those they had deluded, *Ch.* 37. 19.

* Ezek. 14. 9.

10 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD, * surely [30] thou hast greatly deceived this people, and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword [31] reacheth unto the soul.

[30] Or, *Hast thou indeed deceived*, &c. *q. d.* This delusion does not proceed from thee the God of truth, but from the false Prophets, propheſying Lies in thy Name. ¶ [31] Enters into the very heart, (*ver.* 18) and takes away life and soul.

11 [32] At that time shall it be said to this people, and to Jerusalem, [33] A dry wind [34] of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not [35] to fan, nor to [35] cleanse,

[32] In those times when *Nebuchadnezzar* comes, news shall be brought of a stormy wind approaching, that shall sweep away all before it. ¶ [33] The Chaldean Forces coming in swiftly and fiercely to make spoil of all, (as *Ch.* 23. 19. and 30. 23, 24.) ¶ [34] Coming from the Mountains. ¶ [35] But to scatter, and carry 'em away, *Ch.* 18. 17. and 51. 2.

12 *Even* ‖ [36] a full wind from those *places* shall come [37] unto me: now also will I † [38] give sentence against them.

‖ Or, *a fuller wind then those.* † Heb. *utter judgements.*

[36] A strong wind. ¶ [37] To destroy me, (the Peoples words.) ¶ [38] And execute judgment upon 'em.

13 Behold, he shall come up as [39] clouds, and * his chariots *shall be* as a [40] whirlwind: * his horses are swifter than [41] eagles: wo unto us, for we are spoiled.

* Isa. 5. 28. * Hab. 1. 8.

[39] Swiftly. *Isa.* 19. 1. ¶ [40] *Isa.* 66. 15. ¶ [41] *Ch.* 48. 40. *Lam.* 4. 19. *Dan.* 7. 4.

14 O Jerusalem, * [42] wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be [43] saved: how long shall thy [44] vain thoughts lodge within thee?

* Isa. 1. 16.

[42] *Ver.* 3. 4. *Matth.* 23. 26. *Jam.* 4. 8. ¶ [43] From these evils coming upon thee. ¶ [44] Hopes of safety by the help of foreign Forces, or any other such means.

15 [45] For a voice declareth * from [46] Dan, and publisheth affliction from [46] mount Ephraim.

* Ch. 8. 16.

[45] *q. d.* It's high time to repent, (*ver.* 14.) because reports come thick and threefold of the enemies coming on apace towards you. ¶ [46] Places lying neareſt to *Babylon.*

16 Make ye mention to the nations, behold, publish against Jerusalem; *that* [47] watchers come from a far country, and [48] give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

[47] Hostile Forces, which will besiege your Cities, and watch 'em narrowly that none come in, or escape out. ¶ [48] Threaten them with destruction, and assault them with loud shouts.

17 As keepers of a field are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD.

18 * [49] Thy way and thy doings have procured these *things* unto thee; [50] this *is* thy wickedness, [50] because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

* Psal. 107. 17. Isa. 50. 1. Ch. 2. 17. 19.

[49] *Ch.* 2. 17, 19. ¶ [50] This mischief has it brought upon thee, such bitter things that even pierce thy heart.

19 ¶ [51] My * bowels, [51] my bowels; I am pained

* Isa. 15. 5. & 16. 11. & 21. 3.

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pained at † my very heart; my heart [52] maketh a noise in me, I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

† Heb. *the walls of my heart.*

[51] The Prophet here pathetically bewails the sad calamities of his People; as *Ch.* 9. 1. *Isa.* 22. 4. ¶ [52] *Job* 30. 27. *Lam.* 1. 20. and 2. 11.

* Psal. 42. 7.

20 * [53] Destruction upon destruction is cried, for the whole land is [54] spoiled: suddenly are my [55] tents spoiled, *and* my [55] curtains in a moment.

[53] One calamity after another, *Ezek.* 7. 26. ¶ [54] *Ver.* 23-26. ¶ [55] Houses as easily plundered as sorry Tents are.

21 [56] How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?

[56] *q. d.* And this war will be of long continuance.

22 For my people *is* [57] foolish, they have [58] not known me, they *are* sottish children, and they have [59] none understanding: they *are* [60] wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

[57] Have no knowledge to do good. ¶ [58] *Ch.* 9. 3. *Isa.* 1. 3. ¶ [59] *Deut.* 32. 28. *Isa.* 27. 11. ¶ [60] *Luke* 16. 8. 1 *Cor.* 14. 20.

23 [61] I beheld the earth, and lo, *it was* without form and void: and the heavens, and they *had* [62] no light.

[61] *q. d.* And such desolation was made in the land, as if it had been reduc'd to its first Chaos again. ¶ [62] *Isa.* 13. 10. and 24. 23. *Ezek.* 32. 7. *Joel* 2. 10. and 3. 15. *Am.* 8. 9. Nothing but confusion and distress.

* Isa. 5. 25.

24 * I beheld the mountains, and lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

25 I beheld, and lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

26 I beheld, and lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down [63] at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger.

[63] By reason of his appearing against 'em in wrath.

27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make [64] a full end.

[64] *Ch.* 5. 10, 18. and 46. 28. *Isa.* 24. 13. *Lev.* 26. 44. utterly destroy 'em.

* Isa. 5. 30. & 50. 3.

28 For this shall the earth mourn, and * the heavens above be black: because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*, and will [65] not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

[65] *Numb.* 23. 19. *Isa.* 14. 24, 27.

29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen, they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.

30 And *when* thou *art* spoiled, [66] what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thy self with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy † face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thy self fair, [67] *thy* lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

† Heb. *eyes.*

[66] What course wilt thou take for help? for tho thou usest never so many tricks and devices, all will do thee no good. ¶ [67] The *Egyptians*, *Chaldeans* and others, whom thou hast made thy friends by thy Presents and Pretences, will all forsake thee, yea turn against thee. *Ezek.* 16. 36, 37.

31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, *and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion: *that* bewaileth her self, *that* spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Wo *is* me now, for my [68] soul is wearied because of [69] murderers.

[68] I am weary of my life, and ready to sink under my distress. ¶ [69] 2 *Chron.* 36. 17.

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The judgments of God upon the Jews for their manifold corruptions.

RUn ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find [1] a man, * if there be [2] *any* that executeth judgment, that [3] seeketh the truth, and I will [4] pardon it.

* Gen. 18. 23, &c. Psal. 12. 1.

[1] A Magistrate. ¶ [2] There are scarce any to speak of. ¶ [3] Is diligent and careful to deal uprightly. ¶ [4] *Viz.* As to present punishment.

2 And though they [5] say, The LORD liveth, surely [6] they swear falsly.

[5] Swear by the true God, and not by Idols, and so may seem to be his servants, *Ch.* 4. 2. ¶ [6] They use these kind of Oaths but in hypocrisy, not being my sincere servants for all that.

3 O LORD, [7] *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have [8] not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have [9] refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder then a rock, they have refused to return.

[7] Thou requirest and regardest sincere upright dealing. ¶ [8] *Isa.* 42. 25. Like a Drunkard, *Prov.* 23. 35. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 2. 30. *Zeph.* 3. 2. *Isa.* 1. 5, 6. and 9. 13. They have been stubborn and rebellious, and have not been reformed.

4 Therefore I said, Surely [10] these *are* [11] poor, they are [11] foolish: for * they know not the [12] way of the LORD, *nor* the [12] judgement of their God.

* Chap. 8. 7.

[10] That swear by the name of God falsly, *ver.* 2. ¶ [11] Of the meaner sort, that understand little or nothing of their duty, or the will of God. ¶ [12] The course that he requires 'em to take.

5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for * they have known the [12] way of the LORD, *and* the [12] judgment of their God: but [13] these have altogether broken the [14] yoke, *and* burst the [14] bonds.

* Mic. 3. 1.

[13] *Ch.* 6. 13. ¶ [14] *Lam.* 3. 27. *Matth.* 11. 29. *Psal.* 2. 3. *Viz.* Of obedience to the Law of God.

6 Wherefore a [15] lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and* * [16] a wolf of the ‖ evenings shall spoil them, a [17] leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are † increased.

* Psal. 104. 20. Hab. 1. 8.

‖ Or, *deserts.*

† Heb. *strong.*

[15] *Ch.* 4. 7. See there. *Nebuchadnezzar* a potent Enemy. ¶ [16] A greedy, devouring Enemy, *Zeph.* 3. 3. ¶ [17] A wakeful, cunning Enemy, *Hos.* 13. 17.

7 ¶ How long shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and * [18] sworn by *them that are* no gods: [19] when I had fed them to the full, they [19] then committed [20] adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots houses.

* Josh. 23. 7. Zeph. 1. 5.

[18] Worship'd and served. [19] *Deut.* 32. 15. *Isa.* 26. 10. *Hos.* 4. 7. ¶ [20] Spiritual and Corporal uncleanness commonly go together, *Num.* 25. 1, 2. *Hos.* 4. 12, 14.

8 * They were *as* fed horses [21] in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbours wife.

* Ezek. 22. 11.

[21] Or, rising early, *viz.* to prosecute their Uncleanness.

9 Shall I not [22] visit for these *things*? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

[22] *Ver.* 29. *Ch.* 9. 9.

10 ¶ * Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy, but make not [23] a full end: take away her battlements, for they *are* [24] not the LORDs.

* Chap. 39. 8.

[23] *Ch.* 4. 27. See there. ¶ [24] He'll own and protect 'em no longer.

11 For the house of Israel, and the house of Judah have dealt very [25] treacherously against me, saith the LORD.

[25] *Ch.* 3. 20. See there.

12 * They have [26] belied the LORD, and said,

* 2 Chr. 36. 16

[26] *Is*

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* [27] *It is* not he, neither ſhall evil come upon us, neither ſhall we ſee ſword nor famine:

* Iſa. 28. 15.

[28] Made him a Liar. ¶ [29] *Viz.* That has ſent any ſuch meſſage to us; but the Prophets ſpeak of their own heads.

13 And the prophets ſhall become [30] wind, and the [31] word *is* not in them: [32] thus ſhall it be done unto them.

[30] *Job* 6. 26. Their words are a meer puff of breath, which ſhall do neither good nor hurt. ¶ [31] *Viz.* of God. ¶ [32] The evils wherewith they threaten us ſhall befal themſelves.

14 Wherefore thus ſaith the LORD God of hoſts, Becauſe ye ſpeak this word, * Behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it ſhall devour them.

* Chap. 1. 9.

15 Lo, I will bring a [33] nation upon you from far, O houſe of Iſrael, ſaith the LORD: it *is* a mighty nation, it *is* an ancient nation, a nation whoſe language thou [34] knoweſt not, neither underſtandeſt what they ſay.

[33] *Ch.* 1. 15. and 6. 22. *Iſa.* 5. 26. ¶ [34] *Deut.* 28. 49. *Iſa.* 28. 11. and 33. 19. So that thou canſt not tell how to beg for mercy.

16 [35] Their quiver *is* as an open ſepulchre, they *are* all mighty men.

[35] With their Arrows they ſhall ſlay many. [36] *Deut.* 28. 33. [37] *Lev.* 26. 16.

17 And they ſhall [36] eat up thine * harveſt, and thy bread, *which* thy ſons and thy daughters ſhould eat: they ſhall eat up thy flocks and thine herds; they ſhall eat up thy vines and thy fig-trees: they ſhall impoveriſh thy fenced cities wherein thou truſtedſt, with the ſword.

18 Nevertheleſs in thoſe days, ſaith the LORD, I will not make a [37] full end with you.

19 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs when ye ſhall ſay, [38] Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all theſe *things* unto us? then ſhalt thou anſwer them, Like as ye have forſaken me, and ſerved ſtrange gods in your land; ſo ſhall ye ſerve ſtrangers in a land *that is* not yours.

[38] *Ch.* 13. 22. and 16. 10. *q. d.* We underſtand not the reaſon why God deals ſo ſeverely with us.

20 Declare this in the houſe of Jacob, and publiſh it in Judah, ſaying,

21 Hear now this, O * [39] fooliſh people, and [40] without † underſtanding, which have [41] eyes and ſee not, which have [42] ears and hear not:

* John 12. 40. Acts 28. 26. Rom. 11. 8. † Heb. *heart.*

[39] *Ch.* 4. 22. ¶ [40] *Iſa.* 6. 9. *Ezek.* 12. 2. *Matth.* 13. 14. Natural faculties and abilities to perceive and underſtand what is told you, but ſo depraved by the corruption of Nature, Obſtinacy, and Cuſtom in ſin, that they are of no uſe to you in that which is good.

22 Fear ye not me? ſaith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my preſence, which have placed the ſand *for* the [43] bound of the ſea, by a perpetual decree that it cannot paſs it; and though the waves thereof toſs themſelves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not paſs over it?

[43] *Job* 38. 10, 11 *Pſal.* 104. 9.

23 But this people hath a revolting and a [44] rebellious heart: they are revolted and gone.

[44] More unruly than the Sea.

24 Neither ſay they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God that [45] giveth rain, both the former and the latter in his ſeaſon: he [46] reſerveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harveſt.

[45] *Ch.* 14. 22. *Deut.* 11. 14. and 28. 12. *Amos* 4. 7. *Zech.* 10. 1. *Mat.* 5. 45. ¶ [46] Continues the ſeaſons of the year, each in his due time (*Gen.* 8. 22.) and makes the harveſt ſeaſonable.

25 ¶ Your iniquities have [47] turned away theſe *things*, and your ſins have withholden good *things* from you.

[47] *Ch.* 3. 3. *Pſal.* 107. 17, 34. *Iſa.* 59. 1, 2.

26 For among my people are found wicked *men*: they ‖ [48] lay wait as he that ſetteth ſnares, they ſet a trap, they [49] catch men.

‖ Or, *pry as fowlers lie in wait.*

[48] *Prov.* 1. 17, 18. ¶ [49] 1 *Kings* 21. 9, 10. 1 *Sam.* 17. 21, 25. and 19. 1, 11, 20.

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27 As a ‖ cage is full of birds, ſo *are* their houſes full of [50] deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

‖ Or, *coop.* [50] Goods gotten by deceit.

28 They * are waxen fat, they ſhine: yea, they [51] overpaſs the deeds of the wicked: * they judge not the cauſe, the cauſe of the fatherleſs, yet they [52] proſper: and the right of the needy do they not judge.

* Deut. 32. 15. * Iſa. 1. 23. Zech. 7. 10.

[51] Or, *Paſs by evils*, i. e. Eſcape thoſe Judgments which befal others, *Pſal.* 73. 5. ¶ [52] *Ch.* 12. 1, 2. *Job.* 12. 6. See there.

29 * Shall I not [53] viſit for theſe *things*? ſaith the LORD: ſhall not my ſoul be avenged on ſuch a nation as this?

* Ver. 9.

30 ¶ ‖ A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land.

‖ Or, *Aſtoniſhment and filthineſs.*

31 The prophets propheſie [54] falſly, and the prieſts ‖ bear rule [55] by their means, and my people [56] love *to have it* ſo: and [57] what will ye do in the end thereof?

‖ Or, *take in.* *to their hands.*

[54] *Ch.* 14. 14. and 23. 25, 26. *Ezek.* 13. 6. ¶ [55] The Prophets fitting their propheſies to the ambitious humors of the Prieſts or Princes. ¶ [56] *Iſa.* 30. 10. *Mich.* 2. 11. ¶ [57] What can theſe things come to, but the ruine of you all? *Mich.* 3. 11, 12.

CHAP. VI.

1 The enemies ſent againſt Judah, encourage themſelves. 6 God ſetteth them on becauſe of their ſins.

O Ye children of Benjamin, gather your ſelves to flee out of the midſt of Jeruſalem, and [1] blow the trumpet in Tekoa: and [2] ſet up a ſign of fire in Beth-haccerem: for evil appeareth out of the [3] north, and great deſtruction.

[1] Give warning of the evils approaching. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 1. 14.

2 I have likened the [3] daughter of Zion, to a ‖ comely and delicate *woman*.

[3] *Jeruſalem.* ‖ Or, *dwelling at home.*

3 [4] The ſhepherds with their flocks ſhall come unto her: they ſhall pitch *their* tents againſt her round about: they ſhall [5] feed every one in his place.

[4] The Babylonian Princes with their Armies. ¶ [5] Take up their quarters in the places aſſigned 'em, and make ſpoil of all there.

4 [6] Prepare ye war againſt her: [7] ariſe and let us go up [8] at noon: [9] wo unto us, for the day goeth away, for the ſhadows of the evening are ſtretched out.

[6] God's words. ¶ [7] The Soldiers words. ¶ [8] Without delay. ¶ [9] The Soldiers bemoan themſelves that they loſt ſo much time, and ſlipt thoſe opportunities they might have taken.

5 ¶ Ariſe, and let us [10] go by night, and let us deſtroy her palaces.

[10] March day and night.

6 ¶ For thus hath the LORD of hoſts ſaid, Hew ye down trees, and ‖ caſt a mount againſt Jeruſalem: this *is* the city to be viſited, ſhe *is* [11] wholly oppreſſion in the midſt of her.

‖ Or, *pour out the engine of ſhot.*

[11] Made up of nothing but oppreſſion, 2 *Kings* 21. 16. and 24. 4. *Ezek.* 7. 23. *Nah.* 3. 1.

7 As a fountain caſteth out her waters, [12] ſo ſhe caſteth out her wickedneſs: * [13] violence and ſpoil is heard in her, [14] before me continually *is* grief and wounds.

* Pſal. 55. 9, 10, 11.

[12] Continually without ceaſing. ¶ [13] Nothing but complaints of violence and ſpoil is to be heard among her Inhabitants. ¶ [14] Complaints are continually made to me of wrongs and injuries.

8 Be thou [15] inſtructed, O Jeruſalem, leſt * [16] my ſoul † depart from thee: leſt I make thee deſolate, a land not inhabited.

* Ezek. 23, 18. † Heb. *be looſed* or *diſ-jointed.*

[15] Amended by the Judgments that have already befaln thee. ¶ [16] My heart and affections be withdrawn from thee.

9 ¶ Thus

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9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, [17] They shall throughly [18] glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: [19] turn back thine hand as a grape-gatherer into the baskets.

[17] The Chaldeans (compared to grape-gatherers, *Ch.* 49. 9.) ¶ [18] Plunder, destroy and carry 'em captive at several times, *Ch.* 52. 28, 30. ¶ [19] Pick 'em up, O thou Enemy, time after time, 2 *Kings* 25. 11, 19, 20.

10 [20] To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear *is* [21] uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, [22] the word of the LORD is unto them [22] a reproch: they have [23] no delight in it.

[20] *Ch.* 7. 23-28. *q. d.* No wonder that they are thus dealt with since they are so untractable. ¶ [21] *Acts* 7. 51. Overgrown with a thick skin, *i. e.* their hearts are fill'd with obstinacy and impertinency, which makes 'em uncapable of entertaining any good counsel. ¶ [22] They can't endure to be told of their faults, and admonisht to repent, and count me a Slanderer, rather than a Prophet. ¶ [23] 2 *Thes.* 2. 10, 12.

11 Therefore I am full of the [24] fury of the LORD: I am [25] weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be [26] taken, the aged with *him that is* full of days.

[24] *Ch.* 20. 9. Prophetick zeal to denounce Judgments against 'em. ¶ [25] *Ch.* 20. 9. *Job* 32. 18, 20. ¶ [26] Surprised, as *Luke* 17. 34.

*Deut. 28.30.

12 And * their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their* fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the Inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

*Isa. 56. 11.

13 For * from the least of them even unto the greatest of them, every one *is* given to [27] covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest, every one dealeth [28] falsly.

[27] *Ch.* 8. 10.
[28] *Ver.* 14. *Ch.* 5. 31.

14 [29] They have healed also the † hurt *of the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when *there is* no peace.

† Heb. *bruise*, or *breach.*

[29] *Ch.* 8. 11. *Lam.* 2. 14. *Ezek.* 13. 22. *q. d.* Tho my people are guilty of such sins as will bring certain ruin upon them, yet instead of denouncing Judgment against 'em, both Prophets and Priests have sooth'd 'em up with promises of security.

15 [30] Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall [31] fall among them that fall: [32] at the time *that* I visit them, they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

[30] *Ch.* 8. 12. and 3. 3. These false Prophets are grown impudent in these deceitful courses. ¶ [31] Be destroyed with those whom they have deceived, *Matth.* 15. 14. ¶ [32] When I punish the people, these Prophets also shall be destroyed with 'em.

16 Thus saith the LORD, [33] Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the * old paths, where *is* the [34] good way, and walk therein, and * ye shall find [35] rest for your souls: but they said, [36] We will not walk *therein.*

*Ch. 18. 15.
*Matth. 11. 29.

[33] *Deut.* 32. 7. *Isa.* 8. 20. *Mal.* 4. 4. *Luke* 16. 29. 1 *Thes.* 5. 21. 1 *John* 4. 1. *q. d.* If you are at a loss what course to take, whether that which you are directed to by the true Prophets, or false, consider what course the Prophets of God have formerly directed you to. ¶ [34] That will do you good, and bring you to eternal Happiness. ¶ [35] *Isa.* 28. 12. *Matth.* 11. 29. Freedom from those evils you are otherwise like to fall into. ¶ [36] *Ch.* 2. 25. and 18. 12. and 22. 21. and 44. 16.

17 Also I set * [37] watchmen over you, *saying*, Hearken to the [38] sound of the trumpet: but they said, [39] We will not hearken.

*Isa. 21. 11. Hab. 2. 1.

[37] *Isa.* 56. 10. *Ezek.* 3. 17. and 33. 7. *Hab.* 2. 1. ¶ [38] The voice of Gods Ministers giving warning of approaching evils, *Isa.* 58. 1. *Ezek.* 33. 2-4.

18 ¶ Therefore hear ye [39] nations, and know, O [39] congregation, [40] what *is* among them.

[39] The people of forreign Countries. ¶ [40] What a height of wickedness they are grown to, which has procured these heavy Judgments.

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19 Hear, [41] O earth, behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* * the fruit of their [42] thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but [43] rejected it.

* Prov. 1. 31.

[41] *Isa.* 1. 2. ¶ [42] *Isa.* 59. 7. ¶ [43] *Ch.* 8. 9. *Isa.* 5. 24.

20 [44] To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba? and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt-offerings *are* not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.

[44] *Ch.* 7. 21, 22. *Isa.* 1. 11-15. and 66. 3. *Ezek.* 20. 39. *Amos* 5. 21. *Mich.* 6. 6, 7. *q. d.* Neither shall your Sacrifices and Offerings serve your turn to prevent these Judgments, since your lives are so wicked.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will [45] lay stumbling-blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them: the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

[45] *Ezek.* 3. 20. Bring upon 'em those things (the Chaldean Forces, *v.* 22.) which shall be the means of their ruin and destruction.

22 Thus saith the LORD, [46] Behold, * a people cometh from the [47] north-country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.

[46] *Ch.* 50. 41, 42.
* Ch. 5. 15. & 10. 22.
[47] *Ch.* 1. 15. See there.

23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* [48] cruel, and have no mercy: their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride upon horses, set in aray as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

[48] *Isa.* 13. 18. (See there) 2 *Chron.* 36. 17.

24 [49] We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: * anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.

* Ch. 4. 31. & 49. 24. & 50. 43.

[49] The very report of their approach will terrifie and astonish us, *Ch.* 4. 9, 31.

25 [50] Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on every side.

[50] (Thus should they speak one to another in those times.)

26 ¶ O daughter of my people, [51] gird *thee* with sackcloth, and [52] wallow thy self in ashes: make thee mourning, *as for* an [53] only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

[51] *Ch.* 4. 8. ¶ [52] *Ch.* 25. 34. *Mich.* 1. 10. ¶ [53] *Zech.* 12. 10.

27 I have set † thee *for* [54] a tower, *and* a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.

† Or *Jeremy.* ¶ [54] A fortified Watch-Tower; both for security to thy self (*Ch.* 1. 18. and 15. 20.) and discovery of their ways.

28 They *are* all grievous revolters, * [56] walking with slanders: *they are* [57] brass and [57] iron, they are all [58] corrupters.

* Ch. 9. 4.

[55] *q. d.* Upon trial I find they are obstinately wicked, and extremely refractory. ¶ [56] *Ch.* 18. 18. and 20. 10. Living in a course of slandring. ¶ [57] Drossy Metal (*Ezek.* 22. 18.) *i. e.* made up of wickedness. ¶ [58] *Isa.* 1. 4. Both corrupt themselves and corrupting one another.

29 [59] The bellows are burnt, the [60] lead is consumed of the fire, the founder melteth in vain; for the [61] wicked are not plucked away.

[59] *Isa.* 49. 4. All the pains that has been taken to reform them, is lost labour. ¶ [60] Used by Refiners in fining of Silver, is wasted by the fire, and has done no good. ¶ [61] Their wickedness can't be removed.

30 ¶ [62] Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, because the LORD hath [63] rejected them.

‖ Or, *Refuse silver.*

[62] *Isa.* 1. 22. *Lam.* 5. 45. Such as is nothing but Refuse and Dross, and will not pass for current mony. ¶ [63] *Lam.* 5. 22. *Hos.* 9. 17.

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CHAP. VII.

1 *Jeremiah is sent to call for true repentance.* 8 *He rejecteth their vain confidence.*

THe word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Stand in the [1] gate of the LORDs house, and proclaim there these words, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all *ye of* Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.

[1] *Ch.* 26. 2. At the entring into the great Court, where the people used to assemble.

3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, [2] Amend your ways, and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in [3] this place.

[2] *Ver.* 5. *Ch.* 26. 13. and 18. -11. ¶ [3] This Land, *v.*7.

4 Trust ye not in [4] lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD [5] *are* these.

[4] *Ver.* 8. Imaginations which will deceive you. ¶ [5] *Mich.* 3. 11. These places and buildings are the places of Gods special Residence, which therefore he'l not forsake, but uphold for ever, 2 *Chron.* 33. 8. *Psal.* 132. -14.

5 For if ye throughly amend your ways, and your doings; if you throughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 *If* ye oppress not the [6] stranger, the [6] fatherless, and the [6] widow, and shed not innocent blood in [7] this place, neither walk after other gods, to [8] your hurt:

[6] *Exod.* 22. 21, 22. *Deut.* 27. 19. ¶ [7] *Jerusalem* (2 *Kings* 24. 4.) or the Land in general. ¶ [8] *Ver.* 19.

7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers [9] for ever and ever.

[9] *Ch.* 25. -5. From time to time, for a long while.

* Ver. 4. 8 ¶ Behold, * ye trust in [4] lying words that cannot profit.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsly, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye [10] know not;

[10] *Deut.* 32. 17. *Judg.* 5. 8.

10 And come and stand before me in this house, † which is called by my name, and say, We are [11] delivered to do all these abominations?

† Heb. *whereupon my name is called.*

[11] *Matth.* 21. 13. *viz.* From the guilt of our former sins, (by these duties we have perform'd) and may now return to the like again.

* Isa. 56. 7. * Matth. 21. 13. Mar. 11. 17. Luke 19. 46. 11 Is * this house, which is called by my name, become a * [12] den of robbers in your eyes? behold, even I have seen *it*, saith the LORD.

[12] A Sanctuary and Refuge for such notorious sinners to shelter themselves in.

* Judg. 18. 31. 12 But [13] go ye now unto * my place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set my name at [14] the first, and [15] see what I [16] did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

[13] *Ch.* 2. 10. ¶ [14] *Josh.* 18. 1. 1 *Sam.* 1. 3. and 4. 3, 4. ¶ [15] *Ch.* 44. 2, 3. ¶ [16] *Psal.* 78. 60.

13 And now because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, [17] rising up early, and speaking, but [18] ye heard not; and I called you, but ye [18] answered not:

[17] *Ver.* -25. *Ch.* 11. 7. and 25. -3. and 35. 15. ¶ [18] *Prov.* 1. 24. *Isa.* 50. 2. and 65. 12. and 66. 4.

* 1 Sam. 4. 10. 11. Psal. 132. 6. [19] *Ch.* 26. 6. *Psal.* 78. 60. [20] The ten Tribes, *Isa.* 7. 2. See there. 14 Therefore will I do unto *this* house which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you, and to your fathers, as I have done to * [19] Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, *even* the whole seed of [20] Ephraim.

16 Therefore [21] pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me; for I will [23] not hear thee.

[21] *Ch.* 11. 14. and 14. 11. *Exod.* 32. 10. *Ezek.* 14. 14, 20. ¶ [22] The body of 'em (yet he might for a Remnant.) ¶ [23] *Ch.* 15. 1. *Ezek.* 14. 14, 20.

17 ¶ Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah, and in the Streets of Jerusalem?

18 [24] The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough to make cakes to the ‖ queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, [25] that they may provoke me to anger.

‖ Or, *frame*, or *workmanship of heaven.*

[24] *Ch.* 44. 17, 19. ¶ [25] Whereby they do provoke me, *Ch.* 25. 7. and 32. -29.

19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: *do they* not [26] *provoke* themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

[26] Procure anger to themselves, 1 *Cor.* 10 22.

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall [27] burn, and shall not be quenched.

[27] *Ch.* 4. 4. *Deut.* 32. 22.

21 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, * [28] Put your burnt-offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

* Isa. 1. 11. Amos 5. 21. See Hos. 8. 13.

[28] *q. d.* Do what you will with your Sacrifices; you may eat 'em all if you please (even your Burnt-offerings which should be wholly burnt) for I regard 'em not, *Ch.* 6. 20. See there.

22 For [29] I spake not unto your fathers, [29] nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning † burnt-offerings or sacrifices.

† Heb. *the matter of.*

[29] *Viz.* Comparatively, or principally, 1 *Sam.* 15. 22. *Mark* 12. 33.

23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, [30] Obey my voice, and * I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be [31] well unto you.

* Lev. 26. 12.

[30] *Exod.* 19. 5, 6. *Deut.* 6. 3. ¶ [31] *Exod.* 15. 26. *Deut.* 5. 29, 33.

24 * But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels *and* in the ‖ imagination of their evil heart, and † [32] went backward and not forward.

* Ch. 11. 8. ‖ Or, *stubbornes.* † Heb. *were.*

[32] *Ch.* 2. 27. and 32. 33. Grew worse and worse, *v.* 26.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day, * I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily [33] rising up early, and [34] sending *them.*

* Ch. 25. 4. [33] *Ver.* 13. 2 *Chron.* 36. 15. [34] *Ver.* -13.

26 * Yet they [34] hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but * hardened their neck, they [35] did worse then their fathers.

* Ch. 11. 8. * Nehem. 9. 17, 29. Ch. 17. 23. & 19. 15. & 25. 3. [35] *Ch.* 16. 12.

27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them, but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them, but they will not answer thee.

28 But thou shalt say unto them, This *is a* nation, that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor [36] receiveth ‖ correction: [37] truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

‖ Or, *Instruction.*

[36] See on *ch.* 2. 30. ¶ [37] There's no trusting or believing them in any thing they say or do.

29 ¶ * [38] Cut off thine hair, O *Jerusalem*, and cast *it* away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation [39] of his wrath.

* Jer. 16. 6.

[38] *Job* 1. 20. *Isa.* 15. 2. Betake thy self to a mournful posture in regard of thy calamities approaching ¶ [39] Who have provok'd him by their sins (*v.* 18.) and with whom he is highly displeased, *v.* 29.

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30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my ſight, ſaith the LORD: * they have ſet their abominations [40] in the houſe which is called by my name, to pollute it.

*2 Chron. 33. 4. Ezek. 8. 5, 6.

[40] *Ch.* 32. 34. 2 *Kin.* 21. 4. *Ezek.* 43. 7, 8.

31 And they have [41] built the high places of Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the ſon of Hinnom, [42] to burn their ſons and their daughters in the fire, which I [43] commanded *them* not, neither came it † into my heart.

† Heb. *upon.*

[41] *Ch.* 19. 5. and 32. 35. 2 *Kin.* 23. 10. ¶ [42] See on *Lev.* 18. 21. ¶ [43] *Ch.* 19. -5. and 32. -35. *Lev.* 10. -1. But expreſly and peremptorily forbad, *Lev.* 18. 21. See there.

32 ¶ [44] Therefore behold, the days come, ſaith the LORD, that it ſhall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the ſon of Hinnom, but the valley [45] of ſlaughter: for they ſhall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

[44] *Ch.* 19. 6. ¶ [45] Where the ſlaughtered ones ſhall be buried.

33 And [46] the * carcaſes of this people, ſhall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beaſts of the earth, and none ſhall fray *them* away.

[46] *Ch.* 16. 4. & 34. 20. *Pſal.* 79. 2. * Deut. 28. 26.

34 Then will I cauſe [47] to ceaſe from the cities of Judah, and from the ſtreets of Jeruſalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladneſs, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land ſhall be deſolate.

[47] *Ch.* 16. 9. and 25. 10. and 33. 11. *Iſa.* 24. 7. *Ezek.* 26. 13. *Hoſ.* 2. 11. *Rev.* 18. 23.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The Jews calamity.* 4 *Their impenitency upbraided.* 13 *Their judgment ſhewed.* 18 *Their deſperate eſtate bewailed.*

1 AT that time, ſaith the LORD, [1] they ſhall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the [2] prieſts, and the bones of the [3] prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jeruſalem out of their graves.

[1] *Ch.* 7. 32. ¶ [2] The *Chaldeans* ſhall execute their rage, not only upon the living, (*Ch.* 7. 32.) but upon the dead. ¶ [3] 1 *Kin.* 13. 2. 2 *Kin.* 23. 14, 20. Corrupt Prieſts, and falſe Prophets.

2 And they ſhall ſpread them before the ſun, and the moon, and all the hoſt of heaven whom they have loved, and whom they have ſerved, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have ſought, and whom they have worſhipped: they ſhall not be gathered, nor be buried, they ſhall be [4] for dung upon the face of the earth.

[4] *Chap.* 9. 22. and 16. 4. *Pſal.* 83. -10.

3 And death ſhall be [5] choſen rather then life, by all the reſidue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[5] *Job* 3. 21, and 7. 15. 1 *Kin.* 19. 4. *Rev.* 9. 6.

4 ¶ Moreover, thou ſhalt ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD, [6] Shall they fall, and not ariſe? ſhall he turn away, and not return?

[6] Or, *When men fall will they not riſe? Will not one that has turn'd aſide return? q. d.* This people are ſo obſtinate, that though they are fallen into grievous calamities, and turn'd aſide out of the way of duty, yet they'll not hearken to any counſel to bring 'em back into the right way, and ſo recover themſelves out of their troubles.

5 Why *then* is this people of Jeruſalem ſlidden back, by a perpetual backſliding? they [7] hold faſt deceit, they refuſe to return.

[7] *Ch.* 5. 31. and 14. 14. *Iſa.* 30. -10. Stick cloſe to thoſe deluding Meſſages which the falſe Prophets bring to 'em.

6 [8] I hearkened and heard, *but* they ſpake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedneſs, ſaying, What have I done? [9] every one turned to his [10] courſe, as the horſe [11] ruſheth into the battel.

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[8] *Mal.* 3. 16. ¶ [9] The generality. ¶ [10] Of ſin. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 2. -23, 24.

7 Yea, the ſtork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times, and the turtle, and the crane, and the ſwallow obſerve the time of their coming, but my people [12] know not the [13] judgment of the LORD.

[12] *Ch.* 5. 4. *Iſa.* 1. 3. and 5. 12. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 5. 4. His manner of dealing with 'em, either in a way of judgment or mercy, to drive 'em or invite 'em to repentance.

8 How do ye ſay, We *are* wiſe, and [14] the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo, certainly ‖ [15] in vain made he *it*, the pen of the ſcribes *is* in vain.

‖ Or, *the falſe pen of the ſcribes worketh for falſhood,* Iſa. 10. 1.

[14] *Rom.* 2. 17, 18. and 3. 2. ¶ [15] *q. d.* Tho 'tis true, God has given 'em the Law, which has been copied out and expounded to 'em, yet all to no purpoſe, ſeeing they made no better uſe of it, *Hoſ.* 8. 12.

9 ‖ [16] The wiſe *men* are aſhamed, they are diſmayed and taken; lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD, and † [17] what wiſdom *is* in them?

‖ Or, *Have they been aſhamed,* &c. † Heb. *the wiſdom of what thing.*

[16] The deepeſt Politicians, and moſt knowing among 'em ſhall find that all their wiſdom ſhall not be able to afford 'em any relief. ¶ [17] They thereby ſhew themſelves to be arrant fools. See *Deut.* 4. 6. *Pſal.* 19. 7. and 119. 130. 2 *Tim.* 3. 15.

10 Therefore * will I [18] give their wives unto others, *and* their fields to them that ſhall inherit *them*: for every one [19] from the leaſt even unto the greateſt is given to * covetouſneſs, from the prophet even unto the prieſt, every one dealeth falſly.

* Am. 5. 11. *Iſa. 56. 11. Chap. 6. 13.

[18] *Deut.* 28. 30. 2 *Sam.* 12. 11. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 6. 13-14.

11 For they have [20] healed the hurt of the daughter of my people ſlightly, ſaying, * Peace, peace, when *there is* no peace.

[20] *Ch.* 6. 14. See there. * Ezek. 13. 10.

12 [21] Were they * aſhamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all aſhamed, neither could they bluſh: therefore ſhall they fall among them that fall, in the time of their viſitation they ſhall be caſt down, ſaith the LORD.

[21] *Ch.* 6. 15. See there. * Chap. 3. 3. and 6. 15.

13 ¶ ‖ I will ſurely [22] conſume them, ſaith the LORD; *there ſhall be* no grapes * on the vine, nor figs on the * fig-tree, and the leaf ſhall fade, and [23] *the things that* I have given them ſhall paſs away from them.

‖ Or, *In gathering I will conſume.* * Jf. 5. 1, &c. * Mat. 21. 19. Luke 13. 6. &c.

[22] *Zeph.* 1. 2, 3. ¶ [23] Pleaſant Fruits, and goodly accommodations, *Hoſ.* 2. 8, 9.

14 [24] Why do we ſit ſtill? aſſemble your ſelves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us [25] be ſilent there: [26] for the LORD our God hath put us to ſilence, and given us * [27] water of ‖ gall to drink, becauſe we have ſinned againſt the LORD.

* Chap. 9. 15. and 23. 15. ‖ Or, *poiſon.*

[24] *Ch.* 4. 5, 6. *q. d.* Let us haſten to ſome places of ſtrength to ſecure our ſelves. ¶ [25] Sit ſtill, and not ſay a word to provoke ſo potent an enemy. ¶ [26] *q. d.* We ſee 'tis Gods doing, and therefore 'tis in vain to reſiſt, *Lam.* 3. 28, 29. ¶ [27] *Ch.* 9. -15. and 23. 15. *Lam.* 3. 18. Bitter afflictions.

15 [28] We looked for peace, but no good *came:* *and* for a time of health, and behold trouble.

[28] *Ch.* 14. -19. We were put in hopes, by our falſe Prophets, of a ſpeedy removal of theſe evils.

16 [29] The ſnorting of his horſes was heard from * Dan: the whole land trembled at the ſound of the neighing of his ſtrong ones, for they are come, and have devoured the land, and † all that is in it, the city and thoſe that dwell therein.

* Chap. 4. 15. † Heb. *the fulneſs thereof.*

[29] *q. d.* But we ſee now, we are deluded, for the hideous noiſe of the *Chaldean* Forces is already come.

17 For behold, I will ſend [30] ſerpents, [31] cockatrices among you, which *will* not [32] *be* charmed, and they ſhall bite you, ſaith the LORD.

[30] The

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[30] The *Chaldeans*. [31] *Pſal.* 58. 5. appeas'd and prevail'd with to ſpare you.

18 ¶ [32] *When* I would comfort my ſelf againſt ſorrow, my heart *is* faint † in me.

† Heb. *upon.*

[32] The Prophets words, as *Iſaiah* 22. 4.

19 Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people, † becauſe of them [33] that dwell in a far countrey: [34] *Is* not the LORD in Zion? *is* not her king in her? [35] why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, *and* with ſtrange vanities?

† Heb. *becauſe of the countrey of them that are far off.*

[33] The *Chaldeans* coming upon us. ¶ [34] *q. d.* How comes it about that we are thus deſtroyed by Heathen People, ſince we are the People of God, and he has the place of his ſpecial Reſidence among us? ¶ [35] Gods anſwer, as *Ch.* 5. 19.

20 [36] The harveſt is paſt, the ſummer is ended, and we are not ſaved.

[36] *q. d.* We are now paſt hopes of help, ſince the ſeaſon for it ſeems to be paſt. So *ver.* 15.

21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt, I am black: aſtoniſhment hath taken hold on me.

22 [37] *Is there* no * balm in Gilead? *is there* no phyſician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people † recovered.

* Gen. 37. 25.

† Heb. *gone up.*

[37] *Ch.* 46. 11. *q. d.* All means of help fail, and are ineffectual, ſince they continue obſtinate in their ſins, *Ch.* 9. 2, 3.

CHAP. IX.

1 The Jews lamented for their manifold ſins, 9 and judgments. 12 Diſobedience the cauſe of their calamity.

† [1] OH * that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the ſlain of the daughter of my people.

† Heb. *Who will give my head,* &c.

[1] *Ch.* 14. 17. *Iſa.* 22. 4.

* Chap. 4. 19.

2 Oh that I had in the wilderneſs a lodging-place of wayfaring men, that I might leave my people, and go from them: for they *be* all [2] adulterers, an aſſembly of treacherous men.

[2] *Ch.* 5. 7. 8.

3 And * they [3] bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* [4] lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they [5] proceed from evil to evil, and they [6] know not me, ſaith the LORD.

* Iſa. 59. 4, 13, 15.

[3] *Pſal.* 64. 3. ¶ [4] Slanders and falſhoods of all ſorts. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 7. 26. 2 *Tim.* 3. 13. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 4. 22. *Judg.* 2. 10. 1 *Sam.* 2. 12. *Hoſ.* 4. 1, 2.

4 * Take ye heed every one of his ‖ neighbour, and [7] truſt ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly [8] ſupplant, and every neighbour will [9] walk with ſlanders.

* Chap. 12. 6.

‖ Or, *friend.*

[7] *Mic.* 7. 5, 6. ¶ [8] Undermine, over-reach, and go beyond, 1 *Theſ.* 4. 6. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 6. 28. *Lev.* 19. 16.

5 And they will ‖ deceive every one his neighbour, and will not ſpeak the truth: they have taught their tongue to ſpeak lies, *and* [10] weary themſelves to commit iniquity.

‖ Or, *mock.*

[10] *Pſal.* 7. 14. *Iſa.* 5. 18.

6 [11] Thine habitation *is* in the midſt of [12] deceit, [13] through deceit they refuſe to know me ſaith the LORD.

[11] Gods words to the Prophet. ¶ [12] Deceitful perſons. ¶ [13] They are ſo addicted to their deceitful courſes, that they refuſe all acquaintance with my Will, and directions out of my Word.

7 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, Behold, I will [14] melt them, and try them; for [15] how ſhall I do for the daughter of my people?

[14] To conſume the wicked as droſs, and refine the reſidue. ¶ [15] What other courſe can I take with 'em, they being generally grown ſo deſperately evil.

8 Their tongue *is as* an arrow [16] ſhot out, it ſpeaketh * deceit: *one* [17] ſpeaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but † in heart he layeth ‖ his wait.

* Pſal. 12. 2. & 120. 3.

† Heb. *in the midſt of him.*

‖ Or, *wait for him.*

[16] Executing their miſchievous deſigns. ¶ [17] 2 *Sam.* 3. 27. and 20. 9. *Pſal.* 5. 9. and 28. 3. and 55. 21. *Prov.* 26. 24–26.

9 ¶ [18] Shall I not viſit them for theſe *things?* ſaith the LORD: ſhall not my ſoul be avenged on ſuch a nation as this?

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[18] *Ch.* 5. 9.

10 [19] For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and * for the ‖ habitations of the wilderneſs a lamentation, becauſe they are ‖ burnt up, ſo that none can paſs through *them*, neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattel, † both the fowl of the heavens and the beaſt are fled, they are gone.

* Ch. 12. 4. & 23. 10. Hoſ. 4. 3.

‖ Or, *paſtures.*

‖ Or, *deſolate.*

† Heb *from the fowl even to,* &c.

[19] *Ch.* 4. 23–26. *q. d.* All places of the land are made deſolate.

11 And I will make Jeruſalem heaps, *and* [20] a den of dragons, and I will make the cities of Judah † deſolate, without an inhabitant.

[20] *Ch.* 10. 22. *Iſa.* 34. 13.

† Heb. *deſolation.*

12 ¶ [21] Who *is* the wiſe man that may underſtand [22] this, and [23] *who is he* to whom the mouth of the LORD hath ſpoken, that he may declare it, for what the land periſheth *and* is burnt up like a wilderneſs that none paſſeth through?

[21] *Pſal.* 107. 43. *Hoſ.* 14. 9. ¶ [22] Whence theſe evils ariſe, and what is the procuring cauſe thereof, *viz.* their ſins, *ver.* 13–16. ¶ [23] *q. d.* Is there never a Prophet among you to tell you the cauſe thereof.

13 And the LORD ſaith, Becauſe they have [24] forſaken my law which I ſet before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

[24] *Ch.* 5. 19. and 15. 6. and 16. 10, 11. and 22. 8, 9.

14 But have walked after the ‖ [25] imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their [26] fathers taught them:

‖ Or, *ſtubbornneſs.*

[25] *Ch.* 7. 24. ¶ [26] The practice of our Fore-fathers is no good warrant for us.

15 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, with [27] wormwood, and give them water of [27] gall to drink.

[27] *Ch.* 23. 15. and 8. 14. See there.

16 I will [28] ſcatter them alſo among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will ſend a [29] ſword after them, till I have conſumed them.

[28] *Ch.* 15. 4, 7. *Deut.* 28. 64. [29] *Lev.* 26. 33, 38, 39.

17 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, [30] Conſider ye, and * call for the [31] mourning-women, that they may come, and ſend for [31] cunning *women*, that they may come:

[30] *Ch.* 2. 10. Bethink your ſelves what courſe to take. ¶ [31] 2 *Chron.* 35. 25. *Job* 3. 8. *Am.* 5. 16. *q. d.* You'll find cauſe for the higheſt degree of lamentation.

18 And let them make haſte, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eye-lids guſh out with waters.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we ſpoiled! we are greatly confounded, becauſe we have [32] forſaken the land, becauſe our dwellings [33] have caſt *us* out.

[32] Being driven out of it, and carried into Foreign Countries. ¶ [33] *Lev.* 18. 28. and 26. 22.

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye [34] women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

[34] (Whoſe affections are moſt eaſily mov'd.)

21 For death is come up into our [35] windows, *and* is entred into our palaces, to cut off the children from [36] without, *and* the young men from the [36] ſtreets.

[35] Like a Thief that enters in there. ¶ [36] Who are playing or talking together without doors in the ſtreets.

22 Speak, Thus ſaith the LORD, Even the carcaſes of men ſhall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harveſt-man, and none ſhall [37] gather *them*.

[37] To bury 'em.

23 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, Let not [38] the

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wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the [38] mighty man glory in his might, let not the [38] rich man glory in his riches.

[38] *q. d.* None of these carnal means can secure you, *Psal.* 33. 16, 17. *Prov.* 11. 4. *Eccl.* 9. 11. *Isa.* 28. 17. and 30. 3. and 31. 2, 3. *Ezek.* 7. 19. *Am.* 2. 14-16.

24 But let him [39] that glorieth, [40] glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth: for in these *things* [41] I delight saith the LORD.

[39] 1 *Cor.* 1. 31. 2 *Cor.* 10. 17. *Psal.* 20. 7. ¶ [40] Trust to this as the only means of safety, and which will afford matter of rejoycing. ¶ [41] *Psal.* 5. 4. and 11. 5, 7. and 15. 1, 2. and 99. 4. *Isa.* 33. 15, 16. and 61. 8. *Mic.* 6. 8. and 7. 18.

25 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will † punish all *them which are* [42] circumcised with the uncircumcised.

† Heb. *visit upon.*

[42] *q. d.* Neither shall your Circumcision secure you, tho you value your selves highly upon that account. *Gen.* 34. 14. *Acts* 11. 2, 3. *Rom.* 3. 1. *Eph.* 2. 11. *Phil.* 3. 3, 5.

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all *that are* † in the * utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* [43] uncircumcised in the heart.

† Heb. *Cut off into corners,* or *having the corners* of their Hair *polled.*
* Chap. 25. 23. & 49. 32.

[43] *Ch.* 4. 4. *Lev.* 26. 41. *Rom.* 2. 28.

CHAP. X.

1 *The unequal comparison of God and Idols.* 20 *The spoil of the tabernacle by foolish pastours.*

HEar ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel.

2 Thus saith the LORD, * [1] Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the [2] signs of heaven, for the heathen are dismayed at them.

* Lev. 20. 23.

[1] *Lev.* 18. 3. [2] *Deut.* 18. 10, 14. *Isa.* 44. 25. and 47. 13. The motions of the Stars and Planets, their Oppositions, Conjunctions, Eclipses, and the like, (which the Heathen gave great heed unto) as if your weal or wo did depend upon 'em, and that they could either do you good or evil of themselves. (Not but that God does sometimes make use of 'em, as instruments of his wrath, (*Judg.* 5. 20.) and manifests his displeasure by extraordinary Thunder, Lightning, Rain, and such works of his in the heavens, as 1 *Sam.* 12. 16-19. which therefore we must attend unto, and be affected with. (*Joel* 2. 30, 31. *Luke* 21. 11, 25.) but not with their ordinary natural motions as the heathen were.)

3 For the † customs of the people are vain: for *one* [3] cutteth a tree out of the forest (the work of the hands of the workman) with the ax.

† Heb. *statutes,* or *ordinances are vanity.*
[3] *Isa.* 40. 20. & 44. 13–17.

4 They [4] deck it with silver and with gold, they [5] fasten it with nails and with hammers that it move not.

[4] *Isa.* 40. 19. and 46. 6. ¶ [5] *Isa.* 46. 7.

5 They *are* upright as the palm-tree, but [6] speak not: they must needs be born, because they cannot go: be not afraid of them, for * they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

[6] *Psal.* 115. 5. & 135. 16.
* Isa. 41. 23.

6 Forasmuch as * *there is* none [7] like unto thee, O LORD, thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might.

* Psal. 86. 8, 10.
[7] See on *Ex.* 15. 11.

7 * Who would not fear thee, O king of nations? for ‖ to thee doth it [8] appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms *there is* none like unto thee.

* Rev. 15. 4.
‖ Or, *it liketh thee.*
[8] *Vix.* To be feared.

8 But [9] they are † altogether * [10] brutish and foolish: [11] the stock is a doctrine of vanities.

† Heb. *in one,* or *at once.*
* Isa. 41. 29. Hab. 2. 18. Zech. 10. 2. Rom. 1. 21, 22.
[9] Idolaters. ¶ [10] *Psal.* 115. 8. and 135. 18. *Isa.* 44. 18-20. ¶ [11] Whatsoever is taught or believ'd concerning any of your Idols, is altogether groundless and ridiculous.

9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and * gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all the work of cunning *men.*

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* Dan. 10. 5.

10 But the LORD *is* the † [12] true God, he *is* the [13] living God, and an † [14] everlasting king: [15] at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall [16] not be able to abide his indignation.

† Heb. *God of truth.*
† Heb. *King of eternity.*
[12] 1 *John* 5. 20. 2 *Chron.* 15. 3. ¶ [13] *Psal.* 42. 2. and 36. 9. *John* 5. 21, 26. ¶ [14] *Psal.* 10. 16. ¶ [15] *Psal.* 18. 7. and 68. 8. and 104. 32. and 114. 7. ¶ [16] *Psal.* 76. 7, 8. *Isa.* 40. 15-17. *Dan.* 4. 35.

11 [17] Thus shall ye say unto them, * The gods that have not made the heavens, and the earth, *even* they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

* See Psal. 96. 5.
[17] This Verse is written in the Chaldee or Syrian Language, that the *Jews* might have it ready to stop the mouths of the *Chaldeans,* when they intic'd them to Idolatry.

12 [18] He * hath made the earth by his power, he hath [19] established the world by his wisdom, and hath [20] stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

* Gen. 1. 1, 6. Psal. 136. 5, 6.
[18] *Ch.* 51. 15. 16. ¶ [19] Dispos'd and setled the several parts of it in that order, wherein we now behold 'em. ¶ [20] *Job* 9. 8. *Psal.* 104. 2. *Isa.* 40. 22. and 42. 5. and 44. 24.

13 [18] When he uttereth his [21] voice, *there is* a ‖ multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings ‖ with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

[21] The Thunder, *Job.* 37. 4, 5.
‖ Or, *noise.*
‖ Or, *for rain.*

14 Every man ‖ [22] is brutish [23] in *his* knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image [24] *is* falshood, and *there is* [25] no breath in them.

‖ Or, *is more brutish then to know.*
[22] *Ch.* 51. 17. ¶ [23] For want of knowledge. ¶ [24] *Isa.* 44. 20. ¶ [25] *Psal.* 135. 17.

15 [26] They *are* vanity, *and* the work [27] of errours: [28] in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

[26] *Ch.* 51. 18. ¶ [27] Leading to errors. ¶ [28] When God comes to reckon with 'em for their sins, Idols and Idolatry shall all be destroy'd together, *Isa.* 46. 1, 2.

16 [29] The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all *things,* and * Israel *is* the [30] rod of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts [31] *is* his name.

* Psal. 74. 2.
[29] *Ch.* 51. 19. The true God, *Deut.* 32. 9. *Psal.* 16. 5. and 73. 26. and 119. 57. ¶ [30] His possession that falls to him by measure, as it were. ¶ [31] *Isa.* 47. 4.

17 ¶ * [32] Gather up thy wares out of the land, O † inhabitant of the fortress.

* See Ch. 6. 1. Ezek. 12. 3.
† Heb. *inhabitress.*
[32] You that live in places of strength, fetch all your commodities out of the Country, where they are expos'd to pillage and plunder, into your strong holds.

18 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will [33] sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find *it* [34] *so.*

[33] 1 *Sam.* 25. 29. ¶ [34] *Viz.* That it falls out according to what I have foretold formerly.

19 ¶ Wo is me for my hurt, my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this *is* a grief, and I must bear it.

20 [35] My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they *are* not: *there is* none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

[35] *Ch.* 4. 20. The state of Judah.

21 For the [36] pastours are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

[36] Rulers both of Church and State.

22 Behold, the noise of the brute is come, and a great commotion out of the [37] north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, *and* [38] a den of dragons.

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[37] *Ch.* 1. 15. From *Babylon.* ¶ [38] *Ch.* 9. 11.

23 ¶ O LORD, I know that the [39] way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

[39] *Prov.* 16. 1. and 20. 24. *q. d.* 'Tis neither in our enemies power to oppress us, nor in our own to deliver our selves without thy Providence.

* Psal. 38. 1. †Heb. *diminish me.*

24 O LORD, * [40] correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou † bring me to nothing.

[40] *q. d.* If thou art resolv'd upon it, and there's no remedy but that I must be afflicted, then do it with moderation, *Ch.* 30. 11. *Psal.* 6. 1. *Isa.* 27. 8. *Hab.* 3. -2.

[41] *Psal.* 79. 6.

25 [41] Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

CHAP. XI.

1 Jeremiah proclaimeth Gods covenant, 8 rebuketh the Jews disobeying thereof, 11 and propheseth evils to come upon them.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Hear ye the words of [1] this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

[1] The Law given by *Moses*, to which the People promising obedience, (*Exod.* 24. 3, 7.) it became a Covenant.

[2] *Deut.* 27. 26. *Gal.* 3. 10.

3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, [2] Cursed *be* the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,

4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land

* 1 Kings 8. 51. of Egypt, * from the [3] iron furnace, saying, [4] Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: [4] so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:

[3] See on *Deut.* 4. 20. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 7. 23. *Ex.* 19. 5, 6. *Lev.* 26. 3, 12.

5 That I may perform [5] the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land [6] flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this

† Heb. *Amen.* day. Then answered I, and said, † [7] So be it, O LORD.

[5] *Deut.* 7. 12. and 8. 18. and 9. 5. *Psal.* 105. 9, 10. ¶ [6] *Ex.* 3. 8. See there. ¶ [7] *q. d.* Let them perform their duty, that thou may'st make good thy Promise.

6 Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.

7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers, in the day *that* I brought them up out of the land

* *Ch.* 7. 13. See there. of Egypt, *even* unto this day, [8] rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.

8 Yet they [9] obeyed not, nor inclined their

* Chap. 3. 17. & 9. 14. ‖ Or, *stubbornness.* ear, but * walked every one in the ‖ imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the [10] words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do, but they did *them* not.

[9] *Ch.* 7. 24. ¶ [10] The threatnings annex'd to the Law in case of transgression.

* Ezek. 22. 25. Hos. 6. 9.

9 And the LORD said unto me, * [11] A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

[11] A general defection in the main body of the Jewish state from the Laws of God.

10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

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11 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring evil upon them which they shall not be able to † escape; and * though they shall cry unto me, I will [12] not hearken unto them.

† Heb. *go forth of.* * Zech. 7. 13.

[12] *Ch.* 14. 12. *Psal.* 18. 41. *Prov.* 1. 28. *Isa.* 1. 15. *Ezek.* 8. 18. *Mic.* 3. 4.

12 Then shall the cities of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem go and cry unto [13] the gods unto whom they offer incense; but they shall not save them at all in the time of their † trouble.

† Heb. *evil.*

[13] *Ch.* 2. 28. *Deut.* 32. 37, 38. *Judg.* 10. 14.

13 For [14] *according* to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and *according* to the number of the streets of Jerusalem, have ye set up altars to *that* † shameful thing, *even* † Heb. *shame.* altars to burn incense unto Baal. Hos. 9. 10.

[14] *Ch.* 2. -28.

14 Therefore * [15] pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their † trouble.

* Chap. 14. 11. [15] *Ch.* 7. 16. See there. † Heb. *evil.*

15 * † What hath my [16] beloved to do in [17] mine house, *seeing* she hath wrought lewdness with many? and [18] the holy flesh is passed from thee: ‖ when thou doest evil, then thou rejoycest.

* Isa. 1. 11, &c. † Heb. *What is to my beloved in my house?* ‖ Or, *when thy evil is.*

[16] That People whom once I so dearly affected, *ver.* 16. *Ch.* 12. 7. ¶ [17] *Ch.* 7. 9-11. ¶ [18] Thy Sacrifices which were wont to be holy, are no more to be accounted so now, because of thy Idolatries and other wickedness.

16 The LORD [19] called thy name, A green olive-tree, [19] fair *and* of goodly fruit: [20] with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

[19] Made thee outwardly prosperous and flourishing (*Ch.* 12. 2.) Whereby thou wast in a capacity to have done a great deal of good. ¶ [20] *q. d.* But now he is about to destroy thee.

17 For the LORD of hosts that [21] planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel, and of the house of Judah, which they have done [22] against themselves to provoke me to anger, in offering incense unto Baal.

[21] *Ch.* 2. 21. *Isa.* 5. 2. [22] *Ch.* 7. -19.

18 ¶ And the LORD hath given me knowledge [23] *of it*, and I know *it*, then thou shewedst me their doings.

[23] Of their doings, and Conspiracies against me, *ver.* 19.

19 But I *was* like a lamb *or* an ox *that* is brought to the slaughter, and I knew not that they had [24] devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the † [25] tree with the fruit thereof, and * let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.

† Heb. *stalk with his bread.* * Psal. 83. 4.

[24] *Ch.* 18. 18. ¶ [25] His Person, that so his Prophecies may no more trouble us.

20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that * [26] triest the reins and the heart, let me [27] see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

* 1 Chr. 28. 9. Psal. 7. 9. Rev. 2. 23.

[26] 1 *Sam.* 16. 7. See there. ¶ [27] *Ch.* 15. 15. and 20. 12. and 17. 18. and 18. 21-23. (That he was directed by the Spirit of God in this Petition, appears by God's Answer, *ver.* 22, 23.)

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, [28] Prophesie not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand.

[28] *Isa.* 30. 10. *Am.* 2. -12. and 7. 16. *Mic.* 2. 6. 11.

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will † punish them; the young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daugh- † Heb. *visit upon.* shall die by famine.

23 And there shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

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CHAP. XII.

1 *Jeremiah complaining of the wickeds prosperity, by faith seeth their ruine.* 7 *God lamenteth his heritage.*

1 RIghteous *art* thou O LORD, when I plead with thee: *yet* let me ‖ talk with thee of *thy* judgments: * Wherefore doth the way of the wicked [2] prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

‖ Or, *reason the case with thee.*
* Ch. 5. 28. Mal. 3. 15.

[1] *Psal.* 51.4. and 92. 15. and 119. 75,137. and 145.17. *q. d.* Tho I may argue the matter a little with thee for my own satisfaction concerning the equity of some of thy dispensations, yet I acknowledge in the general that thou art righteous in all. ¶ [2] *Job* 12. 6. See there. This has been a sore temptation to godly minds, *Job* 21. 7-13. *Psal.*37.1. and 73. 2-12. and 94. 3,4. *Hab.* 1.4,5.

2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they † grow, yea, they bring forth fruit; * thou *art* [3] near in their mouth, and [3] far from their reins.

† Heb. *go on.*
* Isa. 29. 13.
[3] *Psal.*14. 1. & 53. 1. *Tit.* 1. 16. *Isa.* 29.13.

3 But thou, O LORD,* [4] knowest me; thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart † towards thee: [5] pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

* Psal. 139. 1.
† Heb. *with.*
[4] *Ch.* 17. 16. *Job* 23. 10. *Psal.* 17. 3. and 26. 1. 2 *Cor.* 1. 12. ¶ [5] See on *Ch.* 11. 20.

4 [6] How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, * for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? * the beasts are consumed, and the birds, because they said, [7] He shall not see our last end.

* Psal. 107.34.
* Ch. 4. 25. & 7. 20. & 9.10. Hos. 4. 3.
[6] *q. d.* Well may I desire the ruin of the Wicked, since they are the ruin of the Land. ¶ [7] *q. d.* Tho he threaten us with ruin, yet we hope he'l never live to see any such thing.

5 ¶ [8] If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in [9] the land of peace *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee,* then how wilt thou do in * the [10] swelling of Jordan?

* Josh. 3. 15. 1 Chr. 12. 15. Ch. 49. 19. & 50. 44.
[8] *q. d.* If thou, O *Jeremy*, hast not been able to contend with thy poor Neighbours at *Anathoth*, how wilt thou be able to contend with those mighty ones at *Jerusalem?* ¶ [9] Thy own native place, where thou didst expect freedom from trouble. ¶ [10] Where thou art like to meet with great encounters.

6 For even thy [11] brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee, yea they ‖ have [12] called a multitude after thee; * [13] believe them not, though they speak † fair words unto thee.

‖ Or, *cried after thee fully.*
* Prov. 26. 25.
† Heb. *good things.*
[11] *Ch.* 9.4. ¶ [12] Stirr'd up the common people against thee. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 9. 5.

7 ¶ [14] I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage, I have given [15] the † dearly beloved of my soul into the hands of her enemies.

† Heb. *love.*
[14] I am about presently to give up my Temple to destruction, *Ch.* 7. 14. ¶ [15] My People, *Ch.* 11. 15.

8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest, it ‖ † [16] crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.

‖ Or, *yelleth.*
† Heb. *giveth out his voice.*
[16] Instead of harkning to my voice (as Sheep to their Shepherd) they contradict my words, and abuse my messengers, 2 *Chron.* 36. 16.

9 Mine heritage *is* unto me *as* a ‖ [17] speckled bird, [18] the birds round about *are* against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, ‖ [19] come to devour.

‖ Or, *tallented.*
‖ Or, *cause them to come.*
[17] Or, *Ravenous bird*, in regard of that rapine and oppression that was grown so rife among 'em. ¶ [18] Her Neighbours, especially the *Chaldeans.* ¶ [19] *Ch.* 7. 33.

10 [20] Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my † pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

† Heb. *portion of desire.*
[20] The Princes that served under *Nebuchadnezzar.*

11 They have made it desolate, *and being* desolate it [21] mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man [22] layeth *it* to heart.

[21] Is become a sad spectacle to me. ¶ [22] Considers how to prevent or redress these evils.

12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of [23] the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: [24] no flesh shall have peace.

[23] Weilded and managed by his appointment. ¶ [24] *Isa.* 48. 22.

13 * They have [25] sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and ‖ they shall be ashamed of [26] your revenues, because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

* Lev. 26. 16. Deut. 28. 38. Mich. 6. 15. Hag. 1. 6.
‖ Or, *ye.*
[25] Taken much pains, and been at much charge, but all shall turn to their prejudice. ¶ [26] The small and inconsiderable returns you make of all your labours.

14 ¶ Thus saith the LORD against all [27] mine evil neighbours, that [28] touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit, Behold, I will * pluck [29] them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

* Deut. 30. 3. Ch. 32. 37.
[27] Which dwell round about my Land of *Judea*, viz. *Philistines*, *Moabites*, &c. ¶ [28] Wrong and hurt, as *Job* 1. 11. *Psal.* 105.15. *Zech.*2.8. ¶ [29] The Heathen Neighbour Nations.

15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked [29] them out, I will return, and have compassion on them, and will [30] bring them again every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

[30] So *Ch.* 49. 6, 39. *Isa.* 19. 22, 24. and 23. 17, 18. and 24. 22.

16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth, (as they taught my people to swear by Baal) then shall they be [31] built in the midst of my people.

[31] Setled in the places of their former abode, and also share with my people in their Spiritual priviledges, *Rom.* 11. 17. *Isa.* 19. 23-25. and 56. 5-7.

17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up, and [32] destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

[32] *Isa.* 60. 12.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *In the type of a linen girdle, the peoples destruction is prefigured.* 12 *Under the parable of the bottles of wine, he forteleth their drunkenness in misery.*

THus saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee [1] a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and [2] put it not in water.

[1] A resemblance of the people of the Jews, *v.* 11. ¶ [2] Do nothing to it to make it rot: to note that nothing in God had been the cause of their general corruption and destruction, *Hos.* 13. 19.

2 So I got a girdle, according to the word of the LORD, and put *it* on my loyns.

3 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast got, which *is* upon thy loyns, and arise, [3] go to Euphrates, and hide it there [4] in a hole of the rock.

[3] *Viz.* In Vision. ¶ [4] To note, their Captivity in *Babylon* (situate on that River.)

5 So I went and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

6 And

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6 And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there.

7 Then I went to Euphrates and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it; and behold, the girdle was marred, it was [5] profitable for nothing.

[5] To note, that all their pomp and bravery should be defac't in the Captivity, *Lam.* 3. 45.

8 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the ‖ imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

‖ Or, *stubbornness.*

11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loyns of a man; so have I [6] caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel, and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and [7] for a name, and for a [7] praise, and for a [7] glory: but they [8] would not hear.

[6] Taken 'em into a near conjunction to my self. ¶ [7] That I might get praise and glory by 'em (*Isa.* 43. 21. and 60. -21. and 63.-12.) and also that they might thereby become famous and renowned in the eyes of other Nations, *Ch.* 33. 9. *Deut.* 46-8. and 26. 19. ¶ [8] *Psal.* 81. 11.

12 ¶ Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, [9] Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

[9] *q. d.* That's no such great news: we see that frequently enough every day.

13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD, behold I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon Davids throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem * [10] with drunkenness.

* Isa. 51. 17, 21. & 63. 6. Ch. 25. 27. & 51. 7.

[10] With the wine of terror and astonishment (*Psal.* 60. 3.) by reason of those grievous calamities that shall come upon you, which shall make you at your wits end.

14 And I will dash them † one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, † but destroy them.

† Heb. *a man against his brother.*
† Heb. *from destroying them.*

15 ¶ Hear ye, and give ear, [11] be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

[11] *Isa.* 28. 14. Persist not in your stubbornness and stoutness of Spirit against God.

16 [12] Give glory to the LORD your God, before he [13] cause darkness, and before [14] your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye * [15] look for light, he turn it into * the [16] shadow of death, *and* make *it* gross darkness.

* Isa. 59. 9.
* Psal. 44. 19.

[12] *Viz.* By confession of your sins, *Josh.* 7. 19. See there. ¶ [13] Bring the Judgments threatned, *Isa.* 8 22. ¶ [14] You are brought into such a condition that you know not how to secure your selves. ¶ [15] Promise your selves peace and safety. ¶ [16] See on *Job* 3. 5.

17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride, and * mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORDs flock is carried away captive.

* Lam. 1. 2, 16. & 2. 18.

18 Say unto the king, and to the queen, Humble your selves, sit down; for [17] your ‖ principalities shall come down, *even* the crown of your glory.

‖ Or, *headtires.*

[17] All your pomp and splendor and whatsoever you prided your selves in.

19 The cities of the [18] south shall be shut up, and none shall open *them*; Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

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[18] Judea.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: [19] where *is* the flock *that* was given thee, thy beautiful flock?

[19] He speaks to the King or State of the Jews.

21 What wilt thou say when [20] he shall † punish thee? (for thou hast [21] taught them *to be* captains, *and* as chief over thee) shall not * sorrows take thee as a woman in travail?

† Heb. *visit upon.*
* Ch. 6. 24.

[20] God, by the *Chaldeans.* ¶ [21] By craving aid from 'em, and so shewing 'em the way to subdue thee.

22 ¶ And if thou say in thine heart, [22] Wherefore come these things upon me? for the greatness of thine iniquity are [23] thy skirts discovered, *and* [23] thy heels ‖ made bare.

‖ Or, *shall be violently taken away.*

[22] *Ch.* 5. 19. and 16. 20. ¶ [23] *Ver.* 26. Thou art brought into extream shame and servitude.

23 [24] Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are † accustomed to do evil.

† Heb. *taught.*

[24] *q. d.* All labour upon 'em is lost: 'tis to no purpose to strive any longer with 'em (*Ch.* 2. 30. and 5. 3. and 6. 29, 30.) and therefore nothing remains to be done, but to destroy 'em.

24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This *is* thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in [25] falshood.

[25] *Ch.* 7. 8. Vain courses and presumptuous hopes that will deceive thee in the end.

26 Therefore * will I [26] discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.

* Lam. 1. 8. & 23. 29. Hos. 2. 10.

[26] *Ver.* -22. *Nah.* 3. 5. *Isa.* 47. 3. *Ezek.* 16. 36, 37. Throw thy skirts upon thy face, and so discover thy nakedness, *i.e.* bring thee into a most disgraceful, contemptible condition, (by those Judgments I'll inflict upon thee.)

27 I have seen thine [27] adulteries, and thy * [28] neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, *and* thine abominations * on the hills in the fields: wo unto thee, O Jerusalem, wilt thou not be [29] made clean? † when *shall it* once *be?*

* Ch. 5. 8.
* Isa. 65. 7. Ch. 2. 20. Ezek. 6. 13.
† Heb. *after when yet?*

[27] Idolatries. ¶ [28] Inclination and proness thereto. ¶ [29] *Ch.* 4. 14.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The grievous famine causeth Jeremiah to pray.*
10 *The Lord will not be intreated for the people.*
13 *Lying prophets are no excuse.*

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the † [1] dearth.

† Heb. *words of the dearths* or *restraints.*

2 [2] Judah mourneth, and the [2] gates thereof languish, they are [3] black [4] unto the ground, and the [5] cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

[1] Caused by drought, *v.* 3.

[1] The Inhabitants of the Land and Cities. ¶ [2] *Lam.* 4. 8. ¶ [3] Through faintness they hang down the head, even to the ground. ¶ [5] For their misery, and imploring some redress, *v.* 12.

3 And their nobles have sent their [6] little ones to the waters, they came to the pits, *and* found no water, they returned with their vessels empty: they were ashamed and confounded, and [7] covered their heads.

[6] Servants.
[7] 2 *Sam.* 15. 30.

4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, [8] the plow-men were ashamed, they covered their heads.

[8] *Joel* 1. 11.

5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook *it*, because there was no grass.

6 And * the wild asses did stand in the high places, they [9] snuffed up the wind like dragons: [10] their eyes did fail, because *there was* no grass.

* Ch. 2. 24.

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[9] To allay their inward heat. ¶ [10] *Lam.* 5.-17. 1 *Sam.* 14. 29. Through faintneſs.

7 ¶ O LORD, though our iniquities teſtifie againſt us, [11] do thou *it* for thy names ſake: for our backſlidings are many, we have ſinned againſt thee.

[11] *Ver.* 20–22. *Pſal.* 25. 11. Relieve us for the honor of thy Truth and Mercy, *Pſal.* 115. 1. *Iſa.* 48. 11.

8 O the [12] hope of Iſrael, the ſaviour thereof in time of [13] trouble, why ſhouldeſt thou be as a [14] ſtranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man, *that* turneth aſide to tarry for a night?

[12] *Ch.* 17. 13. and 50.-7. In whom alone thy people hope for help. ¶ [13] *Pſal.* 9. 9. and 46. 1. ¶ [14] Who takes little notice of, or care for a place, where he ſtaies but a while.

9 Why ſhouldeſt thou be as a man aſtonied, as a mighty man *that* cannot ſave? yet thou, O LORD, *art* in the [15] midſt of us, and † we are [16] called by thy name, [17] leave us not.

† Heb. *thy name is called upon us.*

[15] *Pſal.* 46. 5. *Zech.* 2.-5. ¶ [16] *Ch.* 15. -16. ¶ [17] *Pſal.* 27. 9. and 38. 21. and 119. -8.

10 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to [18] wander, they have [19] not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; * he will now [20] remember their iniquity, and viſit their ſins.

* Hoſ. 8. 13. & 9. 9.

[18] *Viz.* After Idols (*Ch.* 2. 23, 25.) and from the way of duty. ¶ [19] Perſiſted in their ſinful courſes. ¶ [20] *Ch.* 44. 21, 22. 1 *Kings* 17. 18. *Pſal.* 109. 15.

11 Then ſaid the LORD unto me, * [21] Pray not for this people for *their* good.

* Exod. 32. 10. [21] *Ch.* 7. 16. See there.

12 * When they faſt I will [22] not hear their cry, and when they offer burnt-offering and an oblation, I will [23] not accept them: but * I will conſume them by [24] the ſword, and by the famine, and by the peſtilence.

* Prov. 1. 28. Iſa. 58. 3. Zech. 7. 7, 13. * Ch. 9. 16.

[22] *Ch.* 11.-11. *Ezek.* 8. 18. *Mich.* 3. 4. ¶ [23] *Ch.* 6. 20. *Iſa.* 1. 15. ¶ [24] *Ch.* 29. 17, 18.

13 ¶ Then [25] ſaid I, Ah Lord GOD, behold, the prophets ſay unto them, Ye ſhall not ſee the ſword, neither ſhall ye have famine, but I will give you † aſſured peace in this place.

[25] *Ch.* 4. 10. † Heb. *peace of truth.*

14 Then the LORD ſaid unto me, The prophets [26] propheſie lies in my name, [27] I ſent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither ſpake unto them: they propheſie unto you a falſe viſion and divination, and a thing of nought, and the [28] deceit of their heart.

[26] *Ch.* 23. 16, 26. and 29. 21. ¶ [27] *Ch.* 23. 21, 32. and 27. 19. and 29. 9. ¶ [28] *Ch.* 23. 26.

15 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD concerning the prophets that propheſie in my name, and I ſent them not, yet they ſay, Sword and famine ſhall not be in this land, By ſword and famine ſhall thoſe prophets be [29] conſumed.

[29] *Ch.* 6. 15. & 20. 6. 1 *King.* 22. 25.

16 And the people to whom they propheſie, ſhall be [30] caſt out in the ſtreets of Jeruſalem, becauſe of the famine, and the ſword, and they ſhall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their ſons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their [31] wickedneſs upon them.

[30] *Ch.* 20. 6. ¶ [31] The puniſhment of it. The evil conduct of Teachers will not excuſe their Followers, *Matth.* 15. 14. *Iſa.* 9. 16.

17 ¶ Therefore thou ſhalt ſay this word unto them, * [32] Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not ceaſe: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

* Ch. 13. 17. Lam. 1. 16. & 2. 18.

[32] *Ch.* 9. 1. See there, 3. d. Tho you ſuffer your ſelves to be deluded by your falſe Prophets, yet I am ſo well aſſured of the certainty and ſuddenneſs of theſe evils I have denounced againſt you, that I cannot but bewail your ſad condition.

18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the ſlain with the ſword; and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are ſick with famine; yea, both the prophet and the prieſt || [33] go about into a land that they know not.

|| Or, *make merchandiſe againſt a land, and* men *acknowledge* it *not*, Ch. 5. 31.

[33] Are forc't to wander in ſtrange Countries, being carried captive thither.

19 Haſt thou [34] utterly rejected Judah? hath thy ſoul lothed Zion? why haſt thou ſmitten us, and *there is* [35] no healing for us? [36] we looked for peace, and *there is* no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble.

[34] *Lam.* 5. 22. *Pſal.* 89. 39. ¶ [35] *Ch.* 8. 22. and 15. 18. ¶ [36] *Ch.* 8. 15. See there.

20 [37] We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedneſs *and* the iniquity of our fathers: for we have ſinned againſt thee.

[37] *Ch.* 3. 13, 25. *Pſal.* 106. 6. *Dan.* 9. 8.

21 Do not abhor *us*, [38] for thy names ſake, do not diſgrace [39] the throne of thy glory: [40] remember, [41] break not thy covenant with us.

[38] *Ver.* 7. ¶ [39] *Ch.* 17. 12. The Temple and Ark in it. ¶ [40] *Viz.* Thy Covenant. ¶ [41] *Pſal.* 89. 39.

22 Are there *any* among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cauſe rain? or can the heavens give ſhowers? * [42] *art* not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou haſt made all [43] theſe *things*.

* Pſal. 135. 7. Iſa. 30. 23.

[42] *Viz.* That giveſt Rain, *Ch.* 5. 24. and 51. 16. *Deut.* 28. 12. 1 *Kings* 8. 36. 2 *Chron.* 6. 27. *Job* 5. 10. and 38. 26, 28. *Pſal.* 147. 8. *Joel* 2. 23. *Zech.* 10. 1. *Matth.* 5. 45. *Acts* 14. 17. ¶ [43] *Ch.* 4. 11. The Rain and all other Seaſons.

CHAP. XV.

1 The utter rejection, and manifold judgments of the Jews. 15 Jeremiah praying, 19 receiveth a gracious promiſe.

THen ſaid the LORD unto me, Though [1] Moſes and [1] Samuel ſtood before me, *yet* my mind *could* not *be* toward this people; [2] caſt *them* out of my ſight, and let them go forth.

[1] *Ezek.* 14. 14. *Pſal.* 99. 6. *Exod.* 32. 11–14. *Numb.* 14. 19, 20. 1 *Sam.* 7. 9. ¶ [2] Declare and denounce that I'll caſt 'em out of my gracious Preſence and Protection, and they ſhall be expoſed to all ſorts of Judgments, *v.* 2.

2 And it ſhall come to paſs, if they ſay unto thee, Whither ſhall we go forth? then thou ſhalt tell them, Thus ſaith the LORD, * [3] Such as *are* for [4] death, to death; and ſuch as *are* for the ſword, to the ſword; and ſuch as *are* for the famine, to the famine; and ſuch as *are* for the captivity, to the captivity.

* Ezek. 5. 2, 12. Zech. 11. 9. [3] *Ch.* 43. 11. [4] The Peſtilence.

3 And I will [5] appoint over them four † kinds, ſaith the LORD: the ſword to ſlay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beaſts of the earth, [6] to devour and deſtroy.

† Heb. *families.*

[5] *Lev.* 26. 16. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 12. 9. *Deut.* 28. 26. *Iſa.* 18. 6.

4 And I will † cauſe them to be * [7] removed into all kingdoms of the earth; becauſe of [8] Manaſſeh the ſon of Hezekiah king of Judah, for *that* which [8] he did in Jeruſalem.

† Heb. *give them for a removing.* * Ezek. 23. 46.

[7] *Ch.* 9. 16. and 24. 9. and 29. 18. *Deut.* 28. 25. ¶ [8] 2 *Kings* 21. 9, 11, 16. and 23. 6.

5 For [9] who ſhall have pity upon thee, O Jeruſalem? or who ſhall bemone thee? or who ſhall go aſide to ask † how thou doeſt?

[9] *Iſa.* 51. 19. *Nahum* 3.-7. † Heb. *of thy peace.*

6 Thou haſt [10] forſaken me, ſaith the LORD, thou art [11] gone backward: therefore will I ſtretch out my hand againſt thee, and deſtroy thee; I am weary with repenting.

[10] *Ch.* 1. 16. & 2. 13, 19, 32. [11] *Ch.* 7.-24.

7 And I will [12] fan them with a fan in the gates of the land: I will bereave *them* of || children, I will deſtroy my people, *ſith* they return not from their ways.

|| Or, *whatſoever it dith.*

[12] Scatter 'em and drive 'em out of all their Cities.

8 Their [13] widows are [13] increaſed to me above the

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the ſand of the ſeas: I have brought upon them, ‖ [14] againſt the mother of the young men, a ſpoiler at noon-day: I have cauſed *him* to fall upon it ſuddenly, and [15] terrours upon the city.

‖ Or, *againſt the mother* city *a young man ſpoiling*, &c. or, *againſt the mother* and *the young men*, &c.

[13] Their Husbands being either ſlain, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, *Ch.* 18. 21. ¶ [14] Againſt *Jeruſalem* the Mother-city, a young man, *viz. Nebuchadnezzar*, in the prime of his ſtrength. ¶ [15] Whereupon the City ſhall be full of terrours and aſtoniſhment.

* 1 Sam. 2. 5.

9 *[16] She that hath born ſeven, languiſheth: ſhe hath given up the ghoſt, [17] her ſun is gone down while *it was* yet day: ſhe hath been aſhamed and confounded, and [18] the reſidue of them will I deliver to the ſword before their enemies, ſaith the LORD.

[16] *Jeruſalem* which was formerly very populous, is now bereav'd of her Inhabitants. ¶ [17] *Am.* 8. 9. Ruin and deſtruction is befaln her, when ſhe was in the higheſt of her proſperity. ¶ [18] Such as eſcap'd the famine and ſword.

* Job. 3. 1, &c. Chap. 20. 14.

10 ¶ * Wo is me, my mother, that thou haſt born me a [19] man of ſtrife, and a man of contention to the whole earth: I have [20] neither lent on uſury, [20] nor men have lent to me on uſury, *yet* every one of them doth curſe me.

[19] One with whom all people do contend, in regard of my denunciations of Judgment againſt 'em, as *Luke* 2. 34. *Acts* 4. 27. *Luke* 21. 17. *Acts* 28. 22. ¶ [20] Which kind of dealings frequently breed differences among Friends.

‖ Or, *intreat the enemy for thee.*

11 The LORD ſaid, Verily it ſhall be well with [21] thy remnant, verily I will ‖ cauſe the enemy to entreat thee [22] *well* in the time of evil, and in the time of affliction.

[21] With thee in the reſidue of thy life. ¶ [22] *Ch.* 39. 11, 12. and 40. 4.

12 [23] Shall iron break the northern iron, and the ſteel?

[23] *i. e.* This People of the *Jews*, tho they ſeem never ſo ſtrong in their own conceit, (*Ch.* 21. 13.) yet ſhall never be able to match or grapple with thoſe Northern Forces that I ſhall ſend upon 'em.

13 Thy ſubſtance and thy treaſures will I give to the ſpoil [24] without price, and *that* for all thy ſins, even in all thy borders.

[24] *Pſal.* 44. 12. *Iſa.* 52. 3. Without any way of redemption for 'em.

14 And I will [25] make *thee* to paſs with thine enemies into a land *which* thou knoweſt not: for [26] a fire is kindled in mine anger, *which* ſhall burn upon you.

[25] *Ch.* 17. 4. ¶ [26] *Ch.* 4. 4. *Deut.* 32. 22. *Iſa.* 42. 25.

15 ¶ O LORD, [27] thou knoweſt, [28] remember me, and viſit me, and [29] revenge me of my perſecutours, [30] take me not away in thy long-ſuffering: [31] know that for thy ſake I have ſuffered rebuke.

[27] *Viz.* My circumſtances, how 'tis with me. ¶ [28] *Neh.* 5. 19. and 13. 14, 22, 31. *Pſal.* 106. 4. ¶ [29] *Ch.* 11. 20. See there. ¶ [30] Suffer me not to be taken and deſtroyed by my Enemies, whilſt thou beareſt long with them, *Luke* 18. 7. ¶ [31] Let it appear that thou doſt know it.

† Heb. *thy name is called upon me.*

16 [32] Thy words were found, and I did [33] eat them, and [32] thy word was unto me the joy and rejoycing of mine heart, for † I [34] am called by thy name, O LORD God of hoſts.

[32] My Commiſſion to be a Prophet was very welcome to me, *Job* 23. 12. *John* 4. 34. ¶ [33] *Ezek.* 3. 1, 3. *Rev.* 10. 9. ¶ [34] Became a Prophet by thy authority.

* Pſal. 1. 1. & 26. 4, 5.

17 * I ſat not in the aſſembly of the [35] mockers, nor rejoyced: I ſat alone [36] becauſe of thy hand: for thou haſt filled me with [37] indignation.

[35] Or, *thoſe that make merry. q. d.* Tho I was chearful at firſt, yet not ſo afterwards. ¶ [36] Thy Commands, and thoſe Meſſages of Judgment I have been imployed to deliver. ¶ [37] Meſſages of wrath againſt 'em.

* Chap. 30. 15.

† Heb. *be not ſure.*

18 [38] Why is my * pain perpetual? and my wound incurable, *which* refuſeth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as [39] a liar, *and as* [39] waters *that* † fail?

[38] Why ſhould I continue perpetually in this uneaſie condition, without hopes of any change? ¶ [39] *Job* 6. 15. *&c.* Not delivering me according to thy promiſe, and putting an end to my Troubles.

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19 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith the LORD, If thou [40] return, then will I [41] bring thee again, *and* thou ſhalt [41] ſtand before me: and if thou * [42] take forth the precious from the vile, thou ſhalt be [43] as my mouth: [44] let them return unto thee, but [45] return not thou unto them.

* Ezek. 22. 26. & 44. 23.

[40] Turn from, and caſt off theſe diſtruſtful thoughts, and apply thy ſelf chearfully to the work of thy miniſtry. ¶ [41] 1 *Kin.* 17. 1. *Zech.* 3. 7. I'll continue and confirm thee in thy Prophetick Function. ¶ [42] Endeavour in thy Preaching to diſtinguiſh between hypocrites and ſincere ones, ſo as to convince the one, and comfort the other, *Lev.* 10. 10. *Ezek.* 22. 26. ¶ [43] Eſteem'd a faithful Prophet. ¶ [44] Endeavour to reduce 'em to that way of obedience thou walkeſt in. ¶ [45] Comply not with them in their ſinful courſes, nor ſooth 'em up therein.

20 And I will make thee unto this people [46] a fenced braſen wall, and they ſhall fight againſt thee, but * they ſhall not prevail againſt thee: for I *am* with thee to ſave thee, and to deliver thee, ſaith the LORD.

[46] *Ch.* 1. 18, 19. See there. * Chap. 20. 11, 12.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAP. XVI.

The Prophet foreſheweth the utter ruine of the Jews.

THE word of the LORD came alſo unto me, ſaying,

2 Thou ſhalt [1] not take thee a wife, neither ſhalt thou have ſons nor daughters in this place.

[1] By reaſon of the calamities of the times, as *Hoſ.* 9. 13, 14. *Matth.* 24. 19. *Luke* 23. 29. 1 *Cor.* 7. 26.

3 For thus ſaith the LORD concerning the ſons and concerning the daughters *that are* born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land,

4 They ſhall die of grievous [2] deaths, they ſhall [3] not be lamented, neither ſhall they be [4] buried: *but* they ſhall be as [5] dung upon the face of the earth, and they ſhall be conſumed by the [2] ſword, and by [2] famine, and their * carcaſes ſhall be [6] meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beaſts of the earth.

* Pſal. 79. 2.

[2] *Ch.* 15. 2. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 22. 18. and 25. 33. *Job* 27. 15. *Pſal.* 78. 64. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 14. 16. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 8. 2. *Pſal.* 83. 10. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 7. 33. and 34. 20.

5 For thus ſaith the LORD, * [7] Enter not into the houſe of ‖ mourning, neither go to lament, nor bemone them: for I have taken away my [8] peace from this people, ſaith the LORD, *even* loving kindneſs and mercies.

* Ezek. 24. 17. 22. ‖ Or, *mourning feaſt.*

[7] This was enjoyn'd the Prophet to foreſhew, that when the calamities foretold were come, they ſhould have little mind to concern themſelves about the ſtate of others, their own miſery being ſo great. ¶ [8] So that nothing but miſery ſhould attend 'em.

6 Both the great and the ſmall ſhall die in this land: they ſhall not be [4] buried, neither ſhall *men* [3] lament for them, nor [9] cut themſelves, nor make themſelves [10] bald for them.

[9] *Lev.* 19. 28. *Deut.* 14. 1. ¶ [10] *Iſa.* 22. 12.

‖ Or, *break bread for them*, as Ezek. 24. 17. See Deut. 26. 14. Job 42. 11.

7 Neither ſhall *men* ‖ [11] tear *themſelves* for them in mourning to comfort them for the dead, neither ſhall *men* give them the [12] cup of conſolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

[11] Rather, *deal out bread*, i. e. ſend Proviſion to them to eat with 'em. ¶ [12] Any comfortable, chearing ſort of Liquor.

8 Thou ſhalt [13] not alſo go into the houſe of feaſting, to ſit with them to eat and to drink.

[13] To note, that in thoſe times they'd be depriv'd of all ſuch merry meetings, *ver.* 9.

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9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, Behold, * I will [14] cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

* Isa. 24. 7, 8. Ezek. 26. 13. Hos. 2. 11. Rev. 18. 23.
[14] *Ch.* 7. 34. See there.

10 ¶ And it shall come to pass when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, [15] Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what *is* our iniquity? or what *is* our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?

[15] *Ch.* 5. 19. & 13. 22.

11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have [16] forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law:

[16] *Ch.* 2. 5.

12 And ye have done [17] worse then your fathers, (for behold, ye walk every one after the † imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me.)

[17] *Ch.* 7. 26.
† Heb. *stubbornness.*

13 * Therefore will I cast you out of this land, into a land that ye [18] know not, *neither* ye nor your fathers, and there shall ye serve [19] other gods day and night, where I will [20] not shew you favour.

* Deut. 4. 27.
[18] *Ch.* 15. 14. ¶ [19] *Deut.* 28. 64. ¶ [20] *Deut.* 28. 65.

14 ¶ * [21] Therefore behold, the [22] days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

* Isa. 43. 18.
[21] Or, *Notwithstanding.*
¶ [22] *Ch.* 23. 7, 8.

15 But, The LORD liveth that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the [23] north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

[23] See on *Ch.* 3. 12.
¶ [24] *Ch.* 3. -18. [24]

16 ¶ Behold, I will [25] send for many * [26] fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall [27] fish them; and after will I send for many [26] hunters, and they shall [27] hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

* Am. 4. 2. Hab. 1. 15.
[25] Cause 'em by a secret instinct of my Providence, to come against this People. ¶ [26] The *Chaldeans.* ¶ [27] Catch 'em in nets, and hunt 'em out of their hiding-places.

17 For [28] mine eyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is there iniquity hid from mine eyes.

[28] *Ch.* 32. 19. *Job* 34. 21. *Prov.* 5. 21. and 15. 3.

18 And [29] first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin [30] double; because they have defiled my land, * they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their [31] detestable and abominable things.

* Ezek. 43. 7, 9.
[29] Before I shew that favour to 'em, mentioned, *ver.* 15. ¶ [30] Abundantly, as *Ch.* 17. -18. *Isa.* 40. 2. and 61. 7. *Rev.* 18. 6. ¶ [31] Unclean beasts sacrificed to their Idols.

19 O LORD, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge [32] in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have [33] inherited lies, vanity, and *things* wherein *there is* no profit.

[31] *Ch.* 17. -19. *Psal.* 18. 1, 2. ¶ [33] Got nothing by the service of their Idols, but lies, shame and sorrow.

20 [34] Shall a man make gods unto himself, and * they *are* no gods?

* Chap. 2. 11.
[34] *q. d.* It's a most foolish and unreasonable practice for any man, much more for my own People that have been taught better, to make themselves Gods.

21 [35] Therefore behold, I will [36] this once cause them to know, [36] I will cause them to know mine hand and my might, and they shall know that * my name *is* the [37] LORD.

* Chap. 33. 2.
[35] Because my People are so addicted to Idolatry. ¶ [36] Now once for all I'll teach 'em another Lesson, by those heavy Judgments I'll bring upon them. ¶ [37] Jehovah, one that can make my words good, *Ch.* 23. 19.

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1 *The captivity of Judah for sin.* 5 *Trust in man is cursed, in God is blessed.* 9 *The deceitful heart cannot deceive God.* 12 *The salvation of God.*

1 THE sin of Judah *is* [2] written with a * pen of iron, *and* with the † point of a diamond; *it is* * [3] graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the [3] horns of your altars:

* Job. 19. 24.
† Heb. *nail.*
* Prov. 3. 3.
[2] Their promise to Idolatry is ¶ [3] so deeply rooted in their hearts, that there is little or no hope of reclaiming 'em from it. ¶ [3] Because the blood of their sacrifices offered to Idols was sprinkled there.

2 [4] Whilest their children remember their altars and their * [5] groves by the green trees upon the high hills.

* Judg. 3. 7. Isa. 1. 29. & 17. 8. Chap. 2. 20.
[4] *Ch.* 7. 18. *q. d.* And this course continues from generation to generation, while their children remember what their Parents had done before, and imitate 'em therein. ¶ [5] See on *Ex.* 34. 13.

3 [6] O my mountain in the field, [7] I will give thy substance, *and* all thy treasures to the spoil, *and* thy high places [8] for sin, throughout all thy borders.

[6] *i. e. Jerusalem* and Mount *Sion*, inviron'd with many pleasant fields. ¶ [7] *Ch.* 15. 13. ¶ [8] Where thou didst commit Idolatry.

4 And thou, even † thy self shalt [9] discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee, and I will [10] cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have [10] kindled a fire in mine anger, *which* shall burn for ever.

† Heb. *in thy self.*
[9] Cease from tilling thy Land, when thou art carried captive into a Foreign Country. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 15. 14. See there.

5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, Cursed *be* the man that [11] trusteth in man, and [12] maketh * flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

* See Isa. 31. 3.
[11] *Psal.* 146. 3. *Isa.* 2. 22. ¶ [12] Depends upon any humane power for help.

6 For he shall be like the [13] heath in the desert, and shall [14] not see when good cometh, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* [15] a salt land and not inhabited.

[13] *Ch.* 48. 6. ¶ [14] Not partake of any good; but shall both miss of that safety which they promis'd themselves by such means; and also bring upon themselves those evils they thought thereby to escape. ¶ [15] Barren and unfruitful, *Deut.* 29. 23. *Judg.* 9. 45.

7 * Blessed *is* the man that [16] trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

* Psal. 34. 8. & 125. 1. Prov. 16. 20. Isa. 30. 18.

8 For he shall be * as a tree planted [17] by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green, and shall not be [18] careful in the year of ‖ drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

[16] *Psal.* 2. -12. See there.
* Job. 8. 16.
‖ Or, *restraint.*
[17] *Psal.* 1. 3. *Ezek.* 31. 4. He shall be prosperous and successful in his undertakings. ¶ [18] How to procure moisture and become fruitful.

9 ¶ The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked, who can know it?

10 I the LORD * [19] search the heart, *I* try the reins, even [20] to give every man according to his ways, *and* [21] according to the fruit of his doings.

* 1 Chr. 28. 9. Psal. 7. 9. Prov. 17. 3. Chap. 11. 20. & 20. 12. Rom. 8. 27. Rev. 2. 23.
[19] 1 *Sam.* 16. 7. See there. ¶ [20] See on *Matth.* 16. 27. ¶ [21] *Ch.* 21. 14. and 22. 19. *Isa.* 3. 10. *Mic.* 7. 13. *i. e.* That fruit or reward which is answerable to his doings.

11 *As* the partridge ‖ sitteth *on eggs*, and hatcheth *them* not: *so* he that getteth riches and not by right, * shall [22] leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end [23] shall be a fool.

‖ Or, *gathereth* young *which she hath not brought forth.*
* Psal. 55. 23.
[22] *Prov.* 23. 5. *Luke* 12. 15. being either taken from them, (*Psal.*

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12 ¶ [24] A glorious high throne [25] from the beginning, *is* the place of our ſanctuary.

[24] *Iſa.* 6. 1. ¶ [25] From the firſt foundation of it.

13 O LORD, the [26] hope of Iſrael, all that [27] forſake thee ſhall be aſhamed, *and* they that depart [28] from me ſhall be [29] written in the earth, becauſe they have forſaken the LORD, [30] the fountain of living waters.

[26] See on *Ch.* 14. 8. ¶ [27] *Pſal.* 73. 27. *Iſa.* 1.-28. ¶ [28] From what I have deliver'd to 'em as thy Will. ¶ [29] Have their Portion in this world, and be of no long continuance. ¶ [30] *Ch.* 2. 13. See there.

14 [31] Heal me, O LORD, and I ſhall be healed; [31] ſave me, and I ſhall be ſaved: for * thou *art* [32] my praiſe.

* Deut. 10, 21.

[31] Deliver me from thoſe injuries I ſuſtain from this malicious People. ¶ [32] Who affordeſt me matter of praiſing thee continually, whom therefore I do accordingly praiſe.

15 ¶ Behold, they ſay unto me, [33] Where *is* the [34] word of the LORD? let it come now.

[33] *Ch.* 20.-7. 2 *Pet.* 3. 4. *Iſa.* 5. 19. *Am.* 5. 18. ¶ [34] The deſtruction threatned by God.

16 As for me, * I have not [35] haſtened from *being* a paſtour † [36] to follow thee, neither have I deſired the [37] woful day, thou knoweſt: [38] that which came out of my lips was *right* before thee.

* Chap. 1. 4. &c. † Heb. *after thee.*

[35] Neither been urgent for a diſcharge from this thankleſs and diſpleaſing office. ¶ [36] To deliver any meſſage from thee to 'em. ¶ [37] To be imploy'd on ſuch ſad meſſages, much leſs to ſee the execution of 'em. ¶ [38] I have ſpoken nothing but what I had warrant from thee for.

17 [39] Be not a terrour unto me, thou *art* [40] my hope in the day of evil.

[39] *q. d.* Tho they malign, terrify and perſecute me, yet do thou own and defend me. ¶ [40] *Ch.* 16. 19. *Pſal.* 31. 1-3. and 142. 5. and 143. 9.

18 [41] Let them be confounded that perſecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be diſmayed, but let not me be diſmayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and † [42] deſtroy them with [43] double deſtruction.

† Heb. *break them with a double breach.*

[41] *Pſal.* 35. 4. and 40. 14. ¶ [42] See on *Ch.* 11. 20. ¶ [43] Abundant, utter deſtruction, as *Ch.* 16. 18. See there.

19 ¶ Thus ſaid the LORD unto me, Go and ſtand [44] in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jeruſalem;

[44] *Ch.* 7. 2. & 19. 2.

20 And ſay unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, that enter in by theſe gates.

21 Thus ſaith the LORD, Take heed to your ſelves, and [45] bear no burden on the ſabbath-day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jeruſalem.

[45] *Neh.* 13. 15, 16, 19.

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houſes on the ſabbath-day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the ſabbath-day, as I [46] commanded your fathers.

[46] *Exod.* 20. 8. and 23. 12. and 31. 10, 15. *Lev.* 19. 3. and 23. 3. *Deut.* 5. 12-15.

23 * But they [47] obeyed not, neither [48] inclined their ear, but made their neck ſtiff, that they might not hear nor receive inſtruction.

* Chap. 11. 10.

[47] *Ezek.* 20. 21. ¶ [48] *Ch.* 7. 26. and 19.-15. *Zech.* 7. 11, 12.

24 And it ſhall come to paſs, if ye diligently hearken unto me, ſaith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the ſabbath-day, but hallow the ſabbath-day, to do no work therein:

25 Then ſhall there [49] enter into the gates of this city, kings and princes ſitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots, and on horſes, they and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, and this city ſhall remain [50] for ever.

[49] *Ch.* 22. 4. Continue to inhabit and be in a flouriſhing condition. ¶ [50] 2 *Sam.* 7. 16. *Pſal.* 132. 12, 14.

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26 And they ſhall come from the cities of Judah, and from * the places about Jeruſalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the ſouth, bringing burnt-offerings, and ſacrifices, and meat-offerings, and incenſe, and bringing ſacrifices of praiſe unto the houſe of the LORD.

* Chap. 32. 44.

27 But if you will not hearken unto me to hallow the ſabbath-day, and not to bear a burden, even entring in at the gates of Jeruſalem on the ſabbath-day: then * will I kindle [51] a fire in the gates thereof, and it ſhall devour the palaces of Jeruſalem, and it ſhall not be quenched.

* Chap. 49. 27 Amos. 1. 4, 7, 10, 12. & 2. 2, 5.

[51] *Ch.* 52. 13. 2 *Kings* 25. 9. 2 *Chron.* 36. 19. *Pſal.* 74. 7, 8.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Under the type of a potter, God ſheweth his abſolute power in diſpoſing of nations. 11 Judgments threatned to Judah.

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, ſaying,

2 Ariſe, and go down to the potters houſe, and there I will cauſe thee to hear my words.

3 Then I went down to the potters houſe, and behold, he wrought a work on the || wheels.

|| Or, *frames, or ſeats.*

4 And the veſſel that he made of || clay, was marred in the hand of the potter, ſo he † made it again another veſſel, as ſeemed good to the potter to make *it.*

|| Or, *was marred as clay in the hand of the potter.* † Heb. *returned and made.*

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, ſaying,

6 O houſe of Iſrael, * cannot I do with you as this potter? ſaith the LORD. Behold, * [1] as the clay *is* in the potters hand, ſo *are* ye in mine hand, O houſe of Iſrael.

* Iſa. 45. 9. Wiſd. 15. 7. * Iſa. 64. 8. [1] *Rom.* 9. 20. &c

7 *At what* inſtant I ſhall ſpeak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom to * pluck up, and to pull down, and to deſtroy *it*:

* Chap. 1. 10.

8 If that nation againſt whom I have pronounced, [2] turn from their evil, I will [3] repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

[2] *Ezek.* 18. 21. and 33. 11. ¶ [3] *Jonah* 3. 10. Repentance in Man, produces Repentance in God. See on *Gen.* 6. 6.

9 And *at what* inſtant I ſhall ſpeak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom to build and to plant *it*:

10 If it [4] do evil in my ſight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good wherewith I ſaid I would benefit them.

[4] *Ezek.* 18. 24.

11 ¶ Now therefore go to, ſpeak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I frame evil againſt you, and [5] deviſe a device againſt you: [6] return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

[5] *Mic.* 2. 3. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 3. 12. and 7. 3. and 25. 5. and 35. 15. 2 *Kings* 17. 13. *Ezek.* 18. 21. and 33. 11.

12 And they ſaid, There is [7] no hope, but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

[7] *Ch.* 2. 25.

13 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD, * [8] Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard [9] ſuch things: the virgin of Iſrael hath done a [9] very horrible thing.

* 1 Cor. 5. 1.

[8] *Ch.* 2. 10. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 2. 11. *Viz.* To forſake their God, *v.* 15.

14 Will *a man* leave || the [10] ſnow of Lebanon *which cometh* from the rock of the field? *or* ſhall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forſaken?

|| Or, *my fields for a rock*, or *for the ſnow of Lebanon? ſhall the running waters be forſaken for the ſtrange cold waters?*

[10] Some

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[10] Some refreshing Spring, issuing from a Rock, whose head is fed with the Snow of *Lebanon*.

15 Because my people hath [11] forgotten me, they have burnt incense to vanity, and [12] they have caused them to stumble in their ways *from* the [13] ancient paths, to walk in paths, *in* a way [14] not cast up;

[11] *Ch.* 2.13,32. and 3.21. and 13.25. and 17.13. ¶ [12] The false Prophets and idolatrous Priests draw the People into sinful Idolatrous courses, from that good old way the people of God have walkt in formerly. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 6.16. ¶ [14] Not fitted and designed for God's people to walk in.

16 [15] To make their land desolate, *and* a perpetual [16] hissing: every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

[15] Whereby it would come to pass that their Land should be desolate, *Ch.* 19.8. and 25.-9. ¶ [16] A wonderment, for the wrath and vengeance he'd execute upon 'em.

17 I will scatter them as with an [17] east-wind before the enemy: I will [18] shew them the back and not the face in the day of their calamity.

[17] *Ch.* 13.24. *Job* 27.21. *Psal.* 48.7. *Isa.* 27.8. ¶ [18] Turn from 'em, and not hear their Prayers.

18 ¶ [19] Then said they, Come and let us [20] devise devices against Jeremiah; * [21] for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet: come, and let us [22] smite him ‖ with the tongue, and let us [23] not give heed to any of his words.

* John 7.48,49

‖ Or, *for*.

[19] Upon delivery of these sad Messages. ¶ [20] *Ch.* 11.19. ¶ [21] *Mal.* 2.7. *q. d.* Notwithstanding all his threats, there's no fear but we shall do well enough, since we have Priests, Statesmen and Prophets, all on our side, ¶ [22] *Ch.* 20.10. and 26.11. Slander him, rail upon him, &c. ¶ [23] As *Ch.* 5.12, 13. and 43.2.

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

20 Shall evil be recompensed [24] for good? for they have [25] digged a pit for my soul: remember that [26] I stood before thee to speak good for them, *and* to turn away thy wrath from them.

[24] *Psal.* 35.12. and 109.5. ¶ [25] *Ver.* 22. *Psal.* 35.7. Laid wait to take away my life. ¶ [26] *Ch.* 15.1.

[27] See on *Ch.* 11.20.
† Heb. *pour them out.*

21 Therefore [27] deliver up their children to the famine, and † pour out their *blood* by the force of the sword, and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and *be* widows, and let their men be put to death, *let* their young men *be* slain by the sword in battel.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troup suddenly upon them, for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

† Heb. *for death.*
* Ch. 4.5.

23 Yet LORD thou knowest all their counsel against me † to slay *me*: * [28] forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal *thus* with them in the time of thine anger.

[28] *Neh.* 4.5. *Psal.* 59.-5. and 109.14,15. Punish 'em.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Under the type of breaking a potters vessel, is foreshewed the desolation of the Jews for their sins.

THus saith the LORD, Go and get a potters earthen bottle, and *take* of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests,

2 And go forth unto the valley of the son of [1] Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of the † east-gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee:

[1] See on *Isa.* 30.33.
† Heb. *sun-gate.*

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3 And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold I will bring evil upon [2] this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall [3] tingle.

[2] The State of *Judah* and *Jerusalem.* ¶ [3] 1 *Sam.* 3.11 2 *Kings* 21.12.

4 Because they * have forsaken me, and have [4] estranged this place, and have burnt incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents.

* Isa. 65.11. Ch. 2.13,17,19. & 15.6. & 17.13.

[4] Put *Jerusalem* to another use than I intended it, so that I cannot own it.

5 They have [5] built also the high places of Baal, [6] to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt-offerings unto Baal, which I [7] commanded not, nor spake *it*, neither came *it* into my mind:

[5] *Ch.* 7.31. and 32.35. 2 *Kings* 23.10. ¶ [6] See on *Lev.* 18.21. ¶ [7] *Ch.* 7.-31. and 32.-35. *Lev.* 10.-1.

6 [8] Therefore behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of [9] slaughter.

[8] *Ch.* 7.32. See there.
[9] *Ch.* 7.31,32.

7 And I will make void the [10] counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their [11] carcases will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

[10] All their little Arts and Contrivances whereby they think to escape the Judgments threatned, (*Isa.* 30.1–3. and 31.1–3.) and make 'em as vain and empty as this earthen Bottle is. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 7.33. and 16.-4. and 34.20. *Deut.* 28.26.

8 And * I will [12] make this city desolate, and an hissing: every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss, because of all the plagues thereof.

* Ch. 49.13. & 50.13.
[12] *Ch.* 18.16. See there.

9 And I will cause them to [13] eat the flesh of their sons, and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

[13] *Lev.* 26.29. *Deut.* 28.53. *Lam.* 4.10.

10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee,

11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Even so will [14] I break this people, and this city, as *one* breaketh a potters vessel that cannot be † made whole again, and they shall [15] bury *them* in Tophet, till *there* be no place to bury.

[14] *Isa.* 30.14.
† Heb. *healed.*
[15] *Ch.* 7.-32.

12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city [16] as Tophet.

13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be [17] defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all * the houses upon whose roofs they have burnt incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

[16] A place of slaughter and burials.
[17] By reason of the dead bodies there unburied
* 2 King. 23.12. Ch. 32.29.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesie, and he stood in the court of the LORDs house, and said to all the people.

15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon this city, and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have [18] hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

[18] *Ch.* 7.26. & 17.23.

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1 Pashur smiting Jeremiah, receiveth a new name, and a fearful doom. 7 Jeremiah complaineth of contempt, 10 of treachery, 14 and of his birth.

1 NOw Pashur the son of * Immer the priest, who *was* also [1] chief governour in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

* 1 Chr. 24. 14.

[1] Head of that Course then waiting in the Temple.

2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the LORD.

3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath [2] not called thy name Pashur, [3] but ‖ Magor-missabib.

‖ That is, *Fear round about.* Ch. 6. 25. & 46. 5.

[2] *i. e.* Will make thy condition such as this word signifies, as *Ch.* 23. 6. and 33. 16. *Isa.* 7. 14. and 9. 6. and 62. 4.

4 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a [3] terrour to thy self, and to all thy friends, and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and [4] thine eyes shall behold *it*, and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

[3] Inflict such punishments upon thee as shall affright both thy self and thy friends. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 39. 6.

5 Moreover, I * will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and [5] carry them to Babylon.

* 2 King. 20. 17

[5] 2 *Kings* 25. 13–16. 2 *Chr.* 36. 18.

6 And thou Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house, shall go into captivity, and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

7 ¶ O LORD, thou hast [6] deceived me, and I was ‖ deceived: thou art [7] stronger then I, and hast prevailed: I am [8] in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

‖ Or, *enticed.*

[6] Or, *Perswaded me, viz.* to undertake this Office contrary to my own inclinations, (*Ch.* 1. 6, 7, 8.) and also disappointed me of that comfort and satisfaction therein that I expected. ¶ [7] Didst use such powerful Arguments which I could not resist, and so didst over-rule me herein. ¶ [8] *Job.* 12. 4. *Psal.* 22. 7. *Lam.* 3. 14.

8 For since I [9] spake, I cried out, [10] I cried violence and spoil; [11] because the word of the LORD was made a reproch unto me, and a derision daily.

[9] Began to deliver thy message to 'em. ¶ [10] I have prophesied of nothing but misery to befal 'em. ¶ [11] Or, *Therefore.*

9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But * *his word* was in mine heart as [12] a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and * I could not *stay.*

* Job 32. 18, 19

[12] *Psal.* 39. 3. A great trouble and disquiet to me.

10 ¶ [13] For I heard the [14] defaming of many, [15] fear on every side: [16] Report, *say they*, and we will report it: † all my familiars [17] watched for my halting, *saying*, Peradventure he will be [18] enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

* Job. 32. 18. † Heb. *Every man of my peace.*

[13] *q. d.* I resolved to be silent because —— ¶ [14] *Psal.* 31. 13. See there. The slanders and false accusations they brought against me. ¶ [15] See on *Psal.* 31. 13. ¶ [16] *Ch.* 18. 18. ¶ [17] *Job* 19. 19. *Psal.* 41. 9. *Ch.* 5. 26. ¶ [18] *Viz.* To utter something that we may lay hold on to accuse him for.

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11 But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty [19] terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall [20] stumble, and they shall [21] not prevail, they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper; *their* [22] everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

[19] Able to terrifie the most terrible among 'em. ¶ [20] *Ch.* 18. 23. *Psal.* 27. 2. ¶ [21] *Ch.* 15. 20. and 17. 18. ¶ [22] *Ch.* 23. 40. and 17. 18.

12 But, O LORD of hosts that [23] triest the righteous, *and* seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

[23] *Ch.* 11. 20.

13 [24] Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evil doers.

[24] *Psal.* 42. 5, 11. & 43. 5.

14 ¶ [25] Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

[25] *Ch.* 15. 10. *Job* 3. 3–16.

15 Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man-child is born unto thee, making him very glad.

16 And let that man be as the cities * which the LORD [26] overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the [27] cry in the morning, and the [27] shouting at noontide:

* Gen. 19. 25.

[26] *Deut.* 29. 23. *Amos* 4. 11. ¶ [27] *Viz.* Of Enemies breaking in upon him.

17 Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always great *with me.*

18 [28] Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

[28] *Job* 5. 10.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Zedekiah enquireth the event of Nebuchadrezzars war. 3 Jeremiah foretelleth a hard siege, and miserable captivity.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah [1] sent unto him Pashur the son Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,

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[1] *Ch.* 37. 3. and 38. 14. The wicked seek to God many times in distress, *Exod.* 9. 28.

2 [2] Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us, (for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon [3] maketh war against us) if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his [4] wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

[2] Or, *Intreat the Lord for us.* ¶ [3] *Ver.* 4. 2 *Kings* 25. 1, 2. ¶ [4] 2 *Chron.* 30. 20, 21.

3 ¶ Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah,

4 Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5 And I my self will fight against you with an [5] out-stretched hand, and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

[5] *Exod.* 6. 6. *Psal.* 136. 12. *Josh.* 8. 18, 19, 26. *Isa.* 9. 12, 21.

6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

7 And afterwards, saith the LORD, I will [6] deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and *such as are* left in this city, from the pestilence, from the sword, and

Chap. 22. and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life, and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword: he shall [7] not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

[6] *Ch.* 34. 20, 21. ¶ [7] 2 *Chron.* 36. 17. *Isa.* 47.-6. *Lam.* 5. 12, 13.

8 ¶ And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I set before you the way [8] of life, and the way [8] of death.

[8] *Deut.* 30. 19. How you may escape with your lives; or otherwise you shall be slain, *v.* 9.

9 He that abideth in this city, shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be [9] unto him for a prey.

[9] *Ch.* 38.-2. and 39. 18. and 45.-5. Secured by him, and he shall still have possession of it.

10 For I have [10] set my face against this city [11] for evil, and [11] not for good, saith the LORD; it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall [12] burn it with fire.

[10] *Lev.* 17. 10. and 20. 3, 5. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 39. 16. and 44. 11, 27. *Amos* 9. 4. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 39. 8.

[13] Courtiers, Ministers of State and Magistrates.

11 ¶ And touching the [13] house of the king of Judah, *say*, Hear ye the word of the LORD.

12 O house of David, thus saith the LORD, † [14] execute judgment in [15] the morning, and [16] deliver *him that is* spoiled, out of the hand of the oppressor, [17] lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

† Heb. *Judge.*

[14] *Ch.* 22. 3. ¶ [15] *Psal.* 101. 8. *Exod.* 18. 13. ¶ [16] *Psal.* 72. 4, 12, 13. and 82. 3, 4. ¶ [17] *Ch.* 4.-4. and 17. 27.

13 Behold, [18] I *am* against thee, O † inhabitant of the [19] valley, *and* [20] rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, [21] Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations.

† Heb. *inhabitress.*

[18] *Ver.* 5. *ch.* 23. 30.-32. and 50. 31. and 51. 25. ¶ [19] *Jerusalem*, *Isa.* 22. 1. *Psal.* 137. 2. ¶ [20] Which stood partly upon a little Rock in the Plain. ¶ [21] *Obad.* 3, 4.

† Heb. *visit upon.*

* Prov. 1. 31.

14 But I will † punish you according to [22] the * fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the [23] forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

[22] See on *ch.* 17.-10. ¶ [23] The stately Palaces built with Timber from *Lebanon*, *Ch.* 17.-27.

CHAP. XXII.

1 He exhorteth to repentance with promises and threats. 10 The judgment of Shallum, 13 of Jehoiakim, 20 and of Coniah.

3394. THus saith the LORD, Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

2 And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates;

3 Thus saith the LORD, [1] Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and [1] deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressour: and do no wrong, do no violence to the [2] stranger, the [2] fatherless, nor the [2] widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

[1] *Ch.* 21. 12. ¶ [2] God has a special care of them who are least able to defend themselves.

[3] See on *Ch.* 17. 25.

† Heb. *for David upon his throne.*

4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there [3] enter in by the gates of this house, kings sitting † upon the throne of David, riding in chariots, and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

5 But if ye will not hear these words, I Chap. 22. swear [4] by myself, saith the LORD, that [5] this house shall become a desolation.

[4] *Heb.* 6. 12, 17, 18. ¶ [5] The Kings Court and Palace.

6 For thus saith the LORD unto the kings house of Judah, [6] Thou *art* Gilead unto me, *and* the head of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make thee a wilderness, *and* cities *which* are not inhabited.

[6] Or, *Tho thou be as* Gilead, *viz.* for Wealth (*Gen.* 37. 25. *Numb.* 32. 1.) *and like the head, or top of* Lebanon, *viz.* for Stateliness.

7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons, and they shall [7] cut down * thy [8] choice cedars, and cast *them* into the fire. * Ch. 21. 14.

[7] *Isa.* 10. 34. ¶ [8] Stately buildings made with the choicest Cedars.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, [9] Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?

9 [9] Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them. [9] *Deut.* 29. 24, 25. 1 *Kings* 9. 8, 9. *Lam.* 4. 12.

10 ¶ Weep ye [10] not for the [11] dead, neither bemone him, *but* weep sore for him that [12] goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native countrey.

[10] Not so much. ¶ [11] *Josiah*, (for whom there was great lamentation, 2 *Chron.* 35. 24, 25.) ¶ [12] *Shallum* or *Jehoahaz*, going into captivity, 2 *Kings* 23. 31–33.

11 For thus saith the LORD touching Shallum, the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place, He shall not return thither any more: 3394.

12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 ¶ [13] Wo unto [14] him that [15] buildeth his house by [16] unrighteousness, and his chambers by [16] wrong; *that* useth his neighbours service [17] without wages, and giveth him not for his work;

[13] *Isa.* 5. 8. *Hab.* 2. 9, 12. ¶ [14] *Jehoiakim*, *v.* 18. ¶ [15] Seeks to establish his Family. ¶ [16] *Mich.* 3. 10. ¶ [17] *Lev.* 19. 13. *Deut.* 24. 14, 15. *Jam.* 5. 4.

† Heb. *throughaired.*

‖ Or, *my windows.*

[18] Wainscoted.

14 That saith, I will build me a wide house, and † large chambers, and cutteth him out ‖ windows, and *it is* [18] cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

15 Shalt thou reign because thou closest *thy self* in cedar? did not thy [19] father [19] eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, *and* then *it was* [20] well with him?

[19] *Josiah*, live chearfully and comfortably. ¶ [20] *Prov.* 16.-12. and 20. 28. and 29. 4, 14.

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy, then *it was* well *with him*: [21] *was* not this to know me? saith the LORD.

[21] *q. d.* Hereby he did manifest that his profession of respect to me was sincere.

17 But thine eyes and thine heart *are* not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for ‖ violence to do *it*.

‖ Or, *incursion.*

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18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, They shall [22] not lament for him, *saying*, Ah my brother, or ah my sister: they shall not lament for him, *saying*, [23] Ah lord, or ah his glory.

[22] *Ch.* 16. 6. and 34. 5.

[23] *Ch.* 34. 5.

19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and [24] cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

[24] *Ch.* 36. 30. *Isa.* 14. 19.

20 [25] ¶ Go

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20 [25] ¶ Go up to Lebanon, and cry, and lift up thy voice in Baſhan, and cry from the paſſages: for all thy [26] lovers are deſtroyed.

[25] He directs his ſpeech to *Jeruſalem* or the Jewiſh ſtate, *q. d.* O ye Jews, call aloud to your friends, to help you at this time of need, but all will be to no purpoſe. ¶ [26] Friends and Allies, upon whom thou reliedſt for ſupport.

† Heb. *proſperities.*

21 I ſpake unto thee in thy † proſperity, *but* thou ſaidſt, [27] I will not hear: this *hath been* thy manner [28] from thy youth, that thou obeyedſt not my voice.

[27] *Ch.* 6. 17. and 7. 23. *&c.* ¶ [28] *Ch.* 32. 30. *Deut.* 9. 7. and 31. 27. *Iſa.* 48. 8.

22 [29] The wind ſhall eat up all thy paſtours, and thy [26] lovers ſhall go into captivity, ſurely then ſhalt thou be aſhamed and confounded for all thy wickedneſs.

[29] Thy Rulers ſhall be blaſted, as Corn or Fruit is with the Wind.

† Heb. *inhabiteſs.*

23 O † inhabitant of [30] Lebanon, that [30] makeſt thy neſt in the cedars, [31] how gracious ſhalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail?

[30] Dwelleſt in houſes made of Cedar, *ver.* 14, 15. ¶ [31] *Ch.* 4. 31. and 6. 24. What favour wilt thou find, when theſe judgments come upon thee ſuddenly and unavoidably?

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24 *As* I live, ſaith the LORD, though * Coniah the ſon of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the * [32] ſignet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence,

*See 2 Kin. 24. 6.

* Hag. 2. 23.

[32] *Cant.* 8. 6. Very dear to me.

25 And I will give thee into the hand of them that ſeek thy life, and into the hand *of them* whoſe face thou feareſt, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

[33] 2 *Kin.* 24. 12.

26 And I will caſt [33] thee out, and thy [33] mother that bare thee, into another countrey where ye were not born, and there ſhall ye die.

† Heb. *lift up their mind.*

27 But to the land whereunto they † [34] deſire to return, thither ſhall they not return.

[34] So *Ch.* 44. 14.

28 [35] *Is* this man Coniah a deſpiſed broken idol? *is he* * a veſſel wherein *is* no pleaſure? wherefore are they caſt out, he and his [36] ſeed, and are caſt into a land which they know not?

* Chap. 48. 38. Hoſ. 8. 8.

[35] *q. d.* How comes it to paſs that he is thus uſed? as *Ch.* 2. 14.–17. ¶ [36] Begotten in Captivity, *Matth.* 1. 12.

29 [37] O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

[37] *Ch.* 6. 19. *Deut.* 30. 19. and 32. 1. *Iſa.* 1. 2. It's thrice repeated to make the deeper impreſſion upon the hearts of this ſtubborn People.

30 Thus ſaith the LORD, Write ye this man [38] childleſs, a man *that* ſhall not proſper in his days: for no man of his ſeed ſhall proſper, ſitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

[38] *Viz.* In reſpect of their ſitting upon his Throne, and enjoying his Kingdom, which none of 'em did. *ver.* 30.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 He propheſieth a reſtauration of the ſcattered flock. 5 Chriſt ſhall rule and ſave them. 9 Againſt falſe prophets.

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* WO be unto the [1] paſtours that [2] deſtroy and [3] ſcatter the ſheep of my paſture, ſaith the LORD.

[1] Civil Rulers and Magiſtrates. ¶ [2] *Ezek.* 22. 27. and 34. 3. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 50. 6. *Ezek.* 34. 5, 6, 21.

2 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael againſt the paſtours that [4] feed my people, Ye have ſcattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not [5] viſited them; behold, [6] I will viſit upon you the evil of your doings, ſaith the LORD.

[4] Whoſe office and duty it is to feed. ¶ [5] Taken any notice of their wants, or care to ſupply 'em. ¶ [6] *Ezek.* 34. 8–10.

3 And I will [7] gather the remnant of my flock, out of all countreys whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds, and they ſhall be fruitful and increaſe.

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[7] *Ezek.* 34. 11, &c.

4 And I will ſet up [8] ſhepherds over them which ſhall feed them, and they ſhall fear no more, nor be diſmayed, neither ſhall they be [9] lacking, ſaith the LORD.

[8] *Ch.* 3. 15. *Nehemiah, Zorobabel*, &c. as alſo Chriſtian Princes and Rulers under the Goſpel. ¶ [9] *John* 10. 23.

5 ¶ Behold, * the days come, ſaith the LORD, that I will raiſe unto David a [10] righteous branch, and [11] a king ſhall reign and proſper, and ſhall execute judgment and juſtice in the earth.

* Iſa. 4. 2. & 11. 1. & 40. 11. Dan. 9. 24. Zech. 3. 8. & 6. 12. John 1. 45.

[10] *Ch.* 33. 14, 15. *Iſa.* 4. 2. and 45. 8. One who ſhall govern righteouſly. ¶ [11] Chriſt (*John* 1. 49. *Rev.* 19. 16.) who ſhall be ſucceſsful in all his undertakings, *Pſal.* 45. 4. *Rev.* 6. 2. This whole paſſage ſeems chiefly to relate to Chriſts Kingly Office.

6 * [12] In his days Judah ſhall be [13] ſaved, and Iſrael ſhall dwell ſafely: and this *is* his name whereby he ſhall be called, † THE LORD [14] OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

* Deut. 33. 28.

† Heb. *Jehovatſidkenu.*

[12] *Ch.* 33. 16. Here he ſhews the effects of his Government as to his Church and People. ¶ [13] *Iſa.* 33. 22. From their ſins, (*Matth.* 1. 21.) and other ſpiritual enemies, *Luke* 1. 74. *Gal.* 1. 4. ¶ [14] (1.) Who executes judgment and righteouſneſs for us, in dealing with us according to his covenant, and vindicating our cauſe, and taking our part, againſt thoſe that deal unjuſtly and unrighteouſly with us, and delivering us out of their hands, and bringing us to our own land again, *ver.* 7, 8. (2.) The procurer and beſtower of all that righteouſneſs and holineſs that is in us, *Iſa.* 45. 24. 1 *Cor.* 1. 30.

7 [15] Therefore behold, the days come, ſaith the LORD, that they ſhall no more ſay, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Iſrael out of the land of Egypt:

[15] *Ch.* 16. 14, 15.

8 But, the LORD liveth, which brought up, and which led the ſeed of the houſe of Iſrael out of the north-countrey, and from all countreys whither I had driven them, and they ſhall dwell in their own land.

9 ¶ Mine heart within me is [16] broken, becauſe of the prophets, all my bones [16] ſhake: I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome; becauſe of the LORD, and becauſe of the [17] words of his holineſs.

[16] By reaſon of thoſe Judgments he foreſaw coming upon 'em for their deluding the People, and drawing 'em into ſin, *ver.* 10–14. *Ch.* 14. 13–16. ¶ [17] Threatnings proceeding from him, as he is an enemy of all wickedneſs, which thoſe falſe Prophets did ſo much countenance and encourage, *ver.* 10. &c.

10 For the land is full of [18] adulterers, for becauſe of ‖ ſwearing the land mourneth: * the pleaſant places of the wilderneſs are dried up, and their ‖ courſe is [19] evil, and [20] their force *is* not right.

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‖ Or, *curſing.*

* Chap. 9. 10. & 12. 4.

‖ Or, *violence.*

[18] *Ch.* 9. 2. ¶ [19] Notwithſtanding Gods hand is ſo heavy upon 'em, *Ch.* 5. 3. *Iſa.* 26. 9, 11. ¶ [20] Their courage is not exerciſed in maintenance of that which is right, but on the contrary, they employ all their might in that which is evil, *Ch.* 9. 3.

11 For * both prophet and prieſt are [21] profane, yea, * [22] in my houſe have I found their wickedneſs, ſaith the LORD.

* Chap. 6. 13. & 8. 10. Zeph. 3. 4.

* Chap. 11. 15.

[21] *Ver.* 14, 15. ¶ [22] *Ch.* 7. 10, 11. 2 *Chron.* 36. 14. *Ezek.* 7. 20. and 8. 5. &c.

12 Wherefore * their way ſhall be unto them as [23] ſlippery *ways* in the darkneſs: they ſhall be driven on and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the [24] year of their viſitation, ſaith the LORD.

* Prov. 4. 19. Chap. 13. 16.

[23] *Pſal.* 35. 6.

[24] *Ch.* 48. –44. and 50. –27.

13 And I have ſeen ‖ † [25] folly in the prophets of Samaria; they have propheſied [26] in Baal, and cauſed my people Iſrael to [27] err.

‖ Or, *an abſurd thing.*

† Heb. *unſavoury.*

[25] *Lam.* 2. 14. ¶ [26] In the name of *Baal.* ¶ [27] 2 *Kings* 18. 18, 21.

14 I have ſeen alſo in the prophets of Jeruſalem ‖ an horrible thing: they [28] commit adultery,

‖ Or, *filthineſs.*

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tery, and [29] walk in lies: they [30] ſtrengthen alſo the hands of evil doers, that none doth return from his wickedneſs: they are all of them unto me as [31] Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as [31] Gomorrah.

[28] *Ch.* 29. 23. ¶ [29] *Ver.* 25, 26. *Ch.* 14. 14. Drive a trade of lying and falſhood. ¶ [30] *Ezek.* 13. -22. Encourage 'em in their ſins, by promiſing 'em impunity therein, *ver.* 17. ¶ [31] *Deut.* 32. 32. *Iſa.* 1. 10. *Ezek.* 16. 46.

15 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts concerning the prophets, Behold, I will feed them with [32] wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jeruſalem ‖ is [33] profaneneſs gone forth into all the land.

‖ Or, *hypocriſie.*

[32] *Ch.* 8. 14. and 9. 15. ¶ [33] *Ver.* 11. Either by reaſon of their Licentious Doctrine, or looſe Lives.

16 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, [34] Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that propheſie unto you; they [35] make you vain: they ſpeak a viſion of [36] their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of the LORD.

[34] *Ch.* 27. 9, 14, 16, 17. ¶ [35] *Ch.* 2. -5. 2 *Kings* 17. 15. *Pſal.* 62. 10. *Rom.* 1. 21. Made you truſt in vain things that will deceive you. ¶ [36] *Ch.* 14. 14.

17 They ſay ſtill unto them that deſpiſe me, The LORD hath ſaid, * Ye ſhall have [37] peace; and they ſay unto every one that walketh after the ‖ imagination of his own heart, No evil ſhall come upon you.

* Zech. 10. 2.
‖ Or, *ſtubbornneſs.*
[37] *Ch.* 6. 14. *Ezek.* 13. 10, 22.

18 For * [38] who hath ſtood in the ‖ counſel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard *it*?

* Job 15. 8.
‖ Or, *ſecret.*
[38] *Job* 15. 8. Who beſides our ſelves have been acquainted with the mind of God, to deliver any other meſſage than what we have done? So 1 *Kings* 22. 24.

19 Behold, [39] a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind, it ſhall fall grievouſly upon the head of the wicked.

[39] *Ch.* 25. 32. and 30. 23. A grievous ſtorm of judgment is coming.

20 [40] The anger of the LORD ſhall [41] not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: [42] in the latter days ye ſhall conſider it perfectly.

[40] *Ch.* 30. 24. ¶ [41] *Iſa.* 55. 11. 1 *Sam.* 3. 12. ¶ [42] *q. d.* Tho now at preſent ye diſregard, and disbelieve my words, yet hereafter when you ſhall ſee 'em accompliſht, then you ſhall be of another mind.

[43] *Ch.* 14. 14. and 17. 15. and 29. 9.

21 I have [43] not ſent theſe prophets, yet they ran: I have not ſpoken to them, yet they propheſied.

22 But if they had [44] ſtood in my counſel, and had cauſed my people to hear my words, then they ſhould have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

[44] Been acquainted by me, with my will and pleaſure.

23 *Am* I a God [45] at hand, ſaith the LORD, and not [46] a God afar off?

[45] Whoſe Preſence is confin'd only to Heaven, that ſeems nearer to me, and take notice only of what is done there. ¶ [46] To obſerve what is done upon earth alſo, which ſeems further from me, *Pſal.* 113. 6. *Ezek.* 8. 12.

24 Can any [47] hide himſelf in ſecret places that I ſhall not ſee him? ſaith the LORD: do not [48] I fill heaven and earth? ſaith the LORD.

[47] *Pſal.* 139. 7–12. and 90. 8. *Am.* 9. 2, 3. ¶ [48] 1 *Kings* 8. 27.

25 I have heard what the prophets ſaid, that propheſie lies in my name, ſaying, [49] I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

[49] God hath reveal'd his mind to me by a Dream, *Numb.* 12. 6.

[50] Will they never give over this Trade?

26 [50] How long ſhall *this* be in the heart of the Prophets that propheſie lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27 Which think to cauſe my people to forget [51] my name by their dreams which they [52] tell every man to his neighbour, as [53] their fathers have forgotten my name, for Baal.

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[51] My Word delivered to them by my Prophets, and my Works wrought for them and their Fathers. ¶ [52] As divine Revelations from me. ¶ [53] *Judg.* 3. 7. and 8. 34.

28 The prophet † that hath a dream, let him tell [54] a dream; and he that hath my word, let him ſpeak my word [55] faithfully: [56] what *is* the chaff to the wheat? ſaith the LORD.

† Heb. *with whom* is.

[54] Tell it as a dream, and a thing not to be heeded. ¶ [55] 2 *Cor.* 2. 17. 1 *Pet.* 2. 2. and 4. 10, 11. [56] *q. d.* There's no compariſon between my words, and thoſe dreams of the falſe Prophets; and therefore they ſhould not be mingled together.

29 *Is* not my word [57] like as a fire? ſaith the LORD: and like a hammer *that* breaketh the [58] rock in pieces?

[57] Powerful to conſume the Droſs and burn up the Chaff and Stubble, *Ch.* 5. 14. *Heb.* 4. 12. [58] The hardeſt and moſt obſtinate heart, *Zech.* 7. 12.

30 Therefore behold, * I *am* againſt the prophets, ſaith the LORD, that [59] ſteal my words every one from his neighbour.

* Deut. 18. 20. Chap. 14. 14, 15.

[59] *Matth.* 13. 19. By their cunning inſinuations make the People to diſregard thoſe meſſages that are brought by the true Prophets, which before they ſeem to be affected with.

31 Behold, I *am* againſt the prophets, ſaith the LORD, that ‖ uſe their tongues, and ſay, He ſaith.

‖ Or, *ſmooth.*

32 Behold, I *am* againſt them that propheſie falſe dreams, ſaith the LORD, and do tell them, and cauſe my people to err by their lies and by their † lightneſs, yet I ſent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they ſhall [60] not profit this people at all, ſaith the LORD.

† *Zeph.* 3. 4. Looſe and lewd carriage. ¶ [60] None can expect Gods bleſſing upon their Miniſtry, that are not called by God to that work.

33 ¶ And when this people, or the prophet, or a prieſt [61] ſhall ask thee, ſaying, [62] What *is* the burden of the LORD? thou ſhalt then ſay unto them, What burden? I will even [63] forſake you, ſaith the LORD.

[61] In a ſcornful way. ¶ [62] What ill news next have you for us? ¶ [63] *Ch.* 12. 7. *Hoſ.* 9. 12.

34 And *as for* the prophet, and the prieſt, and the people that ſhall ſay, The burden of the LORD, I will even † puniſh that man and his houſe.

† Heb. *viſit upon.*

35 [64] Thus ſhall ye ſay every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD anſwered? and, What hath the LORD ſpoken?

[64] *q. d.* You ſhall ſpeak with great reſpect and reverence concerning my Word for the time to come.

36 And the burden of the LORD ſhall ye mention [65] no more: for [66] every mans word ſhall be his burden: for ye have [67] perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hoſts our God.

[65] *Viz.* In that manner. ¶ [66] Theſe irreverent ſpeeches which are in every mans mouth ſhall pull down judgments upon their heads. ¶ [67] Derided or miſinterpreted.

37 [64] Thus ſhalt thou ſay to the prophet, What hath the LORD anſwered thee? and, What hath the LORD ſpoken?

38 But ſith ye ſay, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus ſaith the LORD, Becauſe you ſay this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have ſent unto you, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſay, The burden of the LORD:

39 Therefore behold, I, even I will utterly forget you, and I will forſake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, *and caſt you* out of my preſence.

40 And I will bring an [68] everlaſting reproch upon you, and a perpetual ſhame, which ſhall not be forgotten.

[61] *Ch.* 20. 11.

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CHAP. XXIV.

1 By good and bad figs, 4 he foreſheweth the reſtauration from captivity, 8 and the deſolation of Zedekiah and the reſt.

THE LORD ſhewed me, and behold two baskets of figs *were* ſet before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had [1] carried away captive * Jeconiah the ſon of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and ſmiths from Jeruſalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

* See Chap. 22. 24. &c.

[1] *Ch.* 29. 2. 2 *Kings* 24. 12. *&c.* 2 *Chron.* 36. 10.

2 One basket *had* very good figs, *even* like the figs *that are* firſt ripe: and the other basket *had* very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, † they were ſo bad.

† Heb. *for badneſs.*

3 Then ſaid the LORD unto me, What ſeeſt thou, Jeremiah? and I ſaid, Figs: the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are ſo evil.

4 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

5 Thus ſaith the LORD the God of Iſrael, Like theſe good figs, ſo will I [2] acknowledge † them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have ſent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans [3] for *their* good.

† Heb. *the captivity.*

[2] Take care of 'em, and ſhew kindneſs to 'em, *ver.* 6, 7. ¶ [3] *Ver.* 6. *Heb.* 12. 10. *Pſal.* 119. 67, 71. *Rom.* 8. 28.

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6 For I will ſet mine eyes upon them for good, and I will [4] bring them again to this land, and I will [5] build them, and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up.

[4] *Ch.* 33. 7. [5] *Ch.* 42. 10.

7 And I will give them an heart to [6] know me, that I *am* the LORD, and they ſhall be [7] my people, and I will be their God: for they ſhall return unto me with their [8] whole heart.

[6] *Ch.* 32. 39. *Deut.* 30. 6. *Ezek.* 11. 19. and 36. 26, 27. ¶ [7] *Ch.* 7. 23. and 30. 22. and 31. 33. and 32. 38. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 29. 13. *Pſal.* 119. 2, 10.

8 ¶ And as the [9] evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are ſo evil: (ſurely thus ſaith the LORD) ſo will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the reſidue of Jeruſalem that remain in this land, and them that [10] dwell in the land of Egypt.

[9] *Ch.* 29. 17.

[10] *Ch.* 43. and 44.

3416. 9 And I will deliver them † to be [11] removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for *their* hurt, *to be* a reproch and a proverb, a taunt and a curſe in all places whither I ſhall drive them.

† Heb. *for removing*, or *vexation.*

[11] *Ch.* 15. 4. *Deut.* 28. 25, 37. 1 *Kings* 9. 7. 2 *Chron.* 7. 20.

10 And I will ſend the ſword, the famine, and the peſtilence among them, till they be conſumed from off the land, that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Jeremiah reproving the Jews diſobedience to the prophets, 8 foretelleth the ſeventy years captivity, 12 and after that, the deſtruction of Babylon.

3397. THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah, that *was* the [1] firſt year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon:

[1] *Viz.* Of his Abſolute Reign, after his Fathers death.

2 The which Jeremiah the prophet ſpake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, ſaying,

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3 From the [2] thirteenth year of Joſiah the ſon of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day (that *is* the [3] three and twentieth year) the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have ſpoken unto you, [4] riſing early and ſpeaking, * but ye have not hearkened.

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* Chap. 11. 7, 8; 10. & 13. 10, 11. and 16. 12. & 17. 23. & 18. 12. & 19. 15. & 22. 21.

[2] *Ch.* 1. 2. ¶ [3] *Viz.* Of his Propheſying. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 7. 13, 25.

4 And the LORD hath ſent unto you [5] all his ſervants the prophets, [4] riſing early and ſending *them*, but ye have [6] not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

[5] *Ch.* 29. 19. [6] *Ch.* 7. 24, 26.

5 They ſaid, [7] Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers, [8] for ever and ever:

[7] *Ch.* 18. 11. and 35. 15. 2 *Kings* 17. 13. *Jon.* 3. 8. ¶ [8] From generation to generation.

6 And go not after [9] other gods to ſerve them, and to worſhip them, and [10] provoke me not to anger with the [11] works of your hands, and I will do you [12] no hurt.

[9] *Ch.* 16. 11. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 7. 19. ¶ [11] Your wicked courſes, *ver.* 14, and particularly your Idols, *Ch.* 44. 8. ¶ [12] Not bring upon you the evils threatned, *Ch.* 18. 8.

7 Yet ye have [13] not hearkened unto me, ſaith the LORD; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, to your own hurt.

[13] *Rom.* 10. 16, 18, 19.

8 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, Becauſe ye have not heard my words,

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9 Behold, I will [14] ſend and [14] take all [15] the families of the north, ſaith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon * [16] my ſervant, and will bring them againſt this land, and againſt the inhabitants thereof, and againſt all theſe nations round about, and will utterly deſtroy them, and * make them an [17] aſtoniſhment, and an [17] hiſſing, and perpetual deſolations.

* See Iſa. 44. 28. & 45. 1. Ch. 49. 2.

* Chap. 18. 16.

[14] *Iſa.* 13. 3, 4. ¶ [15] *Ch.* 1. 15 Thoſe of the ſeveral kingdoms and Nations ſubject to the King of *Babylon*. ¶ [16] *Ch.* 27. 6. and 43. 10. Employ'd by me in this ſervice, *Ezek.* 29. 18, 20. ¶ [17] *Ver.* 18. *Ch.* 19. 8.

10 Moreover, I will † [18] take from them the * voice of mirth, and the voice of gladneſs, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the [19] ſound of the milſtones, and the light of the candle.

† Heb. *cauſe to periſh from them.*

* Iſa. 24. 7.

[18] *Ch.* 7. 34. and 16. 9. and 33. 11. and *Ezek.* 26. 13. *Hoſ.* 2. 11. *Rev.* 18. 22, 23. [19] Their neceſſary Proviſions.

11 And this whole land ſhall be a deſolation, *and* an aſtoniſhment; and theſe nations ſhall ſerve the king of Babylon [20] ſeventy years.

[20] *Ezra* 1. 1. Beginning at the Captivity of *Jechonia*, or *Jehoiachim*, (*Ch.* 22. 24–26.) in the eighth year of *Nebuchadnezzar's* Reign.

12 And it ſhall come to paſs * when ſeventy years are [21] accompliſhed, *that* I will † puniſh the king of Babylon, and that nation, ſaith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it [22] perpetual deſolations.

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* 2 Chr. 36. 21, 22. Ezra 1. 1. Dan. 9. 2.

† Heb. *viſit upon.*

[21] *Ch.* 29. 10. [22] *Ch.* 50. 40. and 51. 26. *Iſa.* 13. 19. and 14. 23.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced againſt it, *even* all *that is* written in this book, which Jeremiah hath propheſied againſt all the nations.

14 For [23] many nations and [24] great kings ſhall [25] ſerve themſelves of them alſo: and I will [26] recompenſe them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

[23] *Medes* and *Perſians*, with others ſerving under them, *Iſa.* 13. 4. *Dan.* 5. 28. ¶ [24] *Darius* and *Cyrus*, *Iſa.* 45. 1. ¶ [25] *Ch.* 27. 7. and 34. 9. Bring 'em into bondage, to be their ſervants. ¶ [26] *Pſal.* 51. 24.

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15 ¶ For thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael unto me, [27] Take the * [28] wine-cup of this fury at my hand, and [27] cauſe all the nations to whom I ſend thee, to drink it.

* Job 21. 20.

[27] *Ch.* 1. 10. See there. Propheſie unto 'em that dreadful Judgments ſhall befal 'em, *v.* 30. ¶ [28] *Pſal.* 11. 6. and 60. 3. and 75. 8. *Iſa.* 51. 17, 22. *Ezek.* 23. 32–34. *Rev.* 14. 10, 11.

16 And they [29] ſhall drink, and be [30] moved, and be [30] mad, becauſe of the ſword that I will ſend among them.

[29] *Ezek.* 23. 34. *Nah.* 3. 4. *viz.* Whether they will or no, *v.* 28. ¶ [30] *Ch.* 51. 7. Be fretful and impatient under theſe Judgments, *Rev.* 16. 9, 11.

17 Then took I the cup at the LORDs hand, and [31] made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had ſent me:

[31] Denounc't theſe Judgments againſt 'em.

18 *To wit,* [32] Jeruſalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a [33] deſolation, an aſtoniſhment, an hiſſing, and a curſe, [34] (as *it is* this day)

[32] *Ver.* 29. 1 *Pet.* 4. 27. ¶ [33] *Ver.* 9. *Ch.* 24. 9. ¶ [34] Begun already to be executed (*v.* 29.) and ſo roſe higher and higher by degrees till it was fully perform'd.

19 [35] Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his ſervants, and his princes, and all his people,

[35] *Ch.* 46. *Ezek.* 29. and 30. and 31.

20 And all the [36] mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and * all the kings of the land of the Philiſtines, and Aſhkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and * the remnant of Aſhdod,

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* See Iſa. 20. 1.

[36] *Ver.* 24. *ch.* 50. 37. *Ezek.* 30. 5. Thoſe of the Neighbour Nations that either ſerved in their Wars, or traded with 'em.

21 [37] Edom, and [38] Moab, and the children of * Ammon,

[37] *Ch.* 49. 7, &c. [38] *Ch.* 48. * Chap. 49. 1.

22 And all the [39] kings of [40] Tyre, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the ‖ iſles, which *are* [41] beyond the * ſea,

‖ Or, *region by the ſea-ſide.* * Chap. 49. 23.

[39] Princes and Rulers. ¶ [40] *Ch.* 47. 4. ¶ [41] Thoſe parts of *Syria* that coaſted all along upon the Midland Sea.

23 * Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all † *that are* in the utmoſt corners,

* Chap. 49. 8, 28. † Heb. *cut off into corners,* or *having the corners* of the hair *polled,* Chap. 9. 26.

24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of * the mingled people that dwell in the deſert,

* Ezek. 30. 5.

25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of [42] Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

[42] *Ch.* 49. 34.

26 And all the kings of the [43] north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth; and the king of [44] Sheſhach ſhall drink after them.

[43] Under the *Chaldean* Government. ¶ [44] *Babylon, ch.* 51. 41. See there.

27 Therefore thou ſhalt ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, [45] Drink ye and * be drunken, and ſpue and fall, and riſe no more, becauſe of the ſword which I will ſend among you.

[45] Hab. 2. 16. * Iſa. 51. 21. & 63. 6.

28 And it ſhall be, if they refuſe to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then ſhalt thou ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, Ye ſhall certainly drink.

29 For lo, I begin to bring evil on the city † which is called by my name, and [46] ſhould ye be utterly unpuniſhed? Ye ſhall not be unpuniſhed: for I will call for a ſword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

† Heb. *upon which my name is called.*

[46] *Ch.* 49. 12. *Prov.* 11. 31. *Ezek.* 9. 6. *Obad.* 16. *Luke* 23. 31. 1 *Pet.* 4. 17, 18.

30 Therefore propheſie thou againſt them all theſe words, and ſay unto them, The LORD ſhall [47] rore from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation, he ſhall mightily rore [48] upon his habitation, he ſhall give * [49] a ſhout, as they that tread *the grapes,* againſt all the inhabitants of the earth.

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[47] *Joel* 3. 16. *Amos* 1. 2. and 3. 8. Inflict dreadful Judgments from Heaven. ¶ [48] Or, *From his habitation.* ¶ [49] In token of Conqueſt and Triumph.

31 [50] A noiſe ſhall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath [51] a controverſie with the nations: he will [52] plead with all fleſh, he will give them that are wicked to the ſword, ſaith the LORD.

[50] There ſhall be ſuch confuſions and noiſes as ſhall ring all over the world. ¶ [51] *Hoſ.* 4. 1. *Mich.* 6. 2. ¶ [52] Set himſelf againſt, and bring evil upon 'em, *v.* 32. *ch.* 45. 5.

32 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, Behold, evil ſhall go forth from nation to nation, and a * great whirlwind ſhall be raiſed up from the coaſts of the earth.

* Chap. 23. 19. & 30. 23.

33 And the ſlain [53] of the LORD ſhall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they ſhall [54] not be lamented, neither gathered nor buried, they ſhall be dung upon the ground.

[53] By his command and commiſſion. ¶ [54] *Ch.* 8. 2. and 16. 4.

34 ¶ * Howl ye [55] ſhepherds and cry, and [56] wallow your ſelves *in the aſhes,* [57] ye principal of the flock: for † the days of your ſlaughter, and of your diſperſions are [58] accompliſhed, and ye ſhall fall [59] like † a pleaſant veſſel.

* Chap. 4. 8. † Heb. *your days for ſlaughter.* † Heb. *a veſſel of deſire.*

[55] Rulers and Governors. ¶ [56] *Ch.* 6. 26. *Mich.* 1. 10. ¶ [57] The Chief among the people. ¶ [58] Fully come. ¶ [59] Which when its broken can't be mended again, and ſo is caſt away as uſeleſs.

35 And † the [55] ſhepherds ſhall have no way to flee, nor the [57] principal of the flock to eſcape.

† Heb. *flight ſhall periſh from the ſhepherds, and eſcaping from,* &c.

36 A voice of the cry of the ſhepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock *ſhall be heard*: for the LORD hath ſpoiled their [60] paſture.

[60] Kingdoms and States.

37 And the [61] peaceable habitations are cut down, becauſe of the fierce anger of the LORD.

[61] Your ſtately Houſes where you dwelt ſecurely.

38 He hath [62] forſaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is † deſolate, becauſe of the fierceneſs of the oppreſſour, and becauſe of [63] his fierce anger.

† Heb. *a deſolation.*

[62] *Ch.* 4. 7. and 50. 44. Is come abroad to range about for prey. ¶ [63] God's, *v.* 37.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Jeremiah exhorting to repentance,* 8 *is apprehended,* 10 *and arraigned:* 12 *His apology:* 16 *He is quit in judgment.*

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah, came this word from the LORD, ſaying, 3395.

2 Thus ſaith the LORD, Stand in the [1] court of the LORDs houſe, and ſpeak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worſhip in the LORDs houſe, all the words that I command thee to ſpeak unto them; [2] diminiſh not a word:

[1] *Ch.* 19. 14. [1] *King.* 7. 9, 12. * *Ch.* 42. 4. *Acts* 20. 27.

3 [3] If ſo be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may [4] repent me of the evil which I purpoſe to do unto them, becauſe of the evil of their doings.

[3] *Ch.* 36. 3. [4] *Ch.* 18. 8. *Jon.* 3. 10. See on *Gen.* 6. 6.

4 And thou ſhalt ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD, If ye will not hearken to me to walk in my law, which I have ſet before you,

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5 To hearken to the words of my ſervants the prophets, whom I ſent unto you, both [5] riſing up early and ſending *them* (but ye have not hearkened)

[5] *Ch.* 7. 13, 25. & 25. 3, 4.

6 Then will I make this houſe like * [6] Shiloh, and will make this city a [7] curſe to all the nations of the earth.

* 1 Sam. 4. 12. Pſal. 78. 6.

[6] *Ch.* 7. 14. See there. ¶ [7] *Ch.* 24. 9. and 29. 18, 22. *Iſa.* 65. 15.

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8 ¶ Now it came to paſs, when Jeremiah had made an end of ſpeaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to ſpeak unto all the people, that the prieſts, and the prophets, and all the people took him, ſaying, Thou ſhalt ſurely die.

9 Why haſt thou propheſied in the name of the LORD, ſaying, This houſe ſhall be like Shiloh, and this city ſhall be deſolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered againſt Jeremiah in the houſe of the LORD.

10 ¶ When the princes of Judah heard theſe things, then they came up from the kings houſe unto the houſe of the LORD, and ſat down ‖ in the entry of the [8] new gate of the LORDs *houſe*.

‖ Or, *at the door.*

[8] Newly repaired by *Jotham*, 2 *Kings* 15. 35. The place where the Sanhedrim ſate.

11 Then ſpake the [9] prieſts and the [9] prophets unto the princes, and to all the people, ſaying, † This man *is* worthy to die, for he hath [10] propheſied againſt this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

† Heb. *The judgment of death is for this man.*

[9] Corrupt Church-Officers are the greateſt Enemies to the faithful Miniſters of God. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 38. 4. *Amos* 7. 10. *Acts* 6. 11, 12. and 24. 5.

12 ¶ Then ſpake Jeremiah unto all the princes, and to all the people, ſaying, The LORD ſent me to propheſie againſt this houſe, and againſt this city, all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now * amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will * [4] repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced againſt you.

* Chap. 7. 3.

* Ver. 19.

14 As for me, behold, I *am* in your hand: do with me † as ſeemeth good and meet unto you.

† Heb. *as it is good and right in your eyes.*

15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye ſhall ſurely [11] bring innocent bloud upon your ſelves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath ſent me unto you, to ſpeak all theſe words in your ears.

[11] Be ſo far from eſcaping the Judgments threatned, that you'l but increaſe your guilt.

16 ¶ Then ſaid the princes, and all the people unto the prieſts, and to the prophets, This man *is* not worthy to die: for he hath ſpoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

17 Then roſe up certain of the elders of the land, and ſpake to all the aſſembly of the people ſaying,

18 * Micah the Moraſthite propheſied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and ſpake to all the people of Judah, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, Zion ſhall be [12] plowed *like* a field, and Jeruſalem ſhall become heaps, and the mountain of the houſe, as the [13] high places of the foreſt.

* Mic. 1. 1.

[12] *Mic.* 3. 12.

[13] Overgrown with Trees and Shrubs.

19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and beſought † the LORD, and the LORD [14] repented him of the evil which he had pronounced againſt them? [15] Thus might we procure great evil againſt our ſouls.

† Heb. *the face of the LORD.*

[14] 2 *Chron.* 32. 26. ¶ [15] By doing what the Prieſts and falſe Prophets would have us.

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20 [16] And there was alſo a man that propheſied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the ſon of Shemaiah of Kirjathjearim, who propheſied againſt this city, and againſt this land, according to all the words of Jeremiah.

[16] This is another ſtory related by ſome of *Jeremy*'s Adverſaries (not elſewhere mentioned in Scripture) wherein they produce a preſident of one put to death upon ſuch an occaſion.

21 And when Jehoiakim the king with all his mighty men, and all the princes heard his words, the king ſought to put him to death; but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt.

22 And Jehoiakim the king ſent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the ſon of Achbor, and *certain* men with him into Egypt.

23 And they fet forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king, who ſlew him with the ſword, and caſt his dead body into the graves of the † common people.

† Heb. *ſons of the people.*

24 [17] Nevertheleſs, the hand of * Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, was with Jeremiah, that they ſhould not give him into the hand of the people, to put him to death.

* 2 Kin. 22. 12, 14.

[17] *q. d.* Tho it far'd ſo ill with *Urijah* becauſe he was ſo fearful and deſerted his employment, yet it far'd better with *Jeremy*, who was more couragious, and ſtood to what he had ſaid.

CHAP. XXVII.

Under the type of bonds and yokes, he propheſieth the ſubduing of the neighbour kings unto Nebuchadnezzar.

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah, [1] came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, ſaying, 3395.

[1] (Which yet it ſeems was not put in execution till the time of *Zedekiah*, *ver.* 3.)

2 Thus ‖ ſaith the LORD to me, Make thee [2] bonds and [2] yokes, and [3] put them upon thy neck,

‖ Or, *hath the LORD ſaid.*

[2] *i. e.* Yokes with bonds to bind 'em on. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 28. 10.

3 And ſend them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the meſſengers which come to Jeruſalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah. Compl. 3405.

4 And command them ‖ to ſay unto their maſters, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, Thus ſhall ye ſay unto your maſters.

‖ Or, *concerning their maſters ſaying.*

5 [4] I have made the earth, the man and the beaſt that *are* upon the ground, by my great power, and by my out-ſtretched arm, and have [5] given it unto whom it ſeemed meet unto me.

[4] *Ch.* 10. 12.

[5] *Dan.* 4. 17, 25.

6 And now have I given all theſe lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon [6] my ſervant, and * the beaſts of the field have I given him alſo to ſerve him. Compl. 3432.

[6] See on *Ch.* 25. 9.

* Dan. 2. 38.

7 And all nations ſhall ſerve him, and his ſon, and his ſons ſon, until the very [7] time of his land come; and *then* many nations and great kings ſhall [8] ſerve themſelves of him. Compl. 3466.

[7] *Luke* 21. 24. Limited by God for the overthrow of his Monarchy, and overrunning his Kingdom by the foreign Nations, *Ch.* 25. 11, 12. and 50. 31. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 25. 14. See there.

8 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not ſerve the ſame Nebuchad-

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9 Therefore hearken not ye to your [9] prophets, nor to your [10] diviners, nor to your † dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your ſorcerers, which ſpeak unto you, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſerve the king of Babylon:

† Heb. *dreams.*

[9] False Prophets. ¶ [10] See on *Deut.* 18. 10. *Eſa.* 44. 25.

10 For they propheſie a lie unto you, [11] to remove you far from your land, and that I ſhould drive you out, and ye ſhould periſh.

[11] Whereby it will come to paſs that you ſhall be removed.

11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and ſerve him, thoſe will I let remain ſtill in their own land, ſaith the LORD, and they ſhall till it, and dwell therein.

3405. 12 ¶ I ſpake alſo to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all theſe words, ſayiny, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and ſerve him and his people, and live.

13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the ſword, by the famine, and by the peſtilence, as the LORD hath ſpoken againſt the nation that will not ſerve the king of Babylon?

14 Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that ſpeak unto you, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſerve the king of Babylon: for * they propheſie a lie unto you.

* Chap. 14. 14. & 23. 21. & 29. 8.

15 For I have not ſent them, ſaith the LORD, yet they propheſie † [12] a lie in my name, that I might drive you out, and that ye might periſh, ye, and the prophets that propheſie unto you.

† Heb. *in a lie,* or *lyingly.*

[12] *Ch.* 14. 14. See there.

16 Alſo I ſpake to the prieſts, and to all this people, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, Hearken not to the words of your prophets, that propheſie unto you, ſaying, Behold, the [13] veſſels of the LORDs houſe ſhall now [14] ſhortly be brought again from Babylon; for they propheſie a lie unto you.

[13] 2 *Chron.* 36. 7, 10. ¶ [14] Within two years, *Ch.* 28. 3.

17 Hearken not unto them, ſerve the king of Babylon and live: wherefore ſhould this city be laid waſte?

18 But if they *be* prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make interceſſion to the LORD of hoſts, that the veſſels *which are* left in the houſe of the LORD, and *in* the houſe of the king of Judah, and at Jeruſalem, go not to Babylon.

[15] *Ch.* 52. 17-19.
[16] 2 *Chr.* 36. 22. *Ezr.* 1. 1-11. & 5. 15, 16.

19 ¶ For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts concerning the pillars, and concerning the ſea, and concerning the baſes, and concerning the reſidue of the veſſels that remain in this city,

3419. * 2 Kin. 24. 14, 15. Ch. 24. 1.

20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away * captive Jeconiah the ſon of Jehoiakim king of Judah, from Jeruſalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jeruſalem;

21 Yea, thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, concerning the veſſels that remain in the houſe of the LORD, and in the houſe of the king of Judah, and of Jeruſalem,

* 2 Kin. 25. 13. * Chap. 29. 10.

22 * They ſhall be carried to Babylon, and there ſhall they be until the day that I * viſit them, ſaith the LORD; then will I bring them up, and reſtore them to this place.

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CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Hananiahs falſe prophecy;* 10 *he breaketh Jeremiahs yoke.* 12 *Jeremiah foretelleth of an iron yoke,* 15 *and Hananiahs death.*

AND it came to paſs the ſame year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the [1] fourth year, *and* in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the ſon of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, ſpake unto me in the houſe of the LORD, in the preſence of the prieſts, and of all the people, ſaying, 3408.

[1] *Viz.* Of the Sabbatical courſe or circle, *i. e.* the fourth year after the ſeventh year's reſt, (*Lev.* 25. 4.) and the firſt of his Reign.

2 Thus ſpeaketh the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, ſaying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 [2] Within † two full years will I bring again into this place all the veſſels of the LORDs houſe, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon.

[2] *Ch.* 27. 16. † Heb. *two years of days.*

4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the ſon of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the † captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, ſaith the LORD; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

† Heb. *captivity.*

5 ¶ Then the prophet Jeremiah ſaid unto the prophet Hananiah in the preſence of the prieſts, and in the preſence of all the people that ſtood in the houſe of the LORD,

6 Even the prophet Jeremiah ſaid, Amen: the LORD do ſo, the LORD perform thy words which thou haſt propheſied, to bring again the veſſels of the LORDs houſe, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

7 Nevertheleſs, hear thou now this word that I ſpeak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people,

8 The prophets that have been before me, and before thee of old, propheſied both againſt many countreys, and againſt great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of peſtilence.

9 * The prophet which propheſieth of peace, when the word of the prophet ſhall come to paſs, *then* ſhall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly ſent him.

* Deut. 18. 22.

10 ¶ Then Hananiah the prophet took the [3] yoke from off the prophet Jeremiahs neck, and brake it.

[3] *Ch.* 27. 2.

11 And Hananiah ſpake in the preſence of all the people, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, Even ſo will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon * from the neck of all nations within the ſpace of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

* Chap. 27. 7.

12 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah *the prophet* (after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah) ſaying,

13 Go and tell Hananiah, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, Thou haſt broken the yokes of wood, but * thou ſhalt make for them yokes of iron.

* Thou *Jeremy*

14 For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, I have put a yoke [4] of iron upon the neck of all theſe nations, that they may ſerve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and they ſhall ſerve him; and I have * given him the beaſts of the field alſo.

[4] A token of cruel and irreſiſtible bondage, *Deut.* 28. 48. ¶ *Ch.* 27. 6.

15 ¶ Then

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15 ¶ Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah, the LORD hath not sent thee, but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast [7] taught † rebellion against the LORD.

† Heb. *revolt.*

[7] *Ch.* 29. -32. Encouraged the People to contradict the Will of God, *Deut.* 13. 5.

3409. 17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *Jeremiahs letter to the captives in Babylon.* 20 *The fearful end of Ahab and Zedekiah, two lying prophets.*

3405. NOw these *are* the words of the letter, that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon,

2 ([1] After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the || eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters and the smiths were departed from Jerusalem)

|| Or, *chamberlains.*

[1] 2 *Kings* 24. 12–16. *i. e.* He sent this Letter to those Captives after that they were carried Captive under Jeconiah.

3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon,

* Ver. 24.

5 * Build ye houses, and dwell *in them*, and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters, and [2] take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters, that ye may be encreased there, and not diminished.

[2] This shews the power of Parents in the disposal of their Children, So *Deut.* 7. 3.

7 And [3] seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

[3] *Viz.* At present, while you are there, and till the time be come for its ruin.

8 ¶ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Let not your prophets and your diviners that *be* in the midst of you, [4] deceive you, neither hearken to [5] your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

[4] *Ch.* 14. 14. and 23. 21. and 27. 5. ¶ [5] The dreams of the False Prophets, which may be called [yours,] because you encourage 'em therein, by giving heed to 'em.

Compl. 3468.

9 For they prophesie † falsly unto you in my name; I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

† Heb. *in a lie.*

10 ¶ For thus saith the LORD, that [6] after * seventy years be accomplished at Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word towards you, in causing you to return to this place.

[6] *Ch.* 25. 12. See there.

* 2 Chr. 36. 21, 22. Ezra 1. 1. Ch. 25. 12. & 27. 22. Dan. 9. 2.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an † [7] expected end.

† Heb. *end and expectation.*

[7] Such as you look for and desire.

12 Then shall ye [8] call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

[8] *Dan.* 9. 3. &c.

13 And * ye shall seek me, and [9] find *me*, when ye shall search for me [10] with all your heart.

* Lev. 26. 39, 40. Deut. 30. 1.

[9] *Matth.* 7. 7, 8. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 24. -7. *Deut.* 4. 29.

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14 And * I will be found of you, saith the LORD, and I will turn away your captivity, and * I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD, and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

* Deut. 4. 7. Psal. 32. 6. & 46. 2. Isa. 55. 6.

* Chap. 23. 3.

15 ¶ Because [11] ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon:

[11] You have been too prone to listen to those Prophets you have among you at *Babylon*, as if they were true Prophets of God.

16 *Know* that thus saith the LORD, of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, *and* of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will [12] send upon them, the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will [13] make them like * vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

* Chap. 24. 8.

[12] *Ch.* 24. 10. and 27. 8. ¶ [13] Deal with 'em as such, *i. e.* Throw 'em to the dunghil.

18 And I will [14] persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and * will deliver them to [15] be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, † to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproch among all the nations whither I have driven them:

* Deut. 28. 25. 2 Chr. 29. 8. Ch. 15. 4. & 24. 9. & 34. 17.

† Heb. *for a curse.*

[14] *Ch.* 42. 16. and 44. 12, 13. ¶ [15] You shall be so far from returning to them, that they shall be brought unto you, or be destroyed there.

19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which * I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.

* Chap. 25. 4. & 32. 33.

20 ¶ Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesie a lie unto you in my name, Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall slay them before your eyes.

22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah, which *are* in Babylon, saying, The LORD [16] make thee like Zedekiah, and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire.

[16] As *Gen.* 48. 20.

23 [17] Because they have committed [18] villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them, even I [19] know, and *am* a [19] witness, saith the LORD.

[17] *q. d.* God by his Providence so ordered it, because—— ¶ [18] *Ch.* 23. 14. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 13. 27. and 23. 13, 14. *q. d.* Tho men cannot prove these things against 'em, yet I am both Witness and Judge thereof.

24 ¶ *Thus* shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the || Nehelamite, saying,

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|| Or, *dreamer.*

25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that *are* at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 The LORD hath made thee priest [20] in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man *that* [21] *is* * mad, and [21] maketh himself a prophet,

[20] *Ch.* 20. 1.

* Acts 26. 24.

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prophet, that thou ſhouldeſt put him in priſon, and in the [22] ſtocks:

[20] That by his example, and with his Spirit, (whoſe Succeſſor thou art) thou ſhouldſt be careful to reform abuſes in matters of Religion. ¶ [21] 2 *Kings* 9. 11. That in a mad fit or frantick humour, acts the part of a Prophet, when indeed he is none, (implying, that *Jeremy* was ſuch a one.) ¶ [22] *Ch.* 20. 2.

27 Now therefore, why haſt thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himſelf a prophet to you?

28 For therefore, he ſent unto us *in* Babylon, ſaying, This *captivity is* long, * build ye houſes and dwell *in them*, and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

* Ver. 5.

29 And Zephaniah the prieſt read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, ſaying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite, Becauſe that Shemaiah hath propheſied unto you, and I ſent him not, and he cauſed you to truſt in a lie:

32 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I will puniſh Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his [23] ſeed: he ſhall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither ſhall he behold the good that I will do for my people, ſaith the LORD, becauſe he hath [24] taught † rebellion againſt the LORD.

† Heb. *revolt.*

[23] *Exod.* 20. 6. and 34. 7. *Amos* 7. 17. ¶ [24] *Ch.* 28. 16. See there.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *The Jews return.* 10 *Jacob comforted.* 18 *Their return ſhall be gracious.*

3398. THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, ſaying,

2 Thus ſpeaketh the LORD God of Iſrael, ſaying, [1] Write thee all the words that I have ſpoken unto thee, in a book.

[1] *Ch.* 36. 2. *Hab.* 2. 2.

3 For lo, the days come, ſaith the LORD, that I will [2] bring again the captivity of my people [3] Iſrael and Judah, ſaith the LORD, and I will cauſe them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they ſhall poſſeſs it.

[2] *Ch.* 3. 18. and 16. 15. and 23. 3. and 31. 8. From their long diſperſion after Chriſt. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 3. 12, 14. and 31. 1-6. *Ezek.* 37. 21, 22. The generality of the ten Tribes.

4 ¶ And theſe *are* the words that the LORD ſpake concerning Iſrael, and concerning Judah.

5 For thus ſaith the LORD, [4] We have heard a voice of [5] trembling, || of [5] fear, and not of [6] peace.

|| Or, there is *fear, and not peace.*

[4] *q. d.* Thus ſhall the *Jews* remaining in *Judea* ſay, when their land ſhall be invaded again by the *Chaldeans*. ¶ [5] By reaſon of the *Chaldean* Invaſion. ¶ [6] As our falſe Prophets promiſed us.

6 Aſk ye now, and ſee whether † a man doth travail with child? [7] wherefore do I ſee every man with his hands on his loyns, * as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleneſs?

† Heb. *a male.*
[7] *Ch.* 46. 5.
* Chap. 4. 31. & 6. 24.

7 * Alas, for that day *is* [8] great, ſo that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacobs trouble, but he ſhall be [9] ſaved out of it.

* Amos 5. 18.
[8] *Joel* 2. 11. *Mal.* 4. 8. A time of great trouble, *Zeph.* 1. 15. *Rev.* 6. 17. ¶ [9] Delivered in due time, *ver.* 10.

8 For it ſhall come to paſs in that day, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, *that* I will break his [10] yoke from off thy neck, and will burſt thy [10] bonds, and ſtrangers ſhall no more [11] ſerve themſelves of [12] him.

[10] *Ch.* 27. 8. The yoke of the king of *Babylon*. ¶ [11] See on *Ch.* 25. 14. ¶ [12] Iſrael.

9 But they ſhall [13] ſerve the LORD their God, and [14] David their king, whom I will raiſe up unto them.

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[13] Inſtead of their cruel Lords, the *Babylonians*, *Romans*, and others. ¶ [14] *Ezek.* 34. 23. and 37. 14. Chriſt of the ſeed of *David*.

10 ¶ Therefore [15] fear thou not, O my ſervant Jacob, ſaith the LORD, neither be diſmayed, O Iſrael; for lo, I will [16] ſave thee from afar, and thy ſeed from the land of their captivity, and Jacob ſhall return, and ſhall be in [17] reſt and [17] quiet, and none ſhall make *him* afraid.

[15] *Ch.* 46. 27, 28. *Iſa.* 41. 13. and 43. 5. and 44. 2. As if thy preſent condition ſhould never be mended. ¶ [16] Bring thee ſafe from the furtheſt parts whither you are driven. ¶ [17] Have quiet poſſeſſion of their own land again, (which came to paſs under the *Perſian* Monarchs.)

11 For I *am* with thee, ſaith the LORD, [18] to ſave thee: though I make a full end [19] of all nations whither have I ſcattered thee, yet * will I not make a full end [19] of thee: but I will correct thee [20] in meaſure, and will not leave thee altogether unpuniſhed.

* Pſal. 6. 1.

[18] *Ch.* 15. 20. *Iſa.* 41. 10. and 43. 2. *Ezek.* 11. 16, 17. To preſerve thee at preſent in thy difficulties, and in due time to deliver thee out of them. ¶ [19] *Iſa.* 26. 14, 19. and 27. 7, 8. *Am.* 9. 8. ¶ [20] *Ch* 10. 24.

12 For thus ſaith the LORD, Thy bruiſe *is* [21] incurable, *and* thy wound *is* [22] grievous.

[21] *Ch.* 15. 18. *Viz.* In regard of humane hopes or help, *Ezek.* 37. 11. ¶ [22] *Ch.* 14. 17.

13 *There is* none [23] to plead thy cauſe, † that thou mayeſt be [24] bound up: * thou haſt no healing medicines.

† Heb. *for binding up*, or *preſſing.*
* Chap. 8. 22.

[23] To take thy part, or do any thing towards thy relief. ¶ [24] Have ſome means uſed for a cure.

14 * All thy [25] lovers have forgotten thee: they ſeek thee not, for I have wounded thee with the wound * of an enemy, with the chaſtiſement of a [26] cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity: *becauſe* thy ſins were [27] increaſed.

* Lam. 1. 2.
* Job 13. 24. & 16. 9. & 19. 11.

[25] The *Aſſyrians* and *Egyptians* whom thou didſt uſe to ſeek unto for help. ¶ [26] *Job* 30. 21. ¶ [27] *Ch.* 5. 6.

15 Why * crieſt thou for thine affliction? thy ſorrow *is* incurable, for the multitude of thine iniquity: *becauſe* thy ſins were increaſed, I have done theſe things unto thee.

* Chap. 15. 18.

16 [28] Therefore all they that devour thee ſhall be [29] devoured, and all thine adverſaries, every one of them ſhall go into captivity: and they that ſpoil thee ſhall be a ſpoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

[28] Or yet, *q. d.* Though thy ſufferings are grievous, yet in due time thou ſhalt be delivered by the deſtruction of thy devourers. ¶ [29] *Iſa.* 41. 11. *Exod.* 23. 22.

17 For I will reſtore [30] health unto thee, and I will [31] heal thee of thy wounds, ſaith the LORD, becauſe they called thee [32] an outcaſt, *ſaying*, This *is* Zion, whom [33] no man ſeeketh after.

[30] Outward glory and proſperity. ¶ [31] *Ch.* 3. 22. and 17. 14. ¶ [32] One that I have caſt off, as a man does his Wife. ¶ [33] Who is utterly diſregarded, both of God and Man.

18 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I will [34] bring again the captivity of Jacobs tents, and have mercy on his dwelling-places: and the [35] city ſhall be builded upon her [36] own || heap, and [37] the palace ſhall remain after the manner thereof.

|| Or, *little hill.*

[34] Reſtore the places of their wonted abode, from that calamitous condition they were fallen into by reaſon of the captivity of their Owners. ¶ [35] *Ch.* 31. 38, 39. ¶ [36] Former Foundation. ¶ [37] The Temple ſhall be built and frequented as formerly.

19 And [38] out of them ſhall proceed [39] thankſgiving, and the [39] voice of them that make merry: and I will [40] multiply them, and they ſhall not be few; I will alſo [41] glorifie them, and they ſhall not be ſmall.

[38] Out of the Habitations and Inhabitants. ¶ [39] *Ch.* 31. 13. and

Chap. 31. and 33. 11. *Isa.* 35. 10. and 51. 11. Cheerfulneſs of heart, and thankfulneſs to God for his goodneſs to 'em, *Ch.* 31. 12. ¶ 40 *Ch.* 31. 27. *Ezek.* 36. 11. and 37. 26. *Zech.* 10. 8, 9. ¶ 41 Make 'em renown'd, and not of ſmall reputation. ‖ Their Poſterity ſhall be in as proſperous a condition in all reſpects, as they were before their Captivity.

20 41 Their children alſo ſhall be as aforetime, and their congregation ſhall be eſtabliſhed before me, and I will puniſh all that oppreſs them.

21 And 42 their nobles ſhall be 42 of themſelves, and their governour ſhall proceed 42 from the midſt of them, and I will cauſe 43 him to draw near, and he ſhall approch unto me: for 44 who *is* this that engaged his heart to approch unto me? ſaith the LORD.

42 They ſhall not be rul'd by Strangers, but by ſome of their own Nation, as *Zorobabel* and others; but chiefly Chriſt. ¶ 43 My People now received into favour again; or my Governour Chriſt. ¶ 44 Who but he, has engag'd, or can engage his heart to approch unto me in that manner (*viz.* as Mediatour,) as Chriſt did? 1 *Tim.* 2. 5.

45 *Ch.* 24. 7. and 31. 1, 33. and 32. 38.

22 And ye ſhall be 45 my people, and I will be your God.

† Heb. *cutting.* ‖ Or, *remain.*

23 Behold, the 46 whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a † continuing whirlwind, it ſhall ‖ fall with pain upon the head of the 47 wicked.

46 *Ch.* 23. 19, 20. See there. ¶ 47 The Heathen, the Enemies of Gods People.

48 See on *Ch.* 23. 20.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD ſhall not return, until he have done *it*, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: 48 in the latter days ye ſhall conſider it.

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1 The reſtauration of Iſrael. 22 Chriſt is promiſed. 27 His care over the church.

1 AT the ſame time, ſaith the LORD, will I be the God of 2 all the families of Iſrael, and they ſhall be my people.

1 In the latter days, *Ch.* 30. -24. *i. e.* After their return from the Babyloniſh Captivity; but chiefly under the Meſſiah, *Ch.* 30. 9. ¶ 2 All true Iſraelites, who are the ſpiritual ſeed of *Abraham*, (*Heſ.* 1. 10. and 2. 23. *Rom.* 11. 26.) but eſpecially the *Jews* of all the Tribes.

3398. 2 Thus ſaith the LORD, The people *which were* 3 left of the ſword, 4 found grace in the wilderneſs; *even* Iſrael, when * I went 5 to cauſe him to reſt.

* Num. 10. 33. Deut. 1. 33. Pſal. 95. 1.

3 Eſcap'd the deſtruction intended 'em by *Pharaoh*. ¶ (He minds 'em of former mercies, to encourage 'em to hope for future favours.) ¶ 5 To bring him to *Canaan*, *Deut.* 12. 9. *Pſal.* 95. 11.

† Heb. *from afar.* ‖ Or, *have I extended loving kindneſs unto thee.*

3 6 The LORD hath appeared † of old unto me, *ſaying*, 7 Yea, I have loved thee with an everlaſting love: therefore ‖ 8 with loving kindneſs have I drawn thee.

6 *q. d.* True indeed, we acknowledge thou didſt manifeſt thy love to our fore-fathers, but now thou ſeem'ſt to have forſaken us. ¶ 7 No, ſaith God, I bear the ſame affection to thee ſtill, and ſo ſhall do for ever. ¶ 8 Or, *will extend loving kindneſs to thee.*

‖ Or, *timbrels.*

4 Again I will 9 build thee, and thou ſhalt be built, O virgin of Iſrael, thou ſhalt again be 10 adorned with thy ‖ tabrets, and ſhalt go forth in the 11 dances of them that make merry.

9 *Ch.* 33. -7. Set up and ſettle the Government both in Church and State. ¶ 10 Have cauſe to rejoyce, both in temporal and ſpiritual reſpects. ¶ 11 *Exod.* 15. 20. *Judg.* 11. 34. and 21. 21. 1 *Sam.* 18. 6.

† Heb. *profane.*

5 Thou ſhalt yet 12 plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria, the planters ſhall plant, and ſhall † eat *them* as 13 common things.

12 *Iſa.* 65. 21. ¶ 13 Not be depriv'd of 'em by the enemies, but enjoy 'em till the fifth year, when they had full liberty to eat of 'em, *Lev.* 19. 23--25.

6 For there ſhall be 14 a day, *that* the 15 watchmen upon the 16 mount Ephraim ſhall cry, 17 Ariſe ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

14 In Goſpel-times chiefly. ¶ 15 Such as were appointed to ſtir up others to their duty. ¶ 16 *Acts* 8. 1, 5, 9, 14. and 9. 31. ¶ 17 *Iſa.* 2. 3. *Mic.* 4. 2. *Zech.* 8. 21.

7 For thus ſaith the LORD, 18 Sing with gladneſs for Jacob, and ſhout among the chief of the nations: publiſh ye, praiſe ye and ſay, O LORD, 19 ſave thy people the remnant of Iſrael.

18 *Deut.* 32. 43. Ye that are the Churches Friends, rejoyce with her in ſenſe of God's goodneſs to her in her deliverance, *Iſa.* 44. 23. and 48. 20. ¶ 19 Or, *Thou haſt ſaved.*

8 Behold, I will bring them from the 20 north-countrey, and gather them from the coaſts of the earth, *and* with them 21 the blind, and the 21 lame, the woman with child, and her that travaileth with child together, 22 a great company ſhall return thither.

20 *Ch.* 3. 12. See there, and 23. 8. ¶ 21 *i. e.* I'll ſo order it, that no defect ſhall hinder their return. ¶ 22 *Ezra* 2. 64, 65. and 8. 1. &c. *Acts* 2. 41. and 4. 4. and 8. 6, 12.

* Pſal. 126. 5, 6. Chap. 50. 4. ‖ Or, *ſavours.*

9 * They ſhall come with 23 weeping, and with ‖ 24 ſupplications will I lead them: I will 25 cauſe them to walk by the rivers of waters, * in a ſtraight way wherein they ſhall not ſtumble: for I am a father to Iſrael, and Ephraim is my 26 firſt-born.

* Iſa. 35. 8. & 43. 19.

23 For their ſins paſt. ¶ 24 For Pardon. ¶ 25 *Iſa.* 41. 18. and 43. 19, 20. and 49. 10. *i. e.* Supply 'em with all things neceſſary. ¶ 26 *Exod.* 4. 22.

27 *John* 10. 27, 28. *Iſa.* 40. 11.

10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the iſles afar off, and ſay, He that ſcattered Iſrael will gather him, and 27 keep him, as a ſhepherd *doth* his flock:

11 For the LORD hath 28 redeemed Jacob, and ranſomed him from the hand of *him that was* ſtronger then he.

28 *Iſa.* 49. 24, 25. Not only from Corporal, but Spiritual Enemies.

12 Therefore they ſhall come and 29 ſing in the height of Zion, and ſhall 30 flow together to the goodneſs of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oyl, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and 31 their ſoul ſhall be as a watered garden, and they ſhall 32 not ſorrow any more at all.

29 Celebrate the praiſes of God in his Sanctuary, a type of the Church. ¶ 30 *Iſa.* 2. -2. Come freely, and in great multitudes, becauſe of the goodneſs of God to 'em, and to bleſs him for it, and beg the continuance thereof. ¶ 31 *Iſa.* 58. -11. They ſhall thrive and flouriſh both outwardly and inwardly. ¶ 32 *Iſa.* 35. -10. They ſhall have no further occaſion of mourning at preſent.

13 33 Then ſhall the virgin rejoyce in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will 34 turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoyce from their ſorrow.

33 There ſhall be abundance of joy among all ſorts. ¶ 34 *Zech.* 8. 19.

14 And I will 35 ſatiate the ſoul of the prieſts with fatneſs, and my people ſhall be ſatisfied with my goodneſs, ſaith the LORD.

35 Make plentiful Proviſion for my Miniſters, (*Ezek.* 45. 1--5.) and give 'em cauſe of rejoycing in the ſucceſs of their labours, *John* 4. 37, 38.

* Mat. 2. 17, 18.

15 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, * A voice was heard in 36 Ramah, lamentation *and* bitter weeping: 37 Rachel weeping for her children, refuſed to be comforted for her children, becauſe they *were* 38 not.

36 Where *Rachel* was buried, (*Gen.* 35. 19.) and where *Nebuzaradan* kept his Priſoners, *Ch.* 40. 1. ¶ 37 *i. e.* Her Poſterity, the Inhabitants of *Jeruſalem*, and the Tribe of *Benjamin*, and the People thereabouts. ¶ 38 *Gen.* 42. 36. Being either ſlain, or carried Captive.

16 Thus ſaith the LORD, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for 39 thy

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39 thy work ſhall be rewarded, ſaith the LORD, and they ſhall come again from the land of the enemy.

39 Thy Piety, O *Rachel*, ſhall be rewarded to thy Children in their deliverance, and you of the ten Tribes ſhall be reſtor'd to a comfortable condition again in the latter days.

17 And there is hope 40 in thine end, ſaith the LORD, that *thy* children ſhall come again to their own border.

40 At the end of the ſeventy years, but eſpecially at the end of their long diſperſion after Chriſt.

18 ¶ I have ſurely heard 41 Ephraim bemoning himſelf *thus*, Thou haſt chaſtiſed me, and 42 I was chaſtiſed, as a bullock unaccuſtomed
* Lam. 5. 21. *to the yoke*: * turn thou 43 me, and I ſhall be turned; for thou *art* the LORD my God.

41 All among the *Jews* that fear the Lord, who before their deliverance ſhould be deeply humbled by their afflictions for their ſins, and bewail 'em, and ſeek reconciliation with God again. ¶ 42 I have learn'd now how to receive and improve thy chaſtiſement, though before I was very unruly and unſubmiſſive, *Pſal.* 119. 67. ¶ 43 *Cant.* 1. 4. Both my heart to thy ſelf (which is thy work, *John* 6. 44.) and my ſtate from Captivity to Liberty.

* Deut. 30. 2. 19 Surely * 44 after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was 45 inſtructed, 45 I ſmote upon *my* thigh: I was 46 aſhamed, yea, even confounded, becauſe I did bear the 47 reproch of my youth.

44 *q. d.* And then after ſuch a gracious change wrought in me, (*ver.* 18.) I ſhall fully repent of my former miſcarriages. ¶ 45 Made ſenſible of my ſins I was brought to a ſorrow for, and deteſtation of 'em, *Ezek.* 21. -12. ¶ 46 *Ezra* 9. 6. ¶ 47 *Job* 13. 26. *Pſal.* 25. 7. Thoſe miſeries which the ſins of my youth brought upon me.

20 48 *Is* Ephraim my dear ſon? *is he* a pleaſant child? for 49 ſince I ſpake againſt him, I do earneſtly remember him ſtill: * therefore my bowels
* Deut. 32. 36. Iſa. 63. 15. Hoſ. 11. 8. † Heb. *ſound.* † are troubled for him; I will ſurely have mercy upon him, ſaith the LORD.

48 *q. d.* Since many among my People are become thus penitent, I can't but take 'em into favour again, and own 'em for my dear children. 49 *q. d.* Tho I have puniſht him, yet even then I had thoughts of mercy to him.

21 Set thee up 50 way-marks, make thee high heaps: ſet thine heart toward the high-way, *even* the way *which* thou wenteſt: turn again, O virgin of Iſrael, turn again to theſe thy cities.

50 That thou may'ſt find the way back again from *Babylon* to *Judea*. God here turns his ſpeech to his People in *Babylon*, to prepare for their return home.

* Chap. 2. 18, 23, 36. 22 ¶ 51 How long wilt thou * go about, O thou 52 backſliding daughter? 53 for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, 54 A woman ſhall compaſs a man.

51 *q. d.* Think on thy former home again, to prepare for it, (*ver.* 21.) for why ſhouldſt thou be toſſed to and fro any longer, as Perſons in Captivity are wont to be? ¶ 52 *Ch.* 3. 12. Who by thy ſtubborn courſes haſt procur'd theſe evils to thy ſelf. ¶ 53 *q. d.* Think of returning to your own land, becauſe the Meſſiah muſt be born there. ¶ 54 The Virgin *Mary* ſhall bear Chriſt in her womb, and the Church or feeble Nation of the *Jews* ſhall be ſet and prevail againſt her ſtrong Enemies.

23 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, As yet they ſhall uſe this ſpeech in the land of Judah, and in the cities thereof, when I ſhall bring again their captivity, The LORD bleſs thee, O habitation of 55 juſtice, *and* mountain of 55 holineſs.

55 *q. d.* After thy Return, thou ſhalt be a Reformed People, both in point of Righteouſneſs and Holineſs; and chiefly in Goſpel times.

24 And there ſhall dwell in Judah it ſelf, and all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and
‖ *Ch.* 33. 12, 13. they *that* go forth with 56 flocks.

25 For I have 57 ſatiated the weary ſoul, and I have 57 repleniſhed every ſorrowful ſoul.

57 Will refreſh and ſupply with all manner of good.

26 Upon this I awaked and beheld; and my ſleep was 58 ſweet unto me.

58 I was very well pleas'd with this comfortable Propheſy, reveal'd either in a dream or viſion to me.

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27 ¶ Behold, the days come, ſaith the LORD, that * I will ſow the houſe of Iſrael, and the houſe of Judah with the ſeed of man, and with the ſeed of beaſt.
* Hoſ. 2. 23. Zech. 10. 9.

28 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* like as I have watched over them, * to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to deſtroy and to afflict; ſo will I watch over them, to build and to plant, ſaith the LORD.
* Chap. 1. 10. & 18. 7.

29 *In thoſe days they ſhall 59 ſay no more,
* Ezek. 18. 2. 60 The fathers have eaten a ſower grape, and the childrens teeth are ſet on edge.

59 Have no occaſion to ſay ſo, being freed from thoſe puniſhments that your own and your Fathers ſins brought upon you. ¶ 60 *Ezek.* 18. 2. Our Fathers ſinn'd, and we are fain to undergo the puniſhment thereof, tho we are not guilty, *Lam.* 5. 7.

30 But every one ſhall die for his own iniquity, every man that eateth the ſower grape, his teeth ſhall be ſet on edge.

31 ¶ 61 Behold, the * days come, ſaith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the houſe of Iſrael, and with the houſe of Judah:
61 See on *Heb.* 8. 8. * Chap. 32. 40.

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand, to bring them out of the land of Egypt, (which my covenant they brake, ‖ although I was an 62 husband unto them, ſaith the LORD:)
‖ Or, *ſhould I have continued an husband unto them?*

62 Had taken 'em into covenant with my ſelf, and been very tender of 'em.

33 But this *ſhall be* the covenant that I will make with the houſe of Iſrael, After thoſe days ſaith the LORD, * I will 63 put my law in their inward parts, and 63 write it in their hearts, and will 64 be their God, and they ſhall be my people.
* Pſal. 40. 8. Ezek. 11. 19, 20. 2 Cor. 3. 3.

63 Beſtow ſuch a frame of ſpirit, and principle of holineſs (in Regeneration) upon 'em, as ſhall encline 'em to a compliance in all things, and at all times, (which is the work of the Spirit, *Ezek.* 36. 26, 27) with my Law, (which was done more frequently under the Goſpel, than under the Law.) ¶ 64 *Ch.* 24. 7.

34 * And they ſhall 65 teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, ſaying, Know the LORD: for they ſhall 66 all know me, from the leaſt of them, unto the greateſt of them, ſaith the LORD: for I will 67 forgive their iniquity, and I will 68 remember their ſin no more.
* Iſa. 54. 13. John 6. 45. 1 Cor. 2. 10. 1 John 2. 20.

65 There ſhall not be ſo much need of teaching now, as formerly, (for the generality.) ¶ 65 The ſaving knowledge of God ſhall be imparted both to a greater number of Perſons, and in a greater meaſure to many Perſons than formerly. ¶ 67 *Ch.* 33. 8. *Mic.* 7. 18. *Acts* 10. 43. *Eph.* 1. 7. ¶ 68 *Iſa.* 43. -25.

35 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, * which giveth the ſun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the ſtars for a light by night, * which 69 divideth the ſea when the waves thereof rore; the LORD of hoſts *is* his name.
* Gen. 1. 16. * Pſ. 72. 5, 17. & 89. 2, 36. & 119. 89. Iſa. 51. 15.

69 Or, ſtills and keeps within compaſs, as *Iſa.* 51. 15.

36 *70 If thoſe ordinances depart from before me, ſaith the LORD, *then* the ſeed of Iſrael alſo ſhall ceaſe from being a nation before me for ever.
* Iſa. 54. 9. Ch. 33. 20. 70 *Ch.* 33. 20. *Iſa.* 54. 9.

37 Thus ſaith the LORD, 71 If heaven above can be meaſured, and the foundations of the earth ſearched out beneath, I will alſo caſt off all the ſeed of Iſrael, for all that they have done, ſaith the LORD.
71 *Ch.* 33. 22.

38 ¶ Behold, * the days come, ſaith the LORD, that the 72 city ſhall be built to the LORD from * the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner.
* Zech. 14. 10. * Neh. 3. 1.

72 *Ch.* 30. 18. This ſhall be accompliſh'd in the latter days.

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39 And the meaſuring-line ſhall yet go forth over againſt it, upon the hill Gareb, and ſhall compaſs about to Goath.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the aſhes, and all the fields unto the * Neh. 3. 28. brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the * horſe-gate towards the eaſt, *ſhall be* [73] holy unto the LORD, it ſhall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for [74] ever.

[73] All theſe places ſhall be parts of the holy City and God's name ſhall be ſanctified, and he worſhipt in 'em all. ¶ [74] Not for a long time, and the true Church not at all, *Matth.* 16. 18. *Pſal.* 125. 1, 2.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Jeremiahs impriſonment:* 16 *His complaint to God.* 26 *The captivity confirmed.* 36 *A promiſe of a gracious return.*

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

2 For [1] then the king of Babylons army beſieged Jeruſalem: [1] and Jeremiah the prophet was ſhut up in the [2] court of the priſon, which *was* in the king of Judahs houſe.

[1] It's a ſign of deſperate hardneſs to perſecute God's faithful Miniſters or Servants, when God is purſuing us with his Judgments. ¶ [2] *Neh.* 3. 25.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had ſhut him up, ſaying, Wherefore doſt thou propheſie, and ſay, Thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, [3] I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he ſhall take it.

[3] *Ch.* 34. 2, 3.

4 [3] And Zedekiah king of Judah, ſhall not eſcape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but ſhall ſurely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and ſhall ſpeak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes ſhall behold his eyes.

5 And he ſhall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there ſhall he be until I [4] viſit him, ſaith the LORD: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye ſhall [5] not proſper.

[4] Shew him that favour, as to take him away by a natural (not violent) death, *Ch.* 33. 5. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 21. 4. *Iſa.* 54. 17.

6 ¶ And Jeremiah ſaid, The word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

7 Behold, Hanameel the ſon of Shallum thine uncle, ſhall come unto thee, ſaying, Buy thee my field that *is* in Anathoth: for [6] the right of redemption *is* thine to buy *it*.

[6] *Lev.* 25. 25, 32. *Ruth* 4. 4.

8 So Hanameel mine uncles ſon came to me in the court of the priſon, according to the word of the LORD, and ſaid unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the countrey of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance *is* thine, and the redemption *is* thine, buy *it* for thy ſelf: then I knew that [7] this *was* the word of the LORD.

[7] My buying of it was the Will of God, *ver.* 25.

9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncles ſon, that *was* in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, *even* ‖ [8] ſeventeen ſhekels of ſilver.

‖ Or, *ſeven ſhekels & ten pieces of ſilver.*

[8] One pound eighteen ſhillings nine pence half penny.

10 And I † ſubſcribed the evidence, and ſealed *it*, and took witneſſes, and weighed *him* the mony in the balances.

† Heb. *wrote in the book.*

11 So I took the evidence of the purchaſe, *both that which was* ſealed *according* to the law and cuſtom, and *that which was* open.

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchaſe unto Baruch the ſon of Neriah, the ſon of Maaſeiah, in the ſight of Hanameel mine uncles ſon, and in the preſence of the * witneſſes that ſubſcribed the book of the purchaſe, before all the Jews that ſate in the court of the priſon. Chap. 32. * See Iſa. 8. 2.

13 ¶ And I charged Baruch before them, ſaying,

14 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, Take theſe evidences, this evidence of the purchaſe, both *which is* ſealed, and this evidence *which is* open, and put them in an earthen veſſel, that they may continue many days.

15 For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, Houſes and fields, and vineyards ſhall be poſſeſſed [9] again in this land.

[9] *Viz.* By the former owners.

16 ¶ Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchaſe unto Baruch the ſon of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, ſaying,

17 Ah Lord GOD, behold, thou haſt [10] made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and ſtretched out arm, *and* * there is nothing ‖ too hard for thee.

[10] *Ch.* 27. 5. * Gen. 18. 14. Luk. 1. 37. ‖ Or, *hid from thee.*

18 Thou ſhewedſt * loving kindneſs unto [11] thouſands, and [12] recompenſeſt the iniquity of the fathers into the boſom of their children after them: the great, the mighty God, the LORD of hoſts *is* his name,

* Exod. 20. 6. & 34. 7. Deut. 5. 10.

[11] *Ex.* 20. 6. and 34. 7. *Deut.* 5. 10. and 7. 7, 8. ¶ [12] *Joſh.* 7. 24. 1 *Sam.* 2. 33, 34. 1 *Kin.* 14. 10, 11. and 21. 24

19 [13] Great in counſel, and mighty in † work, (for [14] thine * eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the ſons of men, to [15] give every one according to his ways, and [15] according to the fruit of his doings)

† Heb. *doing.* * Pſ. 33. 13. Pro. 5. 21. Ch. 16. 17.

[13] *Iſa.* 28. 29. and 9. 6. Who doſt all things in infinite Wiſdom, as if thou hadſt taken much counſel and advice thereupon. ¶ [14] *Job* 34. 21. See there. ¶ [15] *Ch.* 17. 10. See there.

20 Which haſt ſet [16] ſigns and [16] wonders in the land of Egypt, [17] *even* unto this day, [18] and in Iſrael, and amongſt *other* men, and [19] haſt made thee a name, as at this day,

[16] *Pſal.* 78. 43. and 106. 22. and 135. 9. ¶ [17] Which are remembred even to this day, *Pſal.* 78. 4, 6. ¶ [18] Wroughtſt great works alſo among them. ¶ [19] 2 *Sam.* 7. 23. To get thee renown.

21 And haſt brought forth thy people Iſrael * out of the land of Egypt, with ſigns and with wonders, and with a ſtrong hand, and with a ſtretched out arm, and with great terrour,

* Exod. 6. 6. 1 Chr. 17. 21.

22 And haſt given them this land which thou didſt ſwear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and hony.

23 And they came in and poſſeſſed it, but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law, they have done nothing of all that thou commandedſt them to do: therefore thou haſt cauſed all this evil to come upon them.

24 Behold the ‖ mounts, they are come unto the city to take it, and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans that fight againſt it, becauſe of the ſword, and of the famine, and of the peſtilence; and what thou haſt [20] ſpoken is come to paſs, and behold, thou ſeeſt *it*.

‖ Or, *engines of ſhot.* [20] Threatned in caſe of diſobedience.

25 And thou haſt ſaid unto me, O Lord GOD, buy thee the field for money, and take witneſſes: ‖ [21] for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

‖ Or, *though.* [21] Or, *Tho.*

26 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, ſaying,

27 Behold, I *am* the LORD, * the God of all fleſh: * Is there any thing too hard for me?

* Num. 16. 22. * Ver. 17. Compl. 34. 6.

28 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he ſhall take it.

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29 And the Chaldeans that fight againſt this city, ſhall come and * ſet fire on this city, and burn it with the houſes, [22] upon whoſe roofs they have offered incenſe unto Baal, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30 For the children of Iſrael, and the children of Judah, have only done evil before me [23] from their youth: for the children of Iſrael have only [24] provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, ſaith the LORD.

31 For [25] this city hath been to me *as* † a provocation of mine anger and of my fury, from the day that they built it, even unto this day; that I ſhould remove it from before my face:

32 Becauſe of all the evil of the children of Iſrael, and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their prieſts, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and inhabitants of Jeruſalem.

33 And they have turned unto me [26] the † back, and not the face; though I taught them riſing up early, and teaching *them*, yet they have not hearkened to receive inſtruction.

34 But they [27] ſet their abominations in the houſe (which is called by my name) to defile it.

35 And they [28] built the high places of Baal, which *are* in the valley of the ſon of Hinnom, to * cauſe their ſons and their daughters to paſs through *the fire* unto * Molech, which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they ſhould do this abomination to cauſe Judah to ſin.

36 ¶ And now [29] therefore thus ſaith the LORD the God of Iſrael concerning this city, [30] whereof ye ſay, It ſhall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, by the ſword, and by the famine, and by the peſtilence;

37 Behold, I will * gather them out of all countreys whither I have driven them in mine anger and in my fury and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cauſe them to dwell ſafely.

38 And * [31] they ſhall be my people, and I will be their God.

39 And I will give them [32] one heart, and [33] one way, that they may [34] fear me † for ever, [35] for the good of them, and of their children after them.

40 And * I will make an [36] everlaſting covenant with them, that I will [37] not turn away † from them, to do them good; but I will put my [37] fear in their hearts, that they [37] ſhall not depart from me.

41 Yea, * I will [38] rejoyce, over them to do them good, and I will [39] plant them in this land † aſſuredly, with my whole heart, and with my whole ſoul.

42 For thus ſaith the LORD, Like as [40] I have brought all this great evil upon this people, ſo will I bring upon them all the good that I have promiſed them. Chap. 33.

43 And fields ſhall be bought in this land, whereof ye ſay, *It is* deſolate without man or beaſt, it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men ſhall buy fields for money, and ſubſcribe evidences, and ſeal *them*, and take witneſſes in the * land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jeruſalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the ſouth: for * I will cauſe their captivity to return, ſaith the LORD.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *A return promiſed.* 15 *Chriſt the branch of righteouſneſs.*

MOreover, the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the ſecond time (while he was yet [1] ſhut up in the court of the priſon) ſaying, 3414.

2 Thus ſaith the LORD the * maker [2] thereof, the LORD that formed [2] it, to eſtabliſh it, the LORD *is* his name,

3 [3] Call unto me, and I will anſwer thee, and ſhew thee great and ‖ mighty things, which thou knoweſt not.

4 For thus ſaith the LORD, the God of Iſrael, concerning the houſes of this city, and concerning the houſes of the kings of Judah, *which are* thrown down by the mounts, and by the [4] ſword,

5 [5] They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *it is* to fill [6] them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have ſlain in mine anger, and in my fury, and for all whoſe wickedneſs I have hid my face from this city.

6 Behold, I will [7] bring it health and cure, and I will [8] cure them, and will [9] reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And I will [10] cauſe the captivity of Judah, and the captivity of Iſrael to return, and * will build them as at the firſt.

8 And I will [11] cleanſe them from all their iniquity, whereby they have ſinned againſt me, and I will * [12] pardon all their iniquities whereby they have ſinned, and whereby they have tranſgreſſed againſt me.

9 ¶ And [13] it ſhall be to me a name of joy, a praiſe and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which ſhall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they ſhall [14] fear and tremble for all the goodneſs, and for all the proſperity that I procure unto it.

10 Thus ſaith the LORD; Again there ſhall be heard in this place (which ye ſay *ſhall be* deſolate without man and without beaſt, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the ſtreets of Jeruſalem, *that are* deſolate without man and without inhabitant, and without beaſt,

11 [15] The

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[22] *Ch.* 19. 13.
[23] *Ch.* 22. 21.
[24] *Ch.* 25. 6, 7.
[25] The Inhabitants thereof. † Heb. *for my anger.*
[26] *Ch.* 2. 27. † Heb. *neck.*
[27] *Ch.* 7. 30. and 23. 11. *Ezek.* 8. 5, 16. Plac't their Idols in the Temple.
[28] *Ch.* 7. 31. See there. * Chap. 19. 5. * Lev. 18. 21.
[29] Or, *Notwithſtanding, q. d.* Tho you have been thus wicked, yet —— ¶ [30] Concerning which you now begin to have deſponding thoughts, and to give up all for loſt.
* Deut. 30. 3. Ch. 23. 3. & 29. 14. & 31. 10.
* Chap. 30. 22. & 31. 33.
[31] *Ch.* 24. 7. See there. I'l own 'em again for my People.
† Heb. *all days.*
[32] *Ezek.* 11. 19. A ſincere ſingle Heart, fix't on God alone (1 *Sam.* 7. 3.) and an agreement of judgment among themſelves, *Zech.* 14. 9. *Acts* 4. 32. *Eph.* 4. 3—6. *Phil.* 2. 1. ¶ [33] *Viz.* of Worſhip and Life. ¶ [34] Serve me. ¶ [35] *Deut.* 5. 29. *Pſal.* 115. 13, 14.
* Chap. 31. 31. † Heb. *from after them.*
[36] *Iſa.* 61. 8. 2 *Sam.* 23. 5. ¶ [37] *Deut.* 26. 18. God's Love will not let him depart from us, and our Fear will not let us depart from him.
* Deut. 30. 9. Am. 9. 15. † Heb. *in truth, or ſtability.*
[38] *Iſa.* 62. 5. *Zeph.* 3. 17. ¶ [39] *Ch.* 24. 6. and 31. 28.
[40] *Ch.* 19. 10. and 31 *Iſa.* 28. *Zech.* 8. 14, 15.
[1] *Ch.* 32. 2.
* Iſa. 37. 26.
[2] These gracious Promiſes of Reſtauration, *Ch.* 31. and 32.
‖ Or, *hidden.*
[3] Seek unto me for further diſcoveries of my mind in this matter; and I'l acquaint thee with what further favour I intend 'em.
[4] Military Violence.
[5] This Verſe is to be read in a Parentheſis, ſhewing the iſſue of their oppoſing the *Chaldeans.* ¶ [6] Their houſes.
[7] Cauſe 'em to be re-edified, and raiſed up again. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 3. 22. Reſtore the People to their former ſtate again. ¶ [9] Beſtow upon 'em.
[10] *Ch.* 30. 3. and 32. —44.
* Chap. 24. 6. & 31. 4. & 42. 10.
* Mic. 7. 18.
[11] *Ezek.* 36. 25. By pardoning 'em. ¶ [12] *Ob.* 31. 34.
[13] My reſtoring of 'em ſhall be ſo remarkable that it ſhall procure me much Honour among other Nations. ¶ [14] *Ex.* 15. 14, 16. 2 *Chron.* 20. 29. *Eſth.* 8. 17. To do any thing againſt this People ſo favour'd by me.
[15] The

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11 [15] The voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, * [16] Praise the LORD of hosts, for the LORD *is* good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever, *and* of them that shall bring the [17] sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD; for * I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

* 2 Chr. 7. 3. Ps. 136. 1.

* Ver. 7.

[15] *Ch.* 7. 34. and 16. 9. ¶ [16] 1 *Chron.* 16. 41. *Ezr.* 3. 11. ¶ [17] *Ch.* 17. 26.

12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Again in this place *which is* desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.

3414. 13 * In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah shall the flocks * pass again [18] under the hands of him that telleth *them*, saith the LORD.

* Chap. 17. 26. & 32. 44.

* Lev. 27. 32. [18] *Ezek.* 20. 37. *John* 10. 3, 10, 12.

14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15 ¶ In those days, and at that time will I cause the * [19] branch of righteousness to grow up unto David, and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

* Isa. 11. 1. & 4. 2. [19] *Ch.* 23. 5. See there.

16 [20] In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this *is the name* wherewith [21] she shall be called, † The LORD our righteousness.

† Heb. *Jehovah-tsidkenu.*

[20] *Ch.* 23. 6. See there. ¶ [21] This name [*The Lord our Righteousness*] belongs primarily to Christ, *Ch.* 23. 6. But is here said to be given to the Church, because all her Righteousness is derived from Christ, 1 *Cor.* 1. 30. *Esa.* 45. 24, 25. *Phil.* 3. 9.

17 ¶ For thus saith the LORD, † David shall [22] never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel.

† Heb. *There shall not be cut off from David.*

[22] 2 *Sam.* 7. 16. 1 *Kin.* 2. 4. Fulfill'd principally in Christ, *Luke* 1. 32, 33.

18 Neither shall the [23] priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt-offerings, and to kindle meat-offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

[23] A Gospel-Ministry shall continue also to the World's end, *Matth.* 28. 20. *Eph.* 4. 11–13.

19 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus saith the LORD, [24] If you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

[24] *Ch.* 31. 36. *Esa.* 54. 8.

21 *Then* may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne, and with the Levites the priests my ministers.

22 * [25] As the host of heaven cannot be numbred, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the [26] seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

* Gen. 13. 15. & 15. 5. & 22. 17. [25] *Ch.* 31. 37. [26] The Members of Christ.

23 Moreover, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Considerest thou not what [27] this people have spoken, saying, [28] The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they [29] should be no more a nation before them.

[27] The Enemies of the *Jews.* ¶ [28] Of *Judah* and *Israel.* ¶ [29] As if they were never like to be a Nation again.

25 Thus saith the LORD, If my covenant *be* not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, *so* that I will not take *any* of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for * I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

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* V. 7. 11.

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Jeremiah propheseth the captivity of Zedekiah and of the city.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, (3414. [1] when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth † of his dominion, and all the people fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof) saying,

[1] *Ch.* 52. 4. [2] *Kin.* 25. 1, &c. † Heb. *the dominion of his hand.*

2 Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, Go, and [2] speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and * he shall burn it with fire:

[2] *Ch.* 32. 3, 4. * Chap. 32. 29.

3 And * thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand, and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and † he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

* Chap. 32. 4. † Heb. *his mouth shall speak to thy mouth.*

4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shall not die by the sword;

5 *But* thou shalt die [3] in peace: and [4] with the burnings of thy fathers the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn *odours* for thee, and they will [5] lament thee, *saying*, Ah lord: for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.

[3] A natural Death, by God's ordinary Visitation, *Ch.* 32. 5. ¶ [4] 2 *Chron.* 16. 14. and 21. 19. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 22. 18.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem.

7 When the king of Babylons army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah *that were* left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these defenced cities remained of the cities of Judah.

8 ¶ *This is* the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which *were* at Jerusalem, to proclaim [6] liberty unto [7] them;

[6] According to the Law, *ver.* 14. *Ex.* 21. 2. *Deut.* 15. 12. ¶ [7] Who had serv'd six years.

9 * That every man should let his man-servant, and every man his maid-servant, *being* an Hebrew, or an Hebrewess, go free, that none should serve himself of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his brother.

* Neh. 5. 11.

10 Now when all the princes, and all the people which had entred into the covenant, heard that every one should let his man-servant, and every one his maid-servant go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed and let *them* go.

11 But afterwards they turned and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

12 ¶ Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bond-men, saying,

14 At the end of * seven years, let ye go every man his brother, an Hebrew, which ‖ hath been

* Exod. 21. 2. Deut. 15. 12. ‖ Or, *hath sold himself.*

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been sold unto thee: and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.

† Heb. *to day.*

15 And ye were † now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour, and ye had made a covenant before me in the house † which is called by my name.

† Heb. *whereupon my name is called.*

16 But ye turned and [8] polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

[8] *Lev.* 19. 12. By not performing your Covenant made with me.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Ye have [9] not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold I proclaim [10] a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the [10] sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine, and I will make you † to be * removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

† Heb. *for a removing.*

* Deut. 28.64. Ch. 29. 18.

[9] *Viz.* In sincerity. ¶ [10] Give 'em leave to seize upon and devour you.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they [11] cut the calf in twain, and [11] passed between the parts thereof,

[11] *Gen.* 15. 10, 17.

19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land which passed between the parts of the calf,

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that

[12] *Ch.* 7. 33. & 16. 4.

seek their life; and their [12] dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And Zedekiah king of Judah, and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylons

* See Ch. 37. 5, 11.

army * which are gone up from you.

22 Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city, and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire, and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *By the obedience of the Rechabites,* 12 *the Jews disobedience is condemned.*

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

* Ch 2. 55.

2 Go unto the house of * the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites.

4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shal-

† Heb. *threshold* or *vessel.*

lum, the keeper of the † door.

5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

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6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for [1] Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink [2] no wine, *neither* ye, nor your sons for ever.

[1] Who lived near three hundred years before this time, 2 *Kings* 10. 15. ¶ [2] To teach 'em Temperance, and that they might the better make it appear that they did not incorporate with God's people for any Temporal advantages, but only for Spiritual respects.

7 Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents, that ye may live many days in the land where ye *be* strangers.

8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father, in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons nor our daughters.

9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed.

10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all, that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.

12 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Go and tell the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD.

14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their fathers commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you,

* Ch.7.13,25.

* rising early, and speaking, but ye hearkened not unto me.

15 I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, * Return ye now every man from his

* Ch. 18.11. & 25. 5.

evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me.

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17 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard, and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

18 ¶ And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:

19 [3] Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, † Jonadab the son of Rechab shall * not want a man to stand before me for ever.

† Heb. *There shall not a man be cut off from Jonadab the son of Rechab to stand,* &c.

[3] Because of that reverence and respect you pay to the Commands of your Father, tho not strictly oblig'd thereto ¶ [4] Your.

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¶ [1] Your Family ſhall continue for a long ſeaſon (whereby it appears that this their Obedience was acceptable to God.)

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Baruch writeth Jeremiahs prophecy.* 20 *Jehoiakim burneth the roll.* 27 *His judgment.* 32 *Baruch writeth a new copy.*

3398. AND it came to paſs in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah, *that* this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, ſaying,

2 Take thee a [1] roll of a book, and [2] write therein [3] all the words that I have ſpoken unto thee againſt Iſrael, and againſt Judah, and againſt all the nations, from the day I ſpake unto thee, from the days of * Joſiah, even unto this day.

* Chap. 25. 3.

[1] *Iſa.* 8. 1. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 30. 2. ¶ [3] The ſum and ſubſtance of all thoſe Sermons and Prophecies hitherto Preach'd by thee.

3 [4] It may be that the houſe of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpoſe to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way, that I may [5] forgive their iniquity and their ſin.

[4] *Ch.* 36. 3.

[5] Forbear to puniſh 'em for it.

4 Then Jeremiah called * Baruch the ſon of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jermiah all the words of the LORD, which he had ſpoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

* Chap. 45. 1.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, ſaying, I *am* ſhut up, I cannot go into the houſe of the LORD:

6 Therefore go thou and read in the roll which thou haſt written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORDs houſe upon the faſting-day: and alſo thou ſhalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

† Heb. *their ſupplication ſhall fall.*

7 It may be † they will preſent their ſupplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way; for great *is* the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced againſt this people.

8 And Baruch the ſon of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORDs houſe.

3399. 9 And it came to paſs in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a [6] faſt before the LORD to all the people in Jeruſalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jeruſalem.

[6] Perhaps for the removal of that drought mentioned, *Ch.* 14. 1, 2.

10 Then read Baruch in the book, the words of Jeremiah in the houſe of the LORD, in the [7] chamber of Gemariah, the ſon of Shaphan the ſcribe, in the higher court, at the ‖ [8] entry of the new gate of the LORDs houſe in the ears of all the people.

‖ Or, *door.*

[7] Looking out of ſome Window or Balcony, where the People might the better ſee and hear him. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 26. 10.

11 ¶ When Michaiah the ſon of Gemariah the ſon of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,

12 Then he went down into the kings houſe into the ſcribes chamber, and lo, all the princes ſat there, *even* Eliſhama the ſcribe, and Delaiah the ſon of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the ſon of Achbor, and Gemariah the ſon of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the ſon of Hananiah, and all the princes.

13 Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

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14 Therefore all the princes ſent Jehudi the ſon of Nethaniah, the ſon of Shelemiah, the ſon of Cuſhi, unto Baruch, ſaying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou haſt read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the ſon of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

15 And they ſaid unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears.

16 Now it came to paſs when they had heard all the words, they were afraid [9] both one and other, and ſaid unto Baruch, We will ſurely [10] tell the king of all theſe words.

[9] Both good and bad. ¶ [10] To try if they could work any good upon him thereby.

17 And they asked Baruch, ſaying, Tell us now, How didſt thou write all theſe words at his mouth?

18 Then Baruch anſwered them, He pronounced all theſe words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book.

19 Then ſaid the princes unto Baruch, Go [11] hide thee, thou and Jeremiah, and let no man know where ye *be.*

[11] For fear of the worſt.

20 ¶ And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Eliſhama the ſcribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21 So the king ſent Jehudi to fetch the roll, and he took it out of Eliſhama the ſcribes chamber, and Jehudi [12] read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which ſtood beſide the king. 3399.

[12] Part of it. *ver.* 23.

22 Now the king ſat in the [13] winter-houſe, in the ninth month; and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him.

[13] *Am.* 3. 15.

23 And it came to paſs *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the pen-knife, and caſt *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was conſumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor * rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his ſervants that heard all theſe words.

* 2 Kin. 22. 11.

25 Nevertheleſs, Elnathan, and Delaiah, and Gemariah had made interceſſion to the king, that he would not burn the roll, but he would not hear them.

26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the ſon ‖ of Hammelech, and Seraiah the ſon of Azriel, and Shelemiah the ſon of Abdeel, to take Baruch the ſcribe, and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD [14] hid them. 3492.

‖ Or, *of the king.*

[14] So ordered it by his Providence, that the Kings Meſſengers could not find 'em out where they had hid themſelves, according to his Promiſe, *Ch.* 1. 19. and 15. 21.

27 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah (after that the king had burnt the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah) ſaying,

28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the firſt roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burnt.

29 And thou ſhalt ſay to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus ſaith the LORD, Thou haſt burnt this roll, ſaying, Why haſt thou written therein, ſaying, The king of Babylon ſhall certainly come and deſtroy this land, and ſhall cauſe to ceaſe from thence man and beaſt?

30 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD, of Jehoiakim king of Judah, He ſhall have none to [15] ſit upon the throne of David, and his dead body Compl. 3405.

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[1] That came to viſit him in the priſon.

2 Thus ſaith the LORD, [2] He that remaineth in this city ſhall die by the ſword, by the famine, and by the peſtilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans, ſhall live; for he ſhall have his life for a prey, and ſhall live.

[2] *Ch.* 21. 9.

3 Thus ſaith the LORD, This city ſhall ſurely be given into the hand of the king of Babylons army, which ſhall take it.

4 Therefore the princes ſaid unto the king, We beſeech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in ſpeaking ſuch words unto them: for this man ſeeketh not the † welfare of this people, but the [3] hurt.

† Heb. *peace.*

[3] 2 *Kings* 18. 17. and 21. 10. *Acts* 16. 20. and 17. 6.

5 Then Zedekiah the king ſaid, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king *is* not *he that* can do *any* thing againſt you.

6 Then took they Jeremiah, and caſt him into the dungeon of Malchiah the ſon ‖ of Hammelech that *was* in the court of the priſon: and they

‖ Or, *of the king.*

Chap. 38. they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire: ſo Jeremiah ſunk in the mire.

* Ch. 39. 16. 7 ¶ Now when * Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the kings houſe, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon, (the king then ſitting in the gate of Benjamin)

8 Ebed-melech went forth out of the kings houſe, and [4] ſpake to the king, ſaying,

[4] Thus the Prophet found more favour and help from a Stranger, than his own Country-men; as God, more Obedience (*ch.* 3. 14, 15.) and more Repentance (*Jon.* 3.10.) and Chriſt more Faith (*Mat.*8.10.) than in God's own profeſſed people; to their greater Condemnation, *Mat.*21.41,42.

9 My lord the king, theſe men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have caſt into the dungeon, and he † is like to die for hunger in the place where he is, for *there is* no more bread in the city.

† Heb. *will die.*

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, ſaying, Take from hence [5] thirty men † with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon before he die.

† Heb. *in thine hand.*

[5] To aſſiſt *Ebed-melech* in the execution of the Kings Command againſt any that ſhould oppoſe it.

11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the houſe of the king under the treaſury, and took thence old caſt clouts, and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian ſaid unto Jeremiah, Put now *theſe* old caſt clouts, and rotten rags under thine arm-holes, under the cords. And Jeremiah did ſo.

13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon, and Jeremiah remained in the [6] court of the priſon.

[6] Ch. 37. 21.

14 ¶ Then Zedekiah the king ſent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the ‖ third entry that *is* in the houſe of the LORD; and the king ſaid unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing: hide nothing from me.

‖ Or, *principal.*

15 Then Jeremiah ſaid unto Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not ſurely put me to death? and if I give thee counſel, [7] wilt thou not hearken unto me?

[7] Rather, *Thou wilt not.*

16 So Zedekiah the king ſware ſecretly unto Jeremiah, ſaying, *As* the LORD liveth, * that made us this ſoul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of theſe men that ſeek thy life.

* Iſa. 57. 16.

17 Then ſaid Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus ſaith the LORD the God of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, if thou wilt aſſuredly go forth unto the king of Babylons princes, then thy ſoul ſhall live, and this city ſhall not be burnt with fire, and thou ſhalt live, and thine houſe.

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylons princes, then ſhall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they ſhall burn it with fire, and thou ſhalt not eſcape out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah the king ſaid unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, leſt they deliver me into their hand, and they [8] mock me.

[8] So 1 *Sam.*31. 4. *Judg.*9.54.

20 But Jeremiah ſaid, They ſhall not deliver *thee*: obey, I beſeech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I ſpeak unto thee: ſo it ſhall be [9] well unto thee, and thy ſoul ſhall live.

[9] *Deut.* 28.63. *Job* 22. 21.

21 But if thou refuſe to go forth, this *is* the word that the LORD hath ſhewed me:

22 And behold, all the [10] women that are left in the king of Judahs houſe, *ſhall be* brought forth to the king of Babylons princes, and thoſe *women* ſhall ſay, † [11] Thy friends have ſet thee on, and have [12] prevailed againſt thee: [13] thy feet are ſunk in the mire, *and* [14] they are turned away back.

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† Heb. *Men of thy peace.*

[10] Court-Ladies left behind when *Jeconiah* went away; ſhall deride thee for thy folly in harkning to evil Counſel. ¶ [11] Thy falſe Prophets who ſooth'd thee up with promiſes of Peace. ¶ [12] Prevail'd with thee to ſtand out to thy own ruin. ¶ [13] Thou art fallen into ſuch difficulties out of which thou knoweſt not how to eſcape. ¶ [14] Thy Friends have forſaken thee, and left thee in the lurch.

23 So they ſhall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans, and thou ſhalt not eſcape out of their hand, but ſhalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou † ſhalt cauſe this city to be burnt with fire.

† Heb. *ſhalt burn,* &c.

24 ¶ Then ſaid Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of theſe words, and thou ſhalt not die.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and ſay unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou haſt ſaid unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; alſo what the king ſaid unto thee:

26 Then thou ſhalt ſay unto them, * I preſented my ſupplication before the king, that he would not cauſe me to return to Jonathans houſe to die there.

* Ch. 37. 20.

27 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him, and he told them according to all theſe words that the king had commanded: ſo they † left off ſpeaking with him, for the matter was not perceived.

† Heb. *were ſilent from him.*

28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the priſon, until the day that Jeruſalem was taken, and he was *there* when Jeruſalem was taken. 3416.

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[1] *Jeruſalem taken.* 4 *Zedekiah made blind, and ſent to Babylon.* 8 *The city is ruined.* 9 *The people are captivated.*

[1] IN the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and all his army [2] againſt Jeruſalem, and they beſieged it.

[1] *Ch.* 52. 4. 2 *Kings* 25. 1. &c. ¶ [2] For *Zedekiah's* Revolt from him, 2 *Kings* 24. 17, 20.

2 *And* in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the [3] fourth month, the ninth *day* of the month, the city was [4] broken up. 3416.

[3] *Zech.* 8. 19.
[4] Taken by Storm.

3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and [5] ſat in the middle gate, *even* Nergal-ſharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarſechim, Rab-ſaris, Nergal-ſharezer, Rab-mag, with all the reſidue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

[5] *Ch.* 1. 15.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah ſaw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the kings garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls, and he went out the way of the plain. 3416.

5 But the Chaldeans army purſued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the [6] plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they [7] brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he † gave judgment upon him.

[6] *Ezek.* 17. 16.
[7] *Ch.* 32. 4. & 34. 3.
† Heb. *ſpake with him judgments.*

6 Then the king of Babylon ſlew the ſons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: alſo the king of Babylon ſlew all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover, he [8] put out Zedekiahs eyes, and bound him with † chains to carry him to Babylon.

[8] *Ezek.* 12. 13.
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THEN Shephatiah the ſon of Mattan, and Gedaliah the ſon of Paſhur, and Jucal the ſon of Shelemiah, and Paſhur the ſon of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had ſpoken unto [1] all the people, ſaying,

[1] That came to viſit him in the priſon.

2 Thus ſaith the LORD, [2] He that remaineth in this city ſhall die by the ſword, by the famine, and by the peſtilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans, ſhall live; for he ſhall have his life for a prey, and ſhall live.

[2] *Ch.* 21. 9.

3 Thus ſaith the LORD, This city ſhall ſurely be given into the hand of the king of Babylons army, which ſhall take it.

4 Therefore the princes ſaid unto the king, We beſeech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in ſpeaking ſuch words unto them: for this man ſeeketh not the † welfare of this people, but the [3] hurt.

† Heb. *peace.*

[3] 1 Kings 18. 17. and 21. 20. *Acts* 16. 20, and 17. 6.

5 Then Zedekiah the king ſaid, Behold, he *is* in your hand: for the king *is* not *he that* can do *any* thing againſt you.

6 Then took they Jeremiah, and caſt him into the dungeon of Malchiah the ſon ‖ of Hammelech that *was* in the court of the priſon: and they

‖ Or, *of the king.*

Chap. 38. they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire: ſo Jeremiah ſunk in the mire.

* Ch. 39. 16. 7 ¶ Now when * Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the kings houſe, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon, (the king then ſitting in the gate of Benjamin)

8 Ebed-melech went forth out of the kings houſe, and [4] ſpake to the king, ſaying,

[4] Thus the Prophet found more favour and help from a Stranger, than his own Country-men; as God, more Obedience (*ch.* 3. 14, 15.) and more Repentance (*Jon.* 3.10.) and Chriſt more Faith (*Mat.*8.10.) than in God's own profeſſed people; to their greater Condemnation, *Mat.*21.41,42.

9 My lord the king, theſe men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have caſt into the dungeon, and he † is like to die for hunger in the place where he is, for *there is* no more bread in the city.

† Heb. *will die.*

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, ſaying, Take from hence [5] thirty men † with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon before he die.

† Heb. *in thine hand.*

[5] To aſſiſt *Ebed-melech* in the execution of the Kings Command againſt any that ſhould oppoſe it.

11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the houſe of the king under the treaſury, and took thence old caſt clouts, and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian ſaid unto Jeremiah, Put now *theſe* old caſt clouts, and rotten rags under thine arm-holes, under the cords. And Jeremiah did ſo.

13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon, and Jeremiah remained in the [6] court of the priſon.

[6] *Ch.* 37. 21.

14 ¶ Then Zedekiah the king ſent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the ‖ third entry that *is* in the houſe of the LORD; and the king ſaid unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing: hide nothing from me.

‖ Or, *principal.*

15 Then Jeremiah ſaid unto Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not ſurely put me to death? and if I give thee counſel, [7] wilt thou not hearken unto me?

[7] Rather, *Thou wilt not.*

16 So Zedekiah the king ſware ſecretly unto Jeremiah, ſaying, *As* the LORD liveth, * that made us this ſoul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of theſe men that ſeek thy life.

* Iſa. 57. 16.

17 Then ſaid Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus ſaith the LORD the God of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, if thou wilt aſſuredly go forth unto the king of Babylons princes, then thy ſoul ſhall live, and this city ſhall not be burnt with fire, and thou ſhalt live, and thine houſe.

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylons princes, then ſhall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they ſhall burn it with fire, and thou ſhalt not eſcape out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah the king ſaid unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, leſt they deliver me into their hand, and they [8] mock me.

[8] So 1 *Sam.*31. 4. *Judg.*9.54.

20 But Jeremiah ſaid, They ſhall not deliver *thee*: obey, I beſeech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I ſpeak unto thee: ſo it ſhall be [9] well unto thee, and thy ſoul ſhall live.

[9] *Deut.* 28.63. *Job* 22. 21.

21 But if thou refuſe to go forth, this *is* the word that the LORD hath ſhewed me:

22 And behold, all the [10] women that are left in the king of Judahs houſe, *ſhall be* brought forth to the king of Babylons princes, and thoſe *women* ſhall ſay, † [11] Thy friends have ſet thee on, and have [12] prevailed againſt thee: [13] thy feet are ſunk in the mire, *and* [14] they are turned away back.

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† Heb. *Men of thy peace:*

[10] Court-Ladies left behind when *Jeconiah* went away; ſhall deride thee for thy folly in harkning to evil Counſel. ¶ [11] Thy falſe Prophets who ſooth'd thee up with promiſes of Peace. ¶ [12] Prevail'd with thee to ſtand out to thy own ruin. ¶ [13] Thou art fallen into ſuch difficulties out of which thou knoweſt not how to eſcape. ¶ [14] Thy Friends have forſaken thee, and left thee in the lurch.

23 So they ſhall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans, and thou ſhalt not eſcape out of their hand, but ſhalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou † ſhalt cauſe this city to be burnt with fire.

† Heb. *ſhalt burn,* &c.

24 ¶ Then ſaid Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of theſe words, and thou ſhalt not die.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and ſay unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou haſt ſaid unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; alſo what the king ſaid unto thee:

26 Then thou ſhalt ſay unto them, * I preſented my ſupplication before the king, that he would not cauſe me to return to Jonathans houſe to die there.

* Ch. 37. 20.

27 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him, and he told them according to all theſe words that the king had commanded: ſo they † left off ſpeaking with him, for the matter was not perceived.

† Heb. *were ſilent from him.*

28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the priſon, until the day that Jeruſalem was taken, and he was *there* when Jeruſalem was taken. 3416.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *Jeruſalem taken.* 4 *Zedekiah made blind, and ſent to Babylon.* 8 *The city is ruined.* 9 *The people are captivated.*

IN the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and all his army [1] againſt Jeruſalem, and they beſieged it.

[1] *Ch.* 52. 4. 2 *Kings* 25. 1. &c. ¶ [2] For *Zedekiah's* Revolt from him, 2 *Kings* 24. 17, 20.

2 *And* in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the [3] fourth month, the ninth *day* of the month, the city was [4] broken up. 3416.

[3] *Zech.* 8. 19.
[4] Taken by Storm.

3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and [5] ſat in the middle gate, *even* Nergal-ſharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarſechim, Rab-ſaris, Nergal-ſharezer, Rab-mag, with all the reſidue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

[5] *Ch.* 1. 15.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah ſaw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the kings garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls, and he went out the way of the plain. 3416.

5 But the Chaldeans army purſued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the [6] plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they [7] brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he † gave judgment upon him.

[6] *Ezek.* 17. 16.
[7] *Ch.* 32. 4. & 34. 3.
† Heb. *ſpake with him judgments.*

6 Then the king of Babylon ſlew the ſons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: alſo the king of Babylon ſlew all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover, he [8] put out Zedekiahs eyes, and bound him with † chains to carry him to Babylon.

[8] *Ezek.* 12. 13.
† Heb. *two braſen chains;* or *fetters.*

8 ¶ And

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8 ¶ And the Chaldeans [9] burnt the kings houſe, and the houſes of the people with fire, and [10] brake down the walls of Jeruſalem.

[9] *Ch.* 21. 10. and 37. 8. and 38. 18, 23. 2 *Kings* 25. 9. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 52. 14.

‖ Or, *chief marſhal.* † Heb. *chief of the executioners*, or *ſlaughter men*, and ſo Ver. 10, 11, &c.

9 Then Nebuzar-adan the ‖ † captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and thoſe that fell away, that fell to him, with the reſt of the people that remained.

10 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and [11] gave them vineyards and fields † at the ſame time.

† Heb. *in that day.*

[11] Who perhaps before had had their Eſtates wreſted from 'em by Oppreſſion and Violence, *Iſa.* 5. 15, 17.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

11 ¶ Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah † to Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, ſaying,

† Heb. *ſet thine eyes upon him.*

12 Take him, and † look well to him, and do him no harm, but do unto him even as he ſhall ſay unto thee.

13 So Nebuzar-adan, the captain of the guard ſent, and Nebuſhasban, Rabſaris, and Nergal-ſharezer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylons princes:

* Chap. 40. 5.

14 Even they ſent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the priſon, and * committed him unto Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam, the ſon of Shaphan, that he ſhould carry him home: ſo he dwelt among the people.

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15 ¶ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he was ſhut up in the court of the priſon, ſaying,

* Chap. 38. 7.

16 Go and ſpeak to * Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, Behold, I will bring my words upon this city [12] for evil, and not for good, and they ſhall be *accompliſhed* in that day [13] before thee.

[12] *Ch.* 21. 16. and 44. 27. [13] In thy ſight.

17 But I will [14] deliver thee in that day, ſaith the LORD, and thou ſhalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou *art* [15] afraid.

[14] God is not unmindful of thoſe that have ſhew'd any kindneſs to his faithful Miniſters, to reward 'em for it, *Matth.* 10. 41. ¶ [15] They that act out of a Principle of Faith, may yet be encumbred with ſlaviſh fear.

18 For I will ſurely deliver thee, and thou ſhalt not fall by the ſword, but thy life ſhall be for a prey unto thee, [16] becauſe thou haſt put thy truſt in me, ſaith the LORD.

[16] *Pſal.* 37. 40.

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1 Jeremiah being ſet free by Nebuzar-adan, goeth to Gedaliah. 7 The diſperſed Jews come to him. 13 Iſhmaels conſpiracy.

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THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound ‖ in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jeruſalem and Judah, *which were* carried away captive unto Babylon.

‖ Or, *manicles.*

2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and ſaid unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place.

[1] *Ch.* 50. 7.

3 Now the LORD hath [1] brought *it*, and done according as he hath ſaid: becauſe ye have ſinned againſt the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

‖ Or, are *upon thine hands.* [2] *Acts* 12. 7.

4 And now behold, I looſe thee this day from the chains which ‖ *were* upon thine [2] hand: if it ſeem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will † look well unto thee: but if it ſeem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land *is* [3] before thee: whither it ſeemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.

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† Heb. *ſet mine eye upon thee.* [3] *Gen.* 13. 9. and 47. 6.

5 Now while he was not yet gone back, *he ſaid*, Go back alſo to Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made [4] governour over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go whereſoever it ſeemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him [5] victuals and a reward, and let him go.

[4] 2 *Kings* 25. 22. ¶ [5] Proviſion for his Journey.

6 Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people *that were* left in the land.

7 ¶ Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam governour in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

8 Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the ſons of Careah, and Seraiah the ſon of Tanhumeth, and the ſons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the ſon of a Maachathite, they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, ſware unto them, and to their men, ſaying, Fear not to ſerve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land and ſerve the king of Babylon, and it ſhall be [6] well with you.

[6] *Ch.* 38. 20.

10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, † to ſerve the Chaldeans which will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and ſummer fruits, and oyl, and put *them* in your veſſels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

† Heb. *to ſtand before.*

11 Likewiſe when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that *were* in all the countreys, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had ſet over them Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan;

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12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and ſummer-fruits, very much.

13 ¶ Moreover, Johanan the ſon of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14 And ſaid unto him, Doſt thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath ſent Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah † to ſlay thee? But Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam believed them not.

† Heb. *to ſtrike thee in ſoul.*

15 Then Johanan the ſon of Kareah ſpake to Gedaliah in Mizpah ſecretly, ſaying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will ſlay Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah, and no man ſhall know *it*: wherefore ſhould he ſlay thee, that all the Jews *which are* gathered unto thee ſhould be ſcattered, and the remnant of Judah periſh?

16 But Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam ſaid unto Johanan the ſon of Kareah, Thou ſhalt not do this thing, for thou ſpeakeſt falſly of Iſhmael.

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CHAP. XLI.

1 *Ishmael treacherously killeth Gedaliah and others.*
11 *Johanan recovereth the captives.*

3417. NOw * it came to pass in the seventh month, *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son
* 2 Kin. 25.25. of Elishama of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and there they did [1] eat bread together in Mizpah.

[1] *Psal.* 41. 9. *Luke* 14. 1. Feast and Converse freely together.

2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governour over the land.

3417. 3 Ishmael also slew [2] all the Jews that were with him, *even* with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and
[2] *Viz.* that were about him. See *Ver.* 10. the Chaldeans that were found there, *and* the men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew *it*,

5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men having their beards [3] shaven, and their clothes [3] rent, and having [3] cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to [4] the house of the LORD.

[3] *Ch.* 47. 5. As Mourners were wont to do, (*Ch.* 16. 6.) for the desolations of the Land, City and Temple. ¶ [4] The place where it stood, hoping to find some Priests, and Altar rebuilt.

† Heb. *in going and weeping.* [5] Pretending the like sorrow with them. 6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them; † [5] weeping all all along as he went: and it came to pass as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.

7 And it was *so* when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah
* So 1 Mac. 7. 19. slew them, *and* * *cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him.

8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have [6] treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oyl, and of hony. So he forbare, and slew them not among their brethren.

[6] Store-houses (as 1 *Chron.* 27. 25.) which we are willing to part with, to redeem our lives.

9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men (whom he had slain
‖ Or, *near Gedaliah.* † Heb. *by the hand*, or *by the side*, *of Gedaliah.* ‖ † because of Gedaliah) *was* it, * which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel; *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *them that were* slain.

* 1 Kings 15. 22. ? *Ch.* 40. 11, 12. 10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the ? residue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the kings daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

11 ¶ But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and
¶ 2 Sam. 2. 13. found him by * the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.

13 Now it came to pass, *that* when all the people which *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad.

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14 So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah, cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, (after *that* he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam) *even* mighty men of war, and the women and the children, and the eunuchs whom he had brought again from Gibeon.

17 And they departed and dwelt in the habitation of * Chimham, which *is* by Beth-lehem, * 2 Sam. 19. 37, 38.
to go to enter into Egypt,

18 Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governour in the land.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *Johanan desireth Jeremiah to enquire of God, promising obedience to his will.* 7 *Jeremiahs answer.* 19 *He reproveth their hypocrisie.*

3417. THen all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

‖ Or, *Let our supplication fall before thee.* [1] 1 *Sam.* 12. 19 2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, ‖ Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and [1] pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant, (for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us)

3 That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you*; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words, and it shall come to pass, *that* whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you: I will * [2] keep nothing back from you. * 1 Sam. 3. 18.

[2] *Acts* 20. 20.

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.

6 Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* [3] evil, we will [4] obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; * that it may be [5] well * Chap. 7. 23.
with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

[3] Contrary to our humour and inclination. ¶ [4] *Deut.* 5. 27. ¶ [5] *Deut.* 6. 3.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him,

10 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I [6] build you, and not pull *you* down, and I [6] *Ch.* 24. 6.
will plant you, and not pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid: be not afraid of him, saith

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the LORD: for I *am* [7] with you, to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

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12 And * I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your [8] own land.

[7] *Isa.* 41. 10, 13, 14 and 43. 2, 5.
* Psal. 106. 46.
[8] The several places of your former abode.

13 ¶ But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God,

14 Saying, No, but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread, and there will we dwell:

15 (And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah, Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, If ye * [9] wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there)

* Deut. 17. 16.
[9] Are obstinately resolv'd upon it.

16 Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword which ye feared, shall overtake you there [10] in the land of Egypt, and the famine whereof ye were afraid, shall † follow close after you there in Egypt, and there ye shall die.

† Heb. *cleave.*

[10] *Ch.* 43. 11. and 44. 27, 30. and 46. 13, 25. God brings those evils upon the wicked, which they seek by indirect courses to escape, *Prov.* 10. 24. *Isa.* 66. 4. *Ezek.* 11. 8.

17 So shall † it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there, they shall die by the [11] sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and * none of them shall remain or [12] escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

† Heb. *all the men be.*
[11] *Ch.* 44. 12.
* See Chap. 44. 14, 28.
[12] *Ch.* 44. 14.

18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, As mine anger and my fury hath been * poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and * ye shall be an [13] execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproch, and ye shall see this place no more.

* Chap. 7. 20.
* Chap. 29. 18, 22. Zech. 8. 13.
[13] *Ch.* 24. 9. and 44. 12.

19 ¶ The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah, Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly, that I have † admonished you this day.

† Heb. *testified against you.*

20 For ye ‖ dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God, and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do *it*.

‖ Or, *have used deceit against your souls.*

21 And *now* I have this day declared *it* to you, but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any *thing* for the which he hath sent me unto you.

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[7] *Isa.* 41. 10, 13, 14 and 43. 2, 5.
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* Deut. 17. 16.
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16 Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword which ye feared, shall overtake you there [10] in the land of Egypt, and the famine whereof ye were afraid, shall † follow close after you there in Egypt, and there ye shall die.

† Heb. *cleave.*

[10] *Ch.* 43. 11. and 44. 27, 30. and 46. 13, 25. God brings those evils upon the wicked, which they seek by indirect courses to escape, *Prov.* 10. 24. *Isa.* 66. 4. *Ezek.* 11. 8.

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* Chap. 7. 20.
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‖ Or, *from me; or from them.*

29 ¶ And this *ſhall be* [18] a ſign unto you, ſaith the LORD, that I will puniſh you in this place, that ye may know that words ſhall ſurely ſtand againſt you for evil.

[18] *Iſa.* 37. 30. & 38. 7. *Luk.* 2. 12.

30 Thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that ſeek his life, as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon his enemy, and that ſought his life.

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1 *Baruch being diſmaied,* 4 *Jeremiah inſtructeth and comforteth him.*

3398. THE word that Jeremiah the prophet ſpake unto Baruch the ſon of Neriah, when he had written [1] theſe words in [2] a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah, ſaying,

[1] *Ch.* 36. 2.

2 Thus ſaith the LORD the God of Iſrael unto thee, O Baruch,

3 [2] Thou didſt ſay, Wo is me now, for the LORD hath [3] added grief to my ſorrow, I fainted in my ſighing, and [4] I find no reſt.

[2] Thou art diſcouraged through apprehenſion of troubles like to befal thee for writing the Roll, *Ch.* 36. 26. ¶ [3] Given me grief upon grief, *Pſal.* 69.27. ¶ [4] *Lam.* 1.3. I ſee no hope of relief.

4 ¶ Thus ſhalt thou ſay unto him, The LORD ſaith thus, Behold, [5] *that* which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted, I will pluck up, even this whole land.

[5] *q. d.* I am about to overturn both Church and State.

5 And ſeekeſt thou [6] great things for thy ſelf? [7] ſeek *them* not: for behold, I will bring evil upon all fleſh, ſaith the LORD: but * thy life will [8] I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goeſt.

* Ch. 21. 9. & 38. 2.

[6] Not only freedom from trouble (*v.* 3.) but Plenty, Honour and the like. ¶ [7] Our Spirits ſhould be ſuited to God's diſpenſations, and not to aim at outward Grandeur in times of common calamity. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 39. 18. *Ezek.* 11.-16. Secure thy life whitherſoever thou goeſt.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 *Jeremiah propheſieth the overthrow of Pharaohs army,* 13 *and the conqueſt of Egypt by Nebuchadrezzar.* 27 *He comforteth Jacob in their chaſtiſement.*

3397. THE word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet againſt the [1] Gentiles.

[1] Several Nations bordering upon the Jews.

2 Againſt Egypt, againſt the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in * Carchemiſh, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon ſmote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah.

* 2 Chr. 35. 20.

3 [2] Order ye the buckler and ſhield, and draw near to battel.

[2] *q. d.* O ye *Egyptians*, you had beſt prepare your ſelves and uſe your utmoſt endeavours to defend your ſelves againſt the *Chaldeans*, (but all will be to no purpoſe, *v.* 5.)

4 Harneſs the horſes, and get up ye horſemen, and ſtand forth with *your* helmets, furbiſh the ſpears, *and* put on the brigandines.

5 [3] Wherefore have I ſeen them diſmayed, *and* turned away back? and their mighty ones are † beaten down, and are † fled apace, and look not back: *for* fear *was* round about, ſaith the LORD.

† Heb. *broken in pieces.* † Heb. *fled a flight.*

[3] *q. d.* Notwithſtanding all your preparations you ſhall be put to flight.

6 [4] Let not the ſwift flee away, nor the mighty man eſcape; they ſhall ſtumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

[4] Or, *The ſwift ſhall not fly away, but be taken.*

7 [5] Who *is* this *that* cometh up as a flood, whoſe waters are moved as the rivers?

[5] *q. d.* The King of *Egypt* has gathered a great Army together, as if he'd bear down all before him.

8 [5] Egypt riſeth up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers, and he ſaith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth, I will deſtroy the city, and the inhabitants thereof.

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9 [6] Come up ye horſes, and rage ye chariots, and let the mighty men come forth, † the Ethiopians, and the † Libyans that handle the ſhield, and the Lydians * that handle *and* bend the bow.

† Heb. *Cuſh.* † Heb. *Put.* * Iſa. 66. 19.

[6] *q. d.* Now you are come to the place of Battel, come on gallantly, and quit your ſelves like men.

10 [7] For this *is* the day of the Lord GOD of hoſts, a day of [8] vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adverſaries: and the ſword ſhall devour, and it ſhall be [9] ſatiate and made drunk with their bloud: for the Lord GOD of hoſts * hath a ſacrifice in the north-countrey by the river Euphrates.

* Zeph. 1. 7. See Ezek. 39. 17.

[7] Or, *But, q. d.* Whatever they deſign, or however they behave themſelves God will now be aveng'd on 'em. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 51. 6. ¶ [9] *Iſa.* 34. 6.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take * [10] balm, * O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain ſhalt thou uſe many medicines: *for* † thou ſhalt not be cured.

* Ch. 8. 22. * Iſa. 47. 1. † Heb. *no cure* ſhall be *unto thee.*

[10] *Ch.* 51. 8. *q. d.* Thou hadſt need to make uſe of the beſt ſalve for the deadly wound now given thee, *Ezek.* 30. 21–25.

12 The nations have heard of thy [11] ſhame, and [12] thy cry hath filled the land: for the [13] mighty man hath ſtumbled againſt the mighty, *and* they are fallen both together.

[11] Shameful overthrow. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 48. 34. *Iſa.* 15. 5, 8. ¶ [13] The ſtouteſt of the *Egyptians* have fallen one upon another, *v.* 16.

13 ¶ The word that the LORD ſpake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon ſhould come *and* * ſmite the land [14] of Egypt.

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14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publiſh in Migdol, and publiſh in Noph, and in Tahpanhes: ſay ye, Stand faſt, and [15] prepare thee; for the ſword ſhall devour round about thee.

[15] *Viz.* Againſt an Invaſion.

15 Why are thy valiant *men* ſwept away? they ſtood not, becauſe the LORD did drive them.

16 He † made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another, and [16] they ſaid, Ariſe, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppreſſing ſword.

† Heb. *multiplied the faller.*

[16] The hired Souldiers of other Nations, ſeeing how they were beaten, ſaid ——

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but* a [17] noiſe, he hath paſſed [18] the time appointed.

[17] Makes a great bluſter, and ſpeaks big words, but does nothing. ¶ [18] The fit ſeaſon for action.

18 *As* I live, ſaith the [19] King, whoſe name *is* the LORD of hoſts, [20] Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel by the ſea, *ſo* ſhall he come.

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[19] *Pſal.* 103. 19. *Mal.* 1. 14. *Matth.* 11. 25. ¶ [20] As ſurely as *Tabor* is to be reckoned among the Mountains; and as ſurely as *Carmel* ſtands by the Sea, ſo certainly ſhall the King of *Babylon* come and deſtroy *Egypt.*

19 O thou [21] daughter dwelling in Egypt, † furniſh thy ſelf to go into captivity: for Noph ſhall be waſte and deſolate without an inhabitant.

[21] Thou inhabitant of *Egypt* † Heb. *make thee inſtruments of captivity.*

20 Egypt *is like* a very [22] fair heifer, *but* deſtruction cometh, it cometh out of [23] the north.

[22] A rich and goodly Kingdom. [23] *Chaldea.*

21 Alſo her [24] hired men *are* in the midſt of her, like † fatted bullocks, [25] for they alſo are turned back, *and* are fled away together; they did not ſtand, becauſe the [26] day of their calamity was come upon them, *and* the time of their viſitation.

† Heb. *bullocks of the ſtall.*

[24] Auxiliary Forces are luſty, ſtout men, likely to do good ſervice. ¶ [25] Or, *But.* ¶ [26] *Ch.* 50. 27.

22 [27] The

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22 [27] The voice thereof ſhall go like a ſerpent, for they ſhall march with an army, and come againſt her with axes, as hewers of wood.

[27] *q. d.* The Courage of the *Egyptians* ſhall fail 'em, ſo that their voice ſhall not be loud and lofty, as formerly, but very low and ſubmiſs, as being quite daunted with the approach and march of the *Chaldean* Army.

23 They ſhall cut down her [28] foreſt, ſaith the LORD, though it [29] cannot be ſearched, becauſe [30] they are more then the graſhoppers, and *are* innumerable.

[28] Her Cities that ſtand almoſt as thick as Trees in a Foreſt. ¶ [29] Are ſo many that can ſcarce be counted. ¶ [30] The *Chaldean* Forces.

24 [21] The daughter of Egypt ſhall be confounded, ſhe ſhall be delivered into the hand of the people of the [23] north.

25 The LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael ſaith, Behold, I will puniſh the ‖ † multitude of * No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, * with their gods, and their kings, even Pharaoh, and *all* them that truſt in him.

‖ Or, *nouriſher.* † Heb. *Amon.* * Ezek. 30.15. Nah. 3. 8. * Ch.43.12,13 Ezek. 30. 13.

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of thoſe that ſeek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his ſervants; and [31] afterwards it ſhall be inhabited, as in the days of old, ſaith the LORD.

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27 ¶ * [32] But fear not thou, O my ſervant Jacob, and be not diſmayed, O Iſrael; for behold, I will ſave thee from afar off, and thy ſeed from the land of their captivity, and Jacob ſhall return, and be in reſt and at eaſe, and none ſhall make *him* afraid.

* Iſa. 41.13. & 43. 5. & 44.2.

[32] *Ch.* 30. 10. *q. d.* Tho ſuch of my people as are gone into *Egypt*, and become guilty of Idolatry there, ſhall be deſtroyed, all but a ſmall remnant (*ch.* 44. 24–28) yet I'll have a ſpecial care of my faithful ſervants, whereſoever they are, to ſecure them.

28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my ſervant, ſaith the LORD, for I *am* with thee, for [33] I will make a * full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee, but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in meaſure, yet will I ‖ not leave thee wholly unpuniſhed.

* Ch.10.24. & 30. 11. [33] *Iſa.* 27. 7. ‖ Or, *not utterly cut thee off.*

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The deſtruction of the Philiſtines.

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet * againſt the [1] Philiſtines, [2] before that Pharaoh ſmote † Gaza.

* Ch. 25. 20. † Heb. *Azzah.*

[1] *Iſa.* 14. 29. *Ezek.* 25. 15. *Amos* 1. 6. *Zeph.* 2. 4, 5. ¶ [2] While they were yet quiet and ſecure.

2 Thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, * [3] waters riſe up * out of the north, and ſhall be an overflowing flood, and ſhall overflow the land, and † all that is therein, the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men ſhall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land ſhall howl.

* Iſa. 8. 7. [3] A deluge of miſery comes from *Chaldea.* * Ch. 1. 14. †Heb. *the fulneſs thereof.*

3 At the noiſe of the ſtamping of the hoofs of his ſtrong *horſes*, at the ruſhing of his chariots, *and at* the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers ſhall not look back to *their* children for feebleneſs of hands.

4 Becauſe of the [4] day that cometh to ſpoil all the Philiſtines, *and* to cut off from * Tyre and Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will ſpoil the Philiſtines, * the remnant of the † country of Caphtor.

* Ch. 25. 22. * Amos 9. 7. † Heb. *iſle.*

[4] *Ch.* 46. 10. The time appointed for their deſtruction.

5 * [5] Baldneſs is come upon Gaza, * Askelon is cut off *with* the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou * [6] cut thy ſelf?

* Mich. 1.16. * Ch. 25. 20. * Ch. 48. 37.

[5] Want of people, wealth, &c. whereupon follows, tearing off their hair for grief. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 16. 6. See there, *q. d.* Thy calamity ſhall continue for a long while, which will be occaſion of grievous lamentation to thee.

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6 O thou ſword of the LORD, how long *will it be* ere thou be quiet? † put up thy ſelf into thy ſcabbard; reſt and be ſtill.

† Heb. *gather.*

7 How † can it be quiet, ſeeing the LORD hath given it a charge againſt Aſhkelon, and againſt the ſea-ſhore? there hath he appointed it.

† Heb. *canſt thou.*

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 *The judgment of Moab for ſeveral corruptions.*
47 *Their reſtauration.*

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AGainſt * [1] Moab thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, Wo unto Nebo, for it is ſpoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded *and* taken, ‖ Miſgab is confounded and diſmayed.

* Ch. 25. 21. & 27. 3. [1] *Iſa.* 15. & 16. *Amos* 2. 1.

2 *There ſhall be* no more [2] praiſe of Moab: [3] in Heſhbon they have deviſed evil againſt it; come and let us [4] cut it off from *being* a nation; alſo thou ſhalt ‖ be cut down, O Madmen, the ſword ſhall † purſue thee.

Ezek. 25. 9. ‖ Or, *The high place.* ‖ Or, *be brought to ſilence.* † Heb. *go after thee.*

[2] Commendation for a flouriſhing State. ¶ [3] Or, *As for* Heſhbon, *the* Chaldeans *have deviſed*—— ¶ [4] So they ſaid formerly of the *Jews*, *Pſal.* 83. 4.

3 A voice of crying *ſhall be* from Horonaim, ſpoiling and great deſtruction.

4 Moab is deſtroyed, her little ones have cauſed a cry to be heard.

5 For [5] in the going up of Luhith † continual weeping ſhall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the [6] enemies have heard a cry of deſtruction.

† Heb. *weeping with weeping.*

[5] *Iſa.* 15. 5. There ſhall be a continual weeping among the *Moabites*, as they fly from the *Chaldeans*. ¶ [6] The *Moabites* are ſo overcome with ſorrow that the Enemies hear their outcries.

6 [7] Flee, ſave your lives, and [8] be like ‖ the heath in the wilderneſs.

‖ Or, *a naked tree.*

[7] The words of the *Moabites* one to another. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 17. 6. *i. e.* Tho you be ſtript of all, and can ſave nothing elſe but life.

7 ¶ For becauſe thou haſt truſted in thy [9] works, and in thy treaſures, thou ſhalt alſo be taken, and [10] Chemoſh * ſhall go forth into captivity *with* his [11] prieſts and his [11] princes together.

* See Iſa. 46. 1, 2.

[9] Fortifications, or whatever means elſe thou haſt uſed for thy ſecurity. ¶ [10] Their chief Idol, *Num.* 11. 29. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 49. 3.

8 And the [12] ſpoiler ſhall come upon every city, and no city ſhall eſcape: the valley alſo ſhall periſh, and the plain ſhall be deſtroyed, as the LORD hath ſpoken.

[12] The King of *Babylon.*

9 Give [13] wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof ſhall be deſolate, without any to dwell therein.

[13] (Without which there's no poſſibility of eſcape.)

10 * Curſed *be* he that doeth the [14] work of the LORD [15] deceitfully, and curſed *be* he that keepeth back his ſword from bloud.

* See Judg. 5. 23.

[14] *Ch.* 50. 25. The deſtruction of the *Moabites*, (which is the work that God himſelf has enjoyn'd the King of *Babylon* to do.) ¶ [15] Or, *Negligently*, not doing full execution according to God's Command, 1 *Kings* 20. 42.

11 ¶ Moab hath been [16] at eaſe from his youth, and he hath [17] ſettled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from veſſel to veſſel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his [18] taſte † remained in him, and his [18] ſcent is not changed.

† Heb. *ſtood.*

[16] *Viz.* Comparatively, *i. e.* free from deſolating Calamities, tho not leſſer troubles. ¶ [17] *Zeph.* 1.12. ¶ [18] All his wickedneſs he has contracted for ſo long a time togethes, *Pſal.* 55.-19. *Iſa.* 26. 10.

12 There-

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12 Therefore behold the days come, saith the LORD, that I will send unto him [19] wanderers that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his [20] vessels, and [21] break their bottles.

[19] The *Chaldeans* that travel a great way from their own Country to *Moab*. ¶ [20] His Cities, of their Wealth and Inhabitants. ¶ [21] Destroy their Buildings.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, * 1 Kin. 12. 29. as the house of Israel was ashamed of * [22] Beth-el their confidence.

[22] Their Calves there, (who were not able to save 'em from the *Assyrians*, *Hos.* 8. 5. and 10. 15.)

14 ¶ How say ye, We *are* mighty and strong men for the war?

15 Moab is spoiled, and gone up *out of* her cities, and † his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

† Heb. *the choice of.*

16 The calamity of Moab *is* [23] near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

[23] *Isa.* 13. 22. 2 *Pet.* 2. 3.

17 All ye that are about him, bemone him, and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautiful rod!

18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from *thy* glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, *and* he shall destroy thy strong holds.

† Heb. *inhabitress.*

19 O † inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way and espy, ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, *and* say, What is done?

20 Moab is confounded, for it is broken down: howl and cry, tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,

21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,

22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim,

23 And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon,

24 And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozra, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.

25 The [24] horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.

[24] His Dignity and Strength.

26 ¶ [25] Make ye him drunken: for he [26] magnified *himself* against the LORD: Moab also shall [27] wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

[25] O ye *Chaldeans*, make him to drink deep of the Wine-cup of God's Wrath, *Ch.* 25. 17, 21, 28. *Isa.* 51. 17. *Psal.* 60. 3. and 75. 8. *Ezek.* 23. 32.-34. ¶ [26] *Zeph.* 2. 10. ¶ [27] *Isa.* 19. 14.

27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee? [28] was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest [29] against him, thou ‖ skippedst for joy.

‖ Or, *movedst thy self.*

[28] Had he done any thing for which he deserv'd to be so scorn'd by thee? ¶ [29] Concerning his calamity.

28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities and * dwell in the [30] rock, and be like the dove *that* maketh her nest in [31] the sides of the holes mouth.

* Isa. 5. 6, 7.

[30] For safety. ¶ [31] *Ch.* 49. 16. *Cant.* 2. 14. In the Clefts of the Rock for fear of Birds of prey.

29 [32] We have heard the pride of Moab (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

[32] *Isa.* 16. 6. See there, where are the same expressions as here; only here are some additions; to shew that the *Moabites* are grown worse now than they were then.

‖ Or, *those on whom he stayeth.* (Heb. *his bars*) *do not right.*

30 I know [33] his wrath saith the LORD, but it *shall* not *be* so, ‖ his lies shall not so effect *it.*

[33] His furious threatnings against me and my people, *Zeph.* 2. 8.

31 Therefore will [34] I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab, *mine heart* shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.

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[34] *Isa.* 16. 7.

32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee, [35] with the weeping of Jazer; [36] thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach *even* to the sea of Jazer, [37] the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer-fruits, and upon thy vintage.

[35] As *Isaiah* bewailed *Jazer*, *Isa.* 16. 9. ¶ [36] *Isa.* 16. 8. See there. ¶ [37] *Ver.* 8, 18.

33 And * joy and [38] gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab, and I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses, none shall tread with shouting, [39] *their* shouting *shall be* no shouting.

* Joel 1. 12.

[38] *Isa.* 16. 10. See there. ¶ [39] Their Out-cry at the Enemies breaking in upon 'em shall be another manner of cry than the shouting of Harvest.

34 [40] From the cry of Heshbon *even* unto Elealeh, *and even* unto Jahaz have they uttered their voice, [41] from Zoar *even* unto Horonaim, *as* an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be † desolate.

[40] *Isa.* 15. 4.

[41] *Isa.* 15. 5.

† Heb. *desolations.*

35 Moreover, I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

36 Therefore [42] mine heart shall sound for Moab like [43] pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kirheres: because the [44] riches *that* he hath gotten are perished.

[42] *Isa.* 15. 5. and 16. 11. ¶ [43] Playing doleful Tunes at Funerals. ¶ [44] *Isa.* 15. 7.

37 For [45] every head *shall be* bald, and every beard † clipt: upon all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and upon the loyns sackcloth.

[45] *Isa.* 15. 2.

† Heb. *diminished.*

38 *There shall be* [46] lamentation generally upon all the house-tops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like a vessel, wherein *is* [47] no pleasure, saith the LORD.

[46] *Isa.* 15. 3.

[47] *Ch.* 22. 28.

39 They shall howl, *saying*, How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the † back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a [48] dismaying to all them about him.

† Heb. *neck.*

[48] Lest they should suffer the like themselves.

40 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, * [49] he shall flie as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

* Deut. 28. 49. Dan. 7. 4. Hos. 8. 1. Hab. 1. 8.

[49] *Nebuchadnezzar.*

41 ‖ Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprized, and the mighty mens hearts in Moab at that day shall be [50] as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

‖ Or, *The Cities.*

[50] *Ch.* 49. 22, 24. Quailing and fainting.

42 And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he hath magnified *himself* against the LORD.

43 [51] Fear, and the pit, and the snare *shall be* upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.

[51] *Isa.* 24. 17.

44 [52] He that fleeth from the fear, shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the [53] year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

[52] *Isa.* 24. 18. So 1 *Kings* 19. 17. and 20. 30. ¶ [53] *Ch.* 11. 23. and 46. 21.

45 They that fled [54] stood under the shadow of Heshbon, [55] because of the force: but [55] a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of [56] Sihon, and * shall devour the [57] corner of Moab, and the [58] crown of the head of the † tumultuous ones.

* Num. 24. 17.

† Heb. *children of noise.*

[54] Betook themselves thither for succor and shelter, because it was a place of strength. ¶ [55] *Numb.* 21. 28. The *Chaldeans* possessing *Heshbon* shall from thence with fire and sword waste the rest of the country. ¶ [56] *Heshbon* the City of *Sihon*, *Numb.* 21. 26. ¶ [57] Or, *Coasts*, *i. e.* All the Land of *Moab* from one end to the other. ¶ [58] Break the head of these revelling, roaring Gallants.

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46 [59] Wo be unto thee, O Moab, the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken † captives, and thy daughters captives.

47 ¶ Yet will I [60] bring again the captivity of Moab in the [61] latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

[59] *Num.* 21. 29. † Heb. *in captivity.*

[60] So *Ch.* 49. 6, 39. ¶ [61] In the times of the *Messiah*, when they shall be brought to the knowledge of the truth.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 *The judgment of the Ammonites,* 7 *of Edom,* 23 *of Damascus,* 28 *of Kedar,* 30 *of Hazor,* 34 *and of Elam.*

‖ Or, *Against.* * Zeph. 2. 8, 9.

CConcerning * the [1] Ammonites, thus saith the LORD, Hath Israel [2] no sons? hath he [3] no heir? why *then* doth ‖ [3] their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

[1] *Ezek.* 21. 28. and 25. 2. *Amos* 1. 13. ¶ [2] To inherit his Land, that it should be seized upon by the *Ammonites.* ¶ [3] The King of *Ammon* possess part of the Land that belongs to that Tribe.

‖ Or, *Melcom.*

2 Therefore behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites, and it shall be a [4] desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burnt with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

[4] *Ezek.* 25. 5.

3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry ye daughters of Rabbah, * gird ye with sackcloth: lament and run to and fro by the [5] hedges, for ‖ [6] their king shall go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together.

* Isa. 32. 11. Ch. 4. 8. & 6. 26.

‖ Or, *Melcom.*

[5] To hide yourselves there from the Enemy, now that your Cities and Towns are destroyed, *v.* 2. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 48. 7. *Amos* 1. 15.

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the [7] valleys, ‖ thy [7] flowing valley, O [8] backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, *saying,* [9] Who shall come unto me?

‖ Or, *the valley floweth away.*

[7] Fruitful soil, full of all choice Fruits. ¶ [8] Refractory, refusing to submit to the Law of God. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 2. 1-13.

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts, from [10] all those that be about thee, and ye shall be driven out every man [11] right forth, and none shall gather up him that wandereth.

[10] *Ver.* 29. *Ch.* 46. 5. [11] *Amos* 4. 3.

6 And afterward I will [12] bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

[12] As *ver.* 39. *Ch.* 48. 47.

7 ¶ Concerning [13] Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts, [14] Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

[13] *Isa.* 21. 11. and 34. 6. and 63. 1. *Ezek.* 25. 12. *Obad.* 1. *Amos* 1. 11. *Joel* 3. 19. *Mal.* 1. 3, 4. ¶ [14] *Obad.* 8. Have they lost all their Prudence and Policy, which they were once so famous for?

* Ver. 30. ‖ Or, *they are turned back.* * Ch. 25. 23.

8 * Flee ye, ‖ turn back, [15] dwell deep, O inhabitants of * Dedan, for I will bring [16] the calamity of Esau upon him, the [17] time *that* I will visit him.

[15] Hide your selves in the deepest Caves, and places under ground. ¶ [16] The like calamity as befel *Edom.* ¶ [17] What time I come to visit him.

† Heb. *their sufficiency.*

9 [18] If grape-gatherers come to thee, would they not [18] leave *some* gleaning-grapes? [19] if thieves by night, they will destroy † till they have [20] enough.

[18] *Obad.* 5. ¶ [19] But the *Chaldeans* will take all. ¶ [20] And then leave.

10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his [21] secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his [22] brethren and his [23] neighbours, and he *is* not.

[21] Where he hides himself and his Treasures. ¶ [22] *Moabites* and *Ammonites.* ¶ [23] The *Philistines.*

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11 [24] Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive, and let thy widows trust in me.

[24] *q. d.* Nor hast thou any Friend left to say, Leave ——

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, [25] they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup, have assuredly drunken, and *art* thou he *that* shalt altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink *of it.*

[25] *Ch.* 25. 29. See there. My own peculiar people, who might have expected freedom from those Judgments.

13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproch, a waste, and a curse, and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

14 [26] I have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassadour is [27] sent unto the heathen, *saying,* Gather ye together and come against [28] her, and rise up to the battel.

[26] *Obad.* 1. See there. God has revealed this to me concerning *Edom.* ¶ [27] *Viz.* By God to the *Chaldeans.* ¶ [28] *Edom.*

15 For lo, I will make thee [29] small among the heathen, *and* despised among men.

[29] *Obad.* 2.

16 [30] Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, *and* the [31] pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the [32] clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: [33] though thou shouldest * make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

* Job. 39. 27.

[30] That terror wherewith thou wast wont to strike others, has made thee secure and presumptuous, as if none durst meddle with thee, *Isa.* 47. 10. ¶ [31] *Obad.* 4. ¶ [32] *Obad.* 3. *Ch.* 48. 28. In the Land of *Idumea,* a hilly, rocky Country. ¶ [33] *Obad.* 4.

17 Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it, shall be [34] astonished, and shall [34] hiss at all the plagues thereof.

[34] *Ch.* 50. 13. 1 *Kings* 9. 8.

18 * As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD: [35] no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

* Gen. 19. 25. Deut. 29. 23. Amos 4. 11. [35] *Ver.* 33. *Ch.* 50. 40.

19 Behold, [36] he shall come up like a [37] lion [38] from * the swelling of Jordan against [39] the habitation of the strong: [40] but I will suddenly make him run away [41] from her, and [42] who *is* a chosen *man that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* [43] like me? and who will ‖ * appoint me the [44] time? and who *is* that [45] shepherd that will stand before me?

* Ch. 12. 5.

‖ Or, *convent me in judgment.* * Job. 41. 10.

[36] *Ch.* 50. 44. *Nebuchadnezzar.* ¶ [37] In a fierce and powerful manner. ¶ [38] When *Jordan* overflows his Banks: at what time the Lions were feign to quit their abode in those parts, and remove to the higher ground. ¶ [39] Or, *A strong dwelling, i. e.* The Land of *Edom,* a place of strength. ¶ [40] Or, *For.* ¶ [41] Or, *Upon it, i. e.* I'll make him suddenly overrun all the Country. ¶ [42] Or, *I'll give a charge to him that is a choice one* (Nebuchadnezzar) *against her.* ¶ [43] *Exod.* 15. 11. See there. That can empower whomsoever I please for any work. ¶ [44] To contend with me. ¶ [45] Prince, or Potentate.

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom, and his purposes that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: surely the [46] least of the flock shall draw them out; surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

[46] *Ch.* 50. 45. Not only *Nebuchadnezzar* (a Lion,) but the feeblest of his Forces, *Isa.* 36. 9.

21 [47] The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry, the noise thereof was heard [48] in the † Red sea.

† Heb. *Weedy sea.*

[47] *Ch.* 50. 46. *Ezek.* 26. 18. and 32. 10. ¶ [48] Or, *Unto the Red sea.*

22 Behold, * he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and

* Ch. 4. 13. & 48. 40, 41.

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at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 ¶ * Concerning Damascus, Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings, they are † faint-hearted, *there is* sorrow ‖ [12] on the sea, it cannot be quiet.

* Isa. 17. 1. & 37. 13. Zech. 9. 1, 2.
† Heb. *melted.*
‖ Or, *as on the sea.*
[12] Or, *As upon the sea,* (which cannot rest, *Isa.* 57. 20. *Psal.* 107. 25–27.)

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, *and* turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on *her*: * anguish and sorrows have taken her as a woman in travail.

* Ch. 4. 31. & 6. 24. & 30. 6.

25 How is the city of [50] praise not left, the city of my joy?

[50] *Ch.* 31. 41. Renown, not left standing in its former glory.

26 [51] Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.

[51] Or, *Surely.*

27 And I will [52] kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

[52] *Amos* 1. 4.

28 ¶ * Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD, Arise [53] ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.

* Isa. 21. 13.
[53] *Chaldeans.*

29 Their tents and their flocks shall [54] they take away, they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels and their camels, and they shall cry unto them, Fear *is* on every side.

[54] The *Chaldeans.*

30 ¶ * Flee, † get you far off, [55] dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

* Ver. 8.
† Heb. *flit greatly.*

31 Arise, get you up unto ‖ the [55] wealthy nation that dwelleth [55] without care, saith the LORD, which have [55] neither gates nor bars, *which* dwell [55] alone.

‖ Or, *the nation that is at ease.*
[55] The *Kedarens*, that live secure and at ease; scattered here and there in Tents.

32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattel a spoil, and I will scatter into all winds them *that are* † in the utmost corners, and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

† Heb. *cut off into corners*, or *that have the corners* of their hair *polled.*

33 And Hazor * shall be [56] a dwelling for dragons, *and* a desolation for ever; there shall [35] no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

* Mal. 1. 3.
[56] *Ch.* 9. 11. & 51. 37.

34 ¶ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against * [57] Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

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* Ch. 25. 25.
[57] The *Persians.*

35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will break the [58] bow of Elam, [59] the chief of their might.

[58] That wherein their chief strength consists, *Isa.* 22. 6.
¶ [59] Their stoutest Warriors.

36 And upon Elam will I bring the [60] four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them towards all those winds, and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

[60] *Dan.* 7. 4. Judgments and Enemies from all quarters.

37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, *even* my fierce anger, saith the LORD, and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.

[61] Execute Judgment upon 'em.

38 And I will [61] set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

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39 ¶ But it shall come to pass in the [62] latter days, *that* I will [62] bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

[61] *Ver.* 6. *Ch.* 48. 47. See there.

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1, 9, 21, 35 *The judgment of Babylon.* 4, 17, 33 *The redemption of Israel.*

THE word that the LORD spake against [1] Babylon, *and* against the land of the Chaldeans † by Jeremiah the prophet.

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[1] *Isa.* 13. & 14. & 21. & 46. & 47.
† Heb. *by the hand of Jeremiah.*

2 Declare ye [2] among the nations, and publish, and [3] † set up a standard, publish *and* conceal not: say, [4] Babylon is taken, * [5] Bel is confounded, [6] Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded; her images are broken in pieces.

† Heb. *lift up.*
* Ch. 51. 44.
[2] Who were to be freed from the *Babylonish* yoke; (and therefore were concern'd in the news.) ¶ [3] To call people together to impart this news to 'em. ¶ [4] *Isa.* 21. 9. ¶ [5] Their Idols.

3 For out of the [6] north there cometh up [7] a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart both man and beast.

[6] From *Media* and *Assyria.* ¶ [7] The *Medes* and *Persians* united under one King.

4 ¶ In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall [8] come, they and the children of Judah together * going and [9] weeping: they shall go, and [10] seek the LORD their God.

* Ezra 3. 12, 13. Psal. 126. 5, 6. Ch. 31. 9.
[8] Return from *Babylon* to their own Country, *ch.* 30. 3. and 31. 5, 6. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 31. 9. See there. ¶ [10] *Psal.* 24. 6. and 105. 4.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us [11] joyn ourselves to the LORD, in a [12] perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

[11] Renew our Covenant with God. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 32. 40. Which we may more firmly abide by than ever, *Psal.* 80. 18.

6 My people hath been [13] lost sheep: their [14] shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have [15] turned them away *on* the mountains: they have [16] gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their † [17] resting place.

† Heb. *place to lie down in.*
[13] *Ver.* 17. Wandring out of their own pastures (Country) into foreign Lands. ¶ [14] Rulers. ¶ [15] And so have been the cause of their leading into Captivity. ¶ [16] Been hurried up and down from place to place, *Ezek.* 34. 6. ¶ [17] Own Country.

7 All that found them have devoured them, and * their adversaries said, * We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, * [18] the habitation of justice, even the LORD, [19] the hope of their fathers.

* Ch. 40. 2, 3. Zech. 11. 5.
* See Ch. 2. 3.
* Psal. 90. 1. & 91. 1.
[18] In the Church, the place where Righteousness should dwell. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 17. 13.

8 [20] Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and [21] be as the he-goats before the flocks.

[20] *Ch.* 51. 6. *Isa.* 48. 20. *Rev.* 18. 4. ¶ [21] Make all possible haste, strive to go before one another.

9 ¶ For lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon, an assembly of great [7] nations from the [6] north-country, and they shall set themselves in array against her; [22] from thence she shall be taken, their arrows *shall be* as of a [23] mighty ‖ expert man: none shall return in vain.

‖ Or, *destroyer.*
[22] By Forces coming from those parts. ¶ [23] Powerful and successful, *Judg.* 20. 16.

10 And

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10 And Chaldea ſhall be a ſpoil: all that ſpoil her ſhall be [24] ſatisfied, ſaith the LORD.

11 Becauſe ye were [25] glad, becauſe ye [25] rejoyced, O [26] ye deſtroyers of mine heritage, becauſe ye are grown † fat, as the heifer at graſs, and ‖ [27] bellow as bulls.

[24] *Iſa.* 45. 3. † Heb. *big*, or *corpulent*. ‖ Or, *neigh as ſteeds*.

[25] As *Ch.* 48. 27. ¶ [26] The *Chaldeans*. ¶ [27] Are impetuous, and violent in your Luſts.

12 Your [28] mother ſhall be ſore [29] confounded, ſhe that bare you ſhall be aſhamed: behold, the [30] hindermoſt of the nations *ſhall be* a wilderneſs, a dry land and a deſert.

[28] *Chaldea*, or *Babylon*. ¶ [29] Becauſe you could defend her no better. ¶ [30] Or, *The laſt of the kingdoms ſhall it be, a wilderneſs*, &c. *i. e.* She that was before ſo rich and wealthy, ſhall become a wild waſte, *Iſa.* 13. 20.

13 Becauſe of the wrath of the LORD, it ſhall not be inhabited, but it ſhall be wholly deſolate: every one that goeth by Babylon ſhall be [32] aſtoniſhed, and [32] hiſs at all her plagues.

[31] *Ch.* 49. 17. [32] *Ver.* 29. *Ch.* 51. 11.

14 [33] Put your ſelves in aray againſt Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, ſhoot at her, ſpare no arrows: for ſhe hath ſinned againſt the LORD.

15 [34] Shout againſt her round about: ſhe hath [35] given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her [36] walls are thrown down: for it *is* the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her, [37] as ſhe hath done, do unto her.

[33] *Ch.* 49. 2. Aſſault her. ¶ [35] Yielded her ſelf and ſubmitted, as 1 *Chron.* 29. 24. 2 *Chron.* 30. 8. ¶ [36] *Ch.* 51. 58. ¶ [37] *Ver.* 29. *Rev.* 18. 6. *Pſal.* 137. 8.

16 [38] Cut off the ſower from Babylon, and him that handleth the ‖ ſickle in the time of harveſt: for fear of the oppreſſing ſword, [39] they ſhall turn every one to his people, and * they ſhall flee every one to his own land.

‖ Or, *ſithe*. * Iſa. 13. 14.

[38] Deſtroy all her People that none be left to imploy and till the ground. ¶ [39] Her hired Forces, *Ch.* 51. 9. and 46. 16

17 ¶ Iſrael *is* [40] a ſcattered ſheep, the [41] lions have driven *him* away: firſt the [42] king of Aſſyria hath devoured him; and laſt, this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

[40] Scattered among the nations, *Joel* 3. 2. ¶ [41] Her potent enemies. ¶ [42] 2 *Kings* 18. 13–17. 2 *Chron.* 33. 11.

18 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, Behold, I will puniſh the king of Babylon and his land, as I have puniſhed the king of Aſſyria.

19 And I will bring Iſrael again to his habitation, and he ſhall feed on Carmel and Baſhan, and his ſoul ſhall be ſatisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In thoſe days, and in that time, ſaith the LORD, the iniquity of Iſrael ſhall be ſought for, and *there ſhall be* none; and the ſins of Judah, and they ſhall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reſerve.

‖ Or, *The Rebels*.

21 ¶ [43] Go up [44] againſt the land of ‖ Merathaim, *even* againſt it, and [44] againſt the inhabitants of ‖ Pekod; waſte and utterly deſtroy [45] after them, ſaith the LORD, and do * according to all that I have commanded thee.

‖ Or, *Viſitation*. [44] See 2 Sam. 16. 11. 2 Chr. 36. 23. Iſa. 10. 6. & 44. 28. & 48. 14. Ch. 34. 22.

[43] God's Speech to *Cyrus*. ¶ [44] Or, *By* i. e. through thoſe Countries. ¶ [45] Or, *the poſterity*, or Race of the *Chaldeans*.

22 A ſound of battel *is* in the land, and of great deſtruction.

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut aſunder and broken! how is Babylon become a deſolation among the nations!

24 I have laid a ſnare for thee, and thou art alſo taken, O Babylon, and thou waſt [46] not aware: thou art found and alſo caught, becauſe thou haſt ſtriven againſt the LORD.

[46] Suddenly, when no ſuch matter was expected, *Iſa.* 47. 11.

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this *is* the [47] work of the Lord GOD of hoſts, in the land of the Chaldeans.

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26 Come againſt her from the † utmoſt border, [48] open her ſtore-houſes: ‖ caſt her up as heaps, and deſtroy her utterly: [49] let nothing of her be left.

[47] *Ch.* 48. 10. † Heb. *end*. [48] Riffle all her Treaſures. ‖ Or, *tread her*. [49] *Iſa.* 14. 21, 22.

27 Slay all her [50] bullocks: let them go down to the ſlaughter: wo unto them, for their [51] day is come, the time of their viſitation.

[50] *Iſa.* 34. 7. Princes and Grandees. ¶ [51] *Ver.* 31. *Ch.* 27. 7. and 46. 21. *Ezek.* 7. 7, 10, 12.

28 The voice of [52] them that flee and eſcape out of the land of Babylon to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance [53] of his temple.

[52] The *Jews* returning out of Captivity. ¶ [53] Executed for the deſtruction thereof.

29 Call together the archers againſt Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp againſt it round about; [49] let none thereof eſcape: [37] recompenſe her according to her work; according to all that ſhe hath done, do unto her: for ſhe hath been [54] proud againſt the LORD, againſt the holy one of Iſrael.

[54] *Ver.* 31, 32. *Ch.* 51. 1. *Iſa.* 14. 13, 14.

30 Therefore ſhall her young men fall in the ſtreets, and all her men of war ſhall be cut off in that day, ſaith the LORD.

31 Behold, I *am* againſt thee, O *thou* † moſt [54] proud, ſaith the Lord GOD of hoſts: for thy [51] day is come, the time *that* I will viſit thee.

† Heb. *pride*.

32 And † the moſt proud ſhall ſtumble and fall, and none ſhall raiſe him up: and I will [55] kindle a fire in his cities, and it ſhall devour all round about him.

† Heb. *pride*. [55] *Ch.* 21. 14. and 49. 27.

33 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, The children of Iſrael and the children of Judah *were* oppreſſed together, and all that took them captives held them faſt, they refuſed to let them go.

34 [56] Their redeemer *is* ſtrong, the LORD of hoſts *is* his name, he ſhall throughly [57] plead their cauſe, that he may give reſt to the land, and diſquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

[56] *Prov.* 23. 11. ¶ [57] *Ch.* 51. 35. *Pſal.* 35. 1. *Prov.* 22. 23.

35 ¶ A ſword *is* upon the Chaldeans, ſaith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wiſe *men*.

36 A ſword *is* upon the ‖ † [58] liars, and they ſhall dote: a ſword *is* upon her mighty men, and they ſhall be diſmayed.

‖ Or, *chief ſtays*. † Heb. *bars*. [58] Soothſayers and Wizards.

37 A ſword *is* upon their horſes, and upon their chariots, and upon all the [59] mingled people that *are* in the midſt of her, and * they ſhall become as women: a ſword *is* upon her treaſures, and they ſhall be robbed.

[19] *Ch.* 25. 20. See there. * Nah. 3. 13.

38 A drought *is* upon her waters, and they ſhall be [60] dried up: for it *is* the land [61] of graven images, and they are [62] mad upon *their* idols.

[60] *Ch.* 51. 36. ¶ [61] Full of Idols of all ſorts, *Dan.* 5. 4. ¶ [62] *Acts* 26. 11. Impetuous and violent in their reſpects to them, and have a mighty paſſion for 'em.

39 Therefore the [63] wild beaſts of the deſert, with the wild beaſts of the iſlands ſhall dwell *there*, and the owls ſhall dwell therein: and it ſhall be no more inhabited for ever: neither ſhall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

[63] *Ch.* 51. 37. *Iſa.* 13. 21, 22. *Rev.* 18. 2.

40 * [64] As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and the neighbour *cities* thereof, ſaith the LORD: *ſo* ſhall no man abide there, neither ſhall any ſon of man dwell therein.

* Gen. 19. 25. Iſa. 13. 19. Ch. 49. 18. [64] *Ch.* 49. 18. *Iſa.* 13. 19.

41 Behold, a people ſhall come from [6] the north, and a great nation, and many kings ſhall be raiſed up from the coaſts of the earth.

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42 They shall hold the bow and the lance: they *are* cruel and will not shew mercy: * their voice shall rore like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, *every one* put in aray like a man to the battel, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

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* Isa. 5. 30.

43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and [65] his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail.

[65] *Ch.* 6. 24. *Dan.* 5. 6.

[66] *Ch.* 49. 19. See there.

44 [66] Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan, unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me, and * who will ‖ appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

* Job. 41. 10. ‖ Or, *convent me to plead.*

[67] *Ch.* 49. 20. See there.

45 [67] Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon, and his purposes that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make *their* habitation desolate with them.

[68] *Ch.* 49. 21. See there.

46 [68] At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAP. LI.

The severe judgment of God against Babylon, in revenge of Israel.

THus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell [1] in the † midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind;

† Heb. *heart.*

[1] Among the *Babylonians*, who have destroyed my land and people.

* Ch. 15. 7.

2 And will send unto Babylon * fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

3 [2] Against *him that* bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against *him that* lifteth himself up in his brigandine; and [3] spare ye not her young men, destroy ye utterly all her host.

[2] Let the *Persian* Soldiers fight against and overcome the *Chaldeans.* ¶ [3] *Ch.* 50. 30.

4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and *they that are* thrust through in her streets.

5 For Israel *hath* not *been* [4] forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with [5] sin against the holy One of Israel.

[4] *Ch.* 3. 1, 14. 1 *Sam.* 12. 22. *Isa.* 54. 5, 6. ¶ [5] Or, *Devastation from the Holy one of Israel.* i. e. Though God in his wrath caused their whole land to be wasted.

6 [6] Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity: for this *is* the time of the [7] LORDs vengeance: he will render unto her a recompence.

[6] *Ch.* 50. 8. *Viz.* Ye auxiliary Soldiers, *ver.* 9. ¶ [7] *Ver.* 11. *Ch.* 46. 10. and 50. 15, 25, 27, 28.

7 Babylon *hath been* a [8] golden cup in the LORDs hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her [9] wine, therefore the nations are mad.

[8] *Rev.* 17. 4. A rich, illustrious state, (*Dan.* 2. 32, 38.) the instrument of Gods wrath. ¶ [9] Those Judgments inflicted by her.

8 Babylon is [10] suddenly [11] fallen and destroyed: [12] howl for her, [13] take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

[10] *Rev.* 18. 10. ¶ [11] *Isa.* 21. 9. *Rev.* 14. 8. and 18. 2. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 48. 38. *Rev.* 18. 9–19. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 46. 11. Use the best means you can to help her.

9 [14] We would have healed Babylon, but she [15] is not healed: forsake her, and * let [16] us go every one into his own countrey: for her [17] judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up *even* to the skies.

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[14] Who have been her Allies and Assistants. ¶ [15] Or, *Could not be healed, Ch.* 46. 11. ¶ [16] *Ch.* 46. 16. ¶ [17] Her punishment is exceeding great.

* Isa. 13. 14.

10 The LORD hath [18] brought forth our righteousness: come and let us [19] declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

[18] *Psal.* 37. 6. Manifested our innocency and uprightness in delivering us out of Captivity. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 50. 28. *Rev.* 15. 3, 4. and 16. 5–7. and 19. 1, 2, 5.

11 [20] Make † bright the arrows: gather the shields: * the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device *is* against Babylon, to destroy it; because it *is* the [21] vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

† Heb. *pure.*

* Isa. 13. 17.

[20] *Ver.* 12. as *Ch.* 46. 3. See there. ¶ [21] *Ch.* 50. 28. See there.

12 * [22] Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the † ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and [23] done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.

* Nah. 2. 1. & 3. 14.

† Heb. *liers in wait.*

[22] Do all you can to secure your selves, O ye *Babylonians.* ¶ [23] *Lam.* 2. 17.

13 O thou that [24] dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, [25] thine end is come, *and* the [26] measure of thy covetousness.

[24] Art situate upon the River *Euphrates*, and rulest over many Nations, *Rev.* 17. 1, 15. ¶ [25] *Ezek.* 7. 2, 3, 6. *Am.* 8. 2. ¶ [26] Or, *Limit of thy gain*, i. e. The time fixed by God for the increase of thy wealth.

14 The LORD of hosts hath sworn by † himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill thee with men as with [27] caterpillers; and they shall † lift up a shout against thee.

† Heb. *his soul.*

† Heb. *utter.*

[27] *Ch.* 46. 23. *Judg.* 6. 5. *Nah.* 3. 15, 17.

15 * [28] He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and * hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

* Gen. 1. 1, 6. Ch. 10. 12–16.

[28] *Ch.* 10. 12.

* Job. 9. 8. Psal. 104. 2. Isa. 40. 22.

16 [29] When he uttereth *his* voice *there is* a ‖ multitude of waters in the heavens, and * he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth, he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

[29] *Ch.* 10. 13. ‖ Or, *noise.* * Psal. 135. 7.

17 [30] Every man is ‖ brutish by *his* knowledge, every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falshood, and *there is* no breath in them.

[30] *Ch.* 10. 14. ‖ Or, *more brutish then to know.*

18 [31] They *are* vanity, the work of errours: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

[31] *Ch.* 10. 15.

19 [32] The portion of Jacob *is* not like them, for he *is* the former of all things, and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts *is* his name.

[32] *Ch.* 10. 16.

20 [33] Thou *art* my battel-ax *and* weapons of war: for ‖ with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms:

‖ Or, *in, or, by.*

[33] *q. d.* Thou *Babylonian* art my Instrument to punish the Nations, *Isa.* 10. 5.

21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider, and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider:

22 With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman, and with thee will I break in pieces old and young, and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid:

23 I will also break in pieces with thee, the shepherd and his flock, and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen, and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.

24 [34] And

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24 [34] And I will [35] render unto Babylon, and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea, all their evil that they have done in Zion [36] in your sight, saith the LORD.

[34] Or, *But.* ¶ [35] *Ch.* 50. 29. *Isa.* 47. 6. 8. ¶ [36] *q. d.* And you shall see that I will thus recompense them.

25 Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying [37] mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth, and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

[37] *Babylon*, full of lofty Towers.

26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations, but thou shalt be † desolate for ever, saith the LORD.

† Heb. *everlasting desolations.*

27 Set ye up [38] a standard in the land; blow the trumpet among the nations; prepare the nations against her; call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up [39] as the rough caterpillers.

[38] *Isa.* 5. 26. and 13. 2. To call Nations together against *Babylon.* ¶ [39] In great numbers.

28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.

29 And [40] the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

[40] The people of *Chaldea.*

30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in *their* holds, their might hath failed, * they became [41] as women: [42] they have burnt her dwelling-places, her bars are broken.

* Isa. 19. 16.
[41] *Ch.* 50. 37. *Nah.* 3. 13.
[42] The Enemy.

31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one* end,

32 And that the [43] passages are stopped, and the [44] reeds they have burnt with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

[43] Such places by which men entred into the City, are surprized. ¶ [44] Dried up the Meers and Lakes.

33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, The daughter of Babylon * *is* like [45] a threshing-floor, ‖ *it is* time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of [46] her harvest shall come.

* Isa. 51. 10.
‖ Or, *in the time that he threshеth her.*

[45] Plain and even like a threshing-floor. ¶ [46] When she shall be cut down.

34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured [47] me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an [48] empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.

[47] *Sion, ver.* 35.
[48] *Ver.* 2. *Ch.* 48. 12.

35 † [49] The violence done to me and to my ‖ flesh, *be* upon Babylon, shall the † inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

† Heb. *My violence.*
[49] *Rev.* 6. 10.
‖ Or, *remainder.*
† Heb. *inhabitress.*

36 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will [50] plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee, and I will [51] dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

[50] *Ch.* 50. 34. See there. ¶ [51] Deprive her of all necessaries for her succour.

37 And Babylon shall become [52] heaps, [53] a dwelling-place for dragons, [54] an astonishment and an hissing without an inhabitant.

[52] *Ch.* 50. 39.
[53] *Ch.* 49. 33.
[54] *Ch.* 25. 9.

38 [55] They shall rore together like lions: they shall ‖ yell as lions whelps.

‖ Or, *shake themselves.*

[55] The *Babylonians* shall be roring and revelling in their drunken Festival, when their City is taken, *ver.* 39.

39 [56] In their heat I will make their feasts, and * I will make them [57] drunken, that they may rejoyce, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake saith the LORD.

* Ver. 57.

[56] When they are heated with drinking, I'll make 'em a Feast of another nature, which shall make 'em so drunk, that they shall sleep their last with it. ¶ [57] Astonisht and at their wits end.

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40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.

41 How is [58] Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprized! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

[58] *Ch.* 25. 26. *Babylon*, where the *Sesacean* Festival, in honour of the Idol *Shac*, is celebrated.

42 [59] The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the [59] multitude of the waves thereof.

[59] *Ezek.* 26. 3, 19. A deluge of Enemies.

43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth *any* son of man pass thereby.

44 And I will punish [60] Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth [61] that which he hath swallowed up, and the nations shall [62] not flow together any more unto him, yea the wall of Babylon shall fall.

[60] *Ch.* 50. 2. *Isa.* 46. 1. ¶ [61] The spoils they took in war, and offered to their idol, 2 *Chron.* 36. 7. ¶ [62] Not come in such multitudes to bring Presents to him, or worship him as formerly.

45 * My people, [63] go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the [64] fierce anger of the LORD.

* Chap. 50. 8. & vers. 6. Rev. 18. 4.

[63] *Ch.* 50. 8. *Rev.* 18. 4. Having liberty to depart; be sure you don't stay there. ¶ [64] To be pour'd upon Babylon.

46 And ‖ [65] lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the [66] rumour that shall be heard in the land: a rumour shall both come [67] *one* year, and [67] after that in *another* year *shall come* a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

‖ Or, *let not.*

[65] Be not faint-hearted. ¶ [66] Of *Cyrus*'s coming against *Babylon.* ¶ [67] *i. e.* Rumours of this expedition shall come frequently time after time.

47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will † do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon, and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

† Heb. *visit upon.*

48 Then * the heaven and the earth, and all that *is* therein, shall sing [68] for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.

* Isa. 44. 23. & 49. 13. Rev. 18. 20.
[68] At her Ruin.

49 ‖ As Babylon *hath caused* the slain of Israel to fall: so at Babylon shall fall the slain [69] of all the ‖ earth.

‖ Or, *Both Babylon is to fall, O ye slain of Israel, and with Babylon,* &c.
[69] Not of the City alone, but of the whole Country.

50 [70] Ye that have escaped the sword go away, stand not still: [71] remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

‖ Or, *country.*
[70] *q. d.* You my people, who have been preserv'd from slaughter at the taking of *Babylon*, take your first opportunity to get away. ¶ [71] *Psal.* 137. 5. *q. d.* Tho you be now a great way off from *Jerusalem*, yet let the thoughts thereof quicken you to make all possible haste thither.

51 [72] We are confounded, because we have heard reproch, shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORDs house.

[72] *q. d.* Being now put in mind of *Jerusalem*, we cannot but be deeply affected with that reprochful Language that has been cast upon God himself, upon this occasion, *Psal.* 42. 3. and 115. 2. *Isa.* 10. 11, 12. *Ezek.* 36. 20.

52 [73] Wherefore behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images, and through all her land the wounded shall grone.

[73] *Ver.* 47. By reason of their insolence, and my Peoples complaints thereof.

53 * Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should [74] fortifie the height

* Obad. 4.

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height of her ſtrength, *yet* from me ſhall ſpoilers come unto her, ſaith the LORD.

[74] Make her Strength as great as her Height.

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54 [75] A ſound of a cry *cometh* from Babylon, and great deſtruction from the land of the Chaldeans.

[75] A loud outcry.

55 Becauſe the LORD hath ſpoiled Babylon, and deſtroyed out of her the [76] great voice; when her waves do rore like great waters, a noiſe of their voice is uttered.

[76] That roring and revelling that us'd to be there, *v.* 38.

56 Becauſe the ſpoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken, for the LORD God of recompences ſhall ſurely requite.

57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wiſe *men*, her captains and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they ſhall ſleep a perpetual ſleep, and not wake, ſaith the King, whoſe name *is* the LORD of hoſts.

58 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, ‖ [77] The broad walls of Babylon ſhall be utterly ‖ broken, and her high gates ſhall be burnt with fire, and * the people ſhall [78] labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they ſhall be weary.

‖ Or, *The walls of broad Babylon.*

‖ Or, *made naked.*

* Hab. 2. 13.

[77] Fifty foot broad: two hundred foot high: ſixty miles in Compaſs: ſome ſay far more: this the leaſt. ¶ [78] Who were employed in building the City (it being now burnt.)

59 ¶ The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the ſon of Neriah, the ſon of Maaſeiah, when he [79] went ‖ with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign; and *this* Seraiah *was* a ‖ quiet prince.

‖ Or, *on the behalf of.*

‖ Or *prince of Menucha*, or *chief chamberlain.*

[79] Was ſent by him as Embaſſador to the King of *Babylon.*

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that ſhould come upon Babylon, *even* all theſe words *that are* written againſt Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah ſaid to Seraiah, When thou comeſt to Babylon, and ſhalt ſee, and ſhalt read all theſe words,

62 Then ſhalt thou ſay, O LORD, thou haſt ſpoken againſt this place, to cut it off, that none ſhall remain in it, neither man nor beaſt, but that it ſhall be † deſolate for ever.

† Heb. *deſolations.*

63 And it ſhall be when thou haſt made an end of reading this book, *that* thou ſhalt bind a ſtone to it, and [80] caſt it into the midſt of Euphrates.

[80] *Rev.* 18. 11.

64 And thou ſhalt ſay, Thus ſhall Babylon ſink, and ſhall not riſe from the evil that I will bring upon her: [81] and they ſhall be weary. Thus far *are* the words [82] of Jeremiah.

[81] Or, *The they take never ſo much pains* to raiſe and reſtore her again. ¶ [82] Of his own writing: The next Chapter being added by ſome other holy Man of God for the farther illuſtration and confirmation of ſome things herein.

CHAP. LII.

1 *Zedekiah rebelleth.* 4 *Jeruſalem is beſieged and taken.* 8 *Zedekiahs ſons killed, and his own eyes put out.* 12 *The city ſpoiled and burnt.*

3405. [1] 2 *Kings* 24. 18—20. See there.

ZEdekiah *was* one and twenty year old when he † began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jeruſalem; and his mothers name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

† Heb. *reigned.*

2 [1] And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

3 [1] For through the anger of the LORD it came to paſs in Jeruſalem and Judah, till he had caſt them out from his preſence, that Zedekiah rebelled againſt the king of Babylon.

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4 ¶ [2] And it came to paſs in the * ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army againſt Jeruſalem, and pitched againſt it, and built forts againſt it round about.

[2] *ch.* 39. 2, &c. 2 *Kings* 25. 1—17. See there.

* Ch. 39. 1.

5 So the city was beſieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the famine was ſore in the city, ſo that there was no bread for the people of the land. 3415.

7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the kings garden, (now the Chaldeans *were* by the city round about) and they went by the way of the plain.

8 ¶ But the army of the Chaldeans purſued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho, and all his army was ſcattered from him.

9 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him.

10 And the king of Babylon ſlew the ſons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he ſlew alſo all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 Then he † put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and the king of Babylon bound him in ‖ chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in † priſon till the day of his death.

† Heb. *blinded.*

‖ Or, *fetters.*

† Heb. *houſe of the wards.*

12 ¶ Now in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month (* which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon) came Nebuzar-adan ‖ † captain of the guard, *which* † ſerved the king of Babylon, into Jeruſalem,

* See v. 29.

‖ Or, *chief marſhal.*

† Heb. *chief of the executioners*, or *ſlaughter-men.* And ſo v. 14, &c.

13 And burnt the houſe of the LORD, and the kings houſe; and all the houſes of Jeruſalem, and all the houſes of the great *men* burnt he with with fire.

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans that *were* with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jeruſalem round about.

† Heb. *ſtood before.*

15 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the reſidue of the people that remained in the city, and thoſe that fell away, that fell to the King of Babylon, and the reſt of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, left *certain* of the poor of the land for vine-dreſſers, and for huſbandmen.

17 * Alſo * the pillars of braſs that *were* in the houſe of the LORD, and the baſes, and the braſen ſea that *was* in the houſe of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the braſs of them to Babylon.

* Ch. 27. 19.

* See 1 Kin. 7. 15, 23, 27, 50.

18 * The caldrons alſo and the ‖ ſhovels, and the ſnuffers, and ‖ the bowls, and the ſpoons, and all the veſſels of braſs wherewith they miniſtred, took they away.

* Exod. 27. 3.

‖ Or, *inſtruments to remove the aſhes.*

‖ Or, *baſons.*

19 And the baſons, and the ‖ fire-pans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candleſticks, and the ſpoons, and the cups; *that* which *was* of gold *in* gold, and *that* which *was* of ſilver *in* ſilver, took the captain of the guard away.

‖ Or, *cenſers.*

20 The two pillars, one ſea, and twelve braſen bulls that *were* under the baſes, which king Solomon had made in the houſe of the LORD:

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LORD: † the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

† Heb. *their brass.*

21 And *concerning* the * pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and a † fillet of twelve cubits did compass it, and the thickness thereof *was* four fingers: it *was* hollow.

* 1 King. 7. 15. 2 King. 25. 17. 2 Chron. 3. 15.

† Heb. *threed.*

22 And a chapiter of brass *was* upon it, and the height of one chapiter *was* five cubits, with net-work and pomegranates upon the chapiters round about, all *of* brass: the second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like unto these.

23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates [3] on a side, *and* * all the pomegranates upon the net-work *were* an hundred round about.

* See 1 Kings 7. 10.

[3] Or, *Windward*, towards the four Winds, *i. e.* on the four sides (the border on which the Pomegranates were engraven, being four square) *viz.* twenty four on a side, and at each corner one; in all an hundred.

24 ¶ [4] And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the [5] second priest, and the three keepers of the

†Heb. *threshold* † door.

[4] 2 *Kings* 24. 18—21. ¶ [5] The Deputy of the High-Priest; who officiated in his room upon any special occasion, See on 2 *Kings* 24. 19.

25 He took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war, and seven men of them that † were near the kings person which were found in the city, and the ‖ principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land *that were* found in the midst of the city.

† Heb. *saw the face of the king*

‖ Or, *scribe of the captain of the host.*

26 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah, in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

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28 This *is* the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive; in the seventh year, [6] three thousand Jews and three and twenty:

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[6] *Viz.* Of the Tribe of *Judah*, (for there were in all ten thousand, 2 *Kings* 24. 14.)

29 In * the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem, eight hundred thirty and two † persons:

* See v. 12.

3420.

† Heb. *souls.*

30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar, Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand and six hundred.

31 ¶ [7] And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the *first* year of his reign, * lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison.

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[7] 2 *Kings* 24. 27—30.

* Gen. 40. 13, 20.

32 And spake † kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings, that *were* with him in Babylon.

† Heb. *good things with him.*

33 And changed his prison-garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.

34 And *for* his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon † every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

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† Heb. *the matter of the day in his day.*

Jeremiah's Lamentations.

The ARGUMENT.

THis Book was written by Jeremy *in time of the* Babylonish *Captivity: wherein he does in a most pathetical, affecting manner bewail the many grievous and unparallel'd Calamities that had befallen his People: and also complains of the manifold Sins and excesses of all sorts, whereby they had enforc't God to inflict these Judgments upon 'em, and exhorts 'em to Patience under God's hand, Repentance for their Sins, and importunate seeking to God for Mercy.*

Here we may see, as in a glass from what a height of Dignity, to what a depth of Misery, Sin may bring a Nation, how much soever interested in God: and from thence may learn, to take heed of such Sins, as we desire to escape such Plagues.

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1 *Jerusalems misery for her sins.* 12 *Her complaint,* 18 *and confession of Gods righteous judgments.*

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HOw doth the city sit solitary, *that was* full of people! *how* is she become as a [1] widow! she *that was* great among the nations, *and* princess among the provinces, *how* is she become [2] tributary!

[1] Without a King, and a God to take care of her. ¶ [2] 2 *Kings* 23. 33, 34. and 24. 1.

* Jer. 13. 17. * Psal. 6. 6. * Jer. 4. 30. & ver. 19.

2 She * weepeth sore * in the [3] night, and [4] her tears *are* on her cheeks: * among all her [5] lovers * she hath none to comfort *her*: all her friends have dealt [6] treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

* V. 9. 16, 17, 21.

[3] *Job* 7. 3. When she should rest from it. ¶ [4] She has continual matter of Sorrow. ¶ [5] *Jer.* 22. 20. and 30. 14. *Mich.* 7. 5. ¶ [6] *Psal.* 137. 7, 8. *Obad.* 7.

3 Judah is gone into captivity, because of [7] affliction, and † because of [7] great servitude: she dwelleth [8] among the heathen, she findeth [9] no rest: all her persecutors overtook her [10] between the straits.

† Heb. *for the greatness of servitude.*

[7] That cruel Oppression and Bondage they brought their brethren under, (contrary to God's Law) *Lev.* 25. 43, 53. *Jer.* 6. 6, 7. and 34. 11, 17. *Mich.* 2. 2, 3. 10, 12. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 2. 9. ¶ [9] Neither of Body nor Mind. ¶ [10] In such difficulties from which she could not escape.

4 The ways of Zion do [11] mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates

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are deſolate: her prieſts ſigh, her virgins are afflicted, and ſhe *is* [12] in bitterneſs.

[11] *Jer.* 14. 2. Are overgrown for want of paſſengers. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 3. 15. In extreme trouble of mind.

5 Her adverſaries are the [13] chief, her enemies [14] proſper: for the LORD hath afflicted her; [15] for the multitude of her tranſgreſſions, her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

[13] *Deut.* 28. 13, 14, 43, 44. ¶ [14] *Jer.* 12. 1. *Job* 12. 6. ¶ [15] *Jer.* 30.-14.

6 And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become [16] like harts *that* find no paſture, and they are [17] gone without ſtrength before the purſuer.

[16] Faint and cowardly. ¶ [17] *Jer.* 39. 4. and 52. 7, 8.

7 Jeruſalem [18] remembred in the days of her affliction, and of her miſeries, all her ‖ [19] pleaſant things that ſhe had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her, the adverſaries [20] ſaw her, *and* did mock at her [21] ſabbaths.

‖ Or, *deſirable.*

[18] As an aggravation of her preſent miſery, *Pſal.* 42. 4. ¶ [19] Former enjoyments both Spiritual and Temporal. ¶ [20] With delight and ſcorn, *Mich.* 4.-11. ¶ [21] Religious obſervation thereof.

8 Jeruſalem hath grievouſly ſinned: therefore ſhe is † [22] removed: all that honoured her, deſpiſe her, becauſe * they have ſeen her [23] nakedneſs: yea, ſhe ſigheth, and turneth backward.

† Heb. *become a removing*, or *wandering.*
* Hoſ. 2. 10.

[22] Out of her own Country into Captivity. ¶ [23] *Jer.* 13. 26. *Ezek.* 16.-37. and 23. 29. Both Sin and Puniſhment.

9 [24] Her filthineſs *is* in her ſkirts, ſhe remembreth not her [25] laſt end, therefore ſhe came down [26] wonderfully: * ſhe had no comforter: O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath [27] magnified *himſelf.*

* V. 2, 17, 21.

[24] *Iſa.* 3. 9. *Jer.* 2. 34. *Ezek.* 24. 7, 8. Her wickedneſs is evident. ¶ [25] *Deut.* 32. 29. What the iſſue of theſe courſes would be, *Iſa.* 47.-7.. ¶ [26] *Ch.* 5. 16. *Iſa.* 3. 8. *Jer.* 13. 18. From the top to the bottom, to the aſtoniſhment of her ſelf and all her beholders. ¶ [27] Inſulted over us and our God, *Deut.* 32. 27. *Pſal.* 35.-26. and 38. 16. and 140.-8. *Jer.* 48. 26, 42. *Zeph.* 2. 10.

10 The adverſary hath ſpread out his hand upon all her ‖ [28] pleaſant things: for ſhe hath ſeen *that* the heathen entred into her ſanctuary, whom thou didſt command *that* * they ſhould not [29] enter into thy congregation.

‖ Or, *deſirable.*
* Neh. 13. 1.

[28] *Ver.* 7. *Jer.* 20. 5. The precious furniture of the Temple, and other places. ¶ [29] *Deut.* 23. 3. *Ezek.* 44. 7. *Mark* 13. 14. *Acts* 21.-28.

11 All her people ſigh, they [30] ſeek bread, they have [31] given their pleaſant things for meat to ‖ relieve the ſoul: ſee, O LORD, and conſider, for I am become [32] vile.

‖ Or, *make the ſoul to come again.*

[30] *Ver.*-19. *Ch.* 5. 6. *Jer.* 52. 6.. ¶ [31] 2 *Kings* 6. 25. ¶ [32] *Ch.* 3. 45.

12 ¶ ‖ [33] *Is it* nothing to you, all ye that † paſs by? behold and ſee, if there be any ſorrow [34] like unto my ſorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted *me* in the day of his [35] fierce anger.

‖ Or, *It is nothing.*
† Heb. *paſs by the way.*

[33] *v. d.* Doth not my ſorrow deſerve your compaſſion and commiſeration? ¶ [34] *Ch.* 2. 13. and 4. 6. *Dan.* 9. 12. ¶ [35] *Ch.* 4. 11.

13 From above hath he ſent [36] fire into my bones, and it prevaileth againſt them: he hath [37] ſpread a net for my feet, he hath [38] turned me back: he hath made me deſolate *and* faint all the day.

[36] A devouring Judgment, which has conſumed all my Strength. ¶ [37] *Pſal.* 35. 6. *Ezek.* 12. 13. and 17. 20. and 32. 3. ¶ [38] Thrown me down backward.

14 [39] The yoke of my tranſgreſſions is bound by his hand: [40] they are wreathed, *and* come up upon my neck: he hath made my ſtrength to fall, the Lord hath delivered me into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not able to riſe up.

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[39] *Gen.* 27. 40. *Deut.* 28. 48. 1 *Kings* 12. 4. 9-14. *Pſal.* 2, 3. *Iſa.* 9. 4. and 10. 27. and 14. 25. and 47.-6. *Jer.* 2. 20. and 5.-5. and 27. 8, 11. and 28. 2. &c. and 30. 8. *Ezek.* 34. 27. The puniſhment and bondage I undergo for my ſins is bound ſo faſt that I cannot ſhake it off. ¶ [40] My ſufferings are twiſted together that I cannot break 'em.

15 The Lord hath [41] trodden under foot all my mighty *men* in the midſt of me: he hath called an [42] aſſembly againſt me, to cruſh my young men: * the Lord hath [43] trodden ‖ the virgin, the daughter of Judah, *as* in a wine-preſs.

* Iſa. 63. 3.
‖ Or, *the wine-preſs of the virgin*, &c.

[41] *Pſal.* 119. 118. Subdued and deſtroyed. ¶ [42] Of mine Enemies. ¶ [43] *Iſa.* 63. 3. *Rev.* 19. 15. Puniſht ſeverely.

16 For theſe *things* I weep: [44] mine eye, [44] mine eye [45] runneth down with water, becauſe the [46] comforter that ſhould † relieve my ſoul, is far from me: [47] my children are deſolate, becauſe the enemy prevailed.

† Heb. *bring back.*

[44] As 2 *Kings* 4. 19. *Jer.* 4. 19. ¶ [45] *Ch.* 3. 48. *Jer.* 13. 17. ¶ [46] Every one that ſhould perform that Office to me. ¶ [47] Inhabitants are waſted and deſtroyed.

17 * Zion ſpreadeth forth her hands, *and there is* none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, *that* his adverſaries *ſhould be* round about him: Jeruſalem is as [48] a menſtruous woman among them.

* Jer. 4. 31.

[48] Shun'd and abhor'd by all, *Lev.* 15. 19-27. *Ezek.* 36.-17.

18 ¶ The LORD is [49] righteous, [50] for I have * rebelled againſt his † commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my [51] ſorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

* 1 Sam. 12. 14, 15.
† Heb. *mouth.*

[49] *Dan.* 9. 7. *Neh.* 9. 33. *Pſal.* 119. 137. and 145. 17. *Jer.* 12. 1. ¶ [50] *Pſal.* 107. 11. ¶ [51] *Ver.*-12.

19 I called for my [5] lovers, *but* * they [52] deceived me; my prieſts and mine elders gave up the ghoſt in the city, while they ſought their meat to relieve their ſouls.

* Jer. 30. 14. v. 2.
[52] *Job* 19. 13-19.

20 Behold, O LORD, for I *am* in diſtreſs; * my [53] bowels are troubled; mine heart is [54] turned within me, for I have grievouſly rebelled: [55] abroad the ſword bereaveth, at home *there is* [56] as death.

* Ch. 2. 11.

[53] *Ch.* 2. 11. *Iſa.* 16. 11. *Jer.* 48. 36. ¶ [54] *Hoſ.* 11. 8. Can't be at reſt. ¶ [55] *Deut.* 32. 25. *Ezek.* 7. 15. ¶ [56] By reaſon of Famine, *v.* 11. 19. which is as bad, or worſe than any other death, *ch.* 4. 9.

21 [57] They have heard that I ſigh, *there is* [58] none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble, they are [59] glad that thou haſt done *it*: thou wilt bring * [60] the day *that* thou haſt ‖ called, and they ſhall be like [61] unto me.

* Iſa. 13, &c.
‖ Or, *proclaimed.*

[57] My pretended Friends. ¶ [58] *Ver.* 16, 17, 19. ¶ [59] *Pſal.* 38.-16. and 40. 15. *Jer.* 48. 27. *Ezek.* 25. 6. ¶ [60] The time that thou haſt appointed and foretold for their deſtruction, *Iſa.* 13. and 14. and 46. and 47. *Jer.* 50. and 51. ¶ [61] *Ch.* 4. 21. *Jer.* 51. 24, 49. *Mich.* 7. 9, 10. *Pſal.* 137. 8.

22 Let all their wickedneſs come before thee: and [62] do unto them as thou haſt done unto me for all my tranſgreſſions: for my ſighs *are* many, and * my heart *is* faint.

[62] *Iſa.* 51. 22, 23. *Jer.* 25. 28, 29.
* Ch. 5. 17.

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1 *Jeremiah lamenteth Jeruſalems miſery.* 20 *He complaineth thereof to God.*

HOw hath the LORD [1] covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, *and* caſt down [2] from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Iſrael, and remembred not his [3] foot-ſtool in the day of his anger?

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[1] Brought into a dark, diſconſolate condition, *Ch.* 3. 2. *Joel* 2. 2. ¶ [2] From the height of Proſperity, to the depth of miſery, *Matth.* 11. 23. ¶ [3] The Temple, 1 *Chron.* 28. 2. *Pſal.* 99. 5. and 132. 7.

2 The Lord hath [4] ſwallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, * and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the ſtrong holds, of the daughter of Judah: he hath † brought *them* down to the ground: he hath [5] polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

* Ver. 17. 21. Chap. 3. 43.
† Heb. *made to touch.*

[4] *Ver.* 5. Deſtroy'd the whole Country. ¶ [5] *Iſa.* 43. 28. Suffer'd profane People to poſſeſs and devour, *Pſal.* 89. 39, 40.

3 He hath cut off in *his* fierce anger all the [6] horn of Iſrael: he hath [7] drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned againſt Jacob like a flaming fire *which* devoureth round about.

[6] *Jer.* 48. 25. The glory and ſtrength. ¶ [7] Diſabled his People to make any oppoſition againſt their enemies.

4 He hath bent his bow like [8] an enemy: he ſtood with his right [9] hand as an adverſary, and ſlew all † *that were* pleaſant to the eye, in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he [10] poured out his fury like fire.

† Heb. *the deſirable of the eye.*

[8] *Ver.* 5. *Iſa.* 63. 10. *Jer.* 30. 14. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 3. 3. *Viz.* Full of weapons. [10] *Jer.* 10. 25.

5 The Lord was as [8] an enemy: he hath [4] ſwallowed up Iſrael, he hath ſwallowed up all her palaces: he hath deſtroyed his ſtrong holds, and hath increaſed in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

6 And he hath violently * taken away his ‖ [11] tabernacle, * [11] as *if it were of* a garden, he hath deſtroyed his places of the aſſembly: the LORD hath cauſed the ſolemn feaſts and ſabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath deſpiſed in the indignation of his anger the king and the prieſt.

* Iſa. 5. 5.
‖ Or, *hedge.*
* Iſa. 1. 8.

[11] Temple, as if he made no more account of it, than of a poor Hovel in a Garden.

7 The LORD hath caſt off his altar: he hath abhorred his ſanctuary; he hath † given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces: * they have [12] made a noiſe in the houſe of the LORD, as in the day of a ſolemn feaſt.

† Heb. *ſhut up.*
* Pſal. 74. 4.

[12] Singing ſongs of triumph for their Conqueſt, to Gods diſhonour, (as his people were wont to ſing to his praiſe.)

8 The LORD hath purpoſed to deſtroy the [13] wall of the daughter of Zion; he hath ſtretched out a [14] line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from † deſtroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languiſhed together.

† Heb. *ſwallowing up.*

[13] Strength and ſecurity. ¶ [14] 2 *Sam.* 8. 13. *Iſa.* 34. 11. 2 *Kings* 21. 13. To meaſure it out for deſtruction.

9 Her gates are [15] ſunk into the ground; he hath deſtroyed and broken her bars; her king and her princes *are* [16] among the Gentiles; the law *is* [17] no *more*, her * prophets alſo find [18] no viſion from the LORD.

* Ezek. 7. 26.

[15] Demoliſh'd and buried in the Rubbiſh. ¶ [16] Carried into Captivity, 2 *Kings* 25. 7. *Jer.* 52. 8, 9. ¶ [17] Neither publickly taught nor practiſed. ¶ [18] *Pſal.* 74. 9.

10 The elders of the daughter of Zion ſit upon the ground *and* keep ſilence: they have [19] caſt up duſt upon their heads; they have girded themſelves with ſackcloth; the virgins of Jeruſalem hang down their heads to the ground.

[19] *Job* 2. 12. 2 *Sam.* 13. 19.

11 * Mine eyes do [20] fail with tears, my [21] bowels are troubled, [22] my liver is poured upon the earth, for the deſtruction of the daughter of my people, becauſe * the children and the ſucklings ‖ ſwoon in the ſtreets of the city.

* Chap. 3. 48, &c.
* Ver. 19. Chap. 4. 4.
‖ Or, *faint.*

[20] *Ch.* 3. 17. ¶ [21] *Ch.* 1. 20. ¶ [22] My gall or choler is caſt up through extremity of grief and indignation, *Job* 16. 13.

12 They ſay to their mothers, Where *is* corn and wine? when they ſwooned as the wounded in the ſtreets of the city, when their ſoul was poured out into their mothers boſom.

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13 What things ſhall I take to [23] witneſs for thee? what thing ſhall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jeruſalem? what ſhall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach *is* great [24] like the ſea; who can heal thee?

[23] To evidence that thy calamity has any match. ¶ [24] Like a breach made by the Sea, great and incurable.

14 [25] Thy * prophets have ſeen [26] vain and [26] fooliſh things for thee, and they have not [27] diſcovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have ſeen for thee [28] falſe burdens, and cauſes of baniſhment.

* Ezek. 13. 2.

[25] *Jer.* 5. 31. and 14. 13, 14. and 29. 8, 15. Of your own chooſing. ¶ [26] The idle dreams of their own fancies, *Jer.* 23. 16, 26. and 27. 14, 15. ¶ [27] Told thee plainly of thy ſins, to bring thee to repentance for 'em, and ſo to have prevented theſe judgments, *Jer.* 23. 22. ¶ [28] Flattering Propheſies, which hardened 'em in their ſins, and haſtened their ruin, *Iſa.* 3. 12. *Jer.* 23. 14, 15, 17, 31. 32. and 27. 9, 10.

15 * All that paſs † by, * clap *their* hands at thee; they hiſs and wag their head at the daughter of Jeruſalem, *ſaying*, *Is* this the city that *men* call the [29] perfection of beauty, the [30] joy of the whole earth?

* 2 Kings 9. 8.
† Heb. *by the way.*
* Ezek. 25. 6.
[29] *Pſal.* 50. 2.
[30] *Pſal.* 48. 2.

16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth againſt thee: they hiſs and gnaſh the teeth: they ſay, We have ſwallowed *her* up: certainly this *is* the day that we looked for: we have found, we have ſeen *it.*

17 The LORD hath done * *that* which he had deviſed: he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days [31] of old: * he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath cauſed *thine* enemy to rejoyce over thee, he hath ſet up the horn of thine adverſaries.

* Lev. 26. 16, &c. Deut. 28. 15, &c.
* Ver. 2.
[31] *Lev.* 26. 16. &c. *Deut.* 28. 15. &c.

18 [32] Their heart cried unto the LORD, [33] O wall of the daughter of Zion, * let tears run down like a river day and night: give thy ſelf no reſt, let not the apple of thine eyes ceaſe.

* Chap. 1. 16.

[32] The People generally were very ſerious in complaining of their miſeries, and ſeeking relief. ¶ [33] And in theſe their out-cries, they bewailed the ruin of the Walls of *Jeruſalem*, ſaying, O Wall, *&c.*

19 Ariſe, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches * [34] pour out thine heart like water before the face of the LORD: [35] lift up thy hands towards him, for the life of thy young children, * that faint for hunger in the top of every ſtreet.

* Pſal. 62. 8.
[34] *Pſal.* 42. 4.
[35] *Ch.* 3. 41.
* Ver. 11.

20 ¶ Behold, O LORD, and conſider [36] to whom thou haſt done this: * ſhall the women eat their fruit, *and* children ‖ of a ſpan long? ſhall the prieſt and the prophet be ſlain in the ſanctuary of the LORD?

* Chap. 4. 10. Ezek. 5. 10.
‖ Or, *ſwaddled with their hands.*

[36] *Exod.* 32. 11. *Deut.* 9. 26, 29. *Iſa.* 63. 19. *Jer.* 14. 19, 21.

21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the ſtreets; my virgins and my young men are fallen by the ſword: thou haſt ſlain *them* in the day of thy anger, thou haſt killed *and* not pitied.

22 Thou haſt [37] called as in a ſolemn day my terrours round about, ſo that in the day of the LORDs anger none eſcaped nor remained: thoſe that I have ſwaddled and brought up, hath mine enemy conſumed.

[37] Muſterd up my terrible evils, and other things which might be matter of terror to me.

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CHAP. III.

The faithful bewail their calamities.

1 I *Am* the man *that* hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

[1] The People of the *Jews*, and I *Jeremy*, as one of 'em.

[2] A miserable, disconsolate condition, *Ch.* 2. 1.

2 He hath led me and brought *me into* [2] darkness, but not *into* light.

3 Surely against me is he turned, he turneth his hand *against me* all the day.

4 My flesh and my skin hath he made old, he hath broken my bones.

5 He hath [3] builded against me, and compassed *me* with † gall and travel.

[3] Forts and Bulwarks to beleaguer and besiege me, *Isa.* 29. 3. *Job* 19. 12. † Misery and Calamities.

* Psal. 88. 5, 6. [4] The Grave.

6 * He hath set me in [4] dark places, as *they that be* dead of old.

7 He hath [5] hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my [6] chain heavy.

[5] *Job* 3. 23. and 19. 8. *Psal.* 88. 8. *Hos.* 2. 6. ¶ [6] My bondage.

[7] *Ver.* 44. *Job* 19. 7. and 30. 20. *Hab.* 1. 2.

8 Also when I cry and shout, he [7] shutteth out my prayer.

9 He hath [8] inclosed my ways with hewen stone: he [9] hath made my paths crooked.

[8] Blockt up all passages so strongly, that there's no possibility of relief any way for me. ¶ [9] Defeated my designs, and made 'em prove destructive to my self.

* Job 10. 16. Isa. 38. 13. Hos. 5. 14. & 13. 7, 8.

10 * He *was* unto me *as* a bear lying in wait, *and as* a lion in secret places.

11 He hath [9] turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate.

12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a [10] mark for the arrow.

[10] *Job* 7. 20. and 16. 12. † Heb. *sons.*

13 He hath caused the † arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

14 I was a [11] derision to all my people, *and* * their song all the day.

* Job. 30. 9.

[11] *Psal.* 44. 13. and 79. 4. *Jer.* 20. 7. 1 *Cor.* 4. 9.

† Heb. *bitternesses.* [12] *Job* 9. 18. Bitter sufferings.

15 He hath filled me with † [12] bitterness, he hath made me drunken with [12] wormwood.

‖ Or, *rolled me in the ashes.* † Heb. *good.*

16 He hath also broken my teeth with [13] gravel stones, he hath ‖ covered me with ashes.

[13] *Prov.* 20. 17. Instead of Bread, *Matth.* 7. 9.

17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgat † prosperity.

18 And I said, [14] My strength and [14] my hope is perished from the LORD.

[14] My strength being gone, I have no hope of deliverance.

‖ Or, *Remember.*

19 ‖ [15] Remembring mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

[15] *i. e.* When I think upon that extremity of suffering and sorrow that is befallen me.

† Heb. *bowed.* † Heb. *make to return to my heart.*

20 My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is † humbled in me.

21 [16] This I † recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

[16] *Viz.* Which follows concerning the mercies of God.

[17] *Ezra* 9. 15. *Mal.* 3. 6.

22 ¶ *It is of* the LORDs mercies that we are [17] not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

[18] *Job* 7. 18. *Zeph.* 3. 5.

23 *They are* new [18] every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness.

[19] *Psal.* 16. 5. and 73. 26. and 119. 57. * Jer. 10. 16.

24 The LORD *is* [19] my * portion, saith my soul, therefore will I hope in him.

25 The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.

26 *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly [20] wait for the [21] salvation of the LORD.

[20] *Gen.* 49. 18. *Psal.* 119. 174. ¶ [21] That deliverance from Troubles that God is wont to bestow.

27 *It is* good for a man that he [22] bear the yoke in his youth.

[22] *Matth.* 11. 29, 30. Inure himself to a ready obedience, and patient submission to the Will of God in all things.

28 [23] He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath born *it* upon him.

[23] *Jer.* 15. 17. *Psal.* 102. 7. Or, *That he sit alone and keep silence when it's laid upon him.*

29 [24] He putteth his mouth in the dust, [25] if so be there may be hope.

[24] That he humble himself in the most lowly manner. ¶ [25] *Joel* 2. 14. *Zeph.* 2. 3.

30 [26] He giveth *his* cheek to him that smiteth him, he is filled full with reproch.

[26] *Isa.* 50. 6. *Mic.* 5. 1. *Matth.* 5. 39. and 20. 67. *q. d.* It's good that he inure himself to bear reprochful usage.

31 For the LORD will [27] not cast off for ever.

[27] 1 *Sam.* 12. 22. *Psal.* 94. 14. *Isa.* 57. 16–18.

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he [28] have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

[28] *Isa.* 54. 7, 8. *Mic.* 7. 18, 19.

† Heb. *from his heart.*

33 For he doth not afflict † [29] willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

[29] *Ezek.* 18. 32. and 33. 11. *Hos.* 11. 8. Out of his own meer Will, without some occasion given by us.

34 [30] To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

[30] God approves not that any do so, *Ver.* 36.

‖ Or, *a superiour.*

35 To turn aside the right of a man [31] before the face of ‖ the most High,

[31] In the sight of God, without any respect to his commands, or fear of his threats.

‖ Or, *seeth not.*

36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord ‖ approveth not.

* Psal. 33. 9.

37 ¶ [32] Who *is* he * *that* saith, and it cometh to pass, *when* the Lord commandeth *it* not?

[32] *Prov.* 16. 9. *Jer.* 10. 23. *Jam.* 4. 13. 15. *q. d.* These evils could not have befallen us, but by the Providence of God, and therefore let us be patient under 'em, *ver.* 26, 27.

38 [33] Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?

[33] *Job* 1. 21. and 2. 10. *Psal.* 75. 7. *Isa.* 45. 7. *Am.* 3. 6.

* Prov. 19. 3. ‖ Or, *murmur.*

39 * Wherefore doth a living man ‖ complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

40 [34] Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

[34] *q. d.* Since God does not willingly afflict, (*ver.* 33.) let us not put him upon't, but rather endeavour to prevent it, by serious consideration and sincere reformation, *Psal.* 4. 4. and 119. 59. *Zeph.* 2. 1. *Hag.* 1. 5, 7. 1 *Cor.* 11. 28.

41 Let us lift up our [35] heart with *our* [36] hands unto God in the heavens.

[35] *Psal.* 25. 1. and 86. 4. and 143. 8. ¶ [36] *Psal.* 28. 2. and 63. 4. and 141. 2.

42 We have [37] transgressed and have rebelled, thou hast [38] not pardoned.

[37] *Neh.* 9. 26. *Dan.* 9. 5. ¶ [38] Hast, punisht us with temporal judgments.

* Chap. 2. 2, 17, 21.

43 Thou hast [39] covered with anger, and persecuted us: * thou hast [40] slain, thou hast not pitied.

[39] Overwhelm'd us with afflictions in thine anger. ¶ * *Ch.* 2. 21.

44 Thou hast [41] covered thy self with a cloud, that *our* prayer should [7] not pass through.

[41] *Ch.* 2. 1. Withdrawn the tokens of thy favour from us.

[42] *Ch.* 1. 17. 1 Cor. 4. 13.

45 Thou hast made us *as* the [42] off-scouring and refuse in the midst of the people.

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46 * All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

* Jer. 48. 43. [43] *Isa.* 24. 17.

47 * [43] Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

48 Mine eye [44] runneth down with rivers of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

[44] *Ch.* 1. 16. and 2. 18. *Psal.* 119. 136. *Jer.* 9. 1. and 14. 17.

49 Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission;

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50 Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.

51 Mine eye affecteth † mine heart, ‖ becauſe of all the [45] daughters of my city.

52 Mine enemies chaſed me ſore like a bird, * without cauſe.

53 They have [46] cut off my life in the dungeon, and † caſt a ſtone upon me.

54 * Waters flowed over mine head, *then* * I ſaid, I am cut off.

55 ¶ * I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low [47] dungeon.

56 Thou haſt heard my voice, hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

57 Thou dreweſt near in the day *that* I called upon thee: thou ſaidſt, Fear not.

58 O Lord, thou haſt pleaded the cauſes of my ſoul, thou haſt redeemed my life.

59 O LORD, thou haſt ſeen my wrong, judge thou my cauſe.

60 Thou haſt ſeen all their [48] vengeance, *and* all their imaginations againſt me.

61 Thou haſt heard their reproch, O LORD, *and* all their imaginations againſt me;

62 The lips of thoſe that roſe up againſt me, and their device againſt me all the day.

63 Behold their [49] ſitting down, and their riſing up, * I *am* their muſick.

64 ¶ [50] Render unto them a recompence, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.

65 Give them ‖ ſorrow of heart, thy curſe unto them.

66 Perſecute and deſtroy them in anger, from under the * heavens of the LORD.

† Heb. *my ſoul.*
‖ Or, *more then all.*
[45] The miſery that is befallen 'em.
* Pſal. 35. 7, 19. & 69. 4. & 109. 3. & 119. 161.
[46] Brought me into a deſperate and remedileſs condition of miſery, † *Dan.* 6. 17, *Matth.* 27. 66.
* Pſal. 69. 2. & 124. 4, 5.
* Pſal. 31. 22. Iſa. 38. 10, 11.
* Pſal. 130. 1.
[47] *Ver.* 53. in the depth of my miſery.
[48] Revengeful carriage.
[49] *Pſal.* 139. 2.
* Ver. 14.
[50] *Pſal.* 28. 4. *Jer.* 50. 29. 2 *Tim.* 4. 14.
‖ Or, *obſtinacy of heart.*
* Pſal. 8. 3.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Zions pitiful eſtate bewailed.* 13 *She confeſſeth her ſins.* 21 *Edom threatned.*

HOw is the [1] gold become dim! *how* is the moſt fine gold changed! the ſtones of the ſanctuary are [2] poured out in the top of every ſtreet.

[1] 1 *Kings* 6. 22. *Matth.* 23. 16, 17. The Gold wherewith the Temple was adorn'd, is defac'd and buried in heaps of Rubbiſh. ¶ [2] Thrown about the Streets.

2 The precious ſons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they eſteemed * as [3] earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

3 Even the ‖ ſea-monſters draw out the breaſt, they give ſuck to their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* [4] cruel, * like the oſtriches in the wilderneſs.

4 * The tongue of the ſucking child [5] cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirſt: the young children ask bread, *and* no man breaketh *it* unto them.

5 They that did feed delicately, are deſolate in the ſtreets: *they that were* brought up in ſcarlet, * [6] embrace dunghils.

[6] Are feign to lodge in the moſt naſty places.

6 For the ‖ puniſhment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people, is [7] greater then the puniſhment of the ſin of Sodom, *that was* * overthrown as in a moment, and [8] no hands ſtayed on her.

[7] *Dan.* 9. 12. ¶ [8] She was not kept in a lingering miſery, as we have been, *ver.* 9.

7 [9] Her Nazarites were purer then ſnow, they were whiter then milk, they were more ruddy in body then rubies, their [10] poliſhing *was* of ſapphire.

[3] 2 *Cor.* 4. 7. *Iſa.* 30. 14.
‖ Or, *ſea-calves.*
[4] *Ver.* 10. *Ch.* 2. 10.
* Job 39. 14, 16.
* Pſal. 22. 15.
[5] *Ch.* 2. 11, 12.
* Job. 24. 8.
‖ Or, *iniquity.*
* Gen. 19. 25.

[9] Their honourable ones. ¶ [10] They had ſmooth and clear skins.

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8 Their viſage is † [11] blacker then a coal: they are not known in the ‖ ſtreets: their skin [12] cleaveth to their bones: it is [13] withered, it is become like a ſtick.

† Heb. *darker then blackneſs.*
[11] *Ch.* 5. 10. *Job* 30. 30. *Jer.* 14. 2. By reaſon of famine, care and fear. ¶ [12] *Job* 19. 20. *Pſal.* 102. 5. ¶ [13] *Pſal.* 119. 83. and 22. 15. and 102. 4, 11.

9 *They that be* ſlain with the ſword, are better then *they that be* ſlain with hunger: for theſe † pine away [14] ſtricken through for *want of* the fruits of the field.

† Heb. *flow out.*
[14] As mortally wounded, as if they had been ſtabbed at the heart.

10 The hands of the pitiful women have [15] ſodden their own children, they were their meat in the deſtruction of the daughter of my people.

[15] *Ch.* 2. 20. 2 *Kings* 6. 29. *Deut.* 28. 57.

11 The LORD hath accompliſhed his fury, he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath [16] kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

[16] *Deut.* 32. 22. *Jer.* 21. 14.

12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world would not have believed, that the adverſary and the enemy ſhould have entred into the gates of Jeruſalem.

13 ¶ For the ſins of her prophets, *and* the iniquities of her prieſts, that have [17] ſhed the bloud of the juſt in the midſt of her;

[17] Been guilty of their deſtruction, by not reproving 'em for their ſins, but ſoothing 'em up therein, *Ch.* 2. 14. *Iſa.* 9. 16. *Jer.* 5. 31.

14 They have [18] wandred *as* blind *men* in the ſtreets, they have polluted themſelves with bloud, ‖ ſo that men could not [19] touch their garments.

‖ Or, *in that they could not touch but*

[18] Turn'd aſide out of the way of Juſtice. ¶ [19] Come near 'em, or have any dealing with 'em, without being defiled by 'em.

15 [20] They cried unto them, Depart ye; ‖ *it is* unclean; depart, depart, touch not, when they fled away and wandred: [21] they ſaid among the heathen, They ſhall no more ſojourn *there.*

‖ Or, *ye polluted.*

[20] When men ſaw any of theſe polluted Prieſts come near 'em, they bid 'em get further off, though they fled from 'em as faſt as they could. ¶ [21] Even the heathens themſelves thought that they could not long continue in that land they had ſo notoriouſly defiled.

16 The ‖ anger of the LORD hath [22] divided them, he will no more regard them: [23] they reſpected not the perſons of the prieſts, they favoured not the elders.

‖ Or, *face.*

[22] Diſpers'd and ſcatter'd 'em into other Countries. ¶ [23] The *Chaldeans* regarded 'em not, *Ch.* 5. 12.

17 As for us, * our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation *that* [24] could not ſave *us.*

* Jer. 37. 7. Ezek. 29. 16.
[24] 2 *Kings* 18. 21. *Iſa.* 20. 5, 6. and 30. 7. and 37. 7, 8.

18 * [25] They hunt our ſteps that we cannot go in our ſtreets: [26] our end is near, [26] our days are fulfilled: for our end is come.

* 2 Kings 25. 4, 5.
[25] We are in danger to be ſlain by the Enemy, beſieging us as we paſs along the ſtreets. ¶ [26] *Jer.* 51. 13. *Ezek.* 7. 7, 12. The time for our reign.

19 Our perſecutors are * ſwifter then the eagles of the heaven: they [27] purſued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderneſs.

* Deut. 28. 49.
[27] *Ch.* 3. 52.

20 [28] The * breath of our noſtrils, the [29] anointed of the LORD * was [30] taken in their pits, of whom we ſaid, Under his ſhadow we ſhall [31] live among the heathen.

* Gen. 2. 7.
* Ezek. 12. 13. & 19. 4, 8.
[28] King *Zedekiah*, through whoſe means we hop'd to have continued in a flouriſhing condition. ¶ [29] 1 *Sam.* 26. 9. *Pſal.* 89. 20, 51. ¶ [30] *Jer.* 52. 8. ¶ [31] Be in ſafety from the Heathen round about us.

21 [32] Rejoyce and be glad, O daughter of [33] Edom, that dwelleſt in the land of Uz; the cup

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also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be [34] drunken, and shalt [35] make thy self naked.

[33] *q. d.* You had best be merry while you may, for it won't last long, (as *Eccl.* 11. 9.) ¶ [34] *Psal.* 137. 7. ¶ [35] *Jer.* 25. 27. See there. ¶ [35] Be expos'd to shame.

‖ Or, *Thine iniquity.*

22 ¶ ‖ The punishment of thine iniquity is [36] accomplished, O daughter of Zion, he will [37] no more carry thee away into captivity, he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom, he will ‖ [38] discover thy sins.

‖ Or, *carry thee captive for thy sin.*

[36] *Isa.* 40. 2. It shall have an end, (and then thou shalt be uncaptivated again,) but the punishment of the *Edomites* is yet to come. ¶ [37] *Isa.* 60. 18. ¶ [38] Punish thee for 'em.

CHAP. V.

A pitiful complaint of Zion in prayer unto God.

1 REmember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider and behold our [2] reproch.

[1] *Psal.* 25. 18. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 3. 61. *Neh.* 1. 3. and 4. 4. *Psal.* 89. 50, 51. and 123. 3, 4.

2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

3 We are [3] orphans, and [3] fatherless, our mothers *are* as [3] widows.

[3] Destitute of all help, and expos'd to all wrong.

4 We have drunken our water for money, our wood † is sold unto us.

† Heb. *cometh for price.*

5 † Our necks *are* under persecution: we labour, *and* have no rest.

† Heb. *On our necks are we persecuted.*

6 We have [4] given the hand to the [5] Egyptians, *and* to the [6] Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

[4] Been feign to work for 'em, *Prov.* 31. 19. ¶ [5] (To whom they fled for help and refuge.) ¶ [6] Whither many were carried Captives.

* Jer. 31. 29. Ezek. 18. 2.

7 * Our fathers have sinned and [7] *are* not, and we have born their [8] iniquities.

[7] *Gen.* 42. 36. *Psal.* 39. 13. ¶ [8] The punishment thereof, *Isa.* 65. 7. *Matth.* 23. 32, 35, 36.

[9] *Neh.* 5. 15.

8 [9] Servants have ruled over us: *there is* none that doth deliver *us* out of their hand.

9 We gat our bread with *the peril of* our [10] lives, because of the sword of the [11] wilderness.

[10] *Viz.* When we were besieged. ¶ [11] *i. e.* Of the Enemy lying all over the Plain about us.

10 Our * skin was [12] black like an oven, because of the ‖ terrible famine.

* Job. 30. 30. Psal. 119. 83.

[12] *Ch.* 4. 8. See.

‖ Or, *terrours, or storms.*

11 They ravished the women in Zion, *and* the maids in the cities of Judah.

12 Princes are hanged up by their hand: * the faces of the elders were not honoured.

* Isa. 47. 6.

13 They took the young men to grind, and the children fell [13] under the wood.

[13] Under the excessive burdens laid upon 'em.

14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.

15 The joy of our heart is [14] ceased, our dance is turned into mourning.

[14] *Isa.* 16. 10. and 24. 8, 9, 11. *Jer.* 7. 34. and 16. 9. and 25. 10.

16 † [15] The crown is fallen *from* our head: wo unto us that we have [16] sinned.

† Heb. *The crown of our head is fallen.*

[15] All our state and dignity is gone. ¶ [16] *Ch.* 1. 8. and 4. 13. *Jer.* 4. 18.

17 For this * our heart is faint, * for these *things* our eyes are dim.

* Chap. 1. 22. * Psal. 6. 7.

18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

19 * Thou, O LORD, [17] remainest for ever: thy throne from generation to generation.

* Hab. 1. 12.

[17] *Psal.* 9. 7. and 10. 16. and 29. 10. and 102. 12. and 145. 13. and 146. 10.

[18] *Psal.* 10. 1. and 13. 1. and 44. 24. and 94. 3, 4.

20 [18] Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, *and* forsake us † so long time?

† Heb. *for length of days.*

21 * [19] Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned: [20] renew our days as of old.

* Psal. 80. 3, 7, 19.

[19] *Jer.* 31. 18. Restore us to our former flourishing condition. ¶ [20] *Jer.* 33. 11.

‖ Or, *For wilt thou utterly reject us?*

22 ‖ [21] But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.

[21] Or, *Wilt thou utterly reject us?*

EZEKIEL.

The ARGUMENT.

EZekiel *was called to his Office of a Prophet in the Fifth Year of the* Babylonish *Captivity,* (c. 1. 2.) *about Six Years before the sacking and burning of the City and Temple. The great end of his Prophesy was to justify* Jeremy *against the imputations of the false Prophets, as if he had mislead the people, and betraid 'em into Captivity by his Persuasions and Prophesies, which he had no warrant from God for; and that the Captivity should not continue so long as he said it should,* Jer. 28. 1, &c. and 29. 24, &c. *and to ratify what he had foretold concerning the ruine of the City and Temple, and the continuance of the Captivity for Seventy Years: and also to comfort the* Jews *in* Babylon *against those discouragements they met with there. For seeing that Five Years were now past over since the Captivity, and yet nothing done to the City or Temple,* (as he foretold there would,) *they began to be discouraged that they had left their habitations, and hearkened to* Jeremy *so far as to come to* Babylon; *whereupon, the Lord to support their spirits, and comfort them in these their distresses, and to be an* Ezekiel, *even the* Strength of God *unto them, imploys* Ezekiel *to write this Prophecy, which is an exact History of Gods dealings with the* Jews *during their Captivity, and wherein after the Preface, c.* 1, and 2, and 3, we have (1,) *The destruction of the* Jews *by the* Babylonish *Captivity, with a mention of those sins that were the causes thereof, c.* 4—25. (2,) *Threatning of Judgment and Destruction to several Nations that had insulted over the People of God in this their distress, c.* 26—33. (3,) *A sharp Reproof of the* Jews *for their hard-*

Chap. 1. *hard-heartedneſs and impenitency under judgments, and an exhortation to repentance, telling 'em of ſome mercy and deliverance; and after that again of further troubles, c. 34—39. (44) A typical Prophecy concerning the Goſpel Church c. 40. to the end. He abounds more in Parables, Types and Myſtical repreſentations, than any other of the Prophets, c. 20. 49.* Chap. 1.

CHAP. I.

1 *The time of Ezekiels prophecy.* 4 *His viſion of four cherubims,* 15 *of the four wheels,* 26 *and of the glory of* GOD.

3409. NOw it came to paſs in the [1] thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, (as I *was* [2] among the † captives by the river of Chebar) *that* * the heavens were [3] opened, and I ſaw [4] viſions [5] of God.

† Heb. *captivity.*

* Acts 10. 11. Rev. 19. 11.

[1] From the time that the Covenant was renewed at the finding of the Law, 2 *Kings* 22. 8. and 23. 3, &c. ¶ [2] The godly are ſometimes involv'd in the ſame outward Calamities which befal the wicked, *Eccl.* 9. 1, 2. *Dan.* 1. 6. 1 *Pet.* 5. 9. ¶ [3] *Matth.* 3. 16. *Acts* 7. 56. *John* 1. 51. *viz.* in Viſion. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 8. 3. See on *Gen.* 15. 1. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 8. 3. Imparted to me by God, and concerning his Glory, *v.* 28.

2 In the fifth *day* of the month, (which *was* the fifth year of king [6] Jehoiachins captivity)

§ 2 *Kin.* 24. 15.

3 The word of the LORD [7] came expreſly unto † Ezekiel the prieſt, the ſon of Buzi, [8] in the land of the Chaldeans, by the river Chebar: and the [9] hand of the LORD was there upon him.

† Heb. *Jehezkel.*

[7] Had a powerful in-being, and made a deep and durable Impreſſion upon him. ¶ [8] In the worſt places God can raiſe up Inſtruments for the ſervice of his Church. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 8. 1. and 33. 22. and 37. 1. and 40. 1. 1 *Kings* 18. 46. 2 *Kings* 3. 15. *Acts* 11. 21. A powerful impulſe of the Spirit, (*ch.* 3. 8. *Rev.* 1. 10.) as to *Sampſon, Judg.* 13. 25. Ordinances are ineffectual without the preſence of the Spirit.

4 ¶ And I [10] looked, and behold, a [11] whirlwind came out of the [12] north, a [13] great cloud, and a [14] fire † infolding it ſelf, and a [15] brightneſs *was* about it, and out of the midſt [16] thereof [17] as the colour of amber, out of the midſt of the fire.

† Heb. *catching it ſelf.*

[10] This Viſion repreſents the Glory of God and of Chriſt, *v.* 26, 28. ¶ [11] *Nah.* 1. 3. A violent, irreſiſtible Judgment, (as *Ch.* 13. 11, 13. 1 *Kings* 19. 11.) particularly, *Nebuchadnezzar.* ¶ [12] *Chaldea*, or *Babylon*, north of *Judea*, *Jer.* 1. 14, 15. ¶ [13] His Army (as *Ch.* 39. 9.) Coming ſwiftly (*Iſa.* 60. 8.) and bringing great miſery, *Zeph.* 1. 15. ¶ [14] The wrath of God uſing *Nebuchadnezzar* to burn Temple, City, and all, for their Sins. ¶ [15] Clear diſcoveries of Gods Holineſs and Juſtice in theſe Judgments, *Pſal.* 31. 4. ¶ [16] Of the Fire. ¶ [17] Or, like burning Coals of Fire, which went up and down among the Living Creatures, *ver.* 13. (See there) and 27. to note, That Gods Juſtice diſcovers it ſelf in the execution of his Judgments.

5 Alſo out of the midſt [18] thereof *came* [19] the likeneſs of four [20] living creatures. And this *was* their appearance, They had the likeneſs of a [21] man.

[18] *Rev.* 4. 6. Of the Fire or Amber. ¶ [19] The Repreſentation of ſuch Creatures. ¶ [20] Called *Cherubims*, *ch.* 10. 1. Noting the Angels, whoſe Miniſtry God uſes both in executing his Judgments in all parts of the World, and eſpecially about the Affairs of the Church, *Heb.* 1. 14. ¶ [21] For the greateſt part they appeared in humane ſhape.

6 And every one had [22] four faces, and every one had [23] four [24] wings.

[22] *Ch.* 10. 14. *Ver.* 10. See there. ¶ [23] The Seraphims, *Iſa.* 6. 2. and the four Beaſts, *Rev.* 4. 8. had each of them ſix Wings; becauſe they ſtood in the preſence of God, and ſo covered their Faces with two of 'em, *Iſa.* 6. 2. but theſe here had the Firmament interpoſed between them and the Throne of God, *v.* 26. ¶ [24] Noting their ſpeedy diſpatch of God's commands, *Dan.* 9. 21.

7 And their feet *were* † [25] ſtraight feet, and the ſole of their feet *was* like the ſole of a

† Heb. *a ſtraight foot.*

[26] calves foot, and they [27] ſparkled like the colour of burniſhed braſs.

[25] Noting their Fitneſs for ſervice; and that their motions and actions are all regular, *Heb.* 12. 13. ¶ [26] Noting their unwearied Diligence in their work. ¶ [27] Noting their Zeal in God's ſervice.

8 And *they had* the [28] hands of a [29] man [28] under their wings [30] on their four ſides, and they four had their faces, and their wings.

[28] Power and Ability to perform with ſpeed what was enjoyn'd 'em. ¶ [29] To note that they do all things with reaſon and underſtanding; as reaſonable Creatures. ¶ [30] To note, that they were ready for action, which way ſoever they were commanded to go, or do any thing.

9 Their wings *were* [31] joyned one to another; they [32] turned not, when they went, they went every one [33] ſtraight forward.

[31] *Pſal.* 122. 3. To note their perfect agreement in the ſpeedy execution of God's Will, 1 *Cor.* 1. 10. ¶ [32] *Ver.* 12. *Ch.* 10. 11. They were immediately ready, without any delay or hinderance. ¶ [33] *Ver.* 12. They continued conſtant in their ſervice till they had diſpatcht it, *Luke* 9. 62.

10 As for * the likeneſs of their faces, [34] they four had the face of a [35] man, and the face of a [36] lion on the right ſide, and they four had the face of an [37] ox on the left ſide: they four alſo had the face of [38] an eagle.

* See Rev. 4. 7.

[34] Each of 'em. ¶ [35] Noting, their prudent adminiſtration of all Affairs committed to their charge. ¶ [36] Irreſiſtible, unconquerable Strength, 2 *Kings* 19. 35. *Pſal.* 103. 20. ¶ [37] Laboriouſneſs and Uſefulneſs, *Prov.* 14. 4. ¶ [38] Quick-ſightedneſs to diſcover and prevent any hurtful deſigns, and to pry into Divine Myſteries. 1 *Pet.* 1. 12.

11 Thus *were* their faces: and their wings *were* ‖ [39] ſtretched upward, two *wings* of every one *were* joyned one to another, and * two [40] covered their bodies.

‖ Or, *divided above.*

* Iſa. 6. 2.

[39] Readineſs to perform the Will of God, as ſoon as ever made known to 'em. ¶ [40] To note, that we men are not able to underſtand the Natures of Angels; it's a thing hidden from us.

12 And * they went every one [33] ſtraight forward: whether the [41] ſpirit was to go, they [42] went: *and* * they [32] turned not when they went.

* V. 9.

* V. 17.

[41] *Ver.* 20. *Zech.* 4. 6. The Spirit of God guided and directed 'em, *Heb.* 1. 14. *Pſal.* 103. 20. ¶ [42] Without diſpute or delay.

13 As for the [43] likeneſs of the living creatures, their appearance *was* [44] like burning coals of fire, *and* like the appearance of [45] lamps: [46] it went up and down among the living creatures, and the fire was [47] bright, and out of the fire went forth [48] lightning.

[43] The Color or Aſpect of their Countenance. ¶ [44] They were enflamed by the Spirit of God with an holy Zeal for his Glory, and with Indignation againſt impenitent Sinners, *ch.* 10. 2. ¶ [45] Flaming forth for the deſtruction of impenitent Sinners, or, their Eyes were like Lamps (as their Countenances were like burning Coals) *Dan.* 10. 6. *Rev.* 1. 14. to note the Purity, and Perſpicacity or Clearneſs of their Knowledge. ¶ [46] This Fire or Vigor of the Spirit was continually converſant with 'em, exciting, directing, aſſiſting 'em, *John* 15. 2. ¶ [47] Not a miſguided Zeal, but directing 'em clearly what to do. ¶ [48] Their Zeal kindled by the Spirit wrought effectually for the deſtruction of the wicked.

14 And the [20] living creatures [49] ran, and [50] returned as the appearance of a flaſh of lightning.

[49] Were ſpeedy in their work. ¶ [50] *i. e.* When they had diſpatcht the buſineſs they were ſent about, they were as ſpeedy in their return to their former Station, and to give account of their performance, and wait for further Orders.

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15 ¶ Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold [51] one wheel upon the [52] earth [53] by the living creatures, [54] with his four faces.

[51] The ſtate of Affairs (depending upon ſecond cauſes) in all parts of the World, eſpecially in the Church, ſubject to continual Revolutions. ¶ [52] That Earth which he ſaw in Viſion. ¶ [53] *i. e.* One Wheel by every one of the living Creatures: ſo that there were four Wheels in all (*v.* 16. *ch.* 10. 9.) to ſhew, that all human Affairs are under the conduct of Angels. Every Wheel is by a Living Creature. ¶ [54] *i. e.* Each Wheel had four Faces, as well as each Living Creature, *v.* 10.

16 The appearance of the wheels, and their work *was* like unto the colour of [55] a beryl: and they four had [56] one likeneſs, and their appearance and their work *was* as it were a [57] wheel in the [57] middle of a wheel.

[55] *Ch.* 10.-9. Which is of a Sea-green Colour, to note, the uncertainty and troubleſome ſtate of all things here below, *Iſa.* 57. 20. ¶ [56] To note the Harmony that is between the works of God in the World, however differing they may ſeem to us. ¶ [57] *i. e.* Croſſing one another in the middle: To note, the Unſearchableneſs of God's Diſpenſations, and the Intricacy of Affairs in the World, that they ſeem to croſs and thwart one another: yet all move as they are moved.

17 When [58] they went, they went [59] upon their four ſides: *and* they [60] returned not when they went.

[58] The Wheels. ¶ [59] *i. e.* Which way ſo ever they were to move, there was one ſide or half of a Wheel ready for the motion. ¶ [60] Or, *Turned not*, as *v.*-12. See there *n.* 32. As the Living Creatures were guided by the Spirit, ſo were theſe Wheels by the Living Creatures.

18 As for [61] their rings, they were ſo [62] high that they were [63] dreadful, and their ‖ rings *were* [64] full of eyes [65] round about them four.

‖ Or, *ſtrakes.*

[61] The Circumference, Circle or Rim of the Wheels. ¶ [62] To ſhew, that it exceeds our capacity to underſtand the reaſon of all God's Diſpenſations, *Pſal.* 36. 6. *Rom.* 11. 33. *Job* 21. 7, &c. *Hab.* 1. 2, 3. ¶ [63] The Unſearchableneſs of the paſſages of Providence, ſtrikes us many times with fear, and trembling, and admiration, *Rom.* 11. 33. ¶ [64] To note that all human Affairs are under the inſpection of Providence (2 *Chron.* 16. 9. *Prov.* 15. 3.) who ſees throughly into, and obſerves 'em all. ¶ [65] *i. e.* Every one of the Wheels was full of Eyes round about in all parts; noting that great meaſure of Wiſdom and Foreſight that appear'd in all that they did.

19 † And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were [66] lift up from the earth, the wheels were lift up.

† Second Cauſes here below move according to the direction and conduct of the Angels. ¶ [66] When the Angels are employed about any ſpecial ſervices, ſecond cauſes are endued with a proportionable degree of Ability for ſervice, *Ezr.* 1. 5. *Jer.* 37. 10. *Zech.* 12. 8.

20 Whitherſoever the [41] ſpirit *was* to go, they went, thither *was* [67] *their* ſpirit to go, and the wheels were [68] lifted up [69] over againſt them: for the [70] ſpirit ‖ of the living [71] creature *was* in the wheels.

‖ Or, *of life.*

[67] The Wills of the Angels are directed by the Spirit of God. ¶ [68] See *N.* 66. ¶ [69] Proportionably to the lifting up of the Living Creatures, See *N.* 66. ¶ [70] *i. e.* The ſame quickning Spirit of God that did direct the Angels, does alſo give motion to all other inferior Beings, according to their ſeveral capacities and ſervices. God is preſent effectually in all the Inſtruments of his Providence (1 *Sam.* 10. 6.) and Chriſt does all in all in his Church, *Col.* 3. 11. 1 *Cor.* 3. 5. and 12. 6. ¶ [71] Tho there were four of 'em, yet in regard of their Agreement in Mind, Deſign and Work, they are called but One.

21 [*] When thoſe went, *theſe* went; and when thoſe [72] ſtood, *theſe* ſtood; and when thoſe were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over againſt them: for the ſpirit ‖ of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

[*] V. 19, 20.
[72] Were unimploy'd, *Joſh.* 10. 12, 13.
‖ Or, *of life.*

22 And the likeneſs of the [73] firmament [74] upon the heads of the living creature, *was* as the colour of the [75] terrible cryſtal, ſtretched forth over their heads above.

[73] (In Viſion alſo: as all the reſt were.) ¶ [74] Rather, *Over*, (as *v.* 25.) ¶ [75] So glorious that none could behold it without being dazled, and aſtoniſht at it, 1 *Tim.* 6.-16.

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23 And under the firmament *were* their wings [76] ſtraight, the one [77] toward the other; every one had two, which † covered on [78] this ſide, and every one had two, which covered on [78] that ſide, their bodies.

[76] One pair of 'em were ſtretch't out, and ſo became ſtrait, ready for action. ¶ [77] Noting their joynt concurrence in all their actings. † *Iſa.* 6. 2. Noting a ſenſe of their own unworthineſs to appear before God, *Pſal.* 89. 7. ¶ [78] *Viz.* Of the Charet, See *n.* 40.

24 And when they [79] went, [80] I heard the noiſe of their wings, like the noiſe of [81] great waters, as the [82] voice of the Almighty, the voice of [83] ſpeech as the noiſe of an hoſt: when they [72] ſtood, they [84] let down their wings.

[79] Were executing the Commands of God. ¶ [80] *Matth.* 13.-11. *Hoſ.* 14. 9. *Rev.* 2. 7. ¶ [81] *Rev.* 1.-15. Noting the dreadfulneſs of God's Judgments executed by 'em, *Pſal.* 119. 120. ¶ [82] Thunder, *Pſal.* 29. 3. and 18. 13. ¶ [83] Declaring diſtinctly the Will of God for the executing his Judgments, *Mich.* 6. 9. *Iſa.* 26. 9. ¶ [84] Compoſed themſelves, waiting for further Commiſſion; without which they can do nothing.

25 And there was [85] a voice [86] from the firmament, that *was* over their heads, when they ſtood, *and* had let down their wings.

[85] *Ver.*-28. Speaking to *Ezekiel*, *Ch.* 2. 1. &c. So *Rev.* 1.-10. ¶ [86] From Chriſt upon the Throne, *ver.*-26.

26 ¶ And above the firmament that *was* [87] over their heads, *was* the likeneſs of a [88] throne, as the appearance of a [89] ſapphire-ſtone, and upon the likeneſs of the throne *was* the likeneſs as the appearance of a [90] man above upon it.

[87] Chriſt is infinitely exalted above all Creatures, *Eph.* 1. 21, 22. ¶ [88] *Iſa.* 6. 1. *Matth.* 25. 31. *Heb.* 1. 8. *Rev.* 2. 4–6. Noting Chriſts Power and Authority, as King and Judge, (*Pſal.* 9.-4, 7. 1 *Kings* 22. 19. *Rev.* 20. 11, 12.) Chriſt here comes in Judgment againſt the *Jews*. ¶ [89] *Exod.* 24. 10. Glorious and precious. ¶ [90] Chriſt (*Iſa.* 6. 1. *Dan.* 9. 13. *Rev.* 1. 13. and 14. 14) as King of the World and Head of the Church, appearing thus in human ſhape, as a Preſage and Plegde of his Incarnation.

27 And I ſaw as the colour of [91] amber, as the appearance of fire [92] round about [93] within it: from the appearance of his loyns even [94] upward, and from the appearance of his loyns even [95] downward, I ſaw as it were the [96] appearance of fire, and it *had* [15] brightneſs round about.

[91] See *n.* 17. Glowing hot with fury and indignation against the wicked *Jews*. ¶ [92] Said to be a fire enfolding it ſelf, *v.* 4. See there. ¶ [93] Within the Amber, to note, that his executing of Judgment outwardly, proceeded from his Zeal to the Glory of God, and indignation againſt Sin. ¶ [94] Noting his Divine Nature. ¶ [95] Noting his Human Nature. ¶ [96] 2 *Theſ.* 1. 8. Chriſt, both as God and Man, is full of Indignation againſt Sin and Sinners; and he is glorious in both.

28 As the appearance of the [97] bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, ſo *was* the appearance of the brightneſs round about. This *was* the appearance of the [98] likeneſs of the glory of the LORD: and when I ſaw *it*, [99] I fell upon my face, and I [1] heard a voice of one that ſpake.

[97] *Rev.* 4. 3. and 10. 1. An Emblem of Mercy, *Gen.* 9. 13–16. to note that his moſt ſevere diſpenſations are mixt with Mercy and mindfulneſs of his Covenant, *Iſa.* 54. 8, 9, 10. ¶ [98] The full diſcovery of the Glory of God is not conſiſtent with a ſtate of Mortality, *Exod.* 33. 20–23. but reſerved for the life to come, 1 *Cor.* 13. 12. 1 *Joh.* 3.-2. ¶ [99] *Ch.* 3.-23. *Gen.* 17. 3. *Lev.* 9. 24. *Dan.* 8. 17. and 10. 8, 9. *Matth.* 17. 6. *Rev.* 1. 17. Through a ſenſe of God's Majeſty, and his own frailty and meaneſs, *Job* 42. 5, 6. *Iſa.* 6. 5. ¶ [1] *Act* 9. 4. They that are firſt humbled are fitteſt to hear the Voice of God, whether of Inſtruction or Conſolation, *Matth.* 5. 4. and 11. 28.

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CHAP. II.

1 Ezekiels commission. 6 His instruction. 9 The roll of his heavy prophecy.

AND he said unto me, [1] Son of man, [2] stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

[1] *Dan.* 8. 17. *q. d.* Though thou hast seen such glorious Visions (*ch.* 1.) yet remember thou art a Man still; So 2 *Cor.* 12. 1, 7. ¶ [2] *Dan.* 10. 11. *q. d.* Ben't dismayed (*ch.* 1.-28) but prepare thy self to give diligent heed to what I shall say.

2 And the spirit [3] entred into me, [4] when he spake unto me, and [5] set me upon my feet, [6] that I heard him that spake unto me.

[3] *Ch.* 3. 24. *Acts* 6. 3. and 9.-17. and 11. 24. *Judg.* 13. 25. Fitted him with Gifts and Qualifications for the Office he now call'd him to. ¶ [4] *Acts* 10. 44. ¶ [5] *John* 15. 5. What he commands us to do (*v.* 1.-*stand*) he enables to perform, *Deut.* 10. 16. and 6. 5. with *Ch.* 30. 6. So *Ezek.* 18. 31. and *Isa.* 1. 16. with *Ch.* 36. 25, 62. So *Psal.* 22. 23. with *Jer.* 32. 40. ¶ [6] The Spirit is the Fountain of all our Abilities both to Will and to Do, *Phil.* 2. 12, 13.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, [7] I [8] send thee to the children of Israel, to a [9] rebellious
† Heb. *nations.* † [10] nation that hath rebelled against me, [11] they and their [12] fathers have transgressed against me *even* unto this very day.

[7] *Matth.* 28. 18, 19. *Rom.* 1. 5. ¶ [8] *Rom.* 10. 15. ¶ [9] *Josh.* 22. 16. 2 *Chr.* 36. 15, 16. *Jer.* 25.-3. and 35. 15. ¶ [10] *Gojim*, like the Heathen. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 20. 18.-21. *Acts* 7. 51.

† Heb. *hard of face.*

4 For *they are* † [12] impudent children and [13] stiff-hearted: I do send thee unto them, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

[12] Grown shameless, *Jer.* 6. 15. and 8. 12. and 3.-3. and 5.-3. *Zeph.* 3.-5. ¶ [13] *Zech.* 7. 12. *Isa.* 48. 4. *Exod.* 32. 9. *Deut.* 9.-6.

5 And they, whether they will [14] hear, or whether they will [14] forbear, (for they *are* a rebellious house) yet [15] shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

[14] *Ver.* 7. *Ch.* 3. 11, 27. *Jer.* 26. 2, 3. ¶ [15] *Ch.* 33. 33. 2 *Cor.* 2. 16. To render 'em more inexcusable (*Isa.* 5. 3, 4.) and consequently their Sin the more heinous (*Joh.* 3. 19.) and their punishment the more grievous and intollerable, *Matth.* 11. 24.

6 ¶ And thou son of man, [16] be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though
‖ Or, *rebels.* * Jer. 6. 28. ‖ * [17] briers and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: * be not afraid
† 1 Pet. 3. 14. of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

[16] *Ch.* 3. 9. *Jer.* 1. 8, 17. *Luke* 12. 4. ¶ [17] 2 *Sam.* 23. 6. *Mich.* 7. 4. Mischievous, vexatious persons, *Ch.* 28. 24. *Numb.* 33. 55.

7 And thou shalt speak [18] my words unto them, whether they will [14] hear, or whether
† Heb. *rebellion* they will [14] forbear, for they *are* † most [9] rebellious.

[18] *Ch.* 3.-4. Not thine own, nor other mens, 1 *Cor.* 11. 23. 2 *John* 1. 3. *Jer.* 23. 21.

8 But thou son of man, hear what I say unto thee, Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and [19] eat that I give thee.

[19] *Ch.* 3. 1, 2, In Vision, (as *Jer.* 25. 16. *Rev.* 10. 9.) to note his ready entertainment, and serious Meditation of those Messages which were sent him from God, tho so grievous and distastful, *Ch.* 3. 10. 1 *Tim.* 4. 15, 16.

9 ¶ And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me, and lo, [20] a roll of a book *was* therein.

[20] Noting the Gift of Prophesie; or many Prophetical Messages.

10 And he [21] spread it before me, and it *was* written within and without, and *there was* written therein [22] lamentations, and [22] mourning, and [22] woe.

[21] Reveal'd to me the Contents thereof. ¶ [22] *Isa.* 3. 11. Such dreadful Judgments as should cause most bitter Lamentation among 'em.

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CHAP. III.

1 Ezekiel eateth the roll. 15 God sheweth him the rule of prophecy. 22 God shutteth and openeth the prophets mouth.

MOreover he said unto me, Son of man, [1] eat that thou findest; [1] eat this roll, and [2] go speak unto the [3] house of Israel.

[1] See on *Ch.* 2. 8. ¶ [2] When Ministers have digested the Truths of God, then they are fit to go and preach 'em to others. ¶ [3] The *Jews* in *Babylon*, *v.* 11.

2 So [4] I opened my mouth, and he [4] caused 3409.
me to eat that roll.

[4] 2 *Cor.* 3. 5. God vouchsafes his Assistance where our endeavours are sincere, *Phil.* 2. 12, 13. *Psal.* 51. 15.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly [5] to eat, and [6] fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I [7] eat *it*, and it was in my mouth as [7] hony for sweetness.

[5] 1 *Tim.* 4. 15. To digest by Faith and serious Meditation those Truths I impart to thee; that thou maist feel the Power and Efficacy of 'em, and so be strengthened to thy work. ¶ [6] *Col.* 3. 16. *Matth.* 13. 52. ¶ [7] *Jer.* 15. 16. *Psal.* 19.-10. and 119. 103. *Rev.* 10.-9. Knowledge in general is sweet, (*Prov.* 2. 10.) and the Prophetical Office was delightful to him at first; and he approved of the Will of God revealed to him, tho afterwards he found trouble in the delivery of it, *Ver.* 14. *Jer.* 15. 15-18.

4 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, go get thee unto the [3] house of Israel, and speak with [8] my words unto them.

[8] See on *Ch.* 2. 7.

5 For thou *art* not sent to a people † of a strange speech, and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel:

† Heb. *deep of lip, and heavy of tongue,* and so v. 6.

6 Not to many people of a strange speech, and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand: ‖ surely had I sent thee to them, they would have [9] hearkened unto thee.

‖ Or, *If I had sent thee,* &c. *would they not have hearkned unto thee?*

[9] *Matth.* 11. 21, 23.

7 But the house of Israel [10] will not hearken unto thee; for [11] they will not hearken unto
[12] me: for all the house of Israel *are* † [13] impudent and [13] hard-hearted.

† Heb. *stiff of forehead, and hard of heart.*

[10] *Jer.* 44. 16. ¶ [11] *John* 5. 40. *Luke* 19. 14. & 13.-34. ¶ [12] 1 *Sam.* 8.-7. *John* 15. 20. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 2. 4. *Isa.* 3. 9.

8 Behold, I have [14] made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

[14] *Luke* 21. 15. Endued thee with boldness to deliver my Messages, and courage and constancy to hold out against all their opposition, *Isa.* 50. 7. *Jer.* 1. 18. *Mich.* 3. 8. Divine Assistance does accompany a Divine Call, *Col.* 1. 29. 1 *Cor.* 2. 4.

9 As an adamant harder then flint have I made thy forehead: * [15] fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

* Jer. 1. 8, 17. [15] *Ch.* 2. 6. See there.

10 Moreover, he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee, [16] receive in thine heart, and [16] hear with thine ears.

[16] *Ver.* 3. *Psal.* 119. 11.

11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of [17] thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, [18] Thus saith the Lord GOD, [18] whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

[17] *Exod.* 32. 7. *Deut.* 9. 12. ¶ [18] *Ch.* 2. 4, 5. See there

12 Then the [19] spirit [20] took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a [21] great rushing, *saying*, [22] Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from his place.

[19] See on *Ch.* 2. 2. ¶ [20] *Ch.* 8. 3. and 11. 1. *Acts* 8. 39. To carry him to his Country-men, *v.* 14, 15. ¶ [21] *Rev.* 1. 16.

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4.10. *Acts* 2.2. Noting the commotions and troubles he was to foretel, and that were to enſue. ¶ [22] *q. d.* And tho the glory of God be departed from the City, Temple and Land (*ch.* 9. 18, 19. and 11. 22, 23.) and he be about to bring great Judgments upon 'em, yet he is to be bleſſed and glorified for it, *Job* 1.-21.

13 *I heard* alſo the noiſe of the [23] wings of the living creatures that † [24] touched one another, and the noiſe of the [23] wheels over againſt them, and a noiſe of a [21] great ruſhing.

† Heb. *kiſſed.*

[23] To note, that both Angels and all inferior Inſtruments are buſy at work to execute Judgment according to their Commiſſion. ¶ [24] *Ch.* 1. 9.

14 So the [19] ſpirit [20] lifted me up, and [25] took me away, and I went in † [26] bitterneſs, in the † [26] heat of my ſpirit, but * the [27] hand of the LORD was ſtrong upon me.

† Heb. *bitter.*
† Heb. *hot anger.*
* 2 Kings 3.15. Chap. 8. 1.

[25] *Acts* 8. 39. 1 *Kings* 18. 12. 2 *Kings* 2. 16. Carried him to *Tel-abib*, *v.* 15. ¶ [26] In great perplexity of mind by reaſon of the evils he foreſaw coming upon his Country-men, which he muſt be the foreteller of. ¶ [27] See on *Ch.* 1. 3. The power of the Spirit effectually inclin'd him to the performance of his duty.

15 ¶ Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and [28] I ſat where they ſat, and remained there [29] aſtoniſhed among them ſeven days.

[28] *Job* 2. 13. ¶ [29] *Pſal.* 25. 17. At the miſerable condition of my Country-men, and the greatneſs of the Judgements I was to denounce againſt 'em.

16 And it came to paſs at the end of ſeven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

17 Son of man, I have made thee a [30] watchman unto the houſe of Iſrael: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and [31] give them warning from me.

[30] *Ch.* 33. 7. *Iſa.* 52. 8. and 56. 10. and 62. 6. *Jer.* 6. 17. *Heb.* 13. 17. To foreſee and foretel dangers. ¶ [31] *Iſa.* 58. 1.

18 When I [32] ſay unto the wicked, Thou ſhalt ſurely [33] die; and thou giveſt him not warning, nor ſpeakeſt to warn the wicked from his wicked way to ſave his life: the ſame wicked *man* ſhall [34] die in his iniquity; but [35] his bloud will I require at thine hand.

[32] Send this Meſſage to them by thee. ¶ [33] Both temporally and eternally, without repentance. ¶ [34] *Matth.* 15.-14. *Rom.* 6. 23. Lying under the guilt of his ſins, Ignorance will not procure Impunity, *Luke* 12. 48. ¶ [35] *Ch.* 33.-6. *Gen.* 9. 5. 2 *Sam.* 4. 11. I'l puniſh thee as guilty of his deſtruction.

3409. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his [36] wickedneſs, nor from his wicked [36] way, he ſhall [34] die in his iniquity; but thou haſt [37] delivered thy ſoul.

[36] Wickedneſs of heart and life. ¶ [37] *Ver.*-21. *Acts* 20. 26.

20 Again, when a [38] righteous *man* doth [39] turn from his † [40] righteouſneſs, and [41] commit iniquity, and I lay a [42] ſtumbling-block before him, he ſhall die: becauſe thou haſt not given him warning, he ſhall die in his ſin, and his righteouſneſs which he hath done ſhall [43] not be remembred; but his bloud will I require at thine hand.

† Heb. *righteouſneſſes.*

[38] One that has hitherto done righteouſneſs, (1 *John* 3. 7.) and lived in an outward conformity to the law of God, as *Paul* did while a Phariſee, *Phil.* 3.-6. ¶ [39] *Ch.* 18. 24. and 33. 13. ¶ [40] That courſe of obedience he formerly lived in. ¶ [41] *John* 8. 34. 1 *John* 3. 8, 9. Give himſelf up to the practice of ſin, and make a trade of it. ¶ [42] Bring upon him thoſe things that ſhall be the cauſe of his ruin and deſtruction, *Jer.* 6. 21. ¶ [43] *Ch.* 18. 24. Stand him in no ſtead for the preventing of puniſhment.

21 Nevertheleſs, if thou warn the righteous *man*, that the righteous [44] ſin not, and he doth not ſin; he ſhall ſurely [45] live, becauſe he is warned: alſo thou haſt delivered thy ſoul.

[44] 1 *John* 3. 9. See there.
[45] *Prov.* 28.-13.

22 ¶ And * the [27] hand of the LORD was there upon me, and he ſaid unto me, Ariſe, go forth into the [46] plain, and I will there talk with [46] thee.

* Chap. 1. 3. ver. 14.

[46] Freedom from ſociety with Men, fits for ſociety and communion with God, *Matthi* 26. 39.

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23 Then I aroſe, and went forth into the plain, and behold, the [47] glory of the LORD ſtood there, as the glory which I ſaw by the river of Chebar; and * I fell on my face.

* Chap. 1. 28.

[47] That glorious viſion and repreſentation of God's Majeſty he ſaw, *Ch.* 1. which appears to him again to confirm him in his Office, and in the truth of what was delivered.

24 Then the ſpirit [48] entred into me, and [48] ſet me upon my feet, and ſpake with me, and ſaid unto me, Go, [49] ſhut thy ſelf within thine houſe.

[48] *Ch.* 2. 2. See there. ¶ [49] From publick view, and to receive further inſtructions there.

25 But thou, O ſon of man, behold, * [50] they ſhall put bands upon thee, and ſhall bind thee with them, and thou ſhalt not go out among them.

* Chap. 4. 8.

[50] Some or other of thy Enemies ſhall deal thus with thee, to prevent, if poſſible, thy denouncing of judgments againſt 'em.

26 And * I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou ſhalt be [51] dumb, and ſhalt not be to them a † reprover; for they *are* a [52] rebellious houſe.

* Chap. 24. 27. Luke 1. 20, 22.
† Heb. *a man reproving.*
[51] *Am.* 8. 11. *Hoſ.* 4. 17.
[52] *Ch.* 2. 5.

27 But when I [53] ſpeak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou ſhalt ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, He that heareth [54] let him hear; and he that forbeareth, [55] let him forbear: for they *are* a rebellious houſe.

[53] Reveal any meſſage to thee. ¶ [54] *Matth.* 13. 9. See there. ¶ [55] *Rev.* 22. 11. *q. d.* At his peril be it, if he do ſo.

CHAP. IV.

By the type of a ſiege is ſhewed the time from Jeroboams defection to the captivity.

THou alſo ſon of man, [1] take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, *even* Jeruſalem;

[1] All theſe things probably were done only in Viſion; and then the Viſion was rehearſt to the People for their inſtruction in the Contents thereof, *ver.*-7. *Ch.* 11. 25.

2 And lay ſiege againſt it, and build a fort againſt it, and caſt a mount againſt it: ſet the camp alſo againſt it, and ſet || *battering* rams againſt it round about.

|| Or, *chief leaders.*
|| Or, *a flat plate*, or, *ſlice.*

3 Moreover, take thou unto thee || an iron pan, and [2] ſet it *for* a wall of iron between thee and the city, and ſet thy face againſt it, and it ſhall be beſieged, and thou ſhalt lay ſiege againſt it: this *ſhall be* [3] a ſign [4] to the houſe of Iſrael.

[2] Set it up edge-long between thee and the Tile, or City, to note the reſolute defence that the *Jews* in the City would make againſt their Beſiegers; and that for a long time together, *viz.* for a year and a half, 2 *Kings* 25. 1-3. ¶ [3] To let 'em know what they muſt expect, (and which accordingly came to paſs about four years after.) ¶ [4] Both to thoſe that ſtay at *Jeruſalem*, that they ſhould not think themſelves ſecure while they continued in their ſinful courſes, and to thoſe in *Babylon*, leſt they ſhould repent of their yielding up themſelves ſo eaſily to the King of *Babylon*; ſince greater evils were like to befal thoſe that ſtaid behind, than thoſe that came away.

4 [5] Lie thou alſo upon thy [6] left ſide, and [7] lay the iniquity of the [8] houſe of Iſrael upon it: [9] *according* to the number of the days that thou ſhalt lie upon it, [10] thou ſhalt bear their iniquity.

[5] Let that be thy ordinary poſture. ¶ [6] The leſs worthy ſide; to note, that the ten Tribes were leſs eſteemed by God than the other two. ¶ [7] Thereby take upon thee the repreſentation of the time of my patience and long-ſuffering towards 'em: or reckon as if thou didſt ſo long bear with 'em in their ſins before they were puniſh'd for 'em. ¶ Thoſe of the ten Tribes that either were mingled among the two Tribes, or were left in the land, when others of 'em were carried Captive, and ſo were ſharers with the two Tribes in their condition, whether good or bad. ¶ [9] *q. d.* For ſo long as I have appointed thee to lye upon thy left ſide, ſo long will I bear with 'em afore I puniſh 'em. ¶ [10] *Num.* 14. 33, 34.

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Thou in my Perſon, or as a Type of my bearing ſo long with 'em.

3380. 5 For [11] I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, [12] three hundred and ninety days: ſo ſhalt thou
3420. bear the iniquity of the houſe of Iſrael.

[11] *q. d.* I have appointed thee by lying on thy left ſide ſo many days to repreſent the number of Years that I'll bear with 'em. ¶ [12] Beginning at the defection made by *Jeroboam* in his ſetting up the Calves (for which God denounc'd Judgment againſt 'em, 1 *Kings* 13. 1—3,) and ending at the taking of *Jeruſalem*, and the Famine during the Siege, 2 *Kings* 25. 3, 4. And as their ſins and provocations continued ſo many years, ſo it ſeems by this place that the ſiege of *Jeruſalem* continued about ſo many days: for to this alſo do theſe days refer, as appears by *ver.* 9.

3380. 6 And when thou haſt accompliſhed them, lie again on thy [13] right ſide, and thou ſhalt [10] bear the iniquity of the [14] houſe of Judah [15] fourty days: I have appointed thee † [16] each day for a year.

† Heb. *a day for a year, a day for a year.*

[13] The more worthy ſide, to note that the two Tribes were of more eſteem with God, than the ten. See *v.* 6. ¶ [14] Thoſe of the two Tribes as diſtinct from the ten, who chiefly inhabited *Jeruſalem*, and the parts adjacent. ¶ [15] Beginning from the eighteenth year of *Joſiah*, when they renew'd the Covenant, and yet continued unreformed, yea, grew worſe and worſe, 2 *Chron.* 36. 16. *Jer.* 25. 3, 4. Which concurred with the laſt forty of the three hundred and ninety. ¶ [16] *Num.* 14. 34. *i. e.* Each day of thy lying upon thy ſide, to ſignify a year of my patience towards 'em.

7 Therefore thou ſhalt [17] ſet thy face toward the ſiege of Jeruſalem, and thine arm *ſhall be* [18] uncovered, and thou ſhalt [19] propheſie againſt it.

[17] Look with an angry countenance upon the emblem of *Jeruſalem*, upon the Tile, (as men do that beſiege a City.) ¶ [18] *Iſa.* 52. 10. Ready to ſmite and ſlay. ¶ [19] Declare theſe Viſions, and the meaning of 'em.

8 And behold, I will [20] lay bands upon thee, and thou ſhalt not turn thee † from one ſide to another, till thou haſt ended the days of thy ſiege.

† Heb. *from thy ſide to thy ſide.*

[20] To note the continuance of the Siege, that the *Chaldeans* ſhould be fixed and faſtened there, as by bonds, till the City was taken.

9 ¶ [21] Take thou alſo unto thee [21] wheat and barley, and beans, and [21] lentiles, and millet, and ‖ fitches, and put them in one veſſel, and make thee bread thereof, *according* to the number of the days that thou ſhalt lie upon thy ſide; three hundred and ninety days ſhalt thou eat thereof.

‖ Or, *ſpelt.*

[21] Make all the Proviſion thou canſt of all ſorts, though never ſo courſe, againſt the time of the Siege, which will be a time of great dearth and ſcarcity: it was to note alſo, that they ſhould undergo great hardſhip in their Captivity, *ver.* 13.

10 And thy meat which thou ſhalt eat, *ſhall be* by [22] weight † twenty ſhekels a day: from time to time ſhalt thou eat it.

[22] Implying the great ſcarcity thereof, *ver.* 16. ¶ † Ten Ounces.

11 Thou ſhalt drink alſo water by meaſure, the [23] ſixth part of an hin: from time to time ſhalt thou drink.

[23] About a Pint.

12 And thou ſhalt eat it [24] *as* barley-cakes, and thou ſhalt bake it with [25] dung that cometh out of man, in their ſight.

[24] As if it were the greateſt dainties. ¶ [25] To note, that they ſhould be feign to eat any thing, tho never ſo unclean, in their Captivity, *ver.* 13. *Hoſ.* 9. 3.

13 And the LORD ſaid, Even thus ſhall the children of Iſrael eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.

14 Then ſaid I, [26] Ah Lord GOD, behold, my ſoul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now, have I not eaten of that which [27] dieth of it ſelf, or is [27] torn in pieces, neither came there [28] abominable fleſh into my mouth.

[25] *Acts* 10. 14. *Dan.* 1. 9. ¶ [27] *Exod.* 22. 31. *Lev.* 17. 15. *Deut.* 22. 8. ¶ [28] *Deut.* 14. 3.

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15 Then he ſaid unto me, Lo, I have given thee cows dung for mans dung, and thou ſhalt prepare thy bread therewith.

16 Moreover, he ſaid unto me, Son of man, behold, I will [29] break the ſtaff of bread in Jeruſalem, and they ſhall eat bread by weight, and with [30] care, and they ſhall drink water by meaſure, and with [31] aſtoniſhment.

[29] *Ch.* 5. 16. and 14. 13. *Lev.* 26. 26. *Pſal.* 105. 16. *Iſa.* 3. 1. Take away that ſupport of Life, by ſending a Famine, *ver.* 17. ¶ [30] How to get more. ¶ [31] For the greatneſs of their miſery.

17 That they may want bread and water, and be aſtonied one with another, and [32] conſume away for their iniquity.

[32] *Lev.* 26. 39. Waſte, pine, and periſh by degrees, by theſe Judgments as the puniſhment of their Sins.

CHAP. V.

1 *Under the type of hair,* 5 *is ſhewed the Judgment of Jeruſalem for their rebellion,* 12 *by famine, ſword, and diſperſion.*

1 AND thou ſon of man, [2] take thee a [3] ſharp knife, take thee a barbours [3] raſour, and cauſe *it* to [4] paſs upon thine [4] head, and upon thy [4] beard; then take thee balances to [5] weigh, and divide the *hair*.

[1] This Chapter carries on the Argument of the former, and ſhews the general deſtruction of the *Jews* after the Siege, *ver.* 2. 12. ¶ [2] In Viſion, as *Ch.* 4. 1. See there. ¶ [3] *Iſa.* 7. 20. Noting the ſeverity and irreſiſtibleneſs of Gods Judgments by the King of *Babylon*, who is this Raſour. ¶ [4] Noting the deſtruction of the Inhabitants which were very numerous. ¶ [5] Noting the exactneſs and equity of Gods dealings with 'em.

2 Thou ſhalt [6] burn with fire a [6] third part in the midſt of the [7] city, when the * days of the ſiege are fulfilled; and thou ſhalt take a third part, *and* ſmite about it with a knife; and a third part thou ſhalt ſcatter in the wind, and I will draw out a ſword after them.

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* Chap. 4. 8, 9.

[6] See the meaning hereof, *ver.* 12. ¶ [7] That, drawn upon the Tile, *Ch.* 4. 1.

3 Thou ſhalt alſo take thereof a [8] few in number, and [9] bind them in thy † skirts.

† Heb. *wings.*

[8] Noting, thoſe that were left in the land, 2 *Kings* 25. 12. ¶ [9] To note their preſervation from the common deſtruction.

4 Then take [10] of them again, and [11] caſt them into the midſt of the fire, and burn them in the fire; *for* [12] thereof ſhall a fire come forth into all the houſe of Iſrael.

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[10] Noting that part of the remainder that were under *Gedaliah*, 2 *Kings* 25. 22. ¶ [11] Noting their deſtruction by *Iſhmael*, 2 *Kings* 25. 25. ¶ [12] By reaſon thereof many miſeries ſhall befal the reſt of the *Jews*, *Jer.* 41. and 42. and 43. and 44.

5 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, This *is* [13] Jeruſalem: I have ſet it [14] in the midſt of the nations and countreys *that are* round about her.

[13] A ſign of my dealing with the inhabitants thereof. ¶ [14] As the chief of 'em all.

6 And ſhe hath [15] changed my judgments into wickedneſs [16] more then the nations, and my ſtatutes more then the countreys that *are* round about her: for they have [17] refuſed my judgments, and my ſtatutes, they have not walked in them.

[15] *Jer.* 2. 11. *Rom.* 1. 23, 25. *Jude* 4. *Deut.* 32. 6. Inſtead of obeying my Laws, have committed all manner of wickedneſs. ¶ [16] *Ch.* 16. 47, 48, 51. *Jer.* 2. 10, 11. ¶ [17] *Hoſ.* 4. 6. Deſpiſed and rejected 'em.

7 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Becauſe ye [18] multiplied more then the nations that *are* round about you, and have not walked in my

[18] Or, *ſtood.*

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my ſtatutes, neither have kept my judgments, [19] neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that *are* round about you:

[18] Are grown more numerous; abound in all bleſſings; and alſo in ſins and provocations. ¶ [19] Have not obſerved thoſe rules of Morality, and common Honeſty which the Heathen did.

8 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I, even I *am* againſt thee, and will execute judgments in the midſt of thee, in the ſight of the nations.

9 And I will do in thee that which I have [20] not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like; becauſe of all thine abominations.

[20] *Lam.* 4. 6,9. *Dan.* 9.-12.

10 Therefore the fathers * ſhall [21] eat the ſons in the midſt of thee, and the ſons ſhall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I ſcatter into all the winds.

* Jer. 19. 9. Lam. 2. 20. Bar. 2. 3.

[21] *Lev.* 26. 29. *Deut.* 28. 53. 2 *Kings* 6. 29. *Lam.* 4. 10.

11 Wherefore, *as* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, Surely becauſe thou haſt defiled [22] my ſanctuary with all thy deteſtable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I alſo diminiſh *thee*, neither ſhall mine [23] eye ſpare, neither will I have [24] any pity.

[22] *Ch.* 44. 7. *Jer.* 7. 30. and 32. 34. 2 *Kings* 23. 12. ¶ [23] *Ch.* 7. 4, 9. and 8. 18. ¶ [24] *Zech.* 11. 6. *Jer.* 13. 14.

12 ¶ * A third part of thee ſhall die with the peſtilence, and with famine ſhall they be conſumed in the midſt of thee; and a third part ſhall fall by the ſword round about thee; and * I will ſcatter a third part into all the winds, and * I will draw out a [25] ſword after them.

* See ver. 2. & Jer. 15. 2. * Ch. 6. 8. * Lev. 26. 33.

[25] Accompliſht, *Jer.* 42. 16, 17, 22. and 43. 10, 11. and 44. 27.

13 Thus ſhall mine anger be [26] accompliſhed, and I will cauſe my fury to [27] reſt upon them, and I will be [28] comforted: and they ſhall know that I the LORD have ſpoken *it* [29] in my zeal, when I have accompliſhed my fury in them.

[26] *Iſa.* 10. 25. Fully executed in the higheſt degree. ¶ [27] *Ch.* 24. 13. Continue upon 'em for a long time together, without taking it off. ¶ [28] Take full ſatisfaction and content in this vengeance upon 'em, *Iſa.* 1.-24. *Zech.* 6.-8. ¶ [29] *Iſa.* 59.-17. In that Indignation againſt your ſins, which the love of my own glory ſtirs up in me.

14 Moreover I will make thee [30] waſte and a [31] reproch among the nations that *are* round about thee, in the ſight of all that paſs by.

[30] *Iſa.* 64. 10, 11. *Lam.* 1. 4. and 2. 2, 3. and 5. 18. ¶ [31] *Ch.* 22.-4. *Deut.* 28. 37. *Jer.* 42.-18. and 24. 9. *Lam.* 1. 8. and 2. 15, 16.

15 So it ſhall be a reproch and a taunt, an [32] inſtruction and an [33] aſtoniſhment unto the nations that *are* round about thee, when I ſhall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury, and in furious rebukes: I the LORD have ſpoken *it*.

[32] *Iſa.* 26.-9. That others may take warning by thy ſufferings not to commit the like ſins, 1 *Cor.* 10, 11. ¶ [33] *Lam.* 4. 12. *Jer.* 19.-8. and 22. 8.

16 When I ſhall ſend upon them the evil [34] arrows of famine, which ſhall be for *their* deſtruction, *and* which I will ſend to deſtroy you: and I will encreaſe the famine upon you, and will [35] break your ſtaff of bread.

[34] *Deut.* 32. 23. [35] See on *Ch.* 4. 16.

17 So will I ſend upon you famine, and * [36] evil beaſts, and they ſhall bereave thee; and peſtilence and bloud ſhall paſs through thee, and I will bring the ſword upon thee: I the LORD have ſpoken *it*.

* Lev. 26. 22. [36] *Ch.* 14. 21. *Deut.* 32. 24. 2 *King.* 17. 25.

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CHAP. VI.

1 *The judgment of Iſrael for their idolatry.* 8 *A remnant ſhall be ſaved.* 11 *The faithful are exhorted to lament their calamities.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying: 3410.

2 Son of man, ſet thy face towards the [1] mountains of Iſrael, and propheſie againſt them, [1] *Ch.* 36. 1.

3 And ſay, Ye mountains of Iſrael hear the word of the Lord GOD, Thus ſaith the Lord God to the [2] mountains and to the [2] hills, to the [2] rivers and to the [2] vallyes, Behold, I, *even* I will bring a ſword upon you, and I will deſtroy your [3] high places.

[2] The ſeveral places where they did commit Idolatry. ¶ [3] See on *Lev.* 26. 30.

4 And your altars ſhall be deſolate, and your ‖ images ſhall be broken: and I will caſt down your ſlain *men* before your idols. ‖ Or, *ſun images.* and ſo v. 6.

5 And I will † lay the dead carcaſes of the children of Iſrael before their idols, and I will [4] ſcatter your bones round about your altars. † Heb. *give.* [4] 2 *Kin.* 23. 16.

6 In all your dwelling-places the cities ſhall be laid waſte, and the high places ſhall be deſolate; that your altars may be laid waſte and made deſolate, and your idols may be broken and ceaſe, and your images may be cut down, and [5] your works may be aboliſhed. [5] Made in honour of your Idols.

7 And the ſlain ſhall fall in the midſt of you, and * ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD. * V. 13. Ch. 7. 4, 9. & 11.

8 ¶ Yet will I leave a [6] remnant, that ye may have *ſome* that ſhall eſcape the ſword among the nations, when ye ſhall be ſcattered through the countries. 10, 12. [6] See on *Iſa.* 1. 9

9 And [7] they that eſcape of you ſhall [8] remember me among the nations whither they ſhall be carried captives, becauſe * I am [9] broken with their [10] whoriſh heart, which hath departed from me, and * with their [11] eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and * they ſhall [12] lothe themſelves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. * Pſal. 78. 40. Iſa. 7. 13. & 63. 10. * Ch. 20. 7, 24. * Lev. 26. 39.

[7] Some of them. ¶ [8] So as to turn unto me, *Pſal.* 22. 27. ¶ [9] *Amos* 2. 13. Much grieved. ¶ [10] Idolatrous. ¶ [11] *Num.* 15. 39. 2 *Kings* 16. 10. 2 *Pet.* 2. 14. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 36. 31. *Jer.* 31. 19.

10 And they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, and *that* I have not ſaid [13] in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

[13] *Zech.* 1. 6. Either without cauſe, or without effect.

11 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, * [14] Smite with thine hand, and [14] ſtamp with thy foot, and ſay, [15] Alas, for all the evil abominations of the houſe of Iſrael: for they ſhall fall by the ſword, by the famine, and by the peſtilence. * Ch. 21. 17.

[14] To note thy ſorrow, and pity, both for their ſins and ſufferings. ¶ [15] *Amos* 5. 16.

12 He that is far off ſhall die of the peſtilence, and he that is near ſhall fall by the ſword, and he that remaineth and is beſieged ſhall die by the famine: thus will I [16] accompliſh my fury upon them. [16] See on *Ch.* 5. 13.

13 Then * ſhall ye know that I *am* the LORD, when their ſlain *men* ſhall be [17] among their idols round about their altars, * upon every high hill in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer ſweet ſavour to all their idols. * V. 7. [17] *Ver.* 4, 5. * Iſa. 57. 5. Hoſ. 4. 13.

14 So will I ſtretch forth my hand upon them, and make the land deſolate; yea, ‖ more deſolate ‖ Or, *deſolate from the wilderneſs.*

late then the wilderness *towards* Diblath, in all their habitations, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

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CHAP. VII.

1 *Israels final desolation.* 16 *The mournful repentance of them that escape.* 23 *Under the type of a chain, is shewed their miserable captivity.*

3410. MOreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Also thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel, * [1] An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.

* Ver. 3, 6.

[1] *Gen.* 6. 13. *Lam.* 4. 18. A general destruction of the whole Land.

3 Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine [2] anger upon thee, and * will [3] judge thee according to thy ways, and will † [4] recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

* Ver. 8, 9.
† Heb. *give.*

[2] The fruit and effects thereof, in Judgments. ¶ [3] Punish. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 9. 10.

4 And mine eye shall [5] not spare thee, neither will I have [5] pity: but I will [4] recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations [6] shall be in the midst of thee, * and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

* Ch. 6, 7. Ch. 12. 20.

[5] *Ver.* 9. *Ch.* 5. 11. See there. ¶ [6] Or, *that are in the midst of thee,* (as its translated, *v.* 9.)

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD, An evil, an [7] onely evil, behold, is come.

[7] So great, that as there was none like it, so there need be no other besides it, *Nah.* 1. 9.

6 [8] An end is come, the end is come; it † [8] watcheth for thee, behold, it is come.

† Heb. *awaketh against thee.*

7 [9] The morning is come upon thee, O thou that [10] dwellest in the land: * the time is come, [11] the day of trouble *is* near, and not the ‖ [12] sounding again of the mountains.

[8] 2 *Pet.* 3. 10. * Ver. 12. ‖ Or, *echo.*

[9] *Ver.* 10. The beginning of desolation. ¶ [10] That are one of those that are left to continue there. ¶ [11] *Isa.* 22. 5. *Zeph.* 1. 14–16. ¶ [12] Vain Fears, and Fancies, *i. e.* your trouble is real and not only imaginary.

8 Now will I shortly [13] pour out my fury upon thee, and [13] accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will [3] judge thee according to thy ways, and will [4] recompense thee for all thine abominations.

[13] *Ch.* 20. 18. & 5. 13. See there.

9 And mine eye shall [5] not spare, [5] neither will I have pity: I will [4] recompense † thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations *that* are in the midst of thee, * and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD that smiteth.

† Heb. *upon thee.*
* V. 4.

10 Behold the day, behold, it is come, [9] the morning is gone forth, the [14] rod hath blossomed, [15] pride hath budded.

[14] *Isa.* 10. 5. The instrument that God will make use of for your correction is ready prepared. ¶ [15] The Pride of my People (and their other sins procuring these Judgments) discovers it self among all sorts.

11 [16] Violence [17] is risen up into a [17] rod of wickedness, [18] none of them *shall remain,* nor of their ‖ multitude, nor of any of ‖ their, neither *shall there be* [19] wailing for them.

‖ Or, *tumult.* ‖ Or, *their tumultuous persons.*

[16] *Isa.* 59. 6. *Amos* 3. 10. *Mich.* 3. 1–3. ¶ [17] Has produc'd these Judgments, which will prove a Rod to correct them for their wickedness. ¶ [18] And this Judgment caused by their sins shall sweep 'em almost all away. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 24. 16. *Jer.* 16. 4–6. and 25. 33.

12 The time is come, the day draweth near, let not the buyer [20] rejoyce, nor the seller mourn: for wrath *is* upon all [21] the multitude thereof.

[20] 1 *Cor.* 7. 29. ¶ [21] 2 *Chron.* 28. 13. Both Buyer and Seller, rich and poor.

13 For [22] the seller shall not return to that which is sold [23] although † they were yet alive: for the [24] vision *is* touching the whole multitude thereof, *which* shall not return: neither shall any [25] strengthen himself ‖ in † the iniquity of his life.

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† Heb. *their life were yet among the living.*
‖ Or, *whose life is in his iniquity.*
† Heb. *his iniquity.*

[22] He that is of age at the beginning of the Captivity to make sale of Lands, shall not survive it and return to his possession again (for tho some few did (*Ezr.* 3. 12.) yet probably they were much younger than so.) ¶ [23] Nay, tho any of 'em should survive, yet by reason of the desolation there shall be such confusion of possessions, that one shall scarce find his own again. ¶ [24] Or, *For the Vision touching the whole multitude thereof shall not return,* i. e. The Revelation that has been made to me concerning the desolation of the Land, and the generality of its Inhabitants, shall not return empty of its accomplishment. ¶ [25] Be able to secure themselves from these Judgments threatned by any means, so long as they continue in their sinful courses.

14 They have [26] blown the trumpet, even to make all ready, but [27] none goeth to the battel: for my wrath *is* upon all the [28] multitude thereof.

[26] To call 'em together and prepare for War, *Josh.* 6. 9. ¶ [27] They are faint-hearted and dare not venture out. ¶ [28] To take away their Courage and Resolution.

15 [29] The sword *is* without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that *is* in the field shall die with the sword; and he that *is* in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

[29] *Deut.* 32. 25. *Lam.* 1. 20.

16 ¶ [30] But they that escape of them, shall escape, and shall be [31] on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them [32] mourning, every one for his iniquity.

[30] *q. d.* Tho the far greatest part are devoured by the Sword, Famine and Pestilence, (*ver.* 15.) yet some are appointed for escapal, and they shall escape. ¶ [31] Scattered up and down for safety. ¶ [32] *Prov.* 5. 11. bemoaning themselves for their sad condition, and for their sins the cause thereof.

17 [33] All * hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall † be weak *as* water.

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* Psal. 13. 7.
† Heb. *go into water.*

[33] *Ch.* 21. 7. *Isa.* 13. 7. *Jer.* 6. 24. They shall be no ways able to help themselves.

18 They shall also * [34] gird *themselves* with sackcloth, and horrour shall cover them, and shame *shall be* upon all faces, and [35] baldness upon all their heads.

* Amos 8. 10.

[34] *Isa.* 15. 2, 3. *Jer.* 48. 37. ¶ [35] *Isa.* 3. 24. *Mich.* 1. 16.

19 They shall [36] cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be † [37] removed: their * silver and their gold shall not be able to [38] deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall [39] not satisfie their souls, neither fill their bowels: because ‖ it is the [40] stumbling-block of their iniquity.

† Heb. *for a separation,* or *uncleaness.*
* Ecclus 5. 8.
‖ Or, *their iniquity is* their *stumbling-block.*

[36] As useless and unprofitable to 'em at such a time (*Prov.* 11. 4.) and that they may the better secure their own Persons when free from such encumbrances. ¶ [37] Laid aside by themselves and carried away by the Enemy. ¶ [38] *Prov.* 11. 4. *Zeph.* 1. 18. ¶ [39] The Famine shall be so great that all their Wealth shall not be able to procure sufficient food for 'em. ¶ [40] That which has been the occasion of manifold Sins unto 'em, and been employed by them in the service of their Idols, *Hos.* 2. 8.

20 ¶ As for the [41] beauty of his ornament, he [42] set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations, *and* of their detestable things [43] therein: therefore have I ‖ [44] set it far from them.

‖ Or, *made it unto them an unclean thing.*

[41] *Isa.* 64. 11. *Psal.* 96. 6. The Temple with its Appurtenances, (which was a most beautiful Fabrick, and the great glory of the Nation, *Psal.* 48. 2.) ¶ [42] God appointed that it should be a sumptuous, magnificent Structure. ¶ [43] Set up in this Temple, *ch.* 5. 11. See there. ¶ [44] Will soon send 'em away from it, and destroy it.

21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil, and they shall pollute it.

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22 [45] My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret *place:* for the ‖ [46] robbers shall enter into it and [47] defile it.

‖ Or, *burglers.*

[45] I'll turn away my favour from, and manifest my displeasure against, my people the *Jews*, and then the *Chaldeans* shall enter into, and defile my most holy place. ¶ [46] The Soldiers, who shall plunder all. ¶ [47] Use it like a common place, without regard to its Holiness.

23 ¶ [48] Make a chain: for the land is [49] full of bloudy crimes, and the city is [49] full of violence.

[48] Prepare for Bondage, *Nah.* 3. 10. ¶ [49] 2 *Kings* 21. 16. *Zeph.* 3. 3. *Jer.* 6. 6-8.

24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the [50] pomp of the strong to cease, and ‖ their holy places shall be defiled.

‖ Or, *they shall inherit their holy places.*

[50] Whatsoever they prided themselves in, and boasted of.

25 † Destruction cometh, and they shall [51] seek peace, and *there shall be* none.

† Heb. *cutting off.*

[51] Sue to *Nebuchadnezzar* for some respite; but all in vain, *Jer.* 8. 15.

26 Mischief shall come [52] upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they [53] seek a vision of the prophet: but the [54] law shall perish from the priest, and [55] counsel from the ancients.

[52] *Jer.* 4. 20. ¶ [53] Seek to the Prophets for some word of direction, or comfort from God: as *Zedekiah* did, *Jer.* 34. 18, &c. ¶ [54] *Psal.* 74. 9. *Lam.* 2. 9. The Priests shall not either have liberty or opportunity to teach the Law. ¶ [55] The most experienc'd and prudent shall not know what to advise 'em to.

27 The king shall mourn, and the [56] prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be [57] troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and † according to their deserts will I judge them, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

† Heb. *with their judgments.*

[56] Magistrates and Nobles. ¶ [57] *Ver.* 17. Grow feeble and not able to help themselves.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Ezekiels vision of jealousie.* 7 *The chambers of imagery.*

3410. AND it came to pass in the [1] sixth year, in the sixth *month* in the fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sate [2] in mine house, and the [3] elders of Judah [2] sat before me, that the [4] hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.

[1] *Viz.* Of *Jehojakin's* Captivity, *Ch.* 1. 2. ¶ [2] Meeting in private houses to enjoy God's Ordinances is warrantable. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 14. 1. and 20. 1. 2 *Kings* 6. 32. That were in Captivity with him. ¶ [4] See on *Ch.* 1. 3.

2 Then I [5] beheld, and lo, a [6] likeness as the appearance of [7] fire: [8] from the appearance of his loyns even downward, [8] fire: and from his loyns even upward, as the appearance of [8] brightness, * as the colour of [8] amber.

* Ch. 1. 4.

[5] *Viz.* In a Vision, *v.* 3. ¶ [6] *Viz.* Of a Man, which was Christ, *ch.* 1. 26, 27. ¶ [7] Noting God's Wrath against *Jerusalem*, *Isa.* 66. 15, 17. ¶ [8] See on *Ch.* 1. 27.

3 And he put forth the form of an [9] hand, and took me by a lock of mine head, and the [10] spirit [11] lift me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions [12] of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the [13] inner gate, that looketh towards the north, where *was* the [14] seat of the image of jealousie, which provoketh

3410. to jealousie.

[9] *Dan.* 5. 5. ¶ [10] In that appearance of a hand, *ch.* 1. 3. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 3. 12. and 11. 1. In Vision; he being in a Rapture or Extasy. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 1. 1. Sent by God, (not the delusion of Satan.) ¶ [13] The Gate of the Inner Court, or Priests Court, 2 *Chron.* 4. 9. ¶ [14] The place where the Image of *Baal* (set up by *Manasseh*, 2 *Kings* 21. 4, &c.) stood, which provok'd God to anger.

4 And behold, [15] the glory of the God of Israel *was* [16] there, according to the vision that I [17] saw in the plain.

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[15] *Ch.* 1. 28. and 3. 23. ¶ [16] At that Gate, *v.* 3. (removing now by degrees from the Temple.) ¶ [17] *Ch.* 3. 23.

5 ¶ Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way towards the north: so I lift up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold, north-ward at the gate [18] of the altar, this image of jealousie in the [19] entry.

[18] Near the Altar of Burnt-Offerings (which *Ahab* had removed out of its proper place, and set here, 2 *Kings* 16. 14.) ¶ [19] In the passage through that Court to the Temple.

6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* [20] the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, [21] that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.

[20] Notorious Idolatries. ¶ [21] Whereby they provok'd me to forsake my Sanctuary.

7 ¶ And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall.

8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, [22] dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a [23] door.

[22] At that hole, *v.* 7. (which he must make larger, that he might enter in at it.) ¶ [23] Some private Back-door by which they entred into their Rooms of Imagery.

9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

10 So I went in and saw, and behold, every form of creeping things, and † abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel pourtrayed upon the wall round about.

† Beasts worshipt as Gods.

11 And there [24] stood before them [25] seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and [25] in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense went up.

[24] Offering Incense before the Idols. ¶ [25] Those of the great Council, instituted *Numb.* 11. 16, &c. ¶ [26] As being the President of the Council.

12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do [27] in the dark, every man in [28] the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD [29] seeth us not, the LORD hath forsaken the [29] earth.

[27] Besides their common Idolatry, they had particular services to their Idols, in secret Chambers. ¶ [28] *Ch.* 9. 9. *Psal.* 94. 7. See there, Takes no notice, or care of us. ¶ [29] Us and our Land, (and therefore we'l seek to other Gods for help.)

13 ¶ He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see [30] greater abominations that they do.

[30] 2 *Tim.* 3. 13.

14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORDs house, which *was* towards the north, and behold there sate women [31] weeping for Tammuz.

[31] Performing all the lewd and beastly Rites of that Idol.

15 ¶ Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see [32] greater abominations then these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORDs house, and behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, [33] between the porch and the altar, *were* about * five and twenty men, with their [33] backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east, and they worshipped * the [34] sun toward the east.

* Ch. 11. 1.

* Jer. 44. 17.

[31] 1 *Kings* 6. 3. *Joel* 2. 17. ¶ [32] *Jer.* 32. 33. ¶ [34] *Deut.* 4. 19. and 17. 3. 2 *Kings* 23. 5, 11. *Job* 31. 26.

17 ¶ Then

17 ¶ Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? ‖ Is it a light thing to the house of Judah, that they commit the abominations, which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger; and lo, they [35] put the branch to their nose.

‖ Or, *Is there any thing lighter then to commit.*

[35] An idolatrous Rite, performed by them in honour to the Sun.

18 Therefore will I also deal [36] in fury: *[37] mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they *cry in mine ears with a loud voice, *yet* will I [38] not hear them.

[36] *Nah.* 1. 2. ¶ [37] *Ch.* 5. 11. and 7. 4. ¶ [38] *Prov.* 1. 28. See there. *Mic.* 3. 4.

* Chap. 5. 11. & 7. 4, 9. & 9. 5, 10.

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* Prov. 1. 28. Isa. 1. 15. Jer. 11. 11. & 14. 12 Mic. 3. 4. Zech. 7. 13.

CHAP. IX.

1 *A vision whereby is shewed the preservation of some,* 5 *and the destruction of the rest.* 8 *God cannot be intreated for them.*

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1 HE cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that [2] have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.

[1] The Man on the Throne, *Ch.* 1. 26. *i.e.* Christ. ¶ [2] Who are to execute God's judgments.

† Heb. *is turned.*

2 And behold, [3] six men came from the way of the [4] higher-gate, which † lieth toward the [5] north, and every man † a slaughter-weapon in his hand: and one man among them *was* [6] clothed with linen, with a writers inkhorn † by his side, and they went in and stood beside the [7] brasen altar.

† Heb. *a weapon of his breaking in pieces.*

† Heb. *upon his loyns.*

[3] The several Nations serving in the *Babylonian* Army, who were the Executioners of Divine wrath and vengeance. ¶ [4] 2 *Chron.* 27. 3. ¶ [5] From whence their destruction by the *Babylonians* came, *Ch.* 1. 4. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 10. 2. A Priestly habit, to represent Christ, the great High Priest of his People, making Intercession for them; and the Saviour of his Elect. ¶ [7] To note, that they were to destroy and offer up many sacrifices to the Justice of God.

3 And the [8] glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the [9] cherub whereupon he was, to the threshold of the [10] house, and he called to the man clothed with linen, which *had* the writers inkhorn by his side;

[8] That which appear'd, *Ch.* 1. and 3. 23. and 8. 4. ¶ [9] Those living Creatures, *Ch.* 1. 5. which were now at the right side of the house, *Ch.* 10. 3. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 10. 4. The Temple, to shew that he was now departing from it, and so still remov'd further off by degrees, *Ch.* 10. 19. and 11. 23.

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and † [11] set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that [12] sigh, and that [13] cry for all the abominations *that be* done in the midst thereof.

† Heb. *mark a mark.*

[11] *Exod.* 12. 7, 13. *Rev.* 7. 3. to note that distinction that God by his Providence makes in times of common calamity between some and others, *Isa.* 26. 20. *Jer.* 39. 18, 17. *Mal.* 3. 18. God in his greatest fury against his Enemies, has a reserve of mercy for his People. God is more careful of his People, than revengeful against his Enemies, for he first orders the sealing of the Mourners before the destruction of the Rebels. ¶ [12] *Psal.* 119. 53, 136, 158. 2 *Pet.* 2. 7. *Matth.* 5. 4. 2 *Cor.* 12. 21.

5 ¶ And to the others he said in mine † hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: * let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity.

† Heb. *ears.*

* Ver. 10.

6 † Slay † utterly old *and* young, both maids and little children, and women; but [14] come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark; and [15] begin at my [16] sanctuary. then they began at the [16] ancient men which *were* before the house.

* 2 Chr. 36. 17.

† Heb. *to destruction.*

[14] *i.e.* I'll so order it by my Providence, that none whom I have design'd for preservation, shall be destroyed. ¶ [15] 1 *Pet.* 4. 17. *Jer.* 25. 29. ¶ [16] Which had been most especially polluted, *Ch.* 8. 5, *&c.* ¶ [17] *Ch.* 8. 11, 12.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: † go ye forth: and they went forth, and slew in the city.

† Chap. 10.

[18] After you have done in the Temple, go into the City and do there likewise.

8 ¶ And it came to pass while they were slaying them, and I was [19] left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, [20] Ah, Lord GOD, wilt thou destroy all [21] the residue of Israel, in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

[19] Alone in the place where he was, and unslain. ¶ [20] The godly do sympathize with others in their afflictions, *Deut.* 9. 18. *Jer.* 9. 1. *Psal.* 35. 11. *Rom.* 12. 15. *Heb.* 13. 3. ¶ [21] That are left behind uncaptivated.

9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceeding great, and the land is † full of bloud, and the city full of ‖ perverseness: for they say, [22] The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD [23] seeth not.

† Heb. *filled with.*

‖ Or, *wresting of judgment.*

[22] See on *Ch.* 8. 12.

10 And as for me also, * mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will recompense their way upon their head.

* Chap. 5. 11. & 7. 4. & 8. 18.

11 And behold, the man clothed with linen, which *had* the inkhorn by his side, † [24] reported the matter, saying, [25] I have done as thou hast commanded me.

† Heb. *returned the word.*

[23] To note, that God is more solicitous about the welfare of the Godly, than the ruin of the wicked. ¶ [25] *John* 14. 31.

CHAP. X.

1 *The vision of the coals of fire, to be scattered over the city.* 8 *The vision of the cherubims.*

THen I looked, and behold, in the [1] firmament that *was* above the head of the cherubims, there appeared over them, as it were a [2] sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a [3] throne.

[1] *Ch.* 1. 22, 26. See there. ¶ [2] To note Gods coming now in a way of judgment against the *Jews.*

2 And [4] he spake unto the [5] man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill † thine hand with coals of fire [6] from between the cherubims, and scatter *them* [7] over the city. And he went in in my sight.

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† Heb. *the hollow of thine hand.*

[3] On the Throne. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 9. 2. Christ who before was the Minister of Mercy to the Godly, (*Ch.* 9. 4.) is now the Executioner of Vengeance on the wicked. ¶ [5] To note, that this was an effect of the wrath of God, represented by that fire. ¶ [6] To note, the burning and destruction thereof.

3 Now the [7] cherubims stood on the [8] right side of the house, when the man [9] went in, and the [10] cloud filled the inner court.

[7] That Cherubic Chariot, mentioned, *ch.* 1. ¶ [8] Being now remov'd from the North door of the inner gate, *Ch.* 8. 3, 4. ¶ [9] *Viz.* into the house where they stood, (*ver.* 6.) to take fire, *ver.* 2. ¶ [10] A token of God's Presence; but here it was in a way of Judgment, (not Mercy) which appear'd chiefly against the Priests, who had been the great Promoters and Abettors of this Idolatry and Apostacy.

4 Then the [11] glory of the LORD † went up [12] from the cherub, *and stood* [13] over the threshold of the house, and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the [14] brightness of the LORD's glory.

† Heb. *was lifted up.*

[11] *Ch.* 1. 28. See there. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 9. 3. (See there,) but return'd again over the Cherubims, *ver.* 18. To note, that his presence now was not fix'd among 'em as formerly, but was in a moveable, uncertain posture, ready to take his final leave of 'em. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 9. 3. ¶ [14] *Ch.* 1. 27, 28. To note the clearness of God's Justice, now to be manifested there among the Priests.

5 And the [15] sound of the cherubims wings was heard *even* to the outer court, as the voice of the almighty God when he speaketh.

[15] *Ch.* 1. 24. This noise of them on the Angels were upon the actual execution of Judgments in this place, which was as dreadful and terrible as Thunder.

6 And it came to pass *that* when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying,

Chap. 10. Take fire from between the wheels, [5] from between the cherubims; then he went in, and ſtood beſide the wheels.

† Heb. *ſent forth.*

7 And *one* cherub † ſtretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that *was* between the cherubims, and [15] took *thereof*, and [15] put *it* into the hands of *him that was* clothed with linen: who took *it*, and [16] went out.

[15] The angels imploy all their ability in the ſervice of Chriſt, and are ready to do whatſoever he commands 'em. ¶ [16] To wait the appointed time for the execution of this judgment.

[17] See on *Ch.* 1. 8.

8 ¶ And there appeared in the cherubims, the form of a [17] mans hand [17] under their wings.

[18] See on *Ch.* 1. 15, 16, 17.

9 And when I looked, behold, the [18] four wheels [18] by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels *was* as the colour of [18] a beryl-ſtone.

10 And *as for* their appearances, [18] they four had one likeneſs, as if a wheel had been in the midſt of a wheel.

[19] The Spirit that guided 'em, *Ch.* 1. 20.

11 [18] When they went, they went upon their four ſides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the [19] head looked, they followed it; they turned not as they went.

† Heb. *fleſh.*

12 And their whole † body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels

[20] See on *Ch.* 1. 18. *Rev.* 4. 8.

were [20] full of eyes round about, *even* the wheels that they four had.

‖ Or, *they were called in my hearing, Wheel*, or *Galgal.*

13 As for the wheels ‖ it was [21] cried unto them in my hearing, [21] O wheel.

[21] *q. d.* I plainly diſcern'd that every one of 'em was under the direction and conduct of ſome ſuperior Being, and had not power to move himſelf.

* Ch. 1. 10.

[22] *Ch.* 1. 6.

14 And * [22] every one had four faces: the firſt face *was* the face of a cherub, and the ſecond face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubims were [23] lifted up: this *is* the living creature that [24] I ſaw by the river of Chebar.

[23] Ready to take their flight away from this polluted Place and People. ¶ [24] *Ch.* 1. 5.

16 And [25] when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lift up their wings to mount up from the earth, the ſame wheels alſo [26] turn'd not from beſide them.

[25] *Ch.* 1. 19. See there. ¶ [26] But were lift up with 'em, *Ch.* 1. 19.

[27] *Ch.* 1. 21.

17 [27] When they ſtood, *theſe* ſtood; and when they were lifted up, *theſe* lift up themſelves *alſo*: for the ſpirit of ‖ the living creature *was* in them.

‖ Or, *life.*

* V. 4.

18 Then * the glory of the LORD [28] departed from off the threſhold of the houſe, and ſtood over the [29] cherubims.

[28] See *v.* 12. *Jer.* 6. 8. *Hoſ.* 9. 12. ¶ [29] Which now remov'd to the door of the Eaſt-gate, *ver.* 19.

19 And the cherubims [30] lift up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my ſight: when they went out, the wheels alſo *were* beſides them, and *every one* ſtood [31] at the door of the eaſt-gate of the LORDs houſe, and the glory of the God of Iſrael *was* [32] over them above.

[30] *Ch.* 11. 22. ¶ [31] Further off from the Temple ſtill; when God departs, the Angels depart alſo, and withdraw that benefit and protection they gave before. ¶ [32] *Ch.* 1. 26.

20 This *is* the living creature that I ſaw under the God of Iſrael, by the river of Chebar, and I knew that they *were* the cherubims.

[33] *Ch.* 1. 8.

21 [33] Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings, and the [33] likeneſs of the hands of a man *was* under their wings.

22 And the likeneſs of their faces *was* the ſame faces which I ſaw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themſelves: they went every one [34] ſtraight forward.

Chap. 11. [34] *Ch.* 1. 12. See there.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The princes preſumption.* 4 *Their ſin and judgment.* 13 *Gods purpoſe in ſaving a remnant,* 21 *and puniſhing the wicked.*

MOreover, the ſpirit [1] lift me up, and [2] brought me unto the eaſt-gate of the LORDs houſe, which looketh eaſt-ward: and behold, at the door of the gate [3] five and twenty men; among whom I ſaw Jaazaniah the ſon of Azur, and Pelatiah the ſon of Benaiah, princes of the people.

[1] *Ch.* 8. 3. See there. ¶ [2] In Viſion, *ver.* 24. and *Ch.* 8. 3. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 8. 16.

2 Then ſaid he unto me, Son of man, theſe *are* the men that [4] deviſe miſchief, and [4] give wicked counſel in this city:

[4] *Viz.* To be ſecure againſt any future trouble or miſchief from the *Chaldeans*, *ver.* 3.

‖ Or, It is *not* for us *to build houſes near.*

3 Which ſay, [5] ‖ *It is* not near, let us build houſes: [6] this *city is* the caldron, and we *be* the fleſh.

[5] *Ch.* 12. 22, 27. The deſolation threatned by *Jeremy*, (*Jer.* 16. 2, 3.) or any other. ¶ [6] *q. d.* Though our City be compared to a Pot, (*Ch.* 24. 6. *Jer.* 1. 13.) and we be the fleſh, yet it muſt needs take up ſome time before we be boil'd, and taken out of it, and we make no doubt but to live in it even till old age, and therefore we'll go on in our way, 2 *Pet.* 3. 4.

4 ¶ Therefore propheſie againſt them, propheſie, O ſon of man.

* Ch. 2. 2.

5 And * the ſpirit of the LORD [7] fell upon me, and ſaid unto me, Speak, Thus ſaith the LORD, Thus have ye ſaid, [8] O houſe of Iſrael: for [9] I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

[7] *Ch.* 8. 1. Came with a mighty power and force. ¶ [8] You that are left in the land. ¶ [9] *Pſal.* 139. 2. See on 1 *Sam.* 16. 7.

6 Ye have [10] multiplied your ſlain in this city, and ye have [10] filled the ſtreets thereof with the ſlain.

[10] *q. d.* You by your perſwaſions have prevailed with the common People to continue here, and ſtand out againſt the *Chaldeans*, contrary to my command, whereby it comes to paſs that they are moſt of 'em ſlain and deſtroy'd; and ſo they are the fleſh in the Pot, which are become food for the *Chaldean* ſword, *ver.* 7.

* Chap. 24. 3, 6, 10, 11. Mic. 3. 3

7 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, * Your ſlain whom ye have laid in the midſt of it, they *are* the fleſh, and this *city is* the caldron: but I will [11] bring you forth out of the midſt of it.

[11] *Ver.* 9. I'll order it ſo, that the *Chaldean* Forces ſhall carry you that are the Ring-leaders of this Faction, out of your City to *Babylon*, to be ſlain there, *Jer.* 52. 24–27.

[12] *Prov.* 10. 24. *Iſa.* 66. 4. *Jer.* 42. 16.

8 Ye have [12] feared the ſword, and I will [12] bring a ſword upon you, ſaith the Lord GOD.

9 And I will [11] bring you out of the midſt thereof, and deliver you into the hands of ſtrangers, and will execute judgments among you.

* Ch. 6. 7. & 13. 9, 14, 21, 23

10 Ye ſhall fall by the ſword, I will [11] judge you in the border of Iſrael, and * ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

[11] Execute my Judgments on you at *Riblah*, *Jer.* 52. 10, 24–27.

[14] The place of your ſufferings, (but a ſtrange land.)

11 This *city* ſhall not be [14] your caldron, neither ſhall ye be the fleſh in the midſt thereof; *but* I will [11] judge you in the border of Iſrael.

* Ver. 10.

‖ Or, *which have not walked.*

[15] 2 *Chron.* 13. 9. 2 *Kings* 16. 3. *Pſal.* 106. 35.

12 And * ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD: ‖ for ye have not walked in my ſtatutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done [15] after the manners of the heathen that *are* round about you.

13 ¶ And it came to paſs when I propheſied, that Pelatiah the ſon of Benaiah died: then fell

Chap. 11. I down upon my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, [16] Ah Lord GOD, wilt thou [17] make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

[16] *Ch.* 9. 8. See there. ¶ [17] Destroy 'em all, as thou hast done this man?

14 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

15 Son of man, [18] thy brethren, *even* thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel [19] wholly *are* they, unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, [20] Get ye far from the LORD: [21] unto us is this land given [22] in possession.

[18] They in the Captivity at *Babylon*, *q. d.* Tho thou hast prayed for those at *Jerusalem* (*v.* 13.) yet those at *Babylon* are rather to be counted thy Brethren, and my People, (whose Welfare therefore thou shouldst rather desire.) ¶ [19] These are the persons whom they do generally without exception speak thus to. ¶ [20] *Isa.* 66. 5. *q. d.* You are Apostates who have forsaken the Lord, his Land and Worship, and have now nothing to do with him. ¶ [21] Who keep our Station and Interest in the holy City and Land. ¶ [22] To abide in it for ever.

16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD, Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countreys, yet * will I be to them as a [23] little sanctuary in the countreys where they shall come.

* Psal. 90. 1. & 91. 9. Isa. 8. 14.

[23] A Defence and Protection, (*Jer.* 42. 11.) as *Isa.* 8. 14. and will vouchsafe my Presence with you, and Acceptance of your services there, even in your private dwellings and places of Assembly, as well as if you were at my great and glorious Temple at *Jerusalem*.

17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD, I will even [24] gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countreys where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

[24] As a type and pledge of your deliverance and redemption from your spiritual Enemies by the Messiah, *Ch.* 34. 7–16, 23, 24.

18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the [25] detestable things thereof, and all the abominations thereof from thence.

[25] *Ch.* 5. 11.

19 And I will give them [26] one heart, and I will put [27] a new spirit within you; and I will take the [28] stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them [29] an heart of flesh:

[26] See on *Jer.* 32. 39. ¶ [27] *Ch.* 36. 26. *Psal.* 51. 12. *Eph.* 4. 23. 2 *Cor.* 5. 17. An excellent and renewed frame of soul in all the powers and faculties thereof. ¶ [28] *Ch.* 36. 26. *Zech.* 7. 12. Your stubborn, rebellious, incorrigible disposition. ¶ [29] A tender, tractable temper and disposition.

20 That they may [30] walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall [31] be my people, and I will be their God.

[30] *Ch.* 36. 27. ¶ [31] *Ch.* 36. 28. and 37. 27. *Jer.* 31. 33.

21 But *as for them* [32] whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things, and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.

[32] Who are earnestly bent upon doing whatsoever they fancy will be pleasing to their Idols.

22 ¶ Then did the cherubims [33] lift up their wings, and the wheels besides them; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

[33] *Ch.* 10. 19.

23 And the [34] glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood [35] upon the mountain, which *is* on the east side of the city.

[34] *Ch.* 9. 3. and 10. 18, 19. ¶ [35] The Mount of Olives, *Zech.* 14. 4. To see if they'd yet endeavour to recal him by repentance. And this is his last station, after which he finally departs.

24 ¶ Afterwards the spirit [1] took me up, and [2] brought me in vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had [36] seen [37] went up from me.

[36] In these four last Chapters. ¶ [37] As Gen. 17. 22.

25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity, all the things that the LORD had shewed me. Chap. 12.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The type of Ezekiels removing.* 8 *It shewed the captivity of Zedekiah.* 17 *Ezekiels trembling sheweth the Jews desolation.*

THE word of the LORD also came unto me, saying, 3411.

2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a [1] rebellious house, which * have [2] eyes to see, and see not; they have [3] ears to hear, and hear not: for they *are* a rebellious house.

* Isa. 42. 20. Mat. 13. 12, 13.

[1] *Ch.* 2. 3, 6, 7, 8. and 3. 26, 27. Many of the *Jews* in *Chaldea* were much discontented at their removal from their own Country, and probably encouraged their brethren at *Jerusalem*, to hold out contrary to God's command, and not to forsake their land. ¶ [2] *Isa.* 6. 9. *Jer.* 5. 21. See there.

3 Therefore thou son of man, [3] prepare thee ‖ stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight, and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight; it may be they will consider, though they *be* a rebellious house.

[3] This is expounded, *ver.* 10, 11, 12. ‖ Or, *instruments.*

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4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth [4] at even in their sight, † as they that go forth into captivity.

[4] To note their flight by night, *Jer.* 39. 4. and 52. 7. † Heb. *as the goings forth of captivity.*

5 †Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.

† Heb. *Dig for thee.*

6 In their sight shalt thou bear *it* upon *thy* shoulders, *and* carry *it* forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face that thou see not the ground: for I have set thee *for* a [5] sign unto the house of Israel.

[5] *Ch.* 4. 3.

7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I † digged through the wall with mine hand, I brought *it* forth in the twilight, *and* I bare *it* upon *my* shoulder in their sight.

† Heb. *digged for me.*

8 ¶ And in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, [6] hath not the house of Israel, the [7] rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou?

[6] They are so stupid and senseless as to take no notice of these signs.

10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD, This burden *concerneth* the [7] prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that *are* among them.

[7] King *Zedekiah* and the remainder of the *Jews* in *Jerusalem*.

11 Say, I *am* your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: † they shall remove *and* go into captivity.

† Heb. *by removing they shall go into captivity.*

12 And the prince that *is* among them shall bear upon *his* shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall [8] cover his face that he see not the ground with *his* eyes.

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[8] That he may not be discern'd who he is.

13 [9] My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and * I will bring him to Babylon *to* the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he [10] not see it, though he shall die there.

* 2 Kings 25. 7.

[9] *Ch.* 17. 20. and 32. 3. *Hos.* 7. 12. The King of *Babylon's* Army. ¶ [10] His Eyes being put out at *Riblah*, *Jer.* 39. 7.

14 And * I shall [11] scatter toward every wind all that *are* [12] about him to help him, and all his bands, and I will [13] draw out the sword after them.

* 2 Kin. 25. 4, 5.

[11] *Ch.* 5. 10, 12. ¶ [12] The men of War, *Jer.* 39. 4. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 5. 12. See there.

15 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when

Chap. 12. when I ſhall ſcatter them among the nations, and diſperſe them in the countreys.

† Heb. *men of number.*

16 But I will leave † [14] a few men of them from the ſword, from the famine, and from the peſtilence, that they may [15] declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come, and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

[14] *Ch.* 6. 8. See there. ¶ [15] Make a free and ingenuous Confeſſion of their ſins, and ſo juſtifie God even before the Heathen, for this his ſevere dealing with 'em.

17 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me, ſaying,

* Ch. 4. 16. 18 Son of man, * eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with careſulneſs.

19 And ſay unto the [16] people of the land, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, of the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, *and* of the land of Iſrael, They ſhall [17] eat their bread with carefulneſs, and [17] drink their water with aſtoniſhment, [18] that

† Heb. *the fulneſs thereof.* her land may be deſolate from † all that is therein, becauſe of the violence of all them that dwell therein.

[16] The *Jews* that are about thee in *Chaldea.* ¶ [17] Take little Comfort in any thing they enjoy. ¶ [18] *i. e.* Becauſe all the Country about *Jeruſalem* (and *Jeruſalem* her ſelf too) ſhall be laid waſte by the Enemy.

20 And the cities *that are* inhabited, ſhall be 3411. laid waſte, and the land ſhall be deſolate, and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

21 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

22 Son of man, what *is* that proverb, *that* ye have in the land of Iſrael, ſaying, [19] The days are prolonged, and every Viſion faileth?

[19] *Ver.* 27. *Ch.* 11. 3. *Amos* 6. 3. 2 *Pet.* 4. 3. Judgments threatned are not like to come in our days, if ever they come at all.

23 Tell them therefore, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, I will make this proverb to ceaſe, and they ſhall no more uſe it as a proverb in Iſrael: but ſay unto them, The days are at hand, and the [20] effect of every viſion.

[20] When that which the Viſion has foretold ſhall be accompliſh'd.

* Ch. 13. 23. 24 For * [21] there ſhall be no more any vain viſion, nor flattering divination within the houſe of Iſrael.

[21] *q. d.* And when my Threatnings take place, they'l deſtroy your falſe Prophets, with all their counterfeit ſtuff.

25 For I *am* the LORD: I will ſpeak, and the word that I ſhall ſpeak ſhall come to paſs: it ſhall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious houſe, will I ſay the word, and will perform it, ſaith the Lord GOD.

26 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, ſaying,

* Ver. 22. 27 * Son of man, behold, *they of* the houſe of Iſrael ſay, The viſion that he ſeeth *is* [22] for many days *to come*, and he prophecieth of the times *that are* far off.

[22] *q. d.* Tho he be a good man, and a true Prophet, yet we hope the evils threatned will not come in our days.

28 Therefore ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, There ſhall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have ſpoken ſhall [23] be done, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[23] *Viz.* Very ſpeedily, within a few years.

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CHAP. XIII.

1 *The reproof of lying Prophets*; 10 *and their untempered morter.* 17 *Of propheteſſes and their pillows.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of Man, propheſie againſt the prophets of Iſrael that propheſie, and ſay thou unto them * that † propheſie out of their [1] own hearts, Hear ye word of the LORD,

* V. 17. † Heb. *are prophets.*

[1] *Jer.* 14. 14, 15. and 23. 16–18, 26. According to their own inclinations and affections, and what their own imaginations ſuggeſt to 'em, without any warrant from me.

3 Thus ſaith the Lord God, Wo unto the [2] fooliſh prophets, that † follow their own ſpirit, and ‖ have ſeen nothing.

[2] Both wicked and unwiſe. † Heb. *walk after.* ‖ Or, things which *they have not ſeen.*

4 O Iſrael, thy prophets are like the [3] foxes in the deſerts.

[3] Crafty, hungry, hurtful Creatures, (*Cant.* 2. 15.) but of no uſe or benefit.

5 Ye have not [4] gone up into the ‖ gaps, neither † [5] made up the hedge for the houſe of Iſrael, [6] to ſtand in the battel in the day of the LORD.

‖ Or, *breaches.* † Heb. *hedged the hedge.*

[4] Indeavoured to prevent Judgments (*Ch.* 22. 30. *Pſal.* 106. 23.) by bringing people to a ſight of their Sins, and true Repentance and Reformation. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 22. 30. Done any thing for the ſecurity and defence of Church or State. ¶ [6] Whereby you might be able to hold out againſt Gods Judgments.

6 * [7] They have ſeen vanity, and lying divination, ſaying, The LORD ſaith; and the LORD hath not ſent them: and they have made [8] *others* to hope [9] that they would confirm the word.

* Ch. 12. 24. v. 23.

[7] All their Viſions they pretend to are but falſe and counterfeit. ¶ [8] Some of the credulous *Jews.* ¶ [9] That they ſhould ere long ſee their Prophecies made good.

7 Have ye not ſeen a vain viſion, and have ye not ſpoken a lying divination, whereas ye ſay, The LORD ſaith *it*, albeit I have not ſpoken?

8 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Becauſe ye have ſpoken vanity, and ſeen lies, therefore behold, I *am* againſt you, ſaith the Lord GOD.

9 And [10] mine hand ſhall be upon the prophets that ſee vanity, and that divine lies: they ſhall not be [11] in the ‖ aſſembly of my people, neither ſhall they be written in the [12] writing of the houſe of Iſrael, neither ſhall they [13] enter into the land of Iſrael, and ye ſhall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

‖ Or, *ſecret*, or *counſel.*

[10] I'll manifeſt my power in puniſhing 'em, *Ch.* 11. 13. *Jer.* 28. 15–17. & 20. 3, 4. & 29. 21, 22, 31, 32. ¶ [11] Enjoy Communion with 'em; but be baniſh'd their Society. ¶ [12] The Regiſters of thoſe that return, *Ezr.* 2. (much leſs have their Names written in the Book of Life.) ¶ [13] Return from Captivity.

10 ¶ [14] Becauſe, even [14] becauſe they have 3411. ſeduced my people, ſaying, [15] Peace, and *there was* no peace; and one [16] built up ‖ a wall, and lo, others [17] daubed it with untempered *morter*:

‖ Or, *a ſlight wall.*

[14] So *Lev.* 26. 43. ¶ [15] *Ver.* 16. *Jer.* 6. 14. and 8. 11. ¶ [16] Affirmed ſuch a thing for truth. ¶ [17] *Ch.* 22. 28. Endeavour'd to countenance and juſtifie, with their weak diſcourſes, what the others had ſaid.

11 Say unto them which daub *it* with untempered *morter*, that it ſhall fall: there ſhall be an [18] overflowing ſhower, and ye, O [19] great hailſtones, ſhall [20] fall, and a ſtormy wind ſhall rend *it*.

[18] The *Chaldean* Invaſion; which ſhall diſcover the vanity of all your counterfeit Oracles, wherewith you have flattered your ſelves. ¶ [19] The *Chaldean* Forces. ¶ [20] *Viz.* Upon this rotten Wall.

12 Lo,

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12 Lo, [21] when the wall is fallen, ſhall it not be ſaid unto you, Where *is* the daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it?*

[21] When the people ſhall ſee themſelves diſappointed in their hopes and expectations, then they'l cry out upon you for your deceit.

13 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, I will even rent *it* with a ſtormy wind in my fury: and there ſhall be an overflowing ſhower in mine anger, and great hailſtones in *my* fury to conſume it.

14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *morter*, and bring it down to the ground, ſo that the [22] foundation thereof ſhall be diſcovered, and it ſhall fall, and ye ſhall be conſumed in the midſt thereof: * and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

* V. 9. 21, 23. Ch. 14. 8.

[22] I will by theſe Judgments lay open the falſhood of your Propheſies, and the vanity of all your arguments to defend 'em, and ſeduce the people withal.

15 Thus will I accompliſh my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered *morter*, and will ſay unto you, The wall *is* no *more*, neither they that daubed it;

16 *To wit*, the prophets of Iſrael which propheſie concerning Jeruſalem, and which ſee viſions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, ſaith the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ Likewiſe thou ſon of man, ſet thy face againſt the [23] daughters of thy people * which propheſie out of their [1] own heart; and propheſie thou againſt them.

[23] Falſe Propheteſſes. * V. 2.

18 And ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Wo to the *women* that [24] ſow pillows to all ‖ arm-holes, and [25] make kerchiefs upon the head of every ſtature to hunt ſouls: Will ye hunt the ſouls of my people, and [26] will ye ſave the ſouls alive *that come* unto you?

‖ Or, *elbows.*

[24] Promiſe eaſe and quiet to all comers, and endeavour to lull 'em aſleep with their flatteries, and for this end they uſe theſe ſigns, (as the true Prophets ſometimes did.) ¶ [25] Fit their Propheſies and Flatteries to the humors and tempers of every perſon of what ſtature ſoever he be, whether taller or lower, great or ſmall, whereby they do indeed but make a prey of perſons and deſtroy their lives. ¶ [26] Are you able to ſecure 'em by all you can do?

19 And will ye [27] pollute me among my people * for handfuls of barley, and for pieces of bread, [28] to ſlay the ſouls that ſhould not die, and to [29] ſave the ſouls alive that ſhould not live, by your lying to my people that hear *your* lies?

* See Prov. 28. 21.

[27] Pretend my Name and Authority to countenance your Lies and Falſehoods, for any mean, pitiful Reward, *Mich.* 3. 5. ¶ [28] Denouncing deſtruction to thoſe in *Babylon*, whom I will preſerve. ¶ [29] Promiſing Life and Liberty to thoſe in *Jeruſalem*, whom I'l deſtroy.

20 Wherefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I *am* againſt your [30] pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the ſouls, ‖ [31] to make *them* flie, and I will tear them from your arms, and will [32] let the ſouls go, *even* the ſouls that ye hunt [33] to make *them* flie.

‖ Or, *into gardens.*

[30] Both the Ceremony and ſignification thereof. ¶ [31] Or, *Into Gardens: hunt the Souls into Gardens*, i. e. Allure 'em by your Flatteries into a Fool's Paradiſe; which will prove their deſtruction at laſt. ¶ [32] Undeceive and deliver 'em from your Fraud and Flatteries.

21 Your kerchiefs alſo will I tear, and deliver my people [33] out of your hand, and they ſhall be no more in your hand to be hunted, * and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

[33] From the power of your deceit. * V. 9.

22 Becauſe with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous [34] ſad, whom I have not made ſad; and [35] ſtrengthned the hands of the wicked, that he ſhould not return from his wicked way, ‖ by † promiſing him life:

‖ Or, *that I ſhould ſave his life.* † Heb. *quickning him.*

[34] By threatning him with deſtruction for not harkning to you, and following your Counſel. ¶ [35] *Jer.* 23. 14. Encourag'd 'em in their wickedneſs.

23 Therefore ye ſhall [36] ſee no more vanity, nor divine divinations; for I will deliver my people out of your hand, * and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

[36] *Ch.* 12. 24. *Mich.* 3. 6. * V. 9. ch. 14. 8. & 15. 7.

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CHAP. XIV.

1 *God anſwereth idolaters according to their own heart.* 12 *Gods irrevocable ſentence of famine, &c.* 22 *A remnant ſhall be reſerved for example of others.*

THen came certain of the [1] elders of Iſrael unto me, and [1] ſat before me. 3411.

[1] *Ch.* 8. 1. and 20. 1. Some of thoſe of *Jeruſalem:* who perhaps were now come to *Babylon* upon ſome occaſion, and came to enquire of the Lord by him, *v.* 3, 7.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

3 Son of man, theſe men have [2] ſet up their idols in their heart, and [3] put the ſtumbling-block of their iniquity before their face: ſhould I be enquired of at all by them?

[2] Given their Idols the higheſt place in their eſteem and affections. ¶ [3] *Zeph.* 1. 3. Set up their Idols before their Faces, as Objects of Worſhip, and ſo they become occaſions of ſin, and conſequently of ruin to 'em.

4 Therefore ſpeak unto them, and ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Every man of the houſe of Iſrael that [2] ſetteth up his idols in his heart, and [3] putteth the ſtumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet, I the LORD will anſwer him that cometh, [4] according to the multitude of his idols.

[4] By denouncing ſuch Judgments as he deſerves, who is guilty of ſuch great and abominable Idolatry.

5 That I may [5] take the houſe of Iſrael in their own heart, becauſe they are all eſtranged from me through their idols.

[5] Puniſh 'em for the Idolatry and Wickedneſs of their Heart.

6 ¶ Therefore ſay unto the houſe of Iſrael, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Repent and turn ‖ *your ſelves* from your idols, and [6] turn away your faces from all your abominations.

‖ Or, others.

[6] Let your outward carriage be free from all impiety, as well as your hearts, *Jam.* 4. 8.

7 For every one of the houſe of Iſrael, or of the ſtranger that ſojourneth in Iſrael, which ſeparateth himſelf from me, and ſetteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the ſtumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will anſwer him [7] by my ſelf.

[7] By inflicting puniſhments upon him from my ſelf, *ver.* 8.

8 And I will [8] ſet my face againſt that man, and will make him a [9] ſign and a [10] proverb, and I will cut him off from the midſt of my people, * and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

* Ch. 6. 7.

[8] *Ch.* 15. 7. 1 *Pet.* 3. 12. *Lev.* 17. 10. and 26. 17. *Jer.* 21. 10. ¶ [9] An example of my juſt indignation againſt ſuch. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 5. 15. *Deut.* 28. 37. *Jer.* 24. 9.

9 And if [11] the prophet be deceived when he hath ſpoken a thing, * [12] I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will ſtretch out my hand upon him, and will deſtroy him from the midſt of my people Iſrael.

* Job 12. 16.

[11] That

[11] That falſe Prophet, whom theſe people ſeek unto that they may be ſoothed up in their ſinful courſes. ¶ [12] 1 *Kings* 22. 23. 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 11, 12. *Jer.* 4. 10. See there. Given him up to the deluſions of his own heart; in judgment both to the Prophet himſelf, for his deſtruction, (as in the next words) and to thoſe that ſeek to him, and love to hear pleaſing things from him, *Ver.* 10. *Pſal.* 81. 11, 12.

[13] Both the Deceiver and the Deceived.

10 And [13] they ſhall bear the puniſhment of their iniquity: the puniſhment of the prophet ſhall be even as the puniſhment of him that ſeeketh *unto him:*

11 That the houſe of Iſrael may go no more aſtray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their tranſgreſſions: but that they [14] may be my people, and I may be their God, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[14] Carry themſelves as ſuch, and ſo make it appear that they are ſo.

12 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, ſaying,

13 Son of man, when the land ſinneth againſt me, by treſpaſſing grievouſly, then will I ſtretch out mine hand upon it, and will [15] break the * ſtaff of the bread thereof, and will ſend famine upon it, and will cut off man and beaſt from it.

* Lev. 26. 26. Iſa. 3. 1.

[15] See on *Ch.* 4. 16.

14 * Though theſe [16] three men, [17] Noah, [18] Daniel and [19] Job were in it, they ſhould deliver *but* their own ſouls [21] by their righteouſneſs, ſaith the Lord GOD.

* See Jer. 7. 16. & 11. 14. & 14. 11.

[16] *Jer.* 15. 1. Who were men of eminent Holineſs, and ſo very acceptable to God. ¶ [17] Who found favour with God, when the whole World was devoted to deſtruction (*Gen.* 6. 7, 8.) and by his Righteouſneſs (through Chriſt) ſaved not only himſelf but his Family, *Gen.* 7. 1. ¶ [18] Who by his Interceſſion obtained the Revelation of the King's Dream, and thereby preſerved the lives of his Companions, and of the wiſe men, who otherwiſe had been deſtroyed, (*Dan.* 2. 12, 13, &c.) and was afterwards much given to Prayer, *Dan.* 6. 10. and 9. 3. and 10. 2, 3. ¶ [19] Who by his Prayer for his three Friends prevented that Judgment which would otherwiſe have come upon 'em, *Job* 42. 8-10. ¶ [20] *Prov.* 11. 4, 6.

15 ¶ If I cauſe [21] noiſom beaſts to paſs through the land, and they ‖ ſpoil it, ſo that it be deſolate, that no man may paſs through becauſe of the beaſts:

[21] *Lev.* 26. 22. *Numb.* 21. 6.

‖ Or, *bereave.*

16 *Though* theſe three men *were* † in it, *as* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, they ſhall deliver neither ſons nor daughters; they onely ſhall be delivered, but the land ſhall be deſolate.

† Heb. *in the midſt of it.*

17 ¶ Or *if* I bring a ſword upon that land, and ſay, Sword, go through the land; ſo that I cut off man and beaſt from it:

18 Though theſe three men *were* in it, *as* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, they ſhall deliver neither ſons nor daughters, but they only ſhall be delivered themſelves.

19 ¶ Or *if* I ſend a peſtilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it [22] in bloud, to cut off from it man and beaſt:

[22] In the deſtruction of the Inhabitants.

20 Though Noah, Daniel and Job *were* in it, *as* I live ſaith the Lord GOD, they ſhall deliver neither ſon nor daughter; they ſhall *but* deliver their own ſouls by their righteouſneſs.

21 For thus ſaith the Lord GOD, ‖ [23] How much more when I ſend my four ſore judgments upon Jeruſalem, the ſword and the famine, and the noiſom beaſt, and the peſtilence, to cut off from it man and beaſt?

‖ Or, *Alſo when.*

[23] *Viz.* Shall I be inexorable.

22 ¶ Yet behold, therein ſhall be left [24] a remnant that ſhall be [25] brought forth, *both* ſons and daughters: behold, they ſhall come forth unto you, and ye ſhall ſee their [26] way, and their doings: and ye ſhall be [27] comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jeruſalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it.

[24] See on *Ch.* 6. 8. ¶ [25] *Viz.* Out of *Jeruſalem* (when the reſt are deſtroyed) and come into Captivity to you. ¶ [26] What their courſe of life is, and that they have ſufficiently deſerved what I have brought upon 'em. ¶ [27] Satisfied concerning the juſtice of my proceedings, *v.* 23.

23 And [28] they ſhall comfort you when ye ſee their ways and their doings: and ye ſhall know that I have not done without cauſe, all that I have done in it, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[28] Give you occaſion of rejoycing that you have not done as they did, and conſequently not ſuffered as they ſuffer.

CHAP. XV.

3 By the unfitneſs of the vine-branch for any work, 6 is ſhewed the rejection of Jeruſalem.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, [1] What is the vine-tree more then any tree, *or then* a branch which is among the trees of the foreſt?

[1] *q. d.* Though I have oft compar'd you to a Vine, (See *Pſal.* 80. 8.) which is valuable only for its fruitfulneſs, yet ſince you at *Jeruſalem* are now become barren of all good (*Hoſ.* 10. 1.) and fruitful only in evil, therefore you are of no account with me now, and fit only for Judgment.

3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any veſſel thereon?

4 Behold, * it is caſt into the fire for feuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midſt of it is burnt: † is it meet for *any* work?

* John 15. 6.

† Heb. *will it proſper.*

5 Behold, when it was whole it was † meet for no work: how much leſs ſhall it be meet yet for *any* work, when the fire hath devoured [2] it, and it is burned?

† Heb. *made* fit.

[2] A good part of it; ſo a great part of you *Jews* are devoured by my Judgments.

6 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, [3] As the vine-tree among the trees of the foreſt, which I have given to the fire for feuel, ſo will I give the inhabitants of Jeruſalem.

[3] *q. d.* As a Vine, when barren and cut up, is thrown among other Wood which is feuel for the fire, ſo will I deſtroy the Inhabitants of *Jeruſalem* by the *Chaldeans*, among other Nations, which are deſtroyed by them.

7 And * I will [4] ſet my face againſt them, they ſhall [5] go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire ſhall devour them: * and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I ſet my face againſt them.

* *Lev.* 17. 10.

* Ch. 6. 7. & 7. 4. & 20. 38. 42. 44.

[4] See on *Chap.* 14. 8. ¶ [5] Eſcape one Judgment but fall into another, 1 *Kings* 19. 17. *Iſa.* 24. 18. *Jer.* 48. 43, 44. *Amos* 5. 19.

8 And I will make the land deſolate, becauſe they have † committed a treſpaſs, ſaith the Lord GOD.

† Heb. *treſpaſſed a treſpaſs.*

CHAP. XVI.

1 Under the ſimilitude of a wretched infant, is ſhewed the natural ſtate of Jeruſalem. 6 Gods extraordinary love to her. 15 Her monſtrous whoredom. 35 Her grievous judgment. 60 Mercy is promiſed her in the end.

AGain the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, [1] cauſe [2] Jeruſalem to know her abominations.

[1] Convince 'em either by Word or Writing. ¶ [2] The *Jews* that are left behind, and now remain in and about *Jeruſalem*; and may be here taken as the Repreſentatives of the whole Nation: *Jeruſalem* being the Seat of the Church, and Head of the Kingdom.

3 And

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3 And ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD unto Jeruſalem, [3] Thy † birth, and thy [3] nativity *is* of the land of Canaan, thy father *was* an [4] Amorite, and thy mother an [4] Hittite.

† Heb. *cutting out*, or *habitation.*

[3] Thy Original is no better than that of the worſt of the Nations, *Gen.* 10.25. and 24. 10. Here the ſtate of the *Jews* both Spiritual and Temporal is ſet out by an Allegory, or reſemblance of an Infant or Maid; and may alſo repreſent the condition of every one by nature. ¶ [4] *Ver.* 45. Thy Anceſtors were as bad as the worſt, *Gen.* 15. 16. and 26. 34, 35. and 27. 46.

* Hoſ. 2. 3.

4 And *as for* thy nativity * in the day thou waſt born, thy [5] navel was not cut, neither waſt thou waſhed in water ‖ to ſupple *thee*: thou waſt not ſalted at all, nor ſwaddled at all.

‖ Or, *when I looked* upon thee.

[5] It's needleſs to examine and apply every particular expreſſion: it's ſufficient in the general to ſay, that hereby is repreſented the worthleſs, helpleſs and deſpiſable condition of the *Jews* at firſt (*ver.* 3–5.) till God pitied and help'd 'em, and beſtow'd all manner of precious bleſſings upon 'em, (*ver.* 6–14.) which yet they ſhamefully and unthankfully abus'd, (*ver.* 15–34.) and thereupon are threatned with grievous Judgments, (*ver.* 35–59.) yet at laſt God concludes with promiſes of mercy, *ver.* 60–63.

5 [6] None eye pitied thee, to do any of theſe unto thee, to have compaſſion upon thee; but thou waſt caſt out in the open field, to the loathing of thy perſon, in the day that thou waſt born.

[6] No creature in heaven or earth can relieve man in his forlorn, undone condition, but God only.

6 ¶ And when I paſſed by thee, and ſaw thee ‖ [7] polluted in thine own bloud, I ſaid unto thee [8] *when thou waſt* in thy bloud, [9] Live: yea, I [9] ſaid unto thee *when thou waſt* in thy bloud, [9] Live.

‖ Or, *trodden under foot.*

[7] Defiled with the Corruption of thy nature. ¶ [8] In a moſt loathſom condition, far from deſerving any favour at my hands. ¶ [9] I endued thee with a Principle of Spiritual life.

† Heb. *made thee a million.*

7 I have † cauſed thee to [10] multiply as the bud of the field, and thou haſt increaſed and waxen great, and thou art [11] come to † excellent ornaments: [12] *thy* breaſts are faſhioned, and [13] thine hair is grown, whereas thou *waſt* naked and bare.

† Heb. *ornament of ornaments.*

[10] *Exod.* 1.7. and 12.37. ¶ [11] Enrich'd and adorn'd with the choiceſt bleſſings both ſpiritual and temporal. ¶ [12] Grown to maturity and ripeneſs, to enter into a Marriage-covenant with me.

8 Now when I paſſed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time [13] of love, and I * [14] ſpread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedneſs: yea, I ſware unto thee, and entred into [15] a covenant with thee, ſaith the Lord GOD, and thou becameſt [16] mine.

* Ruth 3. 9.

[13] Which I choſe to manifeſt my love to thee in. ¶ [14] *Rom.* 3. 9. ¶ [15] *Exod.* 19.5. ¶ [16] My peculiar People above others.

9 Then [17] waſhed I thee with water: yea, I throughly waſhed away thy † bloud from thee, and I [17] anointed thee with oyl.

† Heb. *blouds.*

[17] Purged thee from ſin, and endued thee with the graces of my Spirit.

10 [18] I clothed thee alſo with broidered work, and ſhod thee with badgers skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with ſilk.

[18] I beſtow'd all ſorts of gifts and graces upon thee.

11 [18] I decked thee alſo with ornaments, and I * put bracelets upon thine hands, and a chain on thy neck.

* Gen. 24. 22, 47.

12 [18] And I put a jewel on thy † forehead, and ear-rings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.

† Heb. *noſe.* See Iſa. 3. 21.

13 Thus waſt thou decked with gold and ſilver, and thy raiment *was of* fine linen, and ſilk, and broidered work; thou didſt eat fine flour, and hony, and oyl: and thou waſt exceeding beautiful, and thou didſt proſper into a kingdom.

14 And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it *was* perfect through my comelineſs which I had put upon thee, ſaith the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ But thou didſt [19] truſt in thine own beauty, and * [20] playedſt the harlot [21] becauſe of thy renown, and [22] pouredſt out thy fornications on every one that paſſed by; [23] his it was.

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* Iſa. 57. 8.

[19] Waſt puft up with a conceit of thine own underſtanding and wiſdom, which betray'd thee to Idolatry, *Rom.* 1.21. ¶ [20] *Ch.* 23. 3, 12. *Jer.* 2. 20. and 3. 6, 20. Didſt commit Idolatry, (*Judg.* 2. 17.) and Adultery both. ¶ [21] *q. d.* You being ſo famous and renown'd a People, the Neighbour Nations were willing to pleaſure you with their Idols. ¶ [22] Didſt greedily embrace the Idolatrous Practices of all comers. ¶ [23] All that thou hadſt was at the command of every Idolater.

16 And * of thy garments thou didſt take, and [24] deckedſt thy high places with divers colours, and playedſt the harlot thereupon: [25] *the like things* ſhall not come, neither ſhall it be *ſo.*

* Chap. 7. 20.

[24] *Hoſ.* 2. 8. ¶ [25] *q. d.* But the time will come, when thou ſhalt never be guilty of the like Idolatry again.

17 Thou haſt alſo taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my ſilver, which I had given thee, and madeſt to thy ſelf [26] images of † men, and didſt commit whoredom with them,

[26] Idols in humane ſhape. † Heb. *a male.*

18 And tookeſt thy broidered garments, and coveredeſt them: and thou haſt ſet mine oyl and mine incenſe before them.

19 [27] My meat alſo which I gave thee, fine flour, and oyl, and hony *wherewith* I fed thee, thou haſt even ſet it before them for a † ſweet ſavour: and *thus* it was, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[27] *Hoſ.* 2. 8. † Heb. *ſavour of reſt.*

20 Moreover, thou haſt taken thy ſons and thy daughters, whom thou haſt born [28] unto me, and * theſe haſt thou [29] ſacrificed unto them † to be devoured: *Is this* of thy whoredoms a ſmall matter,

* Chap. 20. 26. † Heb. *to devour.*

[28] Being taken into Covenant by me, (together with their fathers, *Gen.* 17. 7.) ¶ [29] 2 *Kings* 16. 3. *Iſa.* 57. 5. *Pſal.* 106. 37.

21 That thou haſt ſlain my children, and delivered them to cauſe them to paſs through *the fire* [30] for them?

[30] For the honour, worſhip and ſervice of their Idols.

22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou haſt not remembred the days of thy * [31] youth, when thou waſt naked and bare, *and* waſt polluted in thy bloud.

* Hoſ. 11. 1.

[31] What thy caſe and condition was then, (*ver.* 3–5.) and my kindneſs towards thee, *ver.* 6, &c.

23 And it came to paſs after all thy wickedneſs (wo, wo unto thee, ſaith the Lord GOD)

24 *That* * thou haſt alſo built unto thee an ‖ eminent place, and * haſt made thee [32] an high place in every [33] ſtreet.

* Ver. 31. ‖ Or, *brothel-houſe.* * Iſa. 57. 5, 7. [32] See on *Lev.* 26. 30. [33] *Jer.* 2. 20.

25 Thou haſt built thy high place at every head of the way, and haſt made thy beauty to be [34] abhorred, and haſt [35] opened thy feet to every one that paſſed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

[34] *Viz.* Of all that have any ſenſe of Religion, or ſpark of the fear of God. ¶ [35] Readily admitted the Idolatry of any Nation whatſoever, as thou hadſt opportunity.

26 Thou haſt alſo [36] committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, [37] great of fleſh, and haſt increaſed thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

[36] Made alliances, entertain'd converſe with 'em, and worſhip'd their Idols, *Ch.* 20. 7. ¶ [37] *Ch.* 23. 19, 20. Of great power to defend thee, which has often drawn thee to make Leagues with 'em, (*Iſa.* 30. 2, 3. and 36. 6.) to embrace their Idolatry.

27 Behold therefore, I have [38] ſtretched out my hand over thee, and have diminiſhed thine ordinary *food*, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, * the ‖ daughters of the Philiſtines, *which are* aſhamed of thy [39] lewd way.

* 2 Chr. 28. 18. ver. 57. ‖ Or, *cities.*

[38] *Ch.* 14. 9. *Viz.* To puniſh thee. ¶ [39] Inconſtancy in thy Idolatry, (whereas they kept to their old Idolatry and way of worſhip. See *Jer.* 2. 10, 11.)

28 Thou haſt [36] played the whore alſo with

the [40] Aſſyrians, becauſe thou waſt unſatiable: yea, thou haſt played the harlot with them, and yet couldeſt not be ſatisfied.

29 Thou haſt moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan [41] unto Chaldea, and yet thou waſt not ſatisfied herewith.

[40] *Ch.* 23. 12. 2 *Kings* 17. 6. &c. *Jer.* 2. 18.

[41] *Ch.* 23. 14–17. In ſending to *Chaldea* for their Idols,

30 How [42] weak is thine heart, ſaith the Lord GOD, ſeeing thou doeſt all theſe *things*, the work of an [43] imperious whoriſh woman?

[42] Deſtitute of true grace, (which is Spiritual ſtrength) and overcome with Idolatry, and enſlav'd to Idols. ¶ [43] Who is obſtinately bent upon her wicked way, and can't endure any contradiction therein.

‖ Or, *In thy daughters* is *thine*, &c. * Ver. 24, 39.

31 ‖ In that * thou buildeſt thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makeſt thine [52] high place in every [53] ſtreet, and haſt not been as an harlot (in that thou ſcorneſt hire)

32 *But as* a [44] wife that committeth [44] adultery, *which* taketh [45] ſtrangers in ſtead of her husband.

[44] The Idolatry of the Heathen is but ſingle fornication; but of God's People 'tis Adultery. ¶ [45] Strange Gods.

* Iſa. 30. 6. Hoſ. 8. 9. † Heb. *bribeſt.*

33 They give gifts to all whores, but * thou [46] giveſt thy gifts to all thy lovers, and † hireſt them, that they may come unto thee on every ſide for thy whoredom.

[46] Sendeſt Preſents to thy Idolatrous Neighbours, to obtain their friendſhip, and makeſt idolatrous Alliances with 'em.

34 And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy whoredoms, whereas [47] none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou giveſt a reward, and no reward is given unto thee; therefore thou art contrary.

[47] Other Nations don't worſhip thy God, (which would be a kind of whoredom againſt their own Gods.)

35 ¶ Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD.

36 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Becauſe thy [48] filthineſs was poured out, and thy nakedneſs diſcovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols [49] of thy abominations, and by the bloud of thy children, which thou didſt give unto them;

[48] Thou haſt been eager in the purſuit of thy wickedneſs. ¶ [49] Wherewith thou haſt committed abominable Idolatry.

37 Behold therefore, I will [49] gather all thy lovers, with whom thou haſt taken pleaſure, and all *them* that thou [50] haſt loved, with all *them* that thou [51] haſt hated: I will even gather them round about againſt thee, and will [52] diſcover thy nakedneſs unto them, that they may ſee all thy nakedneſs.

[49] *Ch.* 23. 22–30. To come and deſtroy thee. ¶ [50] Have been thy pretended Friends. ¶ [51] *Ch.* 23. 28. Have been thy profeſt Enemies. ¶ [52] *Jer.* 13. 26. *Hoſ.* 2. 10. Render thee odious and contemptible to 'em, *Lam.* 1. 8.

[53] Puniſh thee, *ver.* 40. † Heb. *with judgments of.* * Lev. 20. 10. Deut. 22. 22.

38 And I will [53] judge thee, † as * women that break wedlock, and ſhed bloud, are judged, and I will give thee bloud in fury and jealouſie.

39 And I will alſo give thee into their hand, and they ſhall throw down thine [54] eminent place, and ſhall break down thy high places: they ſhall ſtrip thee alſo of thy clothes, and ſhall take † thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

[54] Idol-Temples, *ver.* 24. † Heb. *inſtruments of thine ornaments.*

40 They ſhall alſo bring up a company againſt thee, and they ſhall [55] ſtone thee with ſtones, and thruſt thee through with their ſwords.

[55] *Ch.* 23. 47. *John* 8. 5. Shoot ſtones out of their Engines againſt thy Walls and Houſes to batter 'em down.

* 2 *Kings* 25. 9.

41 And they ſhall * [56] burn thine houſes with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the ſight of [57] many women: and I will cauſe thee to ceaſe from playing the harlot, and thou alſo ſhalt give no hire any more.

[56] *Jer.* 52. 13. ¶ [57] The ſeveral Nations gathered together againſt thee, *ver.* 37.

42 So will I make my fury towards thee to [58] reſt, and my jealouſie ſhall [58] depart from thee, and I will be [58] quiet, and will be [58] no more angry.

[58] *Ch.* 21. 17. *q.d.* When I have fully executed all my Judgments upon thee, then I ſhall be ſatisfied, and will no more trouble my ſelf about thee, *Iſa.* 10. 25. *Eſther* 10. 7.

43 Becauſe thou haſt not [59] remembred the days of thy [31] youth, but haſt fretted me in all theſe *things*: behold therefore, I alſo will [60] recompenſe thy way upon *thine* head, ſaith the Lord GOD, and thou ſhalt not commit [61] this lewdneſs, above all thine abominations.

[59] *Ver.* 22. ¶ [60] *Ch.* 9. 10. and 11. 21. and 22. 31. ¶ [61] Thus to ſeek after, and hire lovers, *ver.* 33, 34.

44 ¶ Behold, every one that uſeth proverbs, ſhall uſe *this* proverb againſt thee, ſaying, As *is* the mother, *ſo is* her daughter.

45 Thou *art* thy [62] mothers daughter, that [62] loatheth her husband and her [63] children; and thou *art* the [64] ſiſter of thy ſiſters, which loathed their husbands, and their children: your mother *was* [4] an Hittite, and your father an [4] Amorite.

[62] Like the *Canaanites*, and thoſe curſed Nations that inhabited the land of *Canaan* formerly, who forſook the ſervice of the true God, and worſhip'd Idols. ¶ [63] Sacrificing them to the honour of her Idols, and perſecuting others for their conſtancy in the true worſhip of God. ¶ [64] Like *Samaria* and *Sodom*, *ver.* 46.

46 And thine [65] elder ſiſter *is* [66] Samaria, ſhe and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and * † thy younger ſiſter that dwelleth at thy right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters.

* Deut. 32. 32. Iſa. 1. 10. † Heb. *leſſer then thou.*

[65] Of greater Power and Territories, and more Tribes belonging to it. ¶ [66] The kingdom of the ten Tribes.

47 Yet haſt thou [67] not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but ‖ as *if that were* a very little *thing*, thou waſt corrupted more then they in all thy ways.

‖ Or, *that was loathed as a ſmall* thing.

[67] Not been guilty only of ſuch ſins as they were, but of far greater.

48 *As* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, * Sodom thy ſiſter hath not done, ſhe nor her daughters, as thou haſt done, thou and thy daughters.

* Mat. 10. 15. & 11. 24.

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy ſiſter Sodom; Pride, [68] fulneſs of bread, and abundance of idleneſs was in her, and in her daughters, [69] neither did ſhe ſtrengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

[68] Luxury and exceſs in eating and drinking. ¶ [69] Abuſed ſtrangers, (*Gen.* 19.) and neglected to ſuccor thoſe that were in need, (*Gen.* 18. 20.) and ſo were unmerciful and hard-hearted.

50 And they were haughty, and [70] committed abomination before me: therefore I [71] took them away as I ſaw *good*.

[70] *Gen.* 18. 20. [71] *Gen.* 19. 24.

51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy ſins; but thou haſt multiplied thine abominations more then they, and * haſt [72] juſtified thy ſiſters in all thine abominations which thou haſt done.

* Mat. 12. 41, 42

[72] *Jer.* 3. 11. *Viz.* Comparatively, *i.e.* made their ſins ſeem but little ones, and excuſable in compariſon of thine.

52 Thou alſo which haſt [73] judged thy ſiſters, [74] bear thine own ſhame for thy ſins that thou haſt committed more abominable then they: they are more righteous then thou: yea, be thou confounded alſo, and bear thy ſhame, in that thou haſt juſtified thy ſiſters.

[73] *i.e.* Juſtified, *ver.* 51. and declared 'em to be better than thy ſelf. ¶ [74] Thou muſt now undergo thoſe puniſhments that will expoſe thee to ſhame and contempt among all thy neighbours, *Ch.* 5. 14, 15.

53 * [75] When I ſhall bring again their captivity, * the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and

* See Iſa. 1. 9. & ver. 60. * Jer. 20. 16.

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and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *will I bring again* the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them:

[75] *Ver.* 55. *i. e.* As I will never restore them to their former estate, so neither thee, in many outward respects, *Ezra* 3. 12.

54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a [76] comfort unto them.

[76] Hast encouraged them in their sins, and made 'em think well of themselves, in that thou hast exceeded 'em therein, *ver.* 51, 52.

55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.

† Heb. *for a report*, or *hearing*.

56 For [77] thy sister Sodom was not † mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy † pride:

† Heb. *prides*, or *excellencies*.

[77] In thy prosperity thou didst never call to mind the dreadful Judgments that God inflicted upon *Sodom* for their sins, so as to take warning thereby, *Luke* 17. 32. 2 *Pet.* 2. 6.

57 [78] Before thy wickedness was discovered, [79] as at the time of *thy* reproach of the daughters

† Heb. *Aram.*

of † Syria, and all *that are* round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, which ‖ [80] despise thee round about.

‖ Or, *spoil*.

[78] *q. d.* Thou didst never consider thy wickedness, nor take notice of it, till I discovered it to thee, by the Judgments I inflicted upon thee for it. ¶ [79] *i. e.* Which I did, when I punish'd thee by the *Assyrians*, (2 *Kings* 16. 5. *Isa.* 7. 1.) and *Philistines*, (2 *Chron.* 28. 18.) and other Nations. ¶ [80] Insult over, and trample upon.

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58 * Thou hast † born thy lewdness, and

† Heb. *born them.*

thine abominations, saith the LORD.

59 For thus saith the Lord GOD, [81] I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

[81] *q. d.* As thou hast broken thy Covenant with me, in not serving me as my People, so I'll not protect and bless thee, as thy God, *ver.* 8.

60 ¶ [82] Nevertheless, I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of [83] thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an † everlasting covenant.

[82] *q. d.* But though I deal so with the generality, yet there are a remnant to whom I'll shew mercy, *Rom.* 11. 1–5. ¶ [83] *Gen.* 17. 7. *Exod.* 19. 5. † *Ch.* 37. 26. *Gen.* 9. 16. and 17. 19. 2 *Sam.* 23. 5. 1 *Chron.* 16. 17. *Isa.* 55. 3. and 61. 8. *Jer.* 32. 40. *Heb.* 13. 20.

61 Then thou shalt [84] remember thy ways, and be [85] ashamed, when thou shalt [86] receive thy sisters, thine [87] elder and thy [87] younger: and I will give them unto thee for [88] daughters, but not by thy [89] covenant.

[84] *Ch.* 20. 43. and 36. 31. *Psal.* 119. 59. So as to be affected with, humbled for, and repent of. ¶ [85] *Ch.* 6. 9. and 20. 43. and 36. 32. *Ezra* 9. 6. *Jer.* 31. 19. *Dan.* 9. 21. ¶ [86] *Gal.* 8. 6. Admit the *Gentiles* into Church-fellowship with thee. ¶ [87] *Samaria* and *Sodom* (*ver.* 46.) *i. e.* The Ten Tribes, and *Gentiles*. ¶ [88] *Gal.* 4. 26. *Isa.* 54. 1. and 60. 4. ¶ [89] My Covenant administred in such a manner, and clogg'd with so many Ceremonies and Observances, but after a more spiritual manner, *Jer.* 31. 31, &c. *Deut.* 4. 23. 24.

62 And I will establish my covenant with thee, and thou shalt [90] know that I *am* the LORD:

[90] *Jer.* 31. 34. See there.

63 [91] That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and [92] never open thy mouth any more [93] because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD.

[91] *q. d.* And then when these things come to pass, in Gospel-times, thou shalt sincerely repent of all thy former miscarriages and provocations. ¶ [92] Complain of my former dealings with thee. ¶ [93] Being so fully sensible of, and ashamed for thy former miscarriages.

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CHAP. XVII.

1 *Under the parable of two eagles and a vine,* 11 *is shewed Gods judgment upon Jerusalem for revolting from Babylon to Egypt.* 22 *God promiseth to plant the cedar of the gospel.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, put forth a [1] riddle, and speak a [2] parable unto the house of Israel;

[1] *Judg.* 14. 12. ¶ [2] *Numb.* 23. 7, 18. and 24. 3, *&c.*

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD, [3] A great eagle with great wings, long-winged, full of feathers, which had † divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and * took the highest branch of the cedar:

† Heb. *embroidering.*

* 2 Kin. 24. 12.

[3] *Nebuchadnezzar*, (*ver.* 12. *Jer.* 48. 40. and 49. 22.) who was of great Power, having large Provinces of great extent, (*Dan.* 3. 3. and 4. 1.) and a great Army, and multitudes of Subjects, of divers Nations and Manners, came to *Judea*, and took Prisoner the chief Person of the Royal Family, *viz.* King *Jeconiah*.

4 He cropt off the [4] top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land [5] of traffick; he set it in a city [6] of merchants.

[4] The chief Princes and Nobles, *ver.* 12. *Jer.* 52. 24–26. ¶ [5] *Chaldea.* ¶ [6] *Babylon.*

5 He took also of the [7] seed of the land, and † [8] planted it in [9] a fruitful field, he placed *it* by [9] great waters, *and* set it [10] *as* a willow-tree.

† Heb. *put it in a field of seed.*

[7] *Zedekiah*, a Native, and of the Seed Royal. ¶ [8] Setled him on the Throne, 2 *Kings* 24. 17. *Jer.* 37. 1. ¶ [9] In a convenient place for growth and flourishing. ¶ [10] Or, *with all curious circumspection*, having taken an Oath of Fidelity of him, *ver.* 13.

6 And it [11] grew, and became a [12] spreading vine [13] of low stature, whose [14] branches turned toward him, and the [15] roots thereof were under him: so it became [16] a vine, and [16] brought forth branches, and [16] shot forth sprigs.

[11] Prospered (while faithful to *Nebuchadnezzar*.) ¶ [12] Flourishing in some measure. ¶ [13] A Tributary to *Nebuchadnezzar*, *ver.* 14. (not an absolute Sovereign.) ¶ [14] His Subjects acknowledged their dependance upon *Nebuchadnezzar*. ¶ [15] The foundation of his Dignity he receiv'd from *Nebuchadnezzar*, and owed his Authority to him. ¶ [16] A King who had Children.

7 There was also [17] another great eagle with great wings and many feathers; and behold, [18] this vine did bend her roots toward him, and [19] shot forth her branches toward him, that he might [20] water it by the furrows of her plantation.

[17] The king of *Egypt*. ¶ [18] *Zedekiah* sought establishment from him. ¶ [19] Sent Ambassadors to him for help, *ver.* 15. ¶ [20] Afford relief and assistance, *ver.* 15. *Jer.* 37. 7.

8 It was planted in a good † soil, by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

† Heb. *field.*

9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD, Shall it prosper? shall [21] he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all [22] the leaves of her spring, even without great power, or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.

[21] *Nebuchadnezzar* will take away that Authority which he gave him, and will slay his Children, and plunder the City. ¶ [22] Appearances of flourishing, and that without much trouble or difficulty.

10 Yea, behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the [23] east-wind toucheth it? it shall wither [24] in the furrows where it grew.

[23] *Ch.* 19. 12. *Hos.* 13. 15. The Judgments of God executed by the *Chaldeans*. ¶ [24] Even amidst the greatest and best helps to make it flourish.

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11 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3411. 12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these *things mean?* tell *them,* Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;

3405. 13 And hath taken of the kings seed, and made a covenant with him, and * hath † taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:

* 2 Chr. 36. 13.
† Heb. *brought him to an oath.*

14 That the kingdom might be [25] base, that it might not lift it self up, † *but* that by keeping of his covenant it might [26] stand,

† Heb. *to keep his covenant, to stand to it.*

[25] Tributary, and not able to oppose him. ¶ [26] Continue and flourish.

15 But he [27] rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they [28] might give him horses and much people: shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such *things?* or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

[27] 2 *Kin.* 24. 20. *Jer.* 52. 3.
[28] *Isa.* 31. 1.

* Jer. 32. 5. & 34. 3.

16 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely * in the place *where* the king *dwelleth* that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, *even* with him, in the midst of Babylon [29] he shall die.

[29] *Ch.* 12. 13.

17 Neither shall Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company [30] make for him in the war * by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons.

[30] Do him any good.
* Jer. 52. 4. Ch. 4. 2.

18 Seeing he despised the oath, by breaking the covenant (when lo, he had [31] given his hand) and hath done all these *things,* he shall not escape.

[31] Entred into the Covenant.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, *As* I live, surely [32] mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.

[32] Made in my name, and of which I am both Witness and Avenger.

[33] *Ch.* 12. 13.

20 And I will [33] spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will [34] plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.

[34] Punish him.

[35] *Ch.* 12. 14. Which fled with him, *Jer.* 39. 4.

21 And [35] all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered towards all winds: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it.*

22 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD, [36] I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set *it,* I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon an [37] high mountain and eminent.

[36] *q. d.* Notwithstanding this calamity that shall befal 'em under *Zedekiah,* yet I'll take care of that great affair concerning the Messiah, the right Heir to the Crown, the chief Person of the Royal Family of the *Jewish* Nation. ¶ [37] On Mount *Sion,* the Church, (*Isa.* 2. 2.) which is eminent in all spiritual respects.

* Isa. 2. 2, 3. Ch. 20. 40. Mich. 4. 1.

23 [38] In * the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall [39] bring forth boughs, and [40] bear fruit, and be a [41] goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell [42] all fowl of every wing, in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

[38] I'll make him Ruler over my Church. ¶ [39] Have many Members and Subjects. ¶ [40] Do much good. ¶ [41] The most happy Society in the world, *Deut.* 33. 29. *Psal.* 144. 15. ¶ [42] Persons of all Nations shall become Members of it.

24 And [43] all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have [44] brought down the high tree, have [45] exalted the low tree, have [46] dried up the green tree, and have [47] made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done *it.*

[43] All the Nations of the world. ¶ [44] Will destroy the Enemies of my Church. ¶ [45] Advance my Church, (which is the kingdom of Christ.)

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1 *God reproveth the unjust parable of sower grapes.* 5 *He sheweth how he dealeth with a just father,* &c. 25 *He defendeth his justice,* 31 *and exhorteth to repentance.*

THE word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

2 [1] What mean ye, that [2] ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, * [3] The fathers have eaten sower grapes, and the childrens teeth are set on edge?

* Lam. 5. 7.

[1] *q. d.* You have no reason at all to say so. ¶ [2] You *Jews* at *Babylon.* ¶ [3] See on *Jer.* 31. 29.

3 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, [4] ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel.

[4] Because I'll make it appear that your own sins are as great as your Fathers, and that you justly suffer for 'em.

4 Behold [5] all souls are mine, as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

[5] *q. d.* I bear an equal and impartial respect to all persons, and don't spare one more than another, but punish Sin where-ever I find it.

5 ¶ [6] But if a man be just, and do † that which is lawful and right,

† Heb. *judgement and justice.*

[6] *q. d.* And this is most evident by the whole course of my proceedings with men, that I deal with, and dispense to every man according to his works.

6 *And* hath [7] not * eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath [8] defiled his neighbours wife, neither hath [9] come near to a menstruous woman,

* Ch. 22. 9.

[7] *Ch.* 22. 9. *Vix.* Things offer'd in sacrifice to Idols, in honour of the Idol. ¶ [8] *Lev.* 18. 20. ¶ [9] *Lev.* 18. 19. and 20. 18.

7 And hath [10] not oppressed any, *but* hath [11] restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath [12] given his bread to the hungry, and hath [13] covered the naked with a garment,

[10] *Exod.* 22. 21. *Lev.* 25. 14. ¶ [11] *Exod.* 22. 26. *Deut.* 24. 12. ¶ [12] *Deut.* 15. 7. *Isa.* 58. 7. *Matth.* 25. 35. ¶ [13] *Matth.* 25. 36. *Job* 31. 19.

8 He *that* hath not given forth [14] upon * usury, neither hath taken [15] any increase, *that* hath [16] withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,

* Lev. 25. 36, 37. Deut. 23. 19. Psal. 15. 5.

[14] *Vix.* To, or of his poor Brother, contrary to the Law, *Exod.* 22. 25. See there. ¶ [15] Forborn all unjust, injurious Contracts.

9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments to deal [17] truly; he *is* [18] just, he shall surely [19] live, saith the Lord GOD.

[16] Uprightly and sincerely, according to the best of his knowledge. ¶ [17] In a Gospel-sense. ¶ [18] Shall enjoy the comfort and reward of his Obedience, and not need to fear any of those punishments that befal the wicked.

10 ¶ If he beget a son *that is a* ‖ robber, a shedder of bloud, and *that* doeth ‖ the like to *any* one of these *things,*

‖ Or, *breaker up of an house.* ‖ Or, *to his brother besides any of these.*

[19] *i. e.* Is guilty of any such notorious sin, as Murder, &c.

11 And that doeth not any of those *duties,* but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbours wife,

12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lift up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination,

14 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall [20] not live: [21] he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; * [22] his † bloud shall be upon him.

* Lev. 20. 9. Acts 18. 6.
† Heb. *bloods.*

[20] *Vix.*

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[20] *Viz.* Because of his Fathers righteousness. ¶ [21] Or, *Because he has done any of these abominations.* ¶ [22] He is the cause of his own destruction; he may thank himself for it; the whole blame of his ruin must lye at his own door.

14 ¶ Now lo, *if* he beget a son that seeth all his fathers sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,

15 *That* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbours wife,

† Heb. *not pledged the pledge*, or *taken to pledge.*

16 Neither hath oppressed any, hath † not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

[23] Forborn to wrong the poor, as *ver.* 8.

17 *That* hath [23] taken off his hand from the poor, *that* hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18 *As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which *is* not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

* Exod. 20. 5. Deut. 5. 9.

19 ¶ Yet say ye, Why? * [24] doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? [25] when the son hath done that which is lawful and right, *and* hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

[24] *q. d.* Is it not plain and undeniable, notwithstanding your fine discourse to the contrary, that it is as we say? to be sure we feel the truth of it in our own cases. ¶ [25] God here by the Prophet answers this cavil again, to convince 'em of the equity of his proceedings.

20 The soul that sinneth it shall die: the son shall [26] not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; [27] the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and [28] the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

[26] *Deut.* 24. 16. 2 *Kings* 14. 6. 2 *Chron.* 15. 4. *Jer.* 31. 29. Not be punish'd eternally for any of those sins his father was guilty of, if he don't live in 'em himself, but avoid 'em, *ver.* 19. ¶ [27] He shall partake of the fruit and reward of his righteousness, by the grace and bounty of God, *Isa.* 3. 10. ¶ [28] The due reward and punishment of his wickedness, *Isa.* 3. 11.

[29] *Ch.* 33. 14-16

21 But if [29] the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: [30] *Rev.* 22. 14. [30] in his righteousness that he hath done, he shall [30] live.

23 [31] Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD, *and* not that he should return from his ways and live?

[31] *Ver.* 32. *Ch.* 33. 11. *Hos.* 11. 8. 2 *Pet.* 3. 9. 1 *Tim.* 2. 4. *Lam.* 3. 33. *q. d.* I am so far from punishing the Righteous and Innocent, (as you say, *ver.* 2, 19.) that I have used all means (*Isa.* 5. 4.) to reclaim the wicked, that they might escape my vengeance, (which yet it's true, will light on 'em if they continue impenitent) and partake of happiness.

24 ¶ But [32] when the righteous turneth away from his [33] righteousness, and committeth iniquity, *and* doeth according to all the [34] abominations that the wicked *man* doeth, shall he live? all his righteousness that he hath done shall [35] not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

[32] *Ch.* 3. 20. See there. ¶ [33] That external conformity to the Law before mentioned, *ver.* 6--9. ¶ [34] Mentioned, *ver.* 13--10. ¶ [35] No notice taken by God, (so as to reward him for it) of that outward obedience formerly performed.

† Ver. 29.

25 ¶ * Yet ye say, [36] The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel, is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? Chap. 19. 3411.

[36] *Ch.* 33. 20. In punishing the Children for the sins of the Parents.

26 When a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done, shall he die.

27 Again, when the wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29 * [37] Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? * Ver. 25.

[37] Desperate sinners will never make an end of cavilling and sinning.

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD: [38] repent, and turn ‖ *your selves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruine. [38] *Matth.* 3. 2. ‖ Or, others.

31 ¶ [39] Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed, and [40] make you a * new heart, and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? * Jer. 32. 39.

[39] *Psal.* 34. 14. *Isa.* 1. 16. ¶ [40] Use the means in order hereunto. That which is here commanded as our duty to shew the necessity of our endeavours in the use of means, is elsewhere promis'd as God's gift, (*Ch.* 36. 26. and 11. 19.) to shew our inability to perform this duty, without the special grace of God, which will not be denied to faithful endeavours. *Phil.* 2. 12, 13.

32 For * I have [41] no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore [42] turn ‖ *your selves*, and live ye. * Lam. 3. 33. Chap. 33. 11. 2 Pet. 3. 9. ‖ Or, others.

CHAP. XIX.

1. *A lamentation for the princes of Israel, under the parable of lions whelps taken in a pit;* 10 *and for Jerusalem, under the parable of a wasted vine.*

MOreover, [1] take thou up a lamentation for the [2] princes of Israel,

[1] Bewail their calamitous condition by a Parable, *Ch.* 32. 16. So *Ch.* 32. 2. ¶ [2] The Kings of *Judah* become Tributary to *Babylon* or *Egypt*, viz. *Jehoahaz*, *Jehojakim*, *Jehojachin* and *Zedekiah*.

2 And say, [3] What *is* thy mother? a [4] lioness: she [5] lay down among lions, she [6] nourisheth her whelps among young lions.

[3] What is the kingdom of *Judah*, the City of *Jerusalem*, and the Family of *David* to be compar'd unto, to represent their estate and condition? ¶ [4] Fierce and Ravenous, *Zeph.* 3. 12. ¶ [5] Associated her self with her Neighbour Kings and Nations, of whom she learn'd their manners. ¶ [6] Brought up her Children, the young Princes and Nobles.

3 And [7] she brought up one of her whelps: * it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey, it [8] devoured men. * Ver. 6.

[7] Advanc'd *Jehoahaz* to the Throne, 2 *Kings* 23. 30. ¶ [8] Became a Tyrant.

4 [9] The nations also heard of him, * he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of [10] Egypt. * Jer. 22. 11, 12

[9] The *Egyptians*. ¶ [10] 2 *Kings* 23. 33, 34. *Jer.* 22. 11, 12.

5 Now when [11] she saw that she had [12] waited, *and* her [13] hope was lost, then she took [13] another of her whelps, *and* made him [14] a young lion.

[11] *Viz.* For her restoration from Captivity. ¶ [12] *Viz.* Of freeing themselves from the *Egyptian* Bondage. ¶ [13] *Jehojakim.* ¶ [14] King with *Pharaohs* consent, 2 *Kings* 23. 34.

6 And he [15] went up and down among the lions,

lions, he became a young lion and learned to catch the prey, *and* † devoured men.

[15] Converſt with the Heathen Tyrannical Kings his Neighbours. † *Ver.* 3. *Jer.* 26. 21–23.

‖ Or, *widows.*

7 And he [16] knew their ‖ deſolate palaces, and he [17] laid waſte their cities, and the land was deſolate, and the fulneſs thereof by the noiſe of his [18] roaring.

[16] Took particular notice of their ſtately Palaces, and the coſtly Furniture thereof, which he plunder'd, and ſo made 'em deſolate. ¶ [17] 2 *Kings* 23. 35. *Jer.* 22. 17, 18. ¶ [18] At his Tyrannical Rage and Oppreſſion.

[19] 2 *King.* 24. 2.

8 Then the [19] nations ſet againſt him on every ſide from the provinces, and ſpread their

[20] 2 *Chr.* 36. 6.

net over him: he was [20] taken in their pit.

‖ Or, *books.*

9 And they put him in ward in ‖ chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into holds, that his voice ſhould no more be heard upon the mountains of Iſrael.

‖ Or, *quietneſs,* or *likeneſs.*

10 ¶ Thy [3] mother *is* like a vine [21] in thy ‖ bloud, planted by the waters, ſhe was fruitful and full of branches by reaſon of many waters.

[21] Or, *in thy quietneſs, i. e.* After the former troubles under *Jehojakim* were at an end, and while ſhe continued in obedience to the king of *Babylon.*

11 And ſhe had [22] ſtrong rods for the ſcepters of them that bear rule, and her ſtature was exalted among the [23] thick branches, and ſhe appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

[22] Valiant Princes, fit to ſway the Scepter, 2 *Chron.* 32. 23. ¶ [23] Neighbour Kings and Princes.

12 But [24] ſhe was plucked up in fury, ſhe was caſt down to the ground, and [25] the eaſt-wind dried up her fruit: her [26] ſtrong rods were broken and withered, the fire conſumed them.

[24] This Nation of the *Jews* was wholly ruin'd. ¶ [25] *Ch.* 17. 10. *Hoſ.* 13. 15. The *Chaldean* Forces carried 'em away to *Babylon.*

13 And now ſhe *is* [26] planted in the wilderneſs, in a dry and thirſty ground.

[26] Carried to *Babylon,* where they endure much miſery.

* Judg. 9. 15.

14 [27] And * fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, *which* hath devoured her fruit, ſo that ſhe hath no ſtrong rod *to be* a ſcepter to rule: this *is* a lamentation, and [28] ſhall be for a lamentation.

[27] Rebellion was rais'd by *Zedekiah,* which was the occaſion of the utter ruin of all that remain'd, 2 *Kings* 24. 20. and 25. 1, &c. 2 *Chron.* 36. 13. ¶ [28] Not only at preſent, but in after times.

CHAP. XX.

1 God refuſeth to be conſulted by the Elders of Iſrael.
5 He ſheweth the ſtory of their rebellions. *33 His promiſe to gather them.*

AND it came to paſs in the ſeventh year, in the fifth *month,* the tenth *day* of the month, *that* certain of the [1] elders of Iſrael came to [2] enquire of the LORD, and [3] ſat before me.

[1] *Ch.* 8. 1. and 14. 1. See there. ¶ [2] *Ver.* How it was like to go with 'em, both in *Judea* and *Babylon*; and what courſe they might take to prevent the Judgments threatned, (wherein yet they did but diſſemble, *v.* 31. as 1 *Kings* 22. 15. *Matth.* 22. 16.) ¶ [3] *Ch.* 33. 31.

2 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, ſaying,

3 Son of man, ſpeak unto the elders of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Are ye come to enquire of me? *as* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, [4] I will not be enquired of by you.

[4] *Ch.* 14. 3. I'll not anſwer you.

‖ Or, *plead for them.*

4 Wilt thou ‖ [5] judge them, ſon of man, wilt thou judge *them?* cauſe them to know the abominations of their [6] fathers:

[5] *Ch.* 22. 2. and 23. 26. Intercede for 'em, no; but rather reprove, and convince 'em of their ſins, and condemn them for the ſame. ¶ [6] Which they imitate (and therefore may expect the like Judgments which befel them, *ver.* 30.)

5 ¶ And ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, In the day when I [7] choſe Iſrael, and ‖ [8] lifted up mine hand unto the ſeed of the houſe of Jacob, and made my ſelf [9] known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, ſaying, [10] I *am* the LORD your God.

‖ Or, *ſware,* and ſo v. 6, &c.

[7] *Deut.* 4. 37. and 7. 6. ¶ [8] Entred into covenant with 'em (*v.* 5.) and alſo manifeſted my power for their deliverance, *v.* 6. ¶ [9] *Exod.* 3. 8. and 4. 31. *Deut.* 4. 34. ¶ [10] *Exod.* 3. 16.

6 In the day *that* I lifted up mine hand unto them to bring them forth of the land of Egypt, into a land that I had [11] eſpied for them, flowing with milk and hony, * which *is* the [12] glory of all lands:

* Pſal. 48. 2. V. 15. Dan. 8. 9. & 11. 16.

[11] *Deut.* 11. 12. Choſe out and appointed. ¶ [12] *Deut.* 8. 7. and 32. 13. *Pſal.* 106. 24.

7 Then ſaid I unto them, [13] Caſt ye away every man the abominations of his [14] eyes, and defile not your ſelves with the idols of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

[13] *Ch.* 18. 31. 2 *Chron.* 15. 8. ¶ [14] Which (tho abominable in my ſight, yet) you lift up your eyes to with delight, *Ch.* 18. 6.

8 But they rebelled againſt me, and would [15] not hearken unto me: they did not every man caſt away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forſake the idols of Egypt: then I ſaid, I will [16] pour out my fury upon them, [17] to accompliſh my anger againſt them in the midſt of the land of Egypt.

[15] *Neh.* 9. 16. *Exod.* 6. 9. ¶ [16] *Ver.* 13. *Ch.* 7. 8. *Num.* 14. 29. *Pſal.* 106. 23. ¶ [17] See on *Ch.* 5. 13.

* See Exod. 32. 12. V. 14, 22.

9 * But I [18] wrought for my names ſake, that it ſhould not be [19] polluted before the heathen, among whom they *were,* in whoſe ſight I made my ſelf known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

[18] *Ver.* 14, 22. I ſpar'd 'em, and proceeded in beſtowing farther degrees of deliverance on 'em (*v.* 10, 17.) out of reſpect to my own honour and glory. (which therefore the people of God have pleaded, *Joſh.* 7. 9. 1 *Sam.* 12, 22. *Exod.* 32. 12. *Num.* 14. 13, &c. *Deut.* 9. 28.) ¶ [19] *Ver.* 21, 24, 39. *Ch.* 39. 7. Diſgrac'd, vilified, reproach'd.

* Exod. 13. 18.

10 ¶ Wherefore I * cauſed them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderneſs.

† Heb. *made them to know.*

11 And I gave them my ſtatutes, and † ſhewed them my judgments, * which *if* a man do, he ſhall [20] even live in them.

* Lev. 18. 5. Rom. 10. 5. Gal. 3. 12.

12 Moreover alſo, I gave them [21] my ſabbaths, to be [22] a ſign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that [23] ſanctifie them.

[20] *Ver.* 13. 21. *Ch.* 18. 9, 22. See there.

[21] *Exod.* 16. 23. and 20. 8. and 31. 13, &c. and 35. 2. *Deut.* 5. 12. ¶ [22] *Ver.* 20. See on *Exod.* 31. 13. ¶ [23] Have appointed mine Ordinances to be celebrated on theſe days in order to their ſanctification, and do bleſs 'em alſo for that end to work holineſs in 'em.

[24] *Num.* 14. 22.

13 But the houſe of Iſrael [24] rebelled againſt me in the wilderneſs: they walked not in my ſtatutes, and they deſpiſed my judgments, which *if* a man do, he ſhall even [25] live in them; and my ſabbaths they greatly polluted: then I ſaid I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderneſs to conſume them.

* V. 9, 22.

14 * But [26] I wrought for my names ſake, that it ſhould not be polluted before the heathen, in whoſe ſight I brought them out.

[25] *V.* 43. Sware unto 'em, *Numb.* 14. 28.

15 Yet alſo [27] I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderneſs, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them,* flowing

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flowing with milk and hony, * which *is* the [12] glory of all lands:

16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

* V. 6.

17 Nevertheless, mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your [26] fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile your selves with their idols.

[26] *Jer.* 44. 17.

19 I *am* the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments and do them.

20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a [27] sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.

[27] Thereby own me for your Creator and Redeemer.

21 Notwithstanding the children [28] rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which *if* a man do, he shall even [29] live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said I would [30] pour out my fury upon them, to [31] accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 Nevertheless I [32] withdrew mine hand, and * [33] wrought for my names sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

[28] *Psal.* 78. 38. * V. 9, 14.

23 I [34] lifted up mine hand [35] unto them also in the wilderness, that * I would [36] scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries;

* Lev. 26. 33. Jer. 15. 7.

[29] See *n.* 25. Or, *against them*, (as it's translated *Psal.* 106. 26, 27.) ¶ [30] *Jer.* 9. 16.

24 * Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and [37] their eyes were after their fathers idols.

* V. 13, 16. [31] *Ch.* 6. 9. and 18. 6. See *n.* 14.

25 Wherefore * I [38] gave them also statutes *that were* not good, and judgments whereby they should not live.

* See Psal. 81. 12. V. 39. Rom. 1. 24.

[32] Suffered 'em (in a way of Judgment) to make unto themselves idolatrous rules and ways of Worship, which were not only unprofitable, but pernicious and destructive.

26 And [39] I polluted them in their own gifts, in that * they caused to [40] pass through *the fire* all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end, that they might know that I *am* the LORD.

* 2 Kin. 17. 17. & 21. 6. 2 Chr. 18. 3. & 33. 6.

[33] I suffered 'em also to pollute themselves, and then dealt with 'em as such. ¶ [34] *Ver.* 31. *Ch.* 16. 20, 21. See on *Lev.* 18. 21.

27 ¶ Therefore son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD, [35] Yet in this your fathers have [36] blasphemed me, in that they have † committed [37] a trespass against me.

† Heb. *trespassed a trespass.*

[35] Not only in all the forementioned particulars, but even in this also, since they came into the Land, *v.* 28. ¶ [36] Disparaged my Wisdom, by their own inventions in my Worship. ¶ [37] This great and heinous Sin of Idolatry, *ver.* 28.

28 *For* when I had brought them into the land *for* the which I [8] lifted up mine hand to give it to them, [38] then * they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet savour, and poured out there their drink-offerings.

[38] *Jer.* 2. 7. * Isa. 57. 5, &c.

29 Then ‖ I said unto them, [39] What *is* the high place whereunto ye go? and [40] the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.

‖ Or, *I told them what the high place* was, or *Bamah.*

[39] What do you mean that you frequent these Idolatrous High-places still, and will not be reclaimed from such sinful courses? ¶ [40] *q. d.* Some indeed will endeavour to guild over their sinful courses with specious names, but you are so impudent that you call 'em still High-places, which is an infamous Name, being so often condemn'd in my Word.

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30 Wherefore say unto the [41] house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD, [42] Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?

[41] The Elders that came to enquire, *v.* 1. ¶ [42] Do you still continue in these Idolatrous ways which your Fathers walk'd in, notwithstanding the Judgments inflicted on 'em for the same?

31 For when ye offer your [43] gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute your selves with all your idols even unto this day: and * shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, [4] I will not be enquired of by you.

[43] Your Children, *v.* 26.

* V. 3.

32 And [44] that which cometh into your mind, shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be [45] as the heathen, as the families of the countreys, to serve wood and stone.

[44] *Ch.* 11. 5. You shall be disappointed in your purpose. ¶ [45] 1 *Sam.* 8. 5. Mingle with them, and then we shall prosper the better, *Jer.* 44. 17.

33 ¶ *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely [46] with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you.

[46] *q. d.* I'l manifest my power over you, by inflicting grievous and durable Judgments upon you, proceeding from my Fury and Indignation.

34 And I will [47] bring you out from the people, and will [47] gather you out of the countreys wherein ye are scattered, [46] with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

[47] Not suffer you to live at ease in the Idolatrous Countries of the *Moabites*, *Ammonites*, &c. whither you are fled for shelter, but bring you from thence, and carry you to *Babylon*, *Jer.* 40. 11, 12. with *Ch.* 52. 28–30. ¶ [48] *Ch.* 19. 13. *Hos.* 2. 14. Into the most desolate, solitary places of the World, and among the most savage and barbarous Nations.

35 And I will bring you into the [48] wilderness of the people, and there will I [49] plead with you face to face.

[49] Convince you of your sins, execute Judgments on you, and thereby most plainly manifest my Justice to you.

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36 Like as [50] I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

[50] Punish'd them for their Sins.

37 And I will [51] cause you to pass under the rod, and I will [52] bring you into ‖ the bond of the covenant.

‖ Or, *a delivering.*

[51] *Lev.* 27. 32. Consider the condition of every one particularly, and separate the Rebels from the obedient, (*v.* 38.) and punish them; but shew favour to the other, *Ch.* 34. 17. *Matth.* 25. 32, 33. ¶ [52] By these Methods I'l reduce you to that Obedience which by Covenant you are oblig'd unto.

38 And I will [53] purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will [47] bring them forth out of the countrey where they sojourn, and they shall [54] not enter into the land of Israel, * and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

* Ch. 6. 7. & 16. 7. & 23. 49.

[53] *Matth.* 3. 12. and 13. 30, 41, 42. ¶ [54] *Jer.* 44. 14. *Rev.* 21. 27.

39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD, [55] Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and [56] hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me: but [57] pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

[55] *q. d.* Take your Course now, and take your fill of Idolatry since I am resolv'd to cast you off, and reject you from being my people. ¶ [56] And continue in your Idolatrous ways for time to come. ¶ [57] Make no more pretences

of

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40 For * [58] in mine holy mountain, [59] in the mountain of the height of Iſrael, ſaith the Lord GOD, there ſhall all the houſe of Iſrael, all of them in the land ſerve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the ‖ firſt-fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

* Iſa. 2. 2, 3.

‖ Or, *chief.*

[58] Here God ſhews that after all the calamities that ſhall befal 'em for many Ages and Generations, yet he'l reſtore them to their own Land again in the latter days. ¶ [59] *Ch.* 17. 23. *Mich.* 4. 1. In the moſt excellent of all the Mountains of *Iſrael*, in reſpect of God's Preſence there.

41 I will accept you with your † ſweet ſavour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been ſcattered; and I will be [60] ſanctified in you before the heathen.

† Heb *ſavour of reſt.*

[60] *Lev.* 10. 3. See there. Cauſe my ſelf to be magnified and reverenc'd even by the Heathen, for the Mercy I have ſhewn you.

42 * And ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I ſhall bring you into the land of Iſrael, into the countrey *for* the which I [61] lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

* V. 38, 44.

43 And there ſhall ye [61] remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled, and * ye ſhall [62] loath your ſelves in your own ſight, for all your evils that ye have committed.

* Lev. 26. 39. Hoſ. 5. 15.

[61] *Ch.* 16. 61. See there. ¶ [62] *Ch.* 6. 9. *Jer.* 50. 4. *Zech.* 12. 10.

44 * And ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have [63] wrought with you for my names ſake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye houſe of Iſrael, ſaith the Lord GOD.

* Ver. 38. Ch. 24. 24.

[63] Dealt thus with you.

45 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

46 Son of man, [64] ſet thy face toward [65] the ſouth, and [66] drop *thy word* toward the [65] ſouth, and propheſie againſt the [67] foreſt of the ſouthfield;

[64] *Ch.* 13. 17. ¶ [65] *Judea.* ¶ [66] *Deut.* 32. 2. ¶ [67] *Jeruſalem*, (*ch.* 21. 4.) now become an harbor for wild Beaſts, *i. e.* cruel, griping oppreſſors.

47 And ſay to the foreſt of the ſouth, Hear the word of the LORD, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will [68] kindle a fire in thee, and it ſhall devour every [69] green tree in thee, and every [69] dry tree: the flaming flame ſhall not be quenched, and all [70] faces from the ſouth to the north ſhall be burnt therein.

[68] Bring devouring Judgments, *viz.* the invaſion of the Land by the *Chaldean* Forces. ¶ [69] *Luke* 23. 31. Rich and poor, great and ſmall, good and bad, *Ch.* 21. 3, 4. ¶ [70] Perſons and orders of men, from one end of the Land to the other.

48 And all fleſh ſhall ſee that I the LORD have kindled it: it ſhall not be quenched.

49 Then ſaid I, Ah Lord GOD, [71] they ſay of me, Doth he not ſpeak [72] parables?

[71] *Viz.* In a ſcornful, reproachful manner. ¶ [72] *Ch.* 17. 2. *q. d.* All his ſpeeches are ſuch obſcure ſtuff we know not what to make of 'em; and therefore we'l never trouble our ſelves about 'em, nor regard 'em, *Jer.* 18. 18.

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1 *Ezekiel propheſieth againſt Jeruſalem.* 8 *A ſharp ſword.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, [1] ſet thy face toward Jeruſalem, and * [1] drop *thy word* toward the holy places, and propheſie againſt the land of Iſrael.

[1] See on *Ch.* 20. 46.

* Deut. 32. 2. Amos 7. 16. Mich. 2. 6, 11.

3 And ſay to the land of Iſrael, Thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I *am* againſt thee, and will [2] draw forth my ſword out of his ſheath, and will cut off from thee the [3] righteous and the [3] wicked.

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[2] Send the *Chaldean* Forces againſt thee. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 20. 47. Not only the moſt openly prophane, but thoſe alſo who were leſs vicious, and more unblamable, (for all were bad enough, *Ch.* 22. 18. *Jer.* 3. 8.)

4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore ſhall my ſword go forth out of his ſheath againſt all fleſh from the ſouth to the north:

5 That all fleſh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my ſword out of his ſheath: it ſhall [4] not return any more.

[4] 1 *Sam.* 3. 12. *Viz.* Till it has done its work, and fully executed my vengeance.

6 Sigh therefore thou ſon of man, with [5] the breaking of *thy* loyns; and with bitterneſs ſigh before their eyes.

[5] *Iſa.* 16. 11. & 21. 3. *Jer.* 4. 19.

7 And it ſhall be, when they ſay unto thee, Wherefore ſigheſt thou? that thou ſhalt anſwer, For the tidings, becauſe [6] it cometh: and every heart ſhall [7] melt, and all hands ſhall be [8] feeble, and every ſpirit ſhall faint, and all knees ſhall † be weak *as* water: behold, [6] it cometh and ſhall be brought to paſs, ſaith the Lord GOD.

† Heb. *go into water.*

[6] It's not a vain rumor; but this calamity will certainly overtake you. ¶ [7] *Joſh.* 2. 11. ¶ [8] 2 *Sam* 4. 1. *Pſal.* 76. 5.

8 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

9 Son of man, propheſie and ſay, Thus ſaith the LORD, Say, A ſword, a ſword is [9] ſharpened, and alſo [9] furbiſhed.

[9] *Ver.* 15, 28. *Deut.* 32. 41.

10 It is [9] ſharpened to make a ſore ſlaughter, it is [9] furbiſhed that it may [10] glitter: ſhould we then make mirth? ‖ [11] it contemneth the rod of my ſon, *as* every tree.

‖ Or, It is *the rod of my ſon, it deſpiſeth every tree.*

[10] *Job* 20. 25. To terrify you the more, *v.* 12. ¶ [11] Or, *It is the rod of my ſon contemning every tree, i. e.* This ſharp, glittering Sword, weilded by the *Chaldean* Forces, is the Rod (as the *Aſſyrian* is called, *Iſa.* 10. 5.) which I'l make uſe of to correct my people withal: and it ſhall ſcorn all reſiſtance by any tree whatſoever, tho never ſo great, but ſhall ſeiſe upon both green and dry, (*ch.* 20. 47.) both righteous and wicked, (*ver.* 3.) rich and poor, great and ſmall, *ver.* 12, 14.

11 And [12] he hath given it to be furbiſhed, that it may be [13] handled: the ſword is ſharpened, and it is furbiſhed to give it into the hand of the ſlayer.

[12] *Iſa.* 10. 5. ¶ [13] Made uſe of for the execution of Judgment.

12 [14] Cry and howl, ſon of man, for it ſhall be upon my people, it *ſhall be* upon all the [15] princes of Iſrael: ‖ terrours, by reaſon of the ſword, ſhall be upon my people: [16] ſmite therefore upon *thy* thigh.

‖ Or, *they are thruſt down to the ſword with my people.*

[14] *V.* 6. *Ch.* 9. 8. ¶ [15] *Lam.* 5. 12. ¶ [16] *Ch.* 6. 11. *Jer.* 31. 19. In token of extreme ſorrow.

13 ‖ Becauſe *it is* [17] a trial, and [18] what if *the ſword* contemn even the rod? [19] it ſhall be no *more*, ſaith the Lord GOD.

‖ Or, *When the trial* hath been, *what then? ſhall they not alſo belong to the deſpiſing rod?*

[17] A very ſharp and ſevere Correction, (and therefore to be lamented, *v.* 12.) ¶ [18] Or, *What if the Rod be deſpiſing? i. e.* What if this Judgment do devour all without any difference? as *v.* 10. ¶ [19] *q. d.* And yet at laſt even this Sword it ſelf, when it has done my work, ſhall be deſtroyed too; and this Rod caſt into the fire, *Iſa.* 10. 12.

14 Thou therefore, ſon of man, propheſie, and * ſmite *thine* † hands together, and let the [20] ſword be doubled the third time, the ſword [21] of the ſlain, *it is* the ſword of the great *men that are* ſlain, which entreth into their [22] privy chambers.

* Num. 24. 10.

† Heb. *hand to hand.*

[20] This Judgment return upon 'em three times one after another,

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another, *Jer.* 52. 28–30. ¶ [21] Wherewith many ſhall be ſlain. ¶ [22] *Amos* 9. 2, 3. 2 *Kings* 20. 30. To find 'em out there.

15 I have ſet the ‖ point of the ſword againſt all their gates, that *their* heart may faint, and *their* ruines be multiplied: ah, *it is* [23] made bright, *it is* [24] wrapt up for the ſlaughter.

‖ Or, *glittering*, or *fear*.
[23] *Ver.* 10. 28.
[24] Or, *ſharpned*.

16 [25] Go thee one way or other, *either* on the right hand, † or on the left, whitherſoever thy face *is* ſet.

† Heb. *ſet thy ſelf, take the left hand.*
[25] *q. d.* O Sword, take thy own courſe: Go which way and whither thou wilt; for all is open and free to thee.

17 I will alſo ſmite mine hands together, and I will cauſe my fury to [26] reſt: I the LORD have ſaid *it*.

[26] See on *Ch.* 5. 13.

18 ¶ The word of the LORD came unto me again, ſaying,

19 Alſo thou ſon of man, [27] appoint thee two ways, that the ſword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain ſhall come forth out of one land, and [28] chooſe thou a place, chooſe *it* at the head of the way to the city.

[27] Mark out upon a tile (as *ch.* 4. 1.) or upon the ground, two ways, one of 'em leading from *Babylon* to *Jeruſalem*; the other to *Rabbah*; and tho *Nebuchadnezzar* ſhall conſult which way to take or whither to go firſt, yet thou ſhalt foreſhew that he ſhall come firſt to *Jeruſalem*. ¶ [28] Pitch on ſome convenient place, where thou mayſt place *Nebuchadnezzar's* Army, he and his Council of War conſulting, where this one way divides into two, which way he ſhould take.

20 Appoint a way, that the ſword may come to * Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jeruſalem the defenced.

* Jer. 49. 2.

21 For the king of Babylon ſtood at the † parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to uſe divination: he made *his* ‖ arrows bright, he conſulted with † images, he looked in the liver.

† Heb. *mother of the way.*
‖ Or, *knives.*
† Heb. *teraphim.*

22 At his right hand was the divination for Jeruſalem to appoint ‖ † captains, to open the mouth in the ſlaughter, to lift up the voice with ſhouting, to appoint *battering* rams againſt the gates, to caſt a mount, *and* to build a fort.

‖ Or, *battering rams.*
† Heb. *rams.*

23 And [29] it ſhall be unto them as a falſe divination in their ſight, ‖ [30] to them that have ſworn oaths: but [31] he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

‖ Or, *for the oaths made unto them.*
[29] *i. e.* The *Jews* when they ſhall hear of it, ſhall deride and deſpiſe it as a vain, lying Divination; which ſhall do neither good nor hurt, and ſo ſhall take themſelves to be unconcerned about it, and that—— ¶ [30] Tho they have ſworn homage to the King of *Babylon*, and afterwards perfidiouſly brake their Covenant with him. ¶ [31] *Nebuchadnezzar* will at laſt reckon with 'em for all their former Treacheries, 2 *Kings* 24. 20.

24 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Becauſe [32] ye have made your iniquity to be remembred, in that your tranſgreſſions are diſcovered, ſo that in all your doings your ſins do appear: becauſe, *I ſay*, that ye are come to remembrance, ye ſhall be [33] taken with the hand.

[32] By your open continuance in your former ſinful courſes againſt me, and Rebellions againſt the King of *Babylon*, you cauſe both me and him to call to mind and puniſh you for 'em. ¶ [33] Taken captive and carried to *Babylon*.

25 ¶ And thou [34] profane wicked prince of Iſrael, whoſe [35] day is come, when [36] iniquity *ſhall have* an end.

[34] *Zedekiah*, who haſt broken thy Oath to the King of *Babylon*. ¶ [35] *Ver.* 29. The due ſeaſon for thy puniſhment. ¶ [36] *Ch.* 35. 5. See there. When there will be a ſtop put to thy Idolatry, Perfidiouſneſs and other Sins, by thy deſtruction.

26 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, [37] Remove the diadem, and [37] take off the crown: [38] this *ſhall* not *be* the ſame, exalt [39] *him that is* low, and abaſe [40] *him that is* high.

[37] He ſhall be depoſed from his Royal Dignity. ¶ [38] The Crown and Kingdom ſhall not continue in ſuch a flouriſhing condition as formerly, but all ſhall be turned upſide down. ¶ [39] *Jehoiachin*, 2 *Kings* 25. 27. ¶ [40] *Zedekiah*, 2 *Kings* 25. 6, 7.

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27 † I will [41] overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it ſhall be no *more* * until he come whoſe right it is, and I will give it *him*.

† Heb. *perverted, perverted, perverted will I make it.*
[41] By ſeveral degrees utterly overthrow the Kingdom of *Judah*, and it ſhall never recover its former Luſtre and Dignity till Chriſt come to take his Kingdom, *Rev.* 11. 17.
* Gen. 49. 10. Luk. 1. 32, 33. John 1. 49.

28 ¶ And thou ſon of man, propheſie, and ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD concerning the Ammonities, and concerning [42] their reproach: even ſay thou, The ſword, the ſword *is* drawn: for the ſlaughter *it is* [9] furbiſhed, to conſume becauſe of the glittering.

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[42] *Ch.* 25. 3, 6. *Jer.* 49. 1. *Zeph.* 2. 8.

29 Whiles [43] they ſee vanity unto thee, whiles they [43] divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of *them that are* ſlain, of the [43] wicked * whoſe [53] day is come, [36] when their iniquity *ſhall have* an end.

[43] *Ch.* 22. 28. Thy Diviners and Sooth-ſayers promiſe thee all manner of Happineſs and Security (*Jer.* 27. 9.) perſwading thee that thou ſhalt trample upon the Necks of the *Jews*, becauſe they are grown ſo wicked that they are ripe for puniſhment.
* Ver. 25.

30 ‖ * Shall I cauſe *it* to return into his ſheath? I will [44] judge thee in the place where thou waſt created, in the land of thy nativity.

‖ Or, *cauſe it to return.*
* Jer. 47. 6, 7.
[44] Puniſh thee; *Gen.* 15. 14.

31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will [45] blow againſt thee in the fire of my wrath and deliver thee into the hand of ‖ bruiſh men, *and* ſkilful to deſtroy.

[45] *Ch.* 20. 47.
‖ Or, *burning.*

32 Thou ſhalt be for feuel to the fire: thy bloud ſhall be [46] in the midſt of the land, thou ſhalt be no *more* remembred: for I the LORD have ſpoken *it*.

[46] Every where cruelly ſhed by the Enemy.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *A catalogue of ſins in Jeruſalem.* 18 *God will burn them as droſs in his furnace.*

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MOreover the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Now thou ſon of man, wilt thou ‖ [1] judge, wilt thou [1] judge the † [2] bloudy city? yea thou ſhalt † ſhew her all her abominations.

‖ Or, *plead for.*
† Heb. *city of bloods.*
† Heb. *make her know.*
[1] See on *Ch.* 20. 4. Shew 'em their ſins (*Ver.* 3, 7–12. *Ch.* 23. 26.) and then paſs ſentence of Condemnation upon 'em for the ſame. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 24. 6, 9. *Nah.* 3. 1. 2 *Kings* 21. 16. Wherein Cruelty and Bloud-ſhed are very rife.

3 Then ſay thou, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, The city ſheddeth bloud [3] in the midſt of it, that [4] her time may come, and maketh idols [5] againſt her ſelf, to defile her ſelf.

[3] Openly and impudently, *Iſa.* 3. 9. ¶ [4] *Viz.* Of her Deſtruction, *ch.* 7. 7. ¶ [5] To her own Ruine.

4 Thou art become guilty in thy bloud that thou haſt ſhed, and haſt defiled thy ſelf in thine idols, which thou haſt made, and thou haſt cauſed thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years; therefore have I made thee a [6] reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countreys.

[6] *Ch.* 5. 14. *Deut.* 28. 37. *Pſal.* 44. 13. *Jer.* 24. 9.

5 *Thoſe that be* near, and *thoſe that be* far from thee, ſhall mock thee, *which are* † infamous, *and* much [7] vexed.

† Heb. *polluted of name, much in vexation.*
[7] By heavy Judgments on thee.

6 Behold, the [8] princes of Iſrael, every one were in thee to their † power to ſhed bloud.

[8] *Iſa.* 1. 23. *Mich.* 3. 1. *Zeph.* 3. 3.

7 In thee have they [9] ſet light by father and mother: in the midſt of thee have they dealt by ‖ oppreſſion with the [10] ſtranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherleſs and the widow.

† Heb. *arm.*
[9] *Deut.* 27. 16.
‖ Or, *deceit.*
[10] *Exod.* 22. 21.

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8 Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.

9 In thee are † men that ‖ carry tales to shed bloud: and in thee they ‖ eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit ‖ lewdness.

‖ Exod. 23. 1. Lev. 19. 16. ¶ ‖ Ch. 18. 6. ¶ ‖ Ch. 16. 43.

10 In thee have they discovered their ‖ fathers nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was ‖ set apart for pollution.

‖ Lev. 18. 8. and 20. 11. ¶ ‖ Ch. 18. 6. Lev. 18. 19. and 20. 18. and 15. 25.

11 And ‖ one hath committed abomination with his ‖ neighbours wife, and ‖ another hath ‖ lewdly defiled his ‖ daughter in law, and another in thee hath humbled his ‖ sister, his fathers daughter.

‖ Lev. 18. 20. and 20. 10. Deut. 22. 22. Jer. 5. 8. ¶ ‖ Lev. 18. 15. and 20. 12. ¶ ‖ Lev. 18. 9. and 20. 17.

12 In thee have they ‖ taken gifts to shed bloud: * thou hast taken ‖ usury and ‖ increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.

* Exod. 22. 8. Deut. 16. 19. and 27. 25. ¶ ‖ See on Ch. 18. 8.

13 ¶ Behold therefore I have ‖ smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy bloud which hath been in the midst of thee.

‖ See on Ch. 21. 14.

14 ‖ Can thine heart endure, or ‖ can thine hands be strong in the days that I shall deal with thee? * I the LORD have spoken *it*, and will do *it*.

* Chap. 17. 24.

‖ Wilt thou have courage or strength enough to withstand my Judgments, or be able to defend thy self?

15 And I will ‖ scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countreys, and will ‖ consume thy filthiness out of thee.

‖ Ch. 12. 14, 15. Deut. 4. 27. and 28. 25. ¶ ‖ Ch. 23. 27, 48. Destroy such gross Sinners.

16 And thou ‖ shalt ‖ take thine inheritance in thy self ‖ in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

‖ Or, *shalt be profaned.*

‖ q. d. Whereas I was wont to be thy inheritance, (*Psal.* 119. 57.) and instead of all unto thee, now that I have cast thee off, (*ver.* 18.) thou shalt shift for thy self as well as thou canst, and see what thou canst find in thy self to satisfy thee. ¶ ‖ And this forlorn, helpless estate shall be so visible, that the heathen shall take notice of it as a punishment for your sins.

17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become ‖ dross, all they *are* ‖ brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace, they are *even* the † dross of silver.

† Heb. *drosses.*

‖ Psal. 119. 119. Isa. 1. 22. Jer. 6. 28. Of no worth at all. ¶ ‖ Continually growing worse and worse, even while I am endeavouring to reform 'em by my Judgments.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Because ye are all become dross, behold therefore I will gather you into ‖ the midst of Jerusalem.

‖ Ch. 11. 7.

20 † As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt *it*; so will I gather *you* in mine anger, and in my fury, and I will leave *you there*, and melt you.

† Heb. According *to the gathering.*

21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

23 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou *art* the land *that* is ‖ not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

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‖ Viz. 18. Refin'd by the Furnace, nor wash'd by the Rain, when my Judgments were upon you.

25 *There is* ‖ a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof like a roaring lion ‖ ravening the prey: they have ‖ devoured souls: * they have ‖ taken the treasure and precious things: they have ‖ made her many widows in the midst thereof.

* Mic. 3. 11.

‖ Viz. Against good men, *Hos.* 6. 9. *Jer.* 20. 2. and 26. 8. and 29. 25, 26. *Lam.* 4. 19. ¶ ‖ Cruelly persecuting and pursuing those that will not comply with 'em. ¶ ‖ Destroy'd the lives of many. ¶ ‖ *Matth.* 23. 14. ¶ ‖ Bereaving them of their Husbands, whom by false accusations they caused to be put to death.

26 Her priests have † ‖ violated my law, and have ‖ profaned mine holy things: they have ‖ put no difference between the holy and profane, ‖ neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have ‖ hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am ‖ profaned among them.

† Heb. *offered violence to.*

‖ *Zeph.* 3. 4. Wrested it to countenance their oppression and impiety. ¶ ‖ Not us'd 'em with that reverence and holiness which befitted 'em. ¶ ‖ *Ch.* 44. 23. *Lev.* 10. 10. *Jer.* 15. 19. Neither in their Preaching nor Practice, but esteem'd all alike. ¶ ‖ Took no notice of the holiness thereof, so as to practise and encourage it, or of the profanation thereof, so as to censure and punish it. ¶ ‖ Dishonoured by this their transgression of my commands.

27 Her princes in the midst thereof *are* like ‖ wolves ravening the prey, to shed bloud, *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

‖ *Mic.* 3. 11. *Zeph.* 3. 3.

28 And her prophets have ‖ daubed them with untempered *mortar*, ‖ seeing vanity, and ‖ divining lies unto them, saying, ‖ Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

‖ See on *Ch.* 13. 10. Flatter'd and smooth'd 'em up in their sinful ways, by false reasonings and unstudied discourses. ¶ ‖ *Ch.* 13. 6, 7. and 21. 29. Pretending Visions of Peace, and presages of all happiness, which yet are all but counterfeit and false. ¶ ‖ *Ch.* 13. 6, 7. *Jer.* 28. 10, 11. and 5. 12.

29 ‖ The people of the land have used ‖ ‖ oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger † wrongfully.

‖ Or, *deceit.*

† Heb. *without right.*

‖ So that there's a general corruption and defection of all sorts, Prophets, (*ver.* 25, 28.) Priests, (*ver.* 26.) Princes, (*ver.* 27.) People, *ver.* 29. ¶ ‖ *Hos.* 4. 9.

30 And I ‖ sought for a man among them, that should ‖ make up the hedge, and ‖ stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

‖ *Jer.* 5. 1. *Isa.* 59. 16. and 63. 5. ¶ ‖ *Ch.* 13. 5. To make reconciliation between God and the People. ¶ ‖ *Psal.* 106. 23. *Exod.* 32. 10. To intercede for the preventing of Judgments.

31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them, I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: * their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

* Chap. 9. 10. & 11. 21. & 16. 43.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *The whoredoms of Aholah and Aholibah.* 22 *Aholibah is to be plagued by her lovers.* 45 *Their judgments.*

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, there were * ‖ two women the daughters of one mother.

* Jer. 3. 7, 8, 10. ch. 16. 46.

‖ The kingdoms of *Judah* and *Israel*, both sprung from the same stock.

3 And they ‖ committed whoredoms in Egypt,

they

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they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they [2] bruised the teats of their virginity.

[2] Were guilty of Idolatry, even while in *Egypt*, *Ch.*20.8. *Lev.* 17. 7. *Josh.* 24. 14.

4 And the names of them *were*, [3] Aholah the [4] elder, and [5] Aholibah her sister: and they were [6] mine, and they bare [7] sons and daughters: thus *were* their names, [8] Samaria *is* Aholah, and [9] Jerusalem Aholibah.

[3] Which signifies, *His own Tent*, or Tabernacle, because they set up a worship of their own inventing, 1 *Kings* 12. 16, 28, 31. ¶ [4] See on 16. 46. ¶ [5] Which signifies, *My Tent or Tabernacle in her*, because among them was the place which God chose for his own special residence, and where he was worshipp'd according to his own appointment. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 16. 8. By solemn Marriage-covenant. ¶ [7] *Ch.* 16. 20. Many Converts to the true God. ¶ [8] The Kingdom of *Israel*, or the Ten Tribes. ¶ [9] The Kingdom of *Judah*, or the Two Tribes.

5 And [3] Aholah [10] played the harlot when she was [6] mine, and she doted on her [11] lovers, on
* 2 Kings 15. 19. the * [12] Assyrians *her* neighbours.

[10] See on *Ch.* 16. 15. Committed Idolatry, (*ver.* 7.) and made Leagues with the Heathen. ¶ [11] Their Idols, and way of worship.

6 *Which were* clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

† Heb. *bestowed her whoredoms upon them.* † Heb. *choice of the children of Ashur.*

7 Thus she † [13] committed her whoredoms with them, with all them *that were* the † chosen men of Assyria, and [14] with all on whom she doted, with all their idols she defiled her self.

[14] Other Nations with whom she made Leagues.

8 Neither [15] left she her whoredoms *brought* from Egypt: for in her youth they [16] lay with her, and they [16] bruised the breasts of her virginity, and [16] poured their whoredom upon her.

[15] But retain'd that Idolatry too together with the other. ¶ [16] Drew her to Idolatry.

[17] 2 *Kings* 15. 19, 20. and 15. 29. and 17. 6.

9 Wherefore I have [17] delivered her into the hand of her [12] lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.

† Heb. *a name.*

10 These [18] discovered her nakedness, they took her sons and her daughters, and [19] slew her with the sword: and she became † [20] famous among women, for they had executed judgment upon her.

[18] *Ch.* 16. 37. Shamefully treated her. ¶ [19] *Viz.* Politically, *i. e.* Destroy'd that Kingdom, so that it never recover'd it self again. ¶ [20] An eminent example of God's vengeance on her for her Idolatry.

* Jer. 3. 8. * Jer. 3. 11. Ch. 16. 47, 51. † Heb. *corrupted her inordinate love more, &c.* †*Ch.* 16. 47, 51. *Jer.* 3. 8–11.

11 And * when her sister [5] Aholibah saw *this*, * she † was more corrupt in her inordinate love then she, and in her whoredoms † more then † her sister in *her* whoredoms.

† Heb. *the whoredoms of her sister.*

12 She doted upon the [12] Assyrians *her* neighbours, captains and rulers, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled, *that* they *took* both [21] one way,

[19] *Ver.* 5. *Ch.* 16 28. 2 *Kings* 16. 7, 10. [21] *Ver.* 31.

14 And *that* she increased her whoredoms: for when she [22] saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion,

[22] Heard the fame of their Pomp, Power, Wealth, *&c.* 2 *Kings* 20. 12, 13.

15 Girded with girdles upon their loyns, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:

*Chap. 26. 29. † Heb. *at the sight of her eyes.* † Heb. *children of Babel.*

16 * And † assoon as she [22] saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.

17 And the † Babylonians [23] came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her [24] mind was † alienated from them.

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[23] Made a League with her. ¶ [24] *Ver.* 22, 28. 2 *Sam.* 13. 15. After a while the *Jews* brake their League with the *Chaldeans*, (2 *Kings* 24. 1, 20.) and joyn'd with the *Egyptians*, *ver.* 19, 20, 21.

18 [25] So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: then * my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister.

* Jer. 6. 8.

[25] By this her Inconstancy, she betrayed both her own wickedness and weakness.

19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, [26] in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had [2] played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

[26] And acting it over again.

20 For she doted upon their [27] paramours, [28] whose flesh *is as* the flesh of asses, and whose issue *is like* the issue of horses.

[27] The Neighbours and Allies of the *Egyptians*, (whom she relied upon for help in distress.) ¶ [28] See on *Ch.* 16. 26.

21 Thus thou [26] calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, [14] in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians, for the paps of thy youth.

22 ¶ Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, [29] I will raise up thy [30] lovers against thee, [31] from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side.

[29] *Ch.* 16. 37. [30] Confederates and Allies.

23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, *and* all the Assyrians with them: all of them [32] desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.

[32] That which was before a motive to love, (*ver.* 12.) shall be matter of terrour, now that they are become Enemies.

24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons and wheels, and with an assembly of people, *which* shall set against thee buckler, and shield, and helmet round about: and I will [33] set judgment before them, and they shall [34] judge thee according to their judgments.

[33] Give 'em full power and liberty to pass judgment. ¶ [34] Punish thee with what punishments they think fit to inflict upon such perfidious Persons as you are.

25 And I will [35] set my jealousie against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall [36] take away thy nose, and thine ears, and thy remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters, and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire.

[35] *Prov.* 6. 34. My wrath shall inflame their rage. ¶ [36] Treat thee in a most disgraceful manner, *ver.* 29.

* Chap. 16. 39. † Heb. *instruments of thy decking.*

26 * They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy † fair jewels.

27 Thus will I make thy lewdness [35] to cease from thee, and thy whoredom *brought* from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

[35] *Ch.* 16. 38. *Viz.* By destroying thee, as *Ch.* 22. 15.

* Chap. 16. 37. * Ver. 17.

28 For thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will [28] deliver thee into the hand *of them* * whom thou hatest, into the hand *of them* * [37] from whom thy mind is alienated.

29 And they shall deal with thee [36] hatefully, and shall take away all thy [37] labour, and shall leave thee [38] naked and bare, and the [39] nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

[36] As one whom they hate, *Deut.* 28. 48. ¶ [37] *Deut.* 28. 51. Whatsoever thou hast gotten thereby, (as *Psal.* 128. 2.) ¶ [38] *Ch.* 16. 39. Destitute of all accommodations. ¶ [39] *Ch.* 16. 37. The evidence thereof shall appear to all.

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30 I will [40] do these *things* unto thee, because thou hast [41] gone a whoring after the heathen, *and* because thou art polluted with their idols.

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[40] *Isa.* 5. 5.
[41] *Ch.* 6. 9.

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister, therefore will I give [42] her cup into thine hand.

[42] *Ver.* 33. *Psal.* 11. 6. and 75. 8. *Jer.* 25. 16. Punish thee in the same manner as I have done her.

32 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Thou shalt drink of thy sisters cup [43] deep and large: thou shalt be [44] laughed to scorn, and had in derision; it containeth [45] much.

[43] *Dan.* 9. 12. *Am.* 3. 2. *Luke* 12. 47. *Rev.* 18. 6. ¶ [44] *Ch.* 22. 4, 5. ¶ [45] Manifold Judgments, and of long continuance, even for seventy years.

33 Thou shalt be filled with [46] drunkenness and [46] sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria.

[46] So much sorrow that shall make thee even besides thy self.

34 Thou shalt even drink it and [47] suck *it* out, and thou shalt [48] break the sherds thereof, and [48] pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

[47] *Psal.* 75. 8. *Isa.* 51. 17. Drink up even the bottom and dregs thereof. ¶ [48] *Jer.* 25. 16. Fret and rage like a mad man at thy miseries.

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Because thou hast [49] forgotten me, and [50] cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also [51] thy lewdness, and thy whoredoms.

[49] *Ch.* 22. 12. *Jer.* 2. 32. and 3. 21. and 13. 25. *Psal.* 9. 17. ¶ [50] 1 *Kings* 14. 9. *Neh.* 9. 26. ¶ [51] The guilt, shame and punishment thereof.

‖ Or, *plead for.*

36 ¶ The LORD said moreover unto me, Son of man [52] wilt thou ‖ judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, [53] declare unto them their abominations.

[52] See on *Ch.* 20. 4. and on *Ch.* 22. 2. ¶ [53] *Ch.* 2. 7. *Isa.* 58. 1.

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37 That they have committed adultery, and [54] bloud *is* in their hands, and with their idols have they commited adultery, and have also caused their sons whom they bare unto me, to pass for them [55] through *the fire* to devour *them*.

[54] *Ch.* 16. 21, 36. ¶ [55] *Ch.* 16. 20. and 20. 26, 31. See on *Lev.* 18. 21.

38 Moreover, this they have done unto me: they have [56] defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have [57] profaned my sabbaths.

[56] *Ch.* 22. 8. When they had newly polluted themselves with Idolatry and Murder, they presently rush into my Temple, and so defile it, *ver.* 39. ¶ [57] *Ch.* 22. 8.

39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and lo, [58] thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

[58] Offering Sacrifices to their Idols on Altars set up there, 2 *Kings* 21. 4.

† Heb. *coming.*

40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for [59] men † to come from far, unto whom a messenger *was* sent, and lo, they came, for whom thou didst wash thy self, paintedst thy eyes, and [60] deckedst thy self with ornaments.

[59] *Ver.* 16. The *Chaldeans*, *Assyrians*, *Egyptians*, to make unlawful Leagues with 'em. ¶ [60] *Ch.* 16. 13, 16. *Hos.* 2. 8, 9. Buildest Temples, preparedst Altars and Sacrifices, and whatsoever might recommend thee to their alliance and assistance.

† Heb. *honourable.*
* Esther 1. 6. Amos 2. 8. & 6. 4.

41 And satt'st upon a † [61] stately * bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set [62] mine incense and mine [62] oyl.

[61] *Prov.* 7. 16, 17. ¶ [62] *Hos.* 2. 8, 9. To perfume and anoint themselves withal.

† Heb. *multitude of men.*
‖ Or, *drunkards.*

42 And [63] a voice of a multitude being at ease *was* with her, and [64] with the men of the † common sort *were* brought ‖ Sabeans from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their [65] hands, and beautiful crowns upon their [65] heads.

[63] Multitudes of those Heathen Nations were in *Jerusalem* and *Samaria*, wallowing in Idleness and Luxury. ¶ [64] *i. e.* Besides those great and noble Nations, the *Jews* have also courted the friendship and assistance of the *Arabians* and other base Nations, who thinking themselves much honoured thereby, have carried 'em Presents, which the Nobler Nations have not done, but received Presents from the *Jews*, *Ch.* 16. 33, 34. ¶ [65] The hands and heads of the *Jews*.

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43 Then said I unto *her that was* old in adulteries, [65] Will they now commit † whoredoms with her, and she *with them?*

† Heb. *her whoredoms.*

[66] Will they never grow weary of their Whoredom? will they not forsake her, or she disdain friendship with such scum of the People?

44 Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah, and unto Aholibah the lewd woman.

45 ¶ And the [67] righteous men, they shall [68] judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed bloud; because they *are* adulteresses, and bloud *is* in their hands.

[67] All men that have any sense of common honesty, and particularly the *Chaldeans* and *Assyrians*, the Executioners of God's wrath, (*ver.* 46, 47.) are better than they, (*Ch.* 16. 27.) and had just cause to punish 'em for their perfidiousness and rebellion. ¶ [68] *Ch.* 16. 38.

[69] *Ch.* 16. 40. The *Chaldeans.*

46 For thus saith the Lord GOD, I will bring up a [69] company upon them, and will give them † to be removed and spoiled.

† Heb. *for a removing and spoil.*

47 And the company shall [70] stone them with stones, and ‖ dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

‖ Or, *single them out.*

[70] *Ch.* 16. 40. *Lev.* 20. 10. *Deut.* 22. 24. Shoot Stones out of their Engines, whereby some shall be slain.

* Chap. 22. 15.

48 Thus * will I cause lewdness to [35] cease out of the land, that all [71] women may be [72] taught not to do after your lewdness.

[71] Other Nations and Cities. ¶ [72] *Mic.* 6: 9. *Judg.* 8. 16. *Isa.* 26. 9. 1 *Cor.* 10. 11. 2 *Pet.* 2. 6. *Deut.* 13. 11.

* Chap. 20. 38. 42, 44. & 25. 5.

49 And they shall recompense your [51] lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the [51] sins of your idols: and * ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *By a boiling pot, 6 is shewed Jerusalems destruction.*
15 *By Ezekiel not mourning for his wife, 19 is shewed the Jews calamity to be beyond all sorrow.*

3414.

AGain in the [1] ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

[1] *Viz.* Of *Jeconiahs* Captivity.

2 Son of man, Write thee the name of the day, *even* of [2] this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

[2] *Jer.* 52. 4.

3 And utter a parable unto the [3] rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD, Set on [4] a pot, set *it* on, and also pour [5] water into it.

[3] *Ch.* 2. 3, 6. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 11. 3. *Jer.* 1. 13. Noting *Jerusalem*, *ver.* 6. ¶ [5] Noting the miseries and calamities wherewith the Inhabitants should be afflicted and consumed, *ver.* 10.

4 Gather the [6] pieces thereof into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder, fit *it* with the choice bones.

[6] *Mic.* 3. 3. The Inhabitants of the Land, especially the Nobles, and great and rich men, *Rev.* 19. 18.

‖ Or, *heap.*

5 Take the [7] choice of the flock, and ‖ burn also the [8] bones under it, *and* make it [9] boil well, and let them seethe the [10] bones of it therein.

[7] The King and principal Persons, *Jer.* 52. 9. ¶ [8] *Viz.* Of Innocents

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Innocents murdered by them, whereby God's wrath was kindled like fire againſt 'em to deſtroy 'em. ¶ [9] Till all in it be ſodden to pieces; to note the deſtruction of the People by this Judgment, *ver.* 10.

6 ¶ Wherefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Wo to the [10] bloudy city, to the pot [11] whoſe ſcum *is* therein, and whoſe ſcum is not gone out of it; bring it out [12] piece by piece, let [13] no lot fall upon it.

[10] *Ch.* 22. 2. *Nah.* 3. 1, 2. 2 *Kings* 21. 16. ¶ [11] Whoſe Inhabitants ſtill continue obſtinately wicked, notwithſtanding all means us'd to reclaim 'em, *Ch.* 22. 24. *Jer.* 6. 29. ¶ [12] All of 'em ſhall be deſtroy'd one after another, ſome by one Judgment, ſome by another. ¶ [13] None ſhall be reſerved or exempted, *Ch.* 11. 5, 6.

7 For her bloud is in the midſt of her, ſhe [14] ſet it upon the top of a rock, [15] ſhe poured it not upon the ground to cover it with duſt:

[14] *Iſa.* 3. 9. Proclaimed her wickedneſs openly to all. ¶ [15] *Lev.* 17. 13. She car'd not to conceal it.

8 [16] That it might cauſe fury to come up to take vengeance: I have ſet her bloud upon the top of a rock, that it ſhould not be covered.

[16] Whereby my fury is provok'd againſt 'em, to puniſh 'em with exemplary and ſuitable Judgments.

* Nah. 3. 1. Hab. 2. 12.

9 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, *Wo to the bloudy city, I will even [17] make the pile for fire great.

[17] Prepare dreadful Judgments for her.

10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, [18] conſume the fleſh, and [19] ſpice it well, and let the [20] bones be burnt.

[18] Or rather *boil it throughly.* ¶ [19] *q. d.* The Soldiers ſhall meet with ſuch Plunder and Booty which ſhall be as pleaſing to them as Meat that is well ſeaſon'd and reliſh'd is to the Palate. ¶ [20] They that hold out longeſt ſhall be conſumed at laſt thereby.

11 [21] Then ſet it empty upon the coals thereof, that the braſs of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* the [22] filthineſs of it may be molten in it, *that* the [23] ſcum of it may be conſumed.

[21] *q. d.* And then, when all the Inhabitants are waſted and emptied out of it, the City it ſelf ſhall be burnt. ¶ [22] That thereby they may be cleanſed from their wickedneſs, (ſince no other means would ſerve, *Ch.* 23. 48.)

12 She hath [23] wearied *her ſelf* with lies, and her [24] great ſcum went not forth out of her: her ſcum *ſhall be* [25] in the fire.

[23] *Mal.* 2. 17. Taken a great deal of pains to ſupport her ſelf by Alliances with Neighbour Nations, which yet ſhall all prove uſeleſs. ¶ [24] Her wickedneſs was not purg'd out. ¶ [25] Be puniſh'd in the fire that burns the City.

13 [26] In thy filthineſs *is* lewdneſs: becauſe I have [27] purged thee, and thou waſt [28] not purged, thou ſhall [29] not be purged from thy filthineſs any more, till * I have cauſed my fury [30] to reſt upon thee.

* Chap. 16. 42.

[26] *q. d.* Thou haſt been obſtinate and impudent in ſinning. ¶ [27] Us'd all gentler means by Reproofs, Threats, leſſer Puniſhments, but all to no purpoſe, 2 *Chron.* 36. 15. *Jer.* 25. 3, &c. and 35. 15. ¶ [28] 2 *Chron.* 36. 16. ¶ [29] *Rev.* 22. 11. *Pſal.* 81. 11, 12. No farther means ſhall be us'd. ¶ [30] See on *Ch.* 5. 13.

14 I the LORD have ſpoken *it*, it ſhall come to paſs, and I will do *it*, I will not go back, neither will I [31] ſpare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings ſhall they [32] judge thee, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[31] *Ch.* 5. 11.

[32] *Ch.* 23. 45.

15 ¶ Alſo the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the [33] deſire of thine eyes with a ſtroke: yet neither ſhalt thou [34] mourn nor weep, neither ſhall thy tears † run down.

† Heb. *go.*

[33] Thy Wife, *ver.* 18. ¶ [34] To note, that the loſſes and ſufferings of the People ſhould be beyond all outward expreſſions of ſorrow, *ver.* 22--24.

†Heb. *Be ſilent.*

17 † Forbear to cry, make [35] no mourning for the dead, [36] bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and [37] put on thy ſhoes upon thy feet, and [38] cover not *thy* † lips, and eat not [39] the bread of men.

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† Heb. *upper lip:* ſo ver. 22.

[35] *Jer.* 22. 18. ¶ [36] Go not bare-headed, as Mourners were wont to do, (*Lev.* 10. 6. and 21. 10.) but put on thy ordinary attire. ¶ [37] Go not barefooted neither, as Mourners do, 2 *Sam.* 15. 30. *Iſa.* 47. 2. ¶ [38] *Lev.* 13. 45. *Mic.* 3. 7. ¶ [39] Food given by Neighbours and Friends at ſuch a time, *Jer.* 16. 5, 7.

18 So I ſpake unto the people in the morning, and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 ¶ And the people ſaid unto me, [40] Wilt thou not tell us what theſe *things are* to us, that thou doeſt *ſo?*

[40] *Ch.* 21. 7.

20 Then I anſwered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

21 Speak unto the houſe of Iſrael, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will [41] profane my ſanctuary, [42] the excellency of your ſtrength, [43] the deſire of your eyes, and † that which your ſoul pitieth; and your [44] ſons and your daughters whom ye have left ſhall fall by the ſword.

† Heb. *the pity of your ſoul.*

[41] Give it into the hands of the *Chaldeans* to enter into it, and deſtroy it, as a common profane place, *Ch.* 7. 20--22. ¶ [42] *Dan.* 11. 31. That magnificent ſtructure, whereon you rely for ſecurity and indemnity, *Jer.* 7. 4. ¶ [43] As dear to you as my Wife was to me, *ver.* 16. ¶ [44] *Ch.* 23. 47.

22 And ye ſhall do as I have done: * ye ſhall not cover *your* lips, nor eat the bread of men.

* Jer. 16. 6, 7. ver. 17.

23 And your tires *ſhall be* upon your heads, and your ſhoes upon your feet: * ye ſhall [45] not mourn nor weep, but ye ſhall [46] pine away for your iniquities, and [46] mourn one towards another.

* Job 27. 15. Pſal. 78. 64.

[45] *Ver.* 17. Make no open diſcoveries thereof. ¶ [46] *Ch.* 33. 10. *Lev.* 26. 39. Secretly among your ſelves bewail your miſeries, and languiſh away with ſorrow for 'em.

24 Thus Ezekiel is unto you [47] a ſign: according to all that he hath done ſhall ye do: and when this cometh, * ye ſhall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

[47] *Ch.* 12. 6. and 4. 3. *Iſa.* 8. 18. and 20. 3. * Chap. 6. 7. and 25. 5.

25 Alſo thou ſon of man, *ſhall it* not *be* in the day [48] when I take from them their ſtrength, the joy of their glory, the deſire of their eyes, and † that whereupon they ſet their minds, their ſons and their daughters;

† Heb. *the lifting up of their ſoul.*

[48] When I deliver the City, Temple, and all their deſirable things to the Enemy, and they take 'em away.

26 *That* [49] he that eſcapeth in that day, ſhall come unto thee, to cauſe *thee* to hear *it* with *thine* ears?

[49] *q. d.* Some one more eſpecially ſhall be ſent by my Providence to give thee a full relation and account of it, *Ch.* 33. 21.

27 [50] In that day * ſhall thy mouth be opened to him which is eſcaped, and thou ſhalt ſpeak and be no more dumb, and thou ſhalt be [51] a ſign unto them, and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

* Chap. 3. 26, 27.

[50] *q. d.* Whereas from this time till that, (which is about Eighteen Months) thou ſhalt forbear Propheſying any more to them, but ſhalt Propheſy only concerning other Nations; then when thoſe Tidings ſhall be brought thee, thou ſhalt ſpeak again to 'em, and take occaſion from thence to convince and awaken 'em, *Ch.* 33. 21, &c. ¶ [51] *q. d.* And thus both thy ſilence and ſpeaking is ſignificant and inſtructive, if they have but Eyes and Ears to obſerve it.

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1 *God's vengeance on the Ammonites,* 8 *Moab and Seir,* 12 *Edom,* 15 *and the Philistines, for their insolency against the Jews.*

3417. Compl. 3424. THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, [1] set thy face against the [2] Ammonites, and prophesie against them;

[1] *Ch.*20.46. ¶ [2] *Ch.*21.28. *Jer.*49.1. *Am.*1.13. *Zeph.*2.8.

3 And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD, Thus saith the Lord GOD, Because thou saidst, [3] Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was prophaned, and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate, and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;

[3] *Ch.*26 2. *Obad.*10. 12. *Zeph.*2.8. Didst rejoyce, *ver.*6.

†Heb. *children.* 4 Behold therefore, I will deliver thee to the † [4] men of the east for a possession, and they shall [5] set their palaces in thee, and [5] make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

[4] The *Arabians*, *Jer.*49.28. ¶ [5] Set up their Tents.

[6] The Royal City. 5 And I will make [6] Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching-place for flocks; * and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

* Ch. 24. 24. & 35. 9.

* Job 27. 23. Zeph. 2. 15. [7] *Lam.* 2. 15. †Heb. *hand.* 6 For thus saith the Lord GOD, Because thou * hast [7] clapped *thine* † hands, and stamped with the † feet, and rejoyced in † heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel:

† Heb. *foot.* † Heb. *soul.* ‖ Or, *meat.* 7 Behold therefore, I will [8] stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for ‖ a spoil to the [9] heathen, and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countreys: I will destroy thee, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

[8] *Ver.* 13, 16. *Ch.* 14. 9. *Zeph.* 1. 4. Punish. ¶ [9] The *Babylonians* and their Confederates, *Jer.* 49. 28.

* Isa. 15, & 16. Jer. 48. 1, &c. Amos 2. 1. 8 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD, * Because that [10] Moab and [11] Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* [12] like unto all the heathen:

[10] The Posterity of *Lot.* ¶ [11] The Posterity of *Esau.* ¶ [12] No more owned nor protected by their God, than other Nations by theirs. So 2 *Kings* 18. 33-35.

†Heb. *shoulder.* 9 Therefore behold, I will [13] open the † side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the countrey Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim,

[13] *Jer.*48.25. Make way for the Enemy to break through that part of the Country where the strongest Cities are, *viz. Bethjeshimoth*, &c.

3417. ‖ Or, *against the children of Ammon.* 10 [14] Unto the men of the east ‖ [14] with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be [15] remembred among the nations.

[14] *q. d.* As I have given the *Ammonites* to the men of the East already, (*ver.*4.) so I'll give the *Moabites.* ¶ [15] *Ch.*21.32.

* Psal. 137. 7. Jer. 49. 7, 8. 1 Esdr. 4. 45. †Heb. *revenging revengement.* [16] *Ch.* 35. 5. *Amos* 1. 11. *Obad.* 10. 11 And I will execute Judgments upon Moab, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

12 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD, * Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah, by † [16] taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them:

‖ Or, *they shall fall by the sword unto Dedan.* 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, I will also [8] stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it, and I will make it desolate from Teman, and ‖ they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

* 1 Mac. 5. 3. 2 Mac. 10. 16, 17. [17] *Isa.* 11. 14. *Jer.* 49. 2. 14 And * I will lay my vengeance upon Edom [17] by the hand of my people Israel, and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger, and according to my fury, and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.

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* Jer. 25. 20. and 47. 2. 15 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD, * Because the Philistines have dealt [18] by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart to destroy [19] *it* ‖ for the old hatred;

‖ Or, *with perpetual hatred.*

[18] 2 *Chron.* 28. 18. *Amos* 1. 6--8. *Joel* 3. 4. ¶ [19] The land of *Judea.*

*Zeph. 2. 4, &c. 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, * I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the ‖ sea-coast.

‖ Or, *haven of the sea.* 17 And I will execute great † vengeance upon them with furious rebukes: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

† Heb. *vengeances.*

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Tyrus for insulting against Jerusalem, is threatned.* 7 *Nebuchadnezzars power against her.* 15 *The mourning for her.*

3416. Compl. 3432. AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the [1] month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

[1] *Viz.* After the taking of *Jerusalem*, which occasion'd such rejoycing to the *Tyrians*, *ver.* 2.

*Isa. 23. Jer. 25 22. and 47. 4. Am. 1. 9. Zech. 9. 2. 2 Son of man, * because that Tyre hath said against Jerusalem, [2] Aha, she is broken *that was* the [3] gates of the people: [4] she is turned unto me, I shall be replenished, *now* she is laid waste:

[2] *Ch.* 25. 3. and 36. 2. ¶ [3] The Place of concourse for Traffick, Judgment, *&c.* ¶ [4] The People that us'd to resort thither for Trade, will now come to me.

[5] The *Babylonians* and their Forces, *ver.* 7. 3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I *am* against thee, O Tyre, and will cause [5] many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

4 And they shall destroy the [6] walls of Tyre, and break down her [7] towers: I will also [8] scrape her dust from her, and make her like the [9] top of a rock.

[6] *Jer.* 5. 10. ¶ [7] *Isa.* 23. 11. ¶ [8] Utterly demolish all her Buildings. ¶ [9] *Ver.* 14. *Ch.* 24. 7, 8.

5 It shall be *a place for* the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD, and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

6 And [10] her daughters which *are* in the field shall be slain by the sword, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

[10] *Ver.* 8. The Inhabitants of the Cities and Villages belonging to her.

[11] *Ch.*28.7. and 30.11. and 32. 12. * Dan. 2. 37. 7 ¶ For thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will bring upon Tyre [11] Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, * a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

3416. Compl. 3432. 8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field, and he shall make [12] a fort against thee, and ‖ cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.

[12] 2 *Sam.*20.15 ‖ Or, *pour out the engine of shot.* 9 And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.

Compl. 3432. 10 By reason of the abundance of his horses, their dust shall cover thee, thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, † as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

† Heb. *according to the entrings of a city broken up.* 11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets; he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garisons shall go down to the ground.

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† Heb. *houses of thy deſire.*

12 And they ſhall make a ſpoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandiſe, and they ſhall break down thy walls, and deſtroy † thy pleaſant houſes, and they ſhall lay thy ſtones, and thy timber, and thy duſt in the midſt of the water.

* Iſa. 23. 16. Ch. 26. 13.

13 And I will cauſe the noiſe of * thy [13] ſongs to ceaſe, and the ſound of thy harp ſhall be no more heard.

[13] *Iſa.* 24. 8. *Jer.* 7. 34. and 16. 9. and 25. 10. *Hoſ.* 2. 11. *Rev.* 18. 22, 23.

14 And I will make thee like the [9] top of a rock: thou ſhalt be *a place* to ſpread nets upon: thou ſhalt be built [14] no more: for I the LORD have ſpoken *it*, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[14] *Viz.* In the ſame place; or in that ſtately manner as before.

15 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord GOD to Tyre, Shall not the [15] iſles ſhake at the ſound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the ſlaughter is made in the midſt of thee?

[15] *Ver.* 18. *Ch.* 27. 35. and 32. 10. *Exod.* 15. 14. The Neighbouring Nations ſhall tremble leſt the ſame fate ſhould befal themſelves.

* Ch. 32. 10.

† Heb. *trembling.*

16 Then * all the [16] princes of the ſea ſhall [17] come down from their thrones, and [17] lay away their robes, and [17] put off their broidered garments: they ſhall clothe themſelves with † trembling, they ſhall ſit upon the ground, and ſhall tremble at *every* moment, and be aſtoniſhed at thee.

[16] The Kings of the Neighbouring Iſles. ¶ [17] By reaſon of their aſtoniſhment at thy fall, and their fearful apprehenſions of their own danger.

† Heb. *the ſeas.*

17 And they ſhall take up [18] a lamentation for thee, and ſay to thee, How art thou deſtroyed *that waſt* inhabited of † ſea-faring men, the renowned city which waſt ſtrong in the ſea, ſhe and her inhabitants, which cauſe their terrour *to be* on all that [19] haunt it?

[18] *Rev.* 18. 9. ¶ [19] That paſs up and down on the Sea, and reſort to this City.

18 Now ſhall the [11] iſles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the iſles that *are* in the ſea ſhall be troubled at thy departure.

19 For thus ſaith the Lord GOD, When I ſhall make thee a deſolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited, when I ſhall bring up the [20] deep upon thee, and [21] great waters ſhall cover thee;

[20] *Nebuchadnezzar's Army, v.* 3.

20 When I ſhall bring thee down, with them that deſcend into the pit, with the people [1] of old time, and ſhall ſet thee in the low parts of the earth, in places deſolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited, and I ſhall [22] ſet glory in the land of the living:

[22] Dead long ago. ¶ [21] *Iſa.* 4. 5. *Zech.* 2. 8. Reſtore my people to their own Land again, and make 'em the glory of the Earth. *Ch.* 26. 6. and 28. 25, 26. Or, glorify my ſelf among the living, by thy deſtruction.

† Heb. *terrours.*

21 I will make thee † [23] a terrour, and thou *ſhalt be* [23] no *more*: though thou be ſought for, yet ſhalt thou [24] never be found again, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[23] *Viz.* *Ch.* 27. 36. and 28. 19. ¶ [24] *Ch.* 26. 21. and 32. 26. *Viz.* In that flouriſhing condition as formerly.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *The rich ſupply of Tyrus.* 26 *The great and unrecoverable fall thereof.*

3416. THE word of the LORD came again unto me, ſaying,

2 Now thou ſon of man, take up a lamentation for Tyre.

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3 And ſay unto Tyre, O thou that art ſituate [1] at the entry of the ſea, *which art* [2] a merchant of the people for many iſles, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, O Tyre, thou haſt ſaid, I *am* † [3] of perfect beauty.

† Heb. *perfect of beauty.*

[1] Within half a mile of the Continent. ¶ [2] *Iſa.* 23. 3. That tradeſt with the people that dwell on the Sea Coaſt both far and near. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 28. 12. *Rev.* 18. 7. Wanting nothing to make the Nations ambitious of my Friendſhip, and to eſtabliſh a free Trade with me.

4 Thy borders *are* in the † midſt of the ſeas, thy builders have [4] perfected thy beauty.

† Heb. *heart.*

[4] Made thee as ſumptuous as heart can wiſh.

5 They have † made all thy *ſhip*-boards of fir-trees of Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon, to make maſts for thee.

† Heb. *built.*

6 *Of* the oaks of Baſhan have they made thine oars: ‖ † [5] the company of the Aſhurites have made thy benches *of* ivory, *brought* out of the iſles of Chittim.

‖ Or, *they have made thy hatches of ivory well trodden.*

[5] Or, *Of box-tree have they made thy benches, inlaid with Ivory, brought from ſome parts about the* Mediterranean *Sea.*

† Heb. *the daughter.*

7 Fine linen with broidered work from Egypt, was that which thou ſpreadeſt forth to be thy ſail; ‖ blew and purple from the iſles of Eliſha, was that which covered thee.

‖ Or, *purple and ſcarlet.*

8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners: [6] thy wiſe *men*, O Tyre, *that* were in thee, were thy pilots.

[6] 1 *Kings* 9. 27. Expert in the Art of Navigation.

9 The ancients of Gebal, and [6] the wiſe *men* thereof were in thee thy ‖ † [7] calkers, all the ſhips of the ſea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandiſe.

‖ Or, *ſtoppers of chinks.* † Heb. *ſtrengthners.*

10 They of Perſia, and of Lud, and of Phut were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the ſhield and helmet in thee, they ſet forth thy [8] comelineſs.

[7] To ſtop leaks and repair what was amiſs.

[8] Pomp and Splendor.

11 The men of Arvad with thine army *were* [9] upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadims were in thy towers; they hanged their ſhields [9] upon thy walls round about: they have made thy [8] beauty perfect.

[9] In the Towers upon the Walls.

12 Tarſhiſh *was* thy merchant by reaſon of the multitude of all *kind of* riches; with ſilver, iron, tin, and lead they traded in thy fairs.

13 Javan, Tubal, and Meſhech, they *were* thy merchants: they traded the perſons of men, and veſſels of braſs in thy ‖ market.

‖ Or, *merchandiſe.*

14 They of the houſe of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horſes, and [10] horſemen, and mules.

[10] Men expert in keeping, riding and managing of horſes.

15 The men of Dedan *were* thy merchants, many iſles *were* the merchandiſe of thine hand: they brought thee *for* a preſent, [11] horns of ivory and ebony.

[11] Or, *Horns*, (*viz.* of the Elke) as alſo *Ivory and Ebony.*

16 Syria *was* thy merchant by reaſon of the multitude of † the wares of thy making: they occupied in thy fairs with emralds, purple, and broidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and † agate.

† Heb. *thy works.*

† Heb. *chryſopraſe.*

17 Judah and the land of Iſrael they *were* thy merchants: they traded in thy market * [12] wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and hony, and oyl, and ‖ balm.

* 1 King. 5. 9, 11. Ezra 3. 7. [12] *Acts* 12. 20. ‖ Or, *roſin.*

18 Damaſcus *was* thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all [13] riches: in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.

[13] Rich Commodities. ‖ Or, *Mineral.*

19 Dan alſo and Javan ‖ going to and fro, occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, caſſia and calamus were in the market.

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20 Dedan *was* thy merchant in † precious clothes for chariots.

† Heb. *clothes of freedom.*

21 Arabia, and all the princes of * Kedar, they † occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these *were they* thy merchants.

* Isa. 60. 7.

† Heb. were *the merchants of* thy hand.

22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they *were* thy merchants: they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones and gold.

23 Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, *and* Chilmad *were* thy merchants.

‖ Or, *excellent things.*

24 These *were* thy merchants in ‖ all sorts *of things*, in blue † clothes, and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar among thy merchandise.

† Heb. *foldings.*

25 [14] The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market, and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

[14] The Mariners and Passengers that came to thee highly commended thee.

26 ¶ [15] Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: [16] the * east-wind hath broken thee in the † midst of the seas.

* Psal. 48. 7.

† Heb. *heart.*

[15] Thy Rulers and Governors have brought thee into great danger of Shipwrack. ¶ [16] *Nebuchadnezzar* with his Army of many Nations from the East shall devour and destroy thee, *ch.* 29. 18.

27 Thy riches and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war that *are* in thee, ‖ and in all thy company which *is* in the midst of thee, shall fall into the † midst of the seas, in the day of thy ruine.

‖ Or, *even with all.*

† Heb. *heart.*

‖ Or, *waves.*

28 The ‖ suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall [17] stand upon the land;

[17] Shift for themselves elsewhere, now their Sea-trade is gone.

30 And shall cause their voice to be heard [18] against thee, and shall [19] cry bitterly, and shall * [20] cast up dust upon their heads, they shall * [21] wallow themselves in the ashes.

* Job 2. 12.

* Eph. 4. 1, 3.

[18] Or, *For thee.* ¶ [19] *Rev.* 18. 11, 15, 16. ¶ [20] *Rev.* 18. 19. *Jer.* 6. 26. ¶ [21] *Mich.* 1. 10.

31 And they shall make themselves utterly [22] bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart, *and* bitter wailing.

[22] *Jer.* 16. 6. *Lev.* 18. 28. *Deut.* 14. 1.

32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, [23] What *city is* like Tyre, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?

[23] *Rev.* 18. 18.

33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people, thou didst enrich the kings of the earth, with the multitude of thy riches, and of thy merchandise.

34 In the time *when* thou shalt be [24] broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.

[24] *Ver.* 26. *Ch.* 26. 19. Destroyed by the confluence of People in *Nebuchadnezzar's* Army.

35 All the inhabitants of the Isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenance.

[25] *Jer.* 18. 16. † Heb. *hiss.* [26] See on *Ch.* 26. 21. † Heb. *shall not be for ever.*

36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee, thou shalt be † a [26] terrour, and † [26] never *shalt be* any more.

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CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *God's judgments upon the prince of Tyrus.*
20 *The judgment of Zidon.*

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THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord GOD, Because thine heart *is* [1] lifted up, and thou hast said, I *am* [2] a god, I sit *in the* [3] seat of God, in the † [4] midst of the seas; * yet thou *art* a [5] man and not God, though thou [6] set thine heart as the heart of God.

† Heb. *heart.*

* Isa. 31. 3.

[1] *Prov.* 18. 12. ¶ [2] *Isa.* 14. 14. *Acts* 12. 22. None like me for Wisdom, Power, Wealth, &c. *v.* 3–6. ¶ [3] A place inaccessible, and full of glory and delights, like Heaven it self. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 27. 4. ¶ [5] *Isa.* 31. 3. ¶ [6] Art puft up with a conceit of Divine properties.

3 Behold, thou *art* [7] wiser then Daniel; there is [8] no secret that they can hide from thee.

[7] *Zech.* 9. 2. *q. d.* No doubt but thou thinkest thy self wiser than *Daniel.* ¶ [8] Thou art able in thy own conceit to find out the most hidden and mysterious things.

4 With thy [9] wisdom, and with thine [9] understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

[9] Policy and skill in merchandise.

5 † * By thy great wisdom, *and* by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is [10] lifted up because of thy riches:

† Heb. *By the greatness of thy wisdom.*

* Psal. 62. 10.

6 Therefore thus saith thy Lord GOD, Because thou hast [6] set thine heart as the heart of God;

7 Behold therefore, I will bring [11] strangers upon thee, the [12] terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the [13] beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall [14] defile thy brightness.

[10] *Nebuchadnezzar* and his Army, *ch.* 26. 7. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 30. 11. and 31. 12. and 32. 12. A fierce, violent and cruel Nation, *Hab.* 1. 6, 7. ¶ [12] Those things wherein thy Wisdom did appear most eminently. ¶ [13] Eclipse and impair thy Glory and Renown.

8 They shall bring thee down to the [15] pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of *them that are* slain in the midst of the seas.

[15] *Job* 17. 16. and 33. 18. *Psal.* 28. 1. *Prov.* 1. 12. *Vic.* Of destruction, *Psal.* 55. 23.

9 Wilt thou yet [16] say before him that slayeth thee, I *am* God? but thou *shalt* [17] be a man and no God in the hand of him that ‖ slayeth thee.

‖ Or, *woundeth.*

[16] Boast of thy Godship. ¶ [17] *Ver.* 2. Appear to be a weak, conquerable Creature.

10 Thou shalt die the deaths [18] of the uncircumcised, by the hand of [19] strangers: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

[18] *Ch.* 31. 18. and 32. 21. Like the heathen and those that are God's Enemies.

11 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a [20] lamentation upon the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD, Thou [21] sealest up the sum [22] full of wisdom and [23] perfect in beauty.

[19] *Ch.* 30. 11. ¶ [20] See on *Ch.* 27. 2. ¶ [21] Makest account that there is nothing wanting in thee to compleat State or Kingdom. ¶ [22] See on *Ch.* 27. 3. He derides their confidence in their Wisdom and other Excellencies.

13 Thou hast been in [24] Eden the garden of God; every [25] precious stone *was* [26] thy covering, the ‖ sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the ‖ beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the ‖ emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the [27] workmanship of * thy tabrets and of thy

‖ Or, *ruby.*

‖ Or, *chrysolitt.*

‖ Or, *chrysoprasi.*

* Ch. 26. 13.

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[21] *Ch.* 31. 8, 9. and 36. 35. Enjoyed all ſorts of pleaſures and delights. ¶ [22] *Gen.* 2. 8, 12. ¶ [23] Adorn'd thy Garments. ¶ [24] Exquiſite Art was uſed about thy muſical inſtruments at thy Coronation; or, from the firſt founding of thy State, *Ch.* 26. 13. *Iſa.* 23. 16.

14 Thou *art* the [25] anointed cherub that covereth: and [26] I have ſet thee *ſo*; thou waſt upon the [27] holy mountain of God; thou haſt walked up and down in the [28] midſt of the ſtones of fire.

[25] An excellent Prince, like an Angel, endued with power to protect thy people. ¶ [26] All this thou haſt from me. ¶ [27] Thoughteſt thy ſelf to be even in Heaven. ¶ [28] Surrounded with precious ſtones ſhining and glittering like fire.

15 Thou *waſt* [29] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou waſt created, till [30] iniquity was found in thee.

[29] Endued with all ſorts of Excellencies and Prerogatives. ¶ [30] Violence (*v.*16.) Pride (*v.* 17.) Deceit (*v.*18.) rejoycing at the miſeries of my People, *Ch.* 26. 2.

16 By the [31] multitude of thy merchandiſe they have filled the midſt of thee with violence, and thou haſt ſinned: therefore I will [32] caſt thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will deſtroy thee, [25] O covering cherub, from the [28] midſt of the ſtones of fire.

[31] *Iſa.* 23. 8. ¶ [32] Overturn thy glorious State and Kingly Dignity, as unfit for ſuch a place.

3416. 17 Thine heart was lifted up becauſe of thy beauty, thou haſt [33] corrupted thy wiſdom by reaſon of thy brightneſs: I will caſt thee to the ground, I will lay thee [34] before kings, that they may behold thee.

[33] The gazing too much upon thy proſperity and glory has dazled thy eyes and beſotted thee. ¶ [34] As an object of their ſcorn and contempt, and an Example of my wrath, 2 *Pet.* 2. 6.

18 Thou haſt defiled thy [35] ſanctuaries, by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth [36] a fire from the midſt of thee, it ſhall devour thee, and I will bring thee to aſhes upon the earth, in the ſight of all them that behold thee.

[35] Throne, Palace, Judgment-Seats. ¶ [36] *Ch.* 30. 8. Some civil Diſcontent or Diſſention, occaſioned by thy Injuſtice, ſhall be the means of thy ruine.

19 All they that know thee among the people, ſhall be aſtoniſhed at thee: thou ſhalt be
* Heb. *terrours.* † [37] a terrour, and [37] never *ſhalt* thou *be* any more.

[37] See on *Ch.* 26. 21.

20 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

* Jer. 25. 22. 21 Son of man, ſet thy face * againſt [38] Zidon, and propheſie againſt it.

[38] *Iſa.* 23. 4. *Jer.* 27. 3. A neighbour City, and confederate with *Tyre*.

22 And ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I *am* againſt thee, O Zidon, and I will be [39] glorified in the midſt of thee: and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I ſhall have executed judgments in her, and ſhall be [40] ſanctified in her.

[39] *Exod.* 14. 4, 14. *Iſa.* 5. 16. *Rev.* 19. 1. Cauſe my Juſtice, Holineſs and Power to be acknowledged in thoſe Judgments I ſhall bring upon thee. ¶ [40] See on *Lev.* 10. 3.

23 For I will ſend into her peſtilence, and
[41] Bloody Wars. [41] bloud into her ſtreets, and the wounded ſhall be judged in the midſt of her by the ſword upon her on every ſide; and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

24 ¶ And there ſhall be no more a [42] pricking brier unto the houſe of Iſrael, nor *any* [43] grieving thorn of all *that are* round about them that [43] deſpiſed them, and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD God. Chap. 29.

[42] *Numb.* 33. 55. *Joſh.* 23. 13. After their Return from *Babylon*, but eſpecially after their deliverance in the later days, none of their Enemies ſhall be able to vex and moleſt them, as formerly. ¶ [43] Scoft at their Religion, Laws and God.

25 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, When I ſhall have [45] gathered the houſe of Iſrael from the people among whom they are ſcattered, and ſhall be [46] ſanctified in them in the ſight of the heathen, then ſhall they dwell in their land that I have given to my ſervant Jacob.

[45] *Iſa.* 11. 12. *Hoſ.* 3. 5. *Rom.* 11. 26. ¶ [46] Owned for a holy and juſt God by their holy Converſation.

26 And they ſhall dwell ‖ [47] ſafely therein, ‖ Or, *with confidence.*
and ſhall build houſes, and [48] plant vineyards: yea, they ſhall dwell with confidence when I have executed judgments upon all thoſe that ‖ [43] deſpiſe them round about them, and they ‖ Or, *ſpoil.* ſhall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

[47] *Viz.* In compariſon of what they have done formerly. ¶ [48] *Jer.* 31. 5.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *The judgment of Pharaoh.* 8 *The deſolation of Egypt.* 21 *Iſrael ſhall be reſtored.*

3415. IN the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of the Compl. LORD came unto me, ſaying, 3430.

2 Son of man, [1] ſet thy face * againſt Pha- 3433.
[1] *Ch.* 25. 2. * Jer. 44. 30. raoh king of [2] Egypt, and propheſie againſt him, and * againſt all Egypt.

[2] *Iſa.* 19. 1. *Jer.* 46. 2, &c.

3 Speak and ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I *am* [3] againſt thee, Pharaoh king of * Jer. 25. 19. & 46. 2. Egypt, the great [4] dragon that lieth in the midſt of his rivers, which hath ſaid, [5] My river *is* mine own, and I have made *it* for my ſelf.

[3] *Ch.* 28. 22. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 32. 2. *Pſal.* 74. 13, 14. *Iſa.* 27. 1. and 51. 9. The Crocodile that reſideſt among the many Branches of *Nile*. ¶ [5] *Ver.* 9. The Strength and Wealth of the Nation is all at my diſpoſe, and for my benefit, and I have brought it to this pitch of Splendor that it's arriv'd at.

4 But I will [6] put hooks in thy chaws, and I will cauſe the [7] fiſh of thy rivers to ſtick unto thy ſcales, and I will [8] bring thee up out of the midſt of thy rivers, and all the [7] fiſh of thy rivers ſhall ſtick unto thy ſcales.

[6] *Ch.* 38. 4. *Iſa.* 37. 29. *Amos* 4. 2. Overrule thee by my power, and ſo diſpoſe of Affairs that thou ſhalt follow the conduct of my Providence. ¶ [7] Thy Subjects to follow thee in the enterpriſe and expedition thou haſt in hand. ¶ [8] Cauſe thee to march out of thy own Country, into *Cyrene*, *Jer.* 46. 2, 13.

5 And I will leave thee [9] *thrown* into the wilderneſs, thee and all the fiſh of thy rivers: thou ſhalt fall upon the † open fields, thou † Heb. *face of the field.* ſhalt not be [10] brought together, nor [10] gathered: I have given thee for meat to the [11] beaſts of the field, and to the fowls of the heaven.

[9] Defeated in the Deſerts of *Lybia* and *Cyrene*, and all thy Army with thee. ¶ [10] *Viz.* To be buried. ¶ [11] *Rev.* 19. 17, 18.

6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, becauſe they have been a * [12] ſtaff of reed to the houſe of Iſrael. * Iſa. 36. 6.

[12] *Ver.* 7. 2 *Kings* 18. 21. *Iſa.* 31. 3. *Lam.* 4. 17. Failing them, yea hurting them, when they relied upon thee, *v.* 7. *Iſa.* 30. 3, 5.

7 When they [13] took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didſt break and rent all their ſhoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakeſt, and [14] madeſt all their loyns to be at a ſtand.

[13] Sought to, and depended upon thee for help, *Jer.* 37. 5.

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and 42. 17. ¶ [14] Leſſt 'em to themſelves, ſo that they were feign to put forth their utmoſt endeavours for their own ſecurity.

8 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will bring a ſword upon thee, and cut off man and beaſt out of thee.

9 And the land of Egypt ſhall be deſolate and waſte, *and* they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD; becauſe he hath ſaid, [5] The river *is* mine, and I have made *it*.

10 Behold therefore, I *am* againſt thee, and againſt thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt † utterly waſte *and* deſolate * from the tower of † Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia.

† Heb. *waſtes of waſte.*
* Ch. 30. 6.
† Heb. *Seventh.*

11 [15] No foot of man ſhall paſs through it, nor foot of beaſt ſhall paſs through it, neither ſhall it be inhabited forty years.

[15] *Ch.* 32. 13.

* Ch. 30. 7.

12 * And I will make the land of Egypt deſolate in the midſt of the countreys *that are* deſolate; and her cities among the cities *that are* laid waſte, ſhall be deſolate [16] forty years: and I will ſcatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will diſperſe them through the countreys.

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[16] *Jer.* 46. 26. *Iſa.* 23. 15. *Dan.* 2. 21. Which expired at the end of the ſeventy years of the *Babyloniſh* Captivity.

* Iſa. 19. 23.

13 ¶ Yet thus ſaith the Lord GOD, * At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were ſcattered.

14 And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cauſe them to return *into* the land of Pathros, into the land of their ‖ habitation, and they ſhall be there a † [17] baſe kingdom.

‖ Or, *birth.*
† Heb. *low.*

[17] *Ch.* 17. 14. Tributary to, and dependent on ſome or other more potent; as the *Perſians*, *Greeks*, *Romans*, &c.

15 It ſhall be the baſeſt of the kingdoms, neither ſhall it exalt it ſelf any more above the nations: for I will diminiſh them, that they ſhall no more rule over the nations.

16 And it ſhall be no more, the [18] confidence of the houſe of Iſrael, [19] which bringeth *their* iniquity to remembrance, [20] when they ſhall look after them: but they ſhall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

[18] *Ch.* 17. 15. *Iſa.* 30. 1. ¶ [19] Which gives me occaſion to puniſh 'em for their former Sins. ¶ [20] When the *Iſraelites* ſeek to, and depend upon the *Egyptians* for help.

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17 ¶ And it came to paſs in the ſeven and twentieth year, in the firſt *month*, in the firſt *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon cauſed his army to ſerve a [21] great ſervice againſt Tyre: every head *was* [22] made bald, and every ſhoulder *was* [23] peeled: yet had he [24] no wages, nor his army for Tyre, for the ſervice that he had ſerved againſt it.

[21] The Siege of *Tyre* laſted thirteen years. ¶ [22] *Viz.* With long and hard labour and toil, ſo that they are even worn out with it. ¶ [23] No Plunder; the Wealth of the City being either carried away before the Siege, or ſpent and conſumed in it; or reſerved upon compoſition.

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19 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he ſhall take her multitude, and take her ſpoil, and † take her prey, and it ſhall be the wages for his army.

† Heb. *ſpoil her ſpoil, and prey her prey.*

20 [24] I have given him the land of Egypt ‖ *for* his labour wherewith he ſerved againſt it, becauſe they wrought [25] for me ſaith the Lord GOD.

‖ Or, *for his hire.*
[25] *Iſa.* 10. 7.

21 ¶ [26] In that day * will I cauſe [27] the horn of the houſe of Iſrael to bud forth, and I will give thee the [28] opening of the mouth in the midſt of them, and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

* Pſal. 132. 17.

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[26] About that time. ¶ [27] The Power and Honour of my Church and People in *Babylon*, to begin to appear again, (which came to paſs when *Jeconiah* was advanc'd, *Jer.* 52. 31, &c.) ¶ [28] *Ch.* 24. 27. and 33. 22. Occaſion of rejoycing and praiſing God for this Mercy and Reviving.

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1 *The deſolation of Egypt, and her helpers.* 20 *The arm of Babylon ſhall be ſtrengthened to break the arm of Egypt.*

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, propheſie and ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, [1] Howl ye, [2] wo worth the day.

[1] *Iſa.* 65. 14. ¶ [2] Alas! what ſad times are approaching?

3 For the [3] day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day, it ſhall be the [4] time of the heathen.

[3] *Zeph.* 1. 7. Wherein he'l manifeſt his ſore diſpleaſure againſt *Egypt* and its Allies. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 22. 3. *Jer.* 25. 15. Wherein they ſhall be puniſh'd, *v.* 4.

4 And the ſword ſhall come upon Egypt, and [5] great ‖ pain ſhall be in Ethiopia, when the ſlain ſhall fall in Egypt, and [6] they ſhall take away her multitude, and her [7] foundations ſhall be broken down.

‖ Or, *fear.*

[5] *Pſal.* 48. 6. Great trouble and diſtreſs. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 29. 19. The *Chaldeans* ſhall carry multitudes of 'em captive to *Babylon*. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 11. 3. Government, Laws, and whatſoever may help to ſupport a State.

5 Ethiopia, and † Lybia, and Lydia, and all [8] the mingled people and Chub, and the † [9] men of the land that is in league, ſhall fall with them by the ſword.

† Heb. *Phut.*
† Heb. *children.*

[8] See on *Jer.* 25. 20. The *Egyptian* Auxillaries out of divers Nations. ¶ [9] Any other People that are in League with 'em, *v.* 6.

6 Thus ſaith the LORD, They alſo that uphold Egypt ſhall fall, and the pride of her power ſhall come down: [10] from the tower of Syene ſhall they fall in it by the ſword, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[10] *Ch.* 29. 10. Compl. 3433.

7 And they ſhall be [11] deſolate in the midſt of the countreys *that are* deſolate, and her cities ſhall be [12] in the midſt of the cities *that are* waſted.

[11] *Ch.* 29. 12.
[12] Among the Cities.

8 And they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have ſet a [13] fire in Egypt, and *when* all her [14] helpers ſhall be † deſtroyed.

[13] See on *Ch.* 28. 18.
[14] *V.* 6. *Rev.* 19. 19, 20.
† Heb. *broken.*

9 [15] In that day * [16] ſhall meſſengers go forth from me in ſhips, to make the [17] careleſs Ethiopians afraid, and [5] great pain ſhall come upon them, as [18] in the day of Egypt: for lo, it cometh.

* Iſa. 18. 1, 2.

[15] *Ver.* 3, 4. ¶ [16] *q. d.* I'll ſo order it by my Providence, that the news of the deſolation of *Egypt* ſhall be carried to the *Ethiopians*. ¶ [17] *Zeph.* 2. 12, 15. ¶ [18] When *Egypt* was deſtroyed.

10 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, I will alſo make the multitude of Egypt to [19] ceaſe by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

[19] To decreaſe, and be reduced to a very ſmall ſcantling.

11 He and his people with him, the [20] terrible of the nations ſhall be brought to deſtroy the land, and they ſhall draw their ſwords againſt Egypt, and fill the land with the ſlain.

[20] See on *Ch.* 28. 7.

12 And I will make the rivers † [21] dry, and [22] ſell the land into the hand of the [23] wicked, and I will make the land waſte, and † all that is

† Heb. *drought.*
† Heb. *the fulneſs thereof.*

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is therein, by the hand of [23] ſtrangers. I the LORD have ſpoken *it*.

[23] *Iſa.* 19. 5. *Jer.* 50. 38. *Viz.* In a great meaſure; by draining the River *Nile*. ¶ [22] *Ch.* 29. 20. ¶ [29] The *Chaldeans*.

13 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, I will alſo deſtroy the [24] idols, and I will cauſe *their* images to ceaſe out of Noph: and there ſhall be no more a prince of the [25] land of Egypt, and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

[24] *Jer.* 43. 12. and 46. 25. *Zech.* 13. 2. ¶ [25] A Native born there: at leaſt not veſted with ſuch pomp and power as formerly.

14 And I will make Pathros deſolate, and
‖ Or, *Tanis*. will ſet fire in ‖ Zoan, and will execute judgments in No.

‖ Or, *Peluſium*. 15 And I will pour my fury upon ‖ Sin, the ſtrength of Egypt, and I will cut off the multitude of No.

16 And I will ſet fire in Egpyt, Sin ſhall have great pain, and No ſhall be rent aſunder, and Noph *ſhall have* diſtreſſes daily.

‖ Or, *Heliopolis*. 17 The young men of ‖ Aven and of ‖ Phi-
‖ Or, *Bubaſtus*. beſeth, ſhall fall by the ſword: and theſe *cities* ſhall go into captivity.

18 At Tehaphnehes alſo the [26] day ſhall be
‖ Or, *reſtrained*. ‖ darkned, when I ſhall break there [27] the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her ſtrength ſhall ceaſe in her: as for her, a cloud ſhall cover her, and her daughters ſhall go into captivity.

[26] Their Proſperity much abated, and attended with Troubles. ¶ [27] Thoſe burdens and oppreſſions which the *Egyptians* laid upon other Nations.

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20 ¶ And it came to paſs in the eleventh year, in the firſt *month*, in the ſeventh *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

21 Son of man, I have [28] broken the arm of
* Jer. 46. 11. Pharaoh king of Egypt; and lo, * it ſhall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it ſtrong to [29] hold the ſword.

[28] *Pſal.* 37. 17. So weakned the power of the *Egyptians*, that they ſhall never fully recover it again. ¶ [29] To be able to encounter an Enemy.

22 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I *am* againſt Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, [30] the ſtrong, and *that which was* broken; and I will cauſe the ſword to fall out of his hand.

[30] That part of his Kingdom which remained intire.

[31] *V.* 26. *Ch.* 29. 12. 23 And I will [31] ſcatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will diſperſe them through the countreys.

[32] *Iſa.* 45. 1. [33] *Jer.* 47. 6. 24 And I will [32] ſtrengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put [33] my ſword in his hand: but I will break Pharaohs arms, and he ſhall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded *man*.

25 But I will ſtrengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh ſhall fall down; and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I ſhall put my ſword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he ſhall ſtretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

[34] 26 And I will [34] ſcatter the Egyptians among the nations, and diſperſe them among the countreys, and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

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† *A relation unto Pharaoh,* 3 *of the glory of Aſſyria,* 10 *and the fall thereof for pride.* 18 *The like deſtruction of Egypt.*

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AND it came to paſs in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, in the firſt *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, ſpeak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude, [1] Whom art thou like in thy greatneſs?

[1] *Ver.* 18. *Rev.* 18. 7. *Nah.* 3. 8. *q. d.* Doſt thou think there's none ſo great as thy ſelf, and that therefore thou needſt not fear the deſtruction foretold, *ch.* 30. Yes; conſider the greatneſs of the Aſſyrians, and what yet befel them, *v.* 3, &c.

† Heb. *fair of branches.* 3 ¶ Behold the Aſſyrian *was* a [2] cedar in Lebanon † [3] with fair branches, and with a [3] ſhadowing ſhroud, and of an high ſtature, and his [4] top was among the thick boughs.

[2] *Ch.* 17. 3, 22, 23. A high and mighty King and Kingdom, with large Provinces, *v.* 5. ¶ [3] *Judg.* 9. 15. *Dan.* 4. 12. A ſhelter and covert for thoſe that ſought to him for protection, *v.* 6. ¶ [4] His King was exalted to the higheſt pitch of Dignity.

Compl. 3433. 4 [5] The waters ‖ made him great, [5] the deep
‖ Or, *nouriſhed*. ‖ ſet him up on high with her rivers running
‖ Or, *brought him up*. round about his [6] plants, and [7] ſent out her
‖ Or, *conduit*. ‖ little rivers unto all the trees of the field.

[5] Fruitfulneſs of Soil, (*ch.* 17. 5, 8. and 19. 10.) and Plenty of all ſorts of enriching Commodities, and Adminiſtration of Juſtice, *Amos* 5. 24. ¶ [6] Provinces. ¶ [7] Communicated his Commodities to other Nations, who proſpered thereby, and adminiſtred Juſtice to all that came to him.

5 Therefore his height was exalted [8] above all the trees of the field, and his [9] boughs were multiplied, and his [9] branches became long becauſe of the multitude [5] of waters, ‖ when he
‖ Or, *when it ſent them forth*. [7] ſhot forth.

[8] Above all other Monarchs of the World. ¶ [9] *Eſth.* 1. 1. His provinces were many, and of great Extent.

Compl. 3433. 6 [10] All the fowls of heaven made their neſts in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beaſts of the field bring forth their young, and under his ſhadow dwelt all great nations.

[10] See *n.* 3. *Dan.* 6. 12. All Nations either were under his Dominion, or ſought his Friendſhip for their Protection.

7 Thus was he fair in his greatneſs, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

8 [11] The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: [12] the fir-trees were not like his boughs, and the [13] cheſnut-trees were not like his branches; not any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

[11] The higheſt Kings on Earth, in the moſt flouriſhing Kingdoms, could not eclipſe or equal his Greatneſs. ¶ [12] Other Kingdoms were not comparable to his Provinces.

9 [13] I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: ſo that all the [14] trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, [14] envied him.

[11] *Pſal.* 127. 1. ¶ [14] *Gen.* 26. 14. *Matth.* 20. 15. *Pſal.* 37. 1.

10 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Becauſe thou haſt [15] lifted up thy ſelf in height, and he hath ſhot up his [16] top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

[15] *Ver.* 14. *Deut.* 32. 15. *Iſa.* 10. 8--19. and 14. 13. *Dan.* 5. 20. Grown proud, inſolent and oppreſſive.

† Heb. *in doing he ſhall do unto him.* 11 [16] I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the [17] mighty one of the heathen: † he ſhall ſurely [18] deal with him, I have driven him out for his wickedneſs.

[16] *Dan.* 2. 21. I have decreed to deliver. ¶ [17] *Nebuchad-*

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nezzar King of *Babylon*, *Ch.* 32. 11, 12. ¶ [18] Not be able only to contend with, but to overcome him, and handle him according to his deserts.

[19] See on *Ch.* 28. 7.

12 And [19] strangers, the [19] terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

13 [20] Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:

[20] *Rev.* 19. 17, 18. *Isa.* 34. 6. Upon the fall of the *Assyrian* Monarchy, the conquering Nations shall make a prey of it, and glut themselves with the spoils thereof.

14 To the end that [21] none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees ‖ stand up in their height, all that † drink water: for * they are all delivered unto [22] death to the nether parts of the earth in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

‖ Or, *stand upon themselves for their height.*
* Psal. 82. 7.

[21] 2 *Pet.* 2. 6. 1 *Cor.* 10. 11. *Deut.* 13. 9, 11. *Neh.* 13. 18. *Dan.* 5. 22, 23. No Princes nor Potentates should be puft up with a high conceit of themselves, because of their present Prosperity, (and therefore let not the King of *Egypt* (yet) trust to his greatness, as if that would secure him.) † Partake of Plenty. ¶ [22] *Psal.* 82. 7.

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD, In the day when [23] he went down to the grave, I caused [24] a mourning, I [25] covered the deep for him, and I restrained the [26] floods thereof, and the [26] great waters were stayed; and I caused [27] Lebanon to † mourn for him, and all the [28] trees of the field fainted for him.

† Heb. *be black.*

[23] The *Assyrian* Monarchy was brought to ruin. ¶ [24] *Viz.* Among his Friends and Dependants, and struck a general terror into all the Neighbour Nations. ¶ [25] (As 2 *Sam.* 15. 30.) made the trading part of the World mourn for him. ¶ [26] All Traffick and Commerce was at a stand, (as always happens in such great confusions and changes.) ¶ [27] His own Kingdom, the place where he grew, *v.* 3. ¶ [28] Neighbour Kings and Kingdoms.

16 I made the nations to [29] shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the [30] trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that [31] drink water shall be [32] comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

[29] Thro fear and terror. ¶ [30] The greatest Kings on earth, *vers.* 9. ¶ [31] Partake of wealth, and other wordly enjoyments. ¶ [32] *Ch.* 32. 31. *Isa.* 14. 8-10. Rejoyce to see thee brought to ruin.

17 They also [33] went down into hell with him unto *them that be* slain with the sword, and *they that were* [34] his arm, [35] *that* dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.

[33] Were brought to destruction. ¶ [34] His valiant Soldiers who did their best to defend him. ¶ [35] They also that put themselves under his protection.

18 ¶ [36] To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt * lie in the midst of the [37] uncircumcised, with *them that be* slain by the sword. [38] This *is* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

* Chap. 32. 19, 21, 24, &c.

[36] *Vers.* 2. *a. d.* Since this great *Assyrian* Monarchy has been thus brought to destruction, thou canst not expect to be secure, and continue always in prosperity. ¶ [37] *Ch.* 28. 10. ¶ [38] Such shall be the fate and portion of *Pharaoh*, as of this *Assyrian.*

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CHAP. XXXII.

A lamentation for the fearful fall of Egypt.

AND it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 3417. Compl. 3433.

2 Son of man, take up [1] a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a [2] young lion of the nations, and * thou *art* as a ‖ [3] whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy [3] rivers, and [4] troubledst the waters with thy feet, and [5] foulest their rivers.

* Chap. 29. 3.
‖ Or, *dragon.*

[1] *Ver.* 16, 18. See on *Ch.* 19. 1. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 19. 3, 6. *Prov.* 28. 15. Full of cruelty and violence to all the Nations round about thee. ¶ [3] Great Armies. ¶ [4] Didst disturb the peace of thy Neighbours by thy inroads and incursions. ¶ [5] Spoiledst their Countreys.

3 Thus saith the Lord GOD, I will therefore [6] spread out my net over thee, with a company of many people, and they shall [7] bring thee up in my net.

[6] See on *Ch.* 12. 13. ¶ [7] *Viz.* Out of thy Country and Strong Holds.

4 Then will I leave thee [8] upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will [9] cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the [8] beasts of the whole earth with thee.

[8] See on *Ch.* 29. 5. ¶ [9] See on *Ch.* 31. 13. and 39. 17-20.

5 And I will lay thy [10] flesh upon the mountains, and [11] fill the valleys with [12] thy height.

[10] The flesh of thy Soldiers and Inhabitants. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 35. 8. ¶ [12] Thy huge Armies, whereof thou didst boast, and wherein thou didst trust.

6 I will also water with thy blood, the land ‖ wherein thou [13] swimmest, *even* to the [14] mountains; and the [14] rivers shall be full of thee.

‖ Or, *of thy swimming.*

[13] *Egypt*, over which thou rulest. ¶ [14] All places both high and low, by land and water.

7 And when I shall ‖ [15] put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark: I will [16] cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

‖ Or, *extinguish.*

[15] Like a Candle, (*Job* 18. 5, 6.) in Destroy thee. ¶ [16] *Isa.* 13. 10. *Joel* 2. 31. and 3. 15. *Matth.* 24. 29. All ranks and degrees, King, Queen, Nobles, Magistrates, common People, shall be all confounded and brought to ruin.

8 All the † [17] bright lights of heaven will I make † dark over thee, and set darkness upon the land, saith the Lord GOD.

† Heb. *light of the light in heaven.*
† Heb. *them dark.*

[17] The most understanding Persons in the Nation for the management of its Government.

9 I will also † vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring [18] thy destruction among the nations, into the countreys which thou hast not known.

† Heb. *provoke to anger*, or *grief.*
[18] Such a destruction as has befallen thee.

10 Yea, I will make many people [19] amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall [20] brandish my sword before them, and they shall [21] tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

[19] *Ch.* 27. 35. *Exod.* 15. 14-16. Left the like befal themselves. ¶ [20] Destroy thee with my sword in their sight. ¶ [21] *Ch.* 26. 16.

11 ¶ For thus saith the Lord GOD, The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the [22] mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, * [22] the terrible of the nations all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.

[22] *Ch.* 31. 11, 12. See there.
* Chap. 28. 7.

13 I will destroy also all the [23] beasts thereof from

Chap. 32. from besides the great waters, neither shall the [24] foot of man trouble them any more, nor the [24] hoofs of beasts trouble them.

[23] Their Horses wherein they trusted so much, (*Isa.* 31. 3.) and other Cattel feeding in their Rich Pastures, by the River sides. ¶ [24] *Ch.* 29. 11. There shall be few Men or Beasts left to pass over 'em.

14 Then will I make their waters [25] deep, and cause their rivers to [25] run like oyl, saith the Lord GOD.

[25] *q. d.* Whereas formerly they disturb'd the peace of their Neighbours, while they were in their ruff and heighth, (*ver.* 2.) now they shall be free from such molestations, and all things shall go on calmly, like deep waters, and run smooth like oyl.

† Heb. *desolate from the fulness thereof.*

15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the countrey shall be † destitute of that whereof it was [26] full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I *am* the LORD.

[26] *Ch.* 19. 7. *Viz.* Of People, Corn, Cattel, *&c.*

34 17. 16 [27] This *is* the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, *even* for Egypt and for all her multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

[27] This description of her glory and downfal in the foregoing part of the Chapter.

17 ¶ It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, [28] wail for the multitude of Egypt, and [29] cast them down, *even* her, and the [30] daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

[28] Prepare a funeral Oration. ¶ [29] Declare their destruction, (as *Jer.* 1. 10.) ¶ [30] Cities, Countries, celebrate their Funerals also.

19 [31] Whom dost thou pass in beauty? [32] go down, and be thou laid [33] with the uncircumcised.

[31] *Ch.* 31. 2, 18. 3. *d.* Dost thou think thy self more excellent and better qualified than any other Nation, that thou shouldst be spar'd, when they are destroy'd? (An elegant personating of the dead, as if they rejoyc'd at the downfal of Tyrants. So *Isa.* 14. 9, *&c.*) ¶ [32] No, thou must be destroyed as well as they. ¶ [33] *Vers.* 21, 24, 29, 30. Among despised, loathsom Carcases of the Heathen.

20 [34] They shall fall in the midst of *them that are* slain by the sword: ‖ [35] she is delivered to the sword; [36] draw her and all her multitudes.

‖ Or, *the sword is laid.*

[34] The Fortieth ¶ [35] The Kingdom of *Egypt.* ¶ [36] *Viz.* To the place of Burial.

21 * [37] The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell, [38] with them that help him: [39] they are † gone down, they lie, [40] uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

* Isa. 14. 9.

* Vers. 19, 25, &c.

[37] The chiefest of all the Princes and Monarchs that are already in the state of the Dead, their greatest Warriors and Conquerors declare to the King of *Egypt* who are there, what their state is, and that he must fare as they do. ¶ [38] They tell both him and his Confederates. ¶ [39] Both they that speak, and those that they speak of, in the following Verses. ¶ [40] In a despicable, contemptible condition.

* Ver. 24, 26, 29, 30.

22 * [41] Ashur *is* there and all her company: [42] his graves *are* about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword.

[41] The Famous, Warlike, Victorious Kings of *Assyria.* ¶ [42] The Graves of his Soldiers, slain in the Wars.

23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which [43] caused ‖ terrour in the land of the living.

‖ Or, *dismaying.*

[43] Who while they were alive, frighted every body with their big words, and Tyrannical Carriage.

24 There *is* [44] Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down [45] uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which [43] caused their terrour in the land of the living, [45] yet have they born their shame with them that go down to the pit.

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[44] The *Persians* and their famous Kings. ¶ [45] At last were shamefully overthrown and slain.

25 They have set her [46] a bed in the [47] midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves *are* round about him: all of them [40] uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terrour was [43] caused in the land of the living, yet have they [45] born their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of *them that be* slain.

[46] A Coffin. [47] *Ver.* 23.

26 There *is* [48] Meshech, [48] Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves *are* round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terrour in the land of the living.

[48] The *Scythian* Kings and Leaders.

27 And they shall [49] not lie with the mighty, *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with † their [50] weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their [51] iniquities shall be upon their bones, though [52] *they were* the terrour of the mighty in the land of the living.

† Heb. *weapons of their war.*

[49] Not have such an honourable Burial as the Kings of *Assyria, Persia,* and other Heathen Princes slain in Battel. ¶ [50] *Viz.* Carried before the Hearse. ¶ [51] The punishment of their great cruelty shall follow 'em after death, and cause their bones to be cast out upon the earth unburied. ¶ [52] These *Scythians* while they were alive, did not only cause terrour to poor unarmed People, but even to great Warriors also.

28 Yea, [53] thou shalt be broken in the midst of the [40] uncircumcised, and shalt lie with *them that are* slain with the sword.

[53] The chief of these *Scythians* shall be slain among their wicked Followers.

29 There *is* Edom, her kings and all her princes, which [54] with their might are † laid by *them that were* slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

† Heb. *given,* or *put.*

[54] Notwithstanding their great Valour and famous Exploits, yet are conquered by Death at last.

30 There *be* the princes of the [55] north all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain, with their [56] terrour they are [57] ashamed of their might, and they lie [40] uncircumcised with *them that be* slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

[55] *Tyre, Syria,* &c. ¶ [56] Which is buried with 'em. ¶ [57] Because it could not save 'em from death.

31 Pharaoh shall [58] see them, and shall [59] be comforted [60] over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

[58] Be brought into the same condition with 'em. ¶ [59] See on *Ch.* 31. 16. Rejoyce to see so many other Famous Personages in the same condition with himself. ¶ [60] For the destruction of his People, and loss of all. It shall be some mitigation for his sorrow, that others as great have fared as bad.

32 [61] For I have caused my terrour in the land of the living: and [62] he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with *them that are* slain with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

[61] As if God should say, Time was when these great Monarchs caused terrour to all about 'em by their cruel and tyrannical proceedings, and I sate still all the while; but now I'll pay 'em in their own Coin, (*Matth.* 7. 2.) and terrify them as they have done others. ¶ [62] *Pharaoh.*

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CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *By the duty of a watchman,* 7 *Ezekiel is admoniſhed of his duty.* 10 *God ſheweth the juſtice of his ways.*

AGain the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, [1] ſpeak to the children of thy people, and ſay unto them, † When I bring the ſword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coaſts, and ſet him for their [2] watchman:

† Heb. *A land, when I bring a ſword upon her.*

[1] *q. d.* Tho formerly I did impoſe ſilence upon thee for a time in reference to the *Jews*, (*Ch.* 3. 26. and 24--27.) (and thereupon his Prophecies from that Chapter to this, are againſt Foreign Nations) yet now the ſign being come to paſs that I foretold then, (*Ch.* 24--26. with *Ch.* 33. 21.) according to my Promiſe then made, I now open thy mouth to Propheſy and Preach to 'em again. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 3. 17. See there.

3 If when he ſeeth the [3] ſword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and [4] warn the people;

[3] Any Judgment, as a puniſhment for their ſins. ¶ [4] *Pſal.* 19. 11.

† Heb. *he that hearing heareth.*

4 Then † whoſoever heareth the ſound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the ſword come, and take him away, [5] his bloud ſhall be upon his own head.

[5] The guilt of his death; he is the cauſe of his own deſtruction.

5 He heard the ſound of the trumpet, and took not warning, his bloud ſhall be upon him: but he that [6] taketh warning, ſhall deliver his ſoul.

[6] *Acts* 2. 37.

[7] *Ch.* 3. 18. See there.

6 [7] But if the watchman ſee the ſword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned: if the ſword come and take *any* perſon from among them, he is taken away [7] in his iniquity, but his bloud will I require at the watchmans hand.

[8] *Ch.* 3. 17--19.

7 ¶ So thou, O ſon of man, [8] I have ſet thee a watchman unto the houſe of Iſrael: therefore thou ſhalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8 When I ſay unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou ſhalt ſurely die; if thou doſt not ſpeak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* ſhall die in his iniquity, but his bloud will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheleſs, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it: if he do not turn from his way, he ſhall die in his iniquity, but thou haſt delivered thy ſoul.

10 ¶ Therefore, O thou ſon of man, ſpeak unto the houſe of Iſrael, Thus ye [9] ſpeak, ſaying, [10] If our tranſgreſſions and our ſins *be* upon us, and we [11] pine away in them, [12] how ſhould we then live?

[9] Cavil againſt me and thee, and thy Prophecies. ¶ [10] *q. d.* Since now it's ſo come to paſs, that the Judgments of God have overtaken us for our Sins, and we are irrecoverably ruin'd. ¶ [11] See on *Ch.* 24. 23. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 37. 11. How is it poſſible now that we ſhould be reſtor'd to our former condition? How canſt thou promiſe the continuance or reſtitution of any Mercy to us? for if thy Threatnings be true, it will be worſe with us and not better; and if they be not true, how can we truſt thy promiſes of recovery?

*2 Sam. 14. 14. 2 Pet. 3. 9.

11 Say unto them, * *As* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, I have [13] no pleaſure in the death of the wicked, [14] but that the wicked turn from his way and live: [15] turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for * why will ye [16] die, O houſe of Iſrael?

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[13] See on *Ch.* 18. 23. *q. d.* You are miſtaken, to think that I take any pleaſure in puniſhing of you. No, I had rather you ſhould turn from your ſins, and then you ſhall find the benefit of it, whatever you think to the contrary. ¶ [14] *i. e.* But I take pleaſure that—— ¶ [15] *Ch.* 14. 6. and 18. 30--32. *Prov.* 1. 23. *Iſa.* 31. 6. *Jer.* 3. 14. *Hoſ.* 12. 6. *Joel* 2. 2. *Zech.* 1. 3, 4. ¶ [16] *Ch.* 18. 31. Do that which may cauſe me to puniſh you with death both temporal and eternal.

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12 Therefore, thou ſon of man, ſay unto the children of thy people, [17] The righteouſneſs of the righteous ſhall not deliver him in the day of his tranſgreſſion: as for the [18] wickedneſs of the wicked, he ſhall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedneſs; [19] neither ſhall the righteous be able to live for *his righteouſneſs* in the day that he [19] ſinneth.

[17] *Ch.* 3. 20. and 18. 24. See there. ¶ [18] *Ch.* 18. 21, 22. See there. ¶ [19] *Viz.* Wilfully, cuſtomarily, as his Trade and Buſineſs.

13 [20] When I ſhall ſay to the righteous, *that* he ſhall ſurely live: if he truſt to his [21] own righteouſneſs, and [19] commit iniquity; all his righteouſneſs ſhall not be remembred, but for his iniquity that he hath committed he ſhall die for it.

[20] *Ch.* 18. 5--9. See there. ¶ [21] Formerly perform'd, but now abandon'd.

14 Again, [22] When I ſay unto the wicked, Thou ſhalt ſurely die: if he [23] turn from his ſin, and [23] do † that which is lawful and right;

† Heb. *judgment and juſtice.*

[22] *Ch.* 18.--21. Repentance muſt be joyned with Reformation.

15 *If* the wicked [24] reſtore the pledge, * give again that he had robbed, walk in * the ſtatutes of life without [19] committing iniquity; he ſhall ſurely live, he ſhall not die.

[24] *Ch.* 18. 7. See there. *Exod. 22. 1, 4. Lev. 6. 2, 4. Num. 5. 6, 7.

16 [25] None of his ſins that he hath committed ſhall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he ſhall ſurely live.

*Lev. 18. 5. ch. 20. 11, 13, 21.

[25] *Ch.* 18. 22, 27, 28.

17 ¶ Yet the children of thy people ſay, The way of the Lord is [26] not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

[26] *Ver.* 20. *Ch.* 18. 25. In that he puniſhes us, tho we don't deſerve it.

18 When the righteous turneth from his righteouſneſs, and committeth iniquity, he ſhall even die thereby.

19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedneſs, and do that which is lawful and right, he ſhall live thereby.

20 * Yet ye ſay, The way of the Lord is not equal: O ye houſe of Iſrael, I will [27] judge you every one after his ways.

* Ver. 17.

[27] *Ch.* 18, 30.

21 ¶ And it came to paſs in the twelfth year * of our captivity, in the tenth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, *that* one that had [28] eſcaped out of Jeruſalem came unto me, ſaying, * The city is ſmitten.

* Chap. 1. 2. [28] *Ch.* 24. 26. * 2 Kings 25.

22 Now the [29] hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was eſcaped came; and had opened my mouth until he came to me in the morning, and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

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[29] See on *Ch.* 1. 3. ¶ [30] *Ch.* 3. 27. I was commiſſionated and enabled to ſpeak what is ſaid in the foregoing part of the Chapter, *ver.* 2.

* Ver. 31. 33. 30.

23 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

24 Son of man, they that [31] inhabit thoſe waſtes of the land of Iſrael, ſpeak, ſaying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we *are* [32] many, [33] the land is given us for inheritance.

[31] Are left behind in the land, now deſolate and laid waſte by the *Babylonians*. ¶ [32] Not only the ſeed of *Abram*, (*Matth.* 3. 9. *Mic.* 3. 12. *Jer.* 7. 4. *John* 8, 33.) but there are many of us, and the land was given to us as well as to him, and we have it in poſſeſſion, which he had not; and therefore ſurely we ſhall continue the Poſſeſſion of it, and multiply therein, and recover our former flouriſhing condition.

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25 Wherefore ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, * Ye eat [33] with the bloud, and [34] lift up your eyes toward your idols, and ſhed bloud; and ſhall ye poſſeſs the land?

* Lev. 3.17. & 7.7, 26. & 17. 10. and 19.26. Deut. 12. 16.

[33] Contrary to *Gen.* 9. 4. See there. ¶ [34] *Ch.*18.6.

26 Ye [35] ſtand upon your ſword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbours wife; and ſhall ye poſſeſs the land?

[35] Uſe violence, and then think to defend your ſelves in it by force of Arms.

27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, *As* I live, ſurely they that are in the [36] waſtes ſhall [37] fall by the ſword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the [38] beaſts † to be devoured: and they that *be* in the forts, and * in the caves, ſhall die of the peſtilence.

† Heb. *to devour him.*

* Judg. 6. 2. 1 Sam. 13. 6.

[36] *Ver.* 24. Ruinous Towns. ¶ [37] *Jer.*41.2,3,7. ¶ [38] *Ch.* 39.4.

28 For I will lay the land † moſt deſolate, and the [39] pomp of her ſtrength ſhall ceaſe: and the mountains of Iſrael ſhall be deſolate, that none ſhall paſs through.

† Heb. *deſolation and deſolation.*

[39] *Ch.*7.24. and 30. 6.

29 Then ſhall they know that I *am* the LORD, when I have laid the land moſt deſolate, becauſe of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 ¶ Alſo thou ſon of man, the children of thy people ſtill are talking [40] againſt thee by the walls, and in the doors of the houſes, and ſpeak one to another, every one to his brother, ſaying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word, that cometh forth from the LORD.

[40] Or, *of thee,* (which agrees better with the following words) *i. e.* of what thou haſt formerly foretold, and is now come to paſs, and therefore are deſirous to hear what thou haſt further to ſay concerning their condition, (wherein yet they plaid the Hypocrites, *ver.* 31.)

† Heb. *according to the coming of the people.*

|| Or, *my people ſit before thee.*

* Chap. 8. 1.

† Heb. *make loves* or *jeſts.*

31 And they [41] come unto thee † as the people cometh, and || they * ſit before thee [42] *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but they will [43] not do them: for [44] with their mouth they † ſhew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their [45] covetouſneſs.

[41] *Ch.* 14. 1. ¶ [42] With a great deal of ſeeming reverence and devotion. ¶ [43] *Jer.*42.7. *Jam.*1.23. ¶ [44] *Iſa.* 29. 13. *Matth.* 15. 8. In their words they pretend much affection to thee and thy words, *ver.* 32. ¶ [45] *Matth.* 13. 22. and 19. 22. *Luke* 16. 14.

† Heb. *ſong of loves.*

32 And lo, thou *art* unto them as a † very [46] lovely ſong of one that hath a pleaſant voice, and can play well on an inſtrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them [43] not.

[46] They are delighted with thy eloquence and apt ſimilitudes, and taking delivery.

33 And when [47] this cometh to paſs, (lo it will come) then ſhall they [48] know that a prophet hath been among them.

[47] The total deſolation of the Country threatned, *ver.* 27–29. ¶ [48] *Ch.* 2. 5.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *A reproof of the ſhepherds.* 7 *Gods judgment againſt them.* 11 *His providence for his flock.* 20 *The kingdom of Chriſt.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, propheſie againſt the [1] ſhepherds of Iſrael, propheſie and ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD unto the ſhepherds, Wo *be* to the [1] ſhepherds of Iſrael that do [2] feed themſelves: ſhould not the ſhepherds [3] feed the flocks?

[1] *Jer.* 23. 1. Civil Magiſtrates and Rulers, *ver.* 4. ¶ [2] *Mic.* 3. 1–3. *Luke* 20. 47. *Rom.* 16. 18. 2 *Pet.* 2. 3. Regard and conſider only their own intereſt, *ver.* 3. ¶ [3] Provide for and conſult the welfare of the People in all they do, *Rom.* 13. 4. See on 2 *Sam.* 5. 2.

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3 [4] Ye eat the fat, and ye [5] clothe you with the wool, ye [6] kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock.

[4] *Zech.* 11. 5, 16. Oppreſs and ſeiſe upon the Eſtates of the Rich. ¶ [5] *Mic.* 3. 2. Convert their Eſtates to your own uſe, enriching your ſelves thereby. ¶ [6] *Mic.* 3. 3. Contrive Methods to take away the lives of the wealthy, that you may enjoy their Eſtates, 1 *Kings* 21. 13–15.

4 * [7] The diſeaſed have ye not ſtrengthened, neither have ye healed *that which was* ſick, neither have ye [8] bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again *that which was* [9] driven away, neither have ye ſought *that which was* [10] loſt; but with [11] force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

* Ver. 16.

[7] Such as are fallen into decay, or any diſtreſs, you ought to have ſupported, relieved and comforted. ¶ [8] Relieved the oppreſſed. ¶ [9] Forc'd to quit their own habitation by the violence of their Richer Neighbours. ¶ [10] *Matth.*10.6. *Luke* 15.4. Wandring in ways of ſin and deſtruction. ¶ [11] *Exod.* 1. 13, 14. *Jer.* 22. 13. 1 *Pet.* 5. 3.

5 And they were [12] ſcattered || becauſe *there is* [13] no ſhepherd: and they became meat to all the [14] beaſts of the field, when they were ſcattered.

|| Or, *without a ſhepherd.* So ver. 8.

[12] *Matth.* 9.36. Driven into other parts of the land for relief, or into other Countries by the power of their Enemies, (*ver.* 6.) occaſioned by the ill conduct of their Rulers. ¶ [13] As good as none, none that diligently endeavour'd the redreſs of theſe evils, *ver.*6. ¶ [14] Their cruel Enemies.

6 My ſheep wandred through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was ſcattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did ſearch or ſeek *after them.*

7 ¶ Therefore, ye [1] ſhepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

8 *As* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, ſurely becauſe my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beaſt of the field, becauſe *there was* [13] no ſhepherd, neither did my ſhepherds [15] ſearch for my flock, but the ſhepherds [4] fed themſelves, and fed not my flock:

[15] *Ver.* 4.

9 Therefore, O ye [1] ſhepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

10 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I *am* [16] againſt the ſhepherds, and I will [17] require my flock at their hand, and cauſe them to [18] ceaſe from feeding the flock, neither ſhall the ſhepherds feed themſelves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

[16] *Zech.* 10.3. ¶ [17] *Ch.*3.18. ¶ [18] Deprive 'em of their Authority and Government, and depoſe 'em from their Office, *Jer.* 52. 9–11.

11 ¶ For thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I, *even* I will both [12] ſearch my ſheep, and [19] ſeek them out.

[19] Wherever they have been ſcatter'd, *v.*12.

12 † As a ſhepherd ſeeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his ſheep *that are* ſcattered; ſo will I ſeek out my ſheep, and will deliver them out of all places, where they have been ſcattered [20] in the cloudy and dark day.

† Heb. *According to the ſeeking.*

[20] *Joel* 2. 2. In the time of great calamities, and publick Judgments.

13 And I will [21] bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countreys, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Iſrael by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

[21] *Ch.*28.25. and 36. 24. Both Corporally and Spiritually.

14 I will feed them in a good paſture, and upon the high mountains of Iſrael ſhall their fold be: there ſhall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat paſture ſhall they feed upon the mountains of Iſrael.

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15 I will feed my flock, and I will cauſe them to lie down, ſaith the Lord GOD.

* See V. 4.

16 * I will [22] ſeek *that which was* [10] loſt, and bring again *that which was* [9] driven away, and will [8] bind up *that which was* broken, and will [7] ſtrengthen *that which was* ſick: but I will deſtroy the [23] fat and [23] the ſtrong, I will [24] feed them with judgment.

[22] *Mich.* 4. 6. ¶ [23] *Ver.* 21. *Iſa.* 10. 16. *Amos* 4. 1. Thoſe that by their Wealth and Power are grown proud and oppreſſive. ¶ [24] Execute judgment upon 'em for their Maladminiſtration.

† Heb. *ſmall cattel of lambs and kids.* † Heb. *great he-goats.*

17 And *as for* you, O my flock, thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I [25] judge between † cattel and cattel, between the [26] rams and the † [26] he-goats.

[25] *Ver.* 22. *Ch.* 20. 37, 38. Make a difference between the weaker and ſtronger of my people (*v.* 20.) to cheriſh and ſtrengthen the one (*v.* 16.) and reſtrain the rage and violence of the other, *v.* 10. ¶ [26] *Zech.* 10. 3. *Matth.* 25. 32. Good and bad Rulers.

18 *Seemeth it* a ſmall thing unto you, to have [27] eaten up the good paſture, but ye muſt [28] tread down with your feet the reſidue of your paſtures? and to have [27] drunk of the deep waters, but ye muſt [28] foul the reſidue with your feet?

[27] Enjoyed my bleſſings your ſelves. ¶ [28] *Ch.* 32. 2. *Matth.* 23. 13. diſturb the poor in the poſſeſſion of their ſmall portion, and conſume their Eſtates, by your illegal oppreſſions.

19 And *as for* my flock, [29] they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet: and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

[29] They are feign to live upon the relicks of what you have ſo deſtroyed.

20 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD unto them, Behold, I, *even* I will [25] judge between the [23] fat cattel, and between the lean cattel.

21 Becauſe ye have [30] thruſt with ſide and with ſhoulder, and [30] puſht all the diſeaſed with your horns, till ye have ſcattered them abroad,

[30] Moleſted and vexed the poorer ſort by your unjuſt and violent dealings.

22 Therefore will I ſave my flock, and they ſhall no more be a prey, and I will judge between cattel and cattel.

23 And I will ſet up [31] one ſhepherd over them, and he ſhall [32] feed them, *even* [33] my ſervant David; he ſhall feed them, and he ſhall be their ſhepherd.

[31] *Ch.* 37. 24. *Iſa.* 40. 11. *John* 10. 11. *Heb.* 13. 20. 1 *Pet.* 2. 25. and 5. 4. ¶ [32] See on *Iſa.* 40. 11. ¶ [33] Jeſus Chriſt the Son of *David*, therefore called *David* (*Ch.* 37. 24. *Jer.* 30. 9. *Hoſ.* 3. 5.) and the Servant of God by reaſon of his humane Nature and Office of Mediator, *Iſa.* 42. 1. and 49. 6. and 53. 11. *Phil.* 2. 7. 1 *Chron.* 17. 19. This ſhall be fulfilled in the latter days, when they are converted to Chriſt.

24 And I the LORD will [34] be their God, and [33] my ſervant David a [35] prince among them, I the LORD have ſpoken *it*.

[34] Own 'em again for my people. ¶ [35] *Joſh.* 5. 14, 15. *Dan.* 12. 1. *Acts* 5. 31.

25 And I will [36] make with them [37] a covenant of peace, and will cauſe the [38] evil beaſts to ceaſe out of the land: and they ſhall dwell [39] ſafely in the [40] wilderneſs, and ſleep in the [40] woods.

[36] Renew and confirm. ¶ [37] *Ch.* 37. 26. *Jer.* 31. 31. and 33. 6, 9. *Iſa.* 11. 6--9. and 35. 9. By virtue whereof all ſorts of bleſſings ſhall be beſtowed on 'em. ¶ [38] *Hoſ.* 2. 18. Wicked men, who oppreſs and devour 'em, ſhall either be converted or deſtroyed. ¶ [39] *Ver.* 27, 28. *Ch.* 28. 26. *Jer.* 23. 6. and 30. 10. ¶ [40] Places of the greateſt danger.

26 And I will make [41] them and [42] the places round about my hill, a bleſſing; and I will cauſe the [43] ſhower to come down in his ſeaſon: there ſhall be [43] ſhowers of bleſſing.

[41] Both my people and their habitations, abounding with all ſorts of bleſſings, *Ch.* 38. 6, &c. ¶ [42] *Pſal.* 68. 9, 10.

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27 And the [43] tree of the field ſhall yield her fruit, and the [43] earth ſhall yield her increaſe, and they ſhall be ſafe in their land, and ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have [44] broken the bands of their yoke, and [45] delivered them out of the hand of thoſe that ſerved themſelves of them.

[43] *Lev.* 26. 4. *Pſal.* 85. 12. and 1. 3. ¶ [44] *Ch.* 30. 18. Delivered 'em from their Spiritual Bondage under Sin and Satan. ¶ [45] *Ver.* 10, 22.

28 And they ſhall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither ſhall the beaſts of the land devour them; but they ſhall [39] dwell ſafely, and none ſhall make *them* afraid.

29 And I will [46] raiſe up for them a [47] plant ‖ of renown, and they ſhall be no more † conſumed with hunger in the land, neither [48] bear the ſhame of the heathen any more.

‖ Or, *for renown.* † Heb. *taken away.*

[46] *Ver.* 23. See on *Acts* 2. 24. ¶ [47] *Iſa.* 11. 1. *Jer.* 23. 5. The Lord Jeſus Chriſt, famous not only among the *Jews*, but all the World over. ¶ [48] *Ch.* 36. 6, 62. Reproach't by the Heathen as forſaken of God.

30 [49] Thus ſhall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they *even* the houſe of Iſrael, *are* my people, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[49] By theſe many and great bleſſings beſtow'd on 'em.

31 And ye my flock, the flock [50] of my paſture, *are* [51] men, *and* I *am* your God, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[50] *Pſal.* 100. 3. *John* 10. 11. Belonging to my Church, and provided for by me. ¶ [51] *Iſa.* 5. 7.

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The judgment of mount Seir, for their hatred of Iſrael.

MOreover the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, [1] ſet thy face againſt [2] mount Seir, and * propheſie againſt it,

* Jer. 49. 7, 8. Amos 1. 11.

[1] *Ch.* 29. 2. ¶ [2] The Inhabitants thereof, who were *Edomites*, the Poſterity of *Eſau*, *Gen.* 36. 9.

3 And ſay unto it, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* againſt thee, and I will ſtretch out mine hand againſt thee, and I will make thee † moſt deſolate.

† Heb. *deſolation and deſolation.* So v. 7.

4 I will lay thy cities waſte, and thou ſhalt be deſolate, and thou ſhalt know that I *am* the LORD.

5 Becauſe thou haſt had a ‖ [3] perpetual hatred, and haſt † [4] ſhed *the blood of* the children of Iſrael by the † force of the ſword, in the time of their calamity, [5] in the time *that their* iniquity *had* an end:

‖ Or, *hatred of old.* † Heb. *poured out the children.* † Heb. *hands.*

[3] *Ch.* 25. 15. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 25. 12. *Obad.* 10--14. *Pſal.* 137. 7. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 21. 25. When their Sins being ripe and come to the full, there was a ſtop put to their further progreſs by thoſe judgments I inflicted on 'em.

6 Therefore, *as* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, I will [6] prepare thee unto blood, and blood ſhall purſue thee: * ſith thou haſt [7] not hated blood, even blood ſhall purſue thee.

* Pſal. 109. 17.

[6] Raiſe up a War wherein thy blood ſhall be ſhed. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 107. 17, 18.

7 Thus will I make mount Seir moſt deſolate, and cut off from it him that paſſeth out, and him that returneth.

8 And I will [8] fill his mountains with his [8] *Ch.* 32. 5. ſlain *men:* in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers ſhall they fall that are ſlain with the ſword.

9 * I will make thee [9] perpetual deſolations, * Mal. 1. 3, 4. and thy cities ſhall [10] not return, and * ye ſhall * Ch. 6. 7. & 7. know that I *am* the LORD. 4, 9. & 36. 11.

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[9] *Psal.* 74. 3. *Jer.* 25. 9, 12. and 49. 13, 17, 18. *Zeph.* 2. 9. (for thy perpetual hatred *v.* 5.) ¶ [10] *Viz.* To their former glory.

10 Because thou hast said, These [11] two nations, and these [11] two countries shall be [12] mine, and we will possess it, ‖ whereas [13] the LORD was there:

‖ Or, *though.*

[11] The Kingdoms of *Judah* and *Israel.* ¶ [12] *Ch.* 36. 2. 3, 5. *Psal.* 83. 12. ¶ [13] *Psal.* 132. 13, 14. *Viz.* To protect and defend them (which their Enemies did not consider when they made account of swallowing them up.)

11 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them: and I will make my self known [14] amongst them, when I have [15] judged thee.

[14] In their deliverance, and by other fresh discoveries of my goodness to them. ¶ [15] Punish'd thee.

12 And thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to † consume.

† Heb. *devour.*

13 Thus with your mouth ye have † boasted against me, and * have multiplied your words against me: I have heard *them.*

† Heb. *magnified.*

* 1 Sam. 2. 3.

14 Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the whole earth rejoyceth, I will make thee desolate.

15 * As thou didst rejoyce at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, [16] so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O Mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

* Obad. 15.

[16] *Viz.* Rejoyce at thy destruction.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 The land of Israel is comforted by the heathens destruction, 8 and God's blessings promised unto it.

ALso thou son of man, prophesie unto the [1] mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the [2] word of the LORD.

[1] *Ch.* 6. 2, 3. ¶ [2] Both of threatning against those that have wasted you (*v.* 2--6.) and of Mercy to you, *v.* 8, &c.

2 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Because the enemy had said against you, [3] Aha, even the [4] ancient high places are [5] ours in possession:

[3] *Ch.* 25. 3. and 26. 2. ¶ [4] *Hab.* 3. 6. *Psal.* 78. 69. Which have been from the beginning of the World (*Psal.* 90. 2.) and you made account should have continued in your possession for ever. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 35. 10. *Isa.* 37. 24.

3 Therefore prophesie and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD, † Because they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the [6] residue of the heathen, and ‖ ye are [7] taken up in the lips of talkers, and *are* an [7] infamy of the people:

† Heb. *Because for because.*

‖ Or, *ye are made to come upon the lip of the tongue.*

[6] *Ver.* 4. 5. Your Heathen Neighbours that survive the common Desolations. ¶ [7] Made a scorn and by-word, *Jer.* 24. 9. *Psal.* 44. 13. *Lam.* 2. 15.

4 Therefore ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD, Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the ‖ rivers and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities *that are* forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the [6] residue of the heathen that *are* round about:

‖ Or, *bottoms, or dales.*

5 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, * Surely in the [8] fire of my jealousie have I spoken against the [6] residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have [9] appointed my land into their possession, with the joy of all *their* heart, with despiteful minds [10] to cast it out for a prey.

* *Ch.* 38. 19.

[8] *Ch.* 21. 31. *Isa.* 66. 15. *Jer.* 4. 4. Fierce anger. ¶ [9] Design'd it for themselves, (and therefore came with *Nebuchadnezzar* against *Jerusalem* for this end.) ¶ [10] That the Country being desolate might become a prey to them.

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6 Prophesie therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I have spoken in my jealousie and in my fury, because ye have [11] born the shame of the heathen. •

[11] *Ch.* 34.-29. See there, Been the object of their scorn, *ver.* 2.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, I have [12] lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that *are* about you, they shall [13] bear their shame.

[12] *Ch.* 20. 15. See there, *Deut.* 32. 40. ¶ [13] Become also a scorn to others.

8 ¶ But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall [14] shoot forth your branches, and [15] yield your fruit to my people of Israel, for [16] they are at hand to come.

[14] Be tilled and drest, in order to your fruitfulness, *v.*-9. ¶ [15] *Amos* 9. 13. ¶ [16] The time is approaching for the return of my people from *Babylon* to their own Land; as a pledge of their Return in the latter days, *v.* 10.

9 For behold, I *am* for you, and I will [17] turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown.

[17] *Deut.* 11. 12.

10 And I will [18] multiply [19] men upon you, [20] all the house of Israel, *even* [20] all of it, and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded.

[18] *Jer.* 31. 27. *Amos* 9. 14. ¶ [19] Not only Heathen and wild Beasts. ¶ [20] *Ch.* 37. 11. All the twelve Tribes shall be restored to their own Country again in the latter days.

11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast, and they shall increase and bring fruit, and I will settle you after your old estates, and will [21] do better *unto you* than at your beginnings, * and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

* *Ch.* 35. 9.

[21] *Joel* 3. 17. *Isa.* 24. 23. Bestow a larger measure of Spiritual Blessings under the *Messiah*, whom I'll shortly send to you.

12 Yea, I will cause [19] men to walk upon you, *even* my [20] people Israel, and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their Inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth [22] bereave them *of men.*

[22] *Ch.* 37. 25. *Numb.* 13. 32. *Lev.* 18. 28. *Amos* 9. 15. Devour and destroy thine Inhabitants (*v.* 13, 15.) either by intestine Wars, foreign Invasions, unhealthful Air, wild beasts, or the like.

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Because they say unto you, Thou *land* devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy [23] nations.

[23] Inhabitants.

14 Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither ‖ bereave thy [23] nations any more, saith the Lord GOD.

‖ Or, *cause to fall.*

15 * Neither will I cause *men* to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord GOD.

* *Ch.* 34. 29.

16 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they [24] defiled it by their own way, and by their doings: their way was before me as the [25] uncleanness of a removed woman.

[24] *Jer.* 2.-7. See there; by their Murder and Idolatry, *v.* 18. ¶ [25] *Lev.* 15. 19. *Isa.* 64. 6.

18 [26] Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the [27] blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *wherewith* they had polluted it.

[26] *q. d.* Their Sins were the true cause of the Miseries they

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they underwent, and not any thing in the Land it ſelf (as the Heathen ſaid *v.* 13.) ¶ [27] *Ch.* 22. 2, 3, &c. and 23.-45.

19 And I ſcattered them among the heathen, and they were diſperſed through the countries: according to their way, and according to their doings I judged them.

20 And when they entred unto the heathen, whither they went, [28] they profaned my holy name, when they ſaid to them, Theſe *are* the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.

[28] *V.* 21, 22, 23. *Rom.* 2. 24. *Iſa.* 52.-5. *i. e.* They were the occaſion why my Name was reproach'd by the Heathen, as if I took no care of my people, and were not able to ſecure 'em the poſſeſſion of their own Land.

21 ¶ But I had [29] pity [30] for mine holy name, which the houſe of Iſrael had [28] profaned among the heathen whither they went.

[29] *Viz.* Upon my People whom I had puniſh'd ſo ſeverely. ¶ [30] *V.* 22, 23. *Ch.* 20. 14. *Pſal.* 106. 8. For my own ſake (*Iſa.* 45. 25.) and that I might vindicate my Name from thoſe unjuſt Imputations caſt upon it, *v.* 23.

22 Therefore ſay unto the houſe of Iſrael, [31] *V.* 32. *Pſal.* 115. 1. *Deut.* 7. 7. & 9. 5. Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, [31] I do not *this* for your ſakes, O houſe of Iſrael, but [30] for mine holy names ſake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will [32] ſanctifie my great name, *which was* profaned among the heathen, which [28] ye have profaned in the midſt of them, and the heathen ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, ſaith the Lord GOD, when I ſhall be [32] ſanctified [33] in you, before ‖ their eyes.

‖ Or, *your.*

[32] Vindicate it from all unjuſt Imputations, and cauſe my Holineſs and Divine Perfections to be owned. See on *Lev.* 10. 3. ¶ [33] By your Carriage and Converſation which they ſhall behold.

[34] *Ch.* 11. 17. & 34. 13. & 37. 21. *Iſa.* 11. 12. 24 For I will [34] take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 ¶ Then will I [35] ſprinkle clean water upon you, and ye ſhall be [36] clean: [37] from all your filthineſs, and from all your idols will I cleanſe you.

[35] *Numb.* 19. 18, 19. *Pſal.* 51. 7. Apply the Blood of Chriſt to you (1 *Pet.* 1. 2, 19. *Heb.* 9. 14. and 12. 24.) *i. e.* Beſtow upon you all thoſe Benefits which have been purchas'd by the death and ſufferings of Chriſt, particularly the removal of the power of Sin. ¶ [36] Cleanſed from your Idolatry and other Abominations. ¶ [37] *Ch* 37. 23. *Zech.* 13. 1, 2.

* *Jer.* 32. 39. 26 * [38] A new heart alſo will I give you, and a [38] new ſpirit will I put within you, and I will take away the [39] ſtony heart out of your fleſh, and I will give you an [39] heart of fleſh.

[38] See on *Ch.* 11. 19. There muſt not be only freedom from Sin, (*v.*-25.) but a Principle of Holineſs, *Iſa.* 1. 16, 17. See there. ¶ [39] See on *Ch.* 11. 19.

[40] See on *Rom.* 8. 9. *n.* 45. 27 And I will put [40] my ſpirit within you, and cauſe you to walk in my ſtatutes, and ye ſhall keep my judgments, and do *them.*

[41] *Matth.* 6. 33. 1 *Tim.* 4. 8. [42] *Ch.* 11. 20. 28 And ye ſhall [41] dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and ye ſhall be [42] my people, and I will be [42] your God.

* See Pſal. 105. 16. 29 I will alſo [43] ſave you from all your uncleanneſſes, and * I will [44] call for the corn, and will increaſe it, and lay no famine upon you.

[43] Deliver you both from the power, guilt and puniſhment of your Sins ¶ [44] *Ch.* 34. 27. *Hoſ.* 2. 21, 22.

30 And I will [44] multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increaſe of the field, that ye ſhall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

31 [45] Then ſhall ye [46] remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and * ſhall lothe your ſelves in your own ſight, for your iniquities, and for your abominations.

* *Lev.* 26. 39. *Ch.* 6. 9. & 20. 43.

[45] The conſideration of God's Mercies are an Argument to mourn for Sin. ¶ [46] See on *Ch.* 16. 61. and on *Ch.* 20. 43.

32 * [31] Not for your ſakes do I *this*, ſaith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be aſhamed and confounded for your own ways, O houſe of Iſrael.

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* *Deut.* 9. 5.

33 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, In the day that I ſhall have cleanſed you from all your Iniquities, I will alſo cauſe *you* to dwell in the cities, and the waſtes ſhall be builded.

34 And the deſolate land ſhall be tilled, whereas it lay deſolate in the ſight of all that paſſed by.

35 And [47] they ſhall ſay, This land *that was* deſolate is become like * the [48] garden of Eden; and the waſte, and deſolate, and ruined Cities *are become* fenced, *and* are inhabited.

[47] *Pſal.* 126.-2. * *Ch.* 28. 13. [48] *Iſa.* 53. 1.

36 Then the heathen that are left round about you, ſhall know that [49] I the LORD build the ruined places, *and* plant *that that was* deſolate: I the LORD have ſpoken *it*, and I will do it.

[49] *Ch.* 17.-24. & 22.-14. & 37.-14.

37 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, I will yet for this be [50] enquired of by the houſe of Iſrael, to do *it* for them, I will increaſe them with [51] men like a flock.

[50] *Matth.* 7. 7. [51] *Gentile* Converts.

38 As the † [52] holy flock, as the flock of Jeruſalem in her ſolemn feaſts; ſo ſhall the waſte cities be filled with flocks of [51] men, and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

† Heb. *flock of holy things.* [52] Deſign'd for Sacrifices.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 By the reſurrection of dry bones, 11 *the dead hope of Iſrael is revived.* 15 *By the uniting of two ſticks,* 18 *is ſhewed the incorporation of Iſrael into Judah.* 20 *The promiſes of Chriſts kingdom.*

1 THE hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out [2] in the ſpirit of the LORD, and ſet me down in the midſt of the valley which *was* full of [3] bones.

[1] See on *Ch.* 1. 3. ¶ [2] *Rev.* 1. 10. In a Viſion or Trance, brought upon me by the Spirit of God. ¶ [3] *Ver.* 11. This Propheſie, tho it has, in the firſt place, reſpect to the preſent Condition of the *Jews* in *Babylon*, for their comfort, yet it ſeems chiefly to be intended concerning their Recovery out of their long Deſolation that came upon them for Crucifying Chriſt.

2 And cauſed me to paſs by them round about, and behold, *there were* [4] very many in the open ‖ valley, and lo, *they were* [5] very dry.

‖ Or, *champian.*

[4] *V.*-10. ¶ [5] In as hopeleſs a condition of ever returning out of captivity, as ſuch bones are of being made alive, *v.*-11.

3 And he ſaid unto me, Son of man, [6] can theſe bones live? and I anſwered, O Lord GOD, thou knoweſt.

[6] *John* 6. 5, 6.

4 Again he ſaid unto me, [7] Propheſie upon theſe bones, and ſay unto them, O ye dry bones, [8] hear the word of the LORD.

[7] *V.* 7. in Viſion ſtill. [8] So *Ch.* 36.-1.

5 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD unto theſe bones, Behold, I will cauſe [9] breath to enter into you, and ye ſhall live.

[9] *Ver.* 9. 10.

6 And I will lay [10] ſinews upon you, and will bring up [10] fleſh upon you, and cover you with [10] skin, and put [9] breath in you; and ye ſhall live, * and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

[10] See *n.* 14. * *Ch* 6. 7. & 35. 11. *Joel* 2. 27. & 3. 17.

7 So I [7] propheſied as I was commanded: and [11] as I propheſied there was a [12] noiſe, and behold [13] a ſhaking, and the bones came together bone to his bone.

[11] *Acts* 10. 44. [12] The rating of the bones. [13] Motion to ſeek their Fellows.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the [14] ſinews and the [14] fleſh came up upon them, and the [14] skin covered them above; but *there was* [15] no breath in them.

[14] They were ready for deliverance, and waiting and praying for it. ¶ [15] No liberty as yet to return (which was a Moral Ability, or a kind of Civil Life.) *Cyrus*'s Proclamation (*Ezr.* 1. 1-4.) was yet wanting.

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9 Then ſaid he unto me, Propheſie [16] unto the ‖ wind, propheſie, ſon of man, and ſay to the wind, Thus ſaith the Lord God, * [17] Come from the four winds, O breath, and breath upon theſe [18] ſlain, that they may [19] live.

‖ Or, *breath.*
* Pſ. 104. 30.

[16] To the Spirit of *Cyrus*, concerning this Liberty to be granted 'em. ¶ [17] Let Liberty and Authority be granted by *Cyrus*'s Proclamation to the *Jews* to return, and let it be conveyed into all parts where they are diſpers'd. ¶ [18] Deprived of their own Country, Laws, Government, *&c.* and ſo politically dead. ¶ [19] *Viz.* A political Life, *i. e.* return into their own Country, and be formed into a Kingdom and Commonwealth again: (as *Rom.* 11.-15. See there. *Rev.* 20.-4. See there.)

10 So I [7] propheſied as he commanded me, and the [15] breath came into them, and they [19] lived and [20] ſtood up upon their feet, [21] an exceeding great army.

[20] *Rev.* 11. 11. Appear'd publickly in a poſture of defence and ſervice. ¶ [21] *Ver.* 11. *Rev.* 14. 1.

11 ¶ Then he ſaid unto me, Son of man, theſe bones are the [22] whole houſe of Iſrael: behold, they ſay, [23] our bones are [5] dried, and our [24] hope is loſt, we are [25] cut off for our parts.

[22] *Ch.* 36. 10. (See there) and 30.25. *Hoſ.* 1.11. ¶ [23] *Pſal.* 141. 7. *Iſa.* 49. 14. ¶ [24] *Viz.* Of recovery and returning. ¶ [25] *Viz.* From our own Land for ever.

12 Therefore propheſie and ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, O my people, I will [26] open your graves, and [27] cauſe you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Iſrael.

[26] *Iſa.* 26. 19. *Hoſ.* 13. 14. Make way for you to return out of the places of your Captivity. ¶ [27] Not only give you Liberty, but Ability to come, yea and a Will too, *Ezr.* 1. 5.

13 And ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And ſhall put [28] my ſpirit in you, and ye ſhall [19] live, and I ſhall place you in your own land: then ſhall ye know that I the LORD have ſpoken *it*, and performed *it*, ſaith the LORD.

[28] A Spirit of Reſolution, Courage, Wiſdom, to fit you for your return; or a Spirit of Life, as *Rev.* 11.11. See there.

15 ¶ The word of the LORD came again unto me, ſaying,

* See Numb. 17. 2.
* 2 Chron. 11. 12, 13, 16.

16 Moreover, thou ſon of man, * take thee one ſtick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for * the [29] children of Iſrael his companions: then take another ſtick, and write upon it, For [30] Joſeph the ſtick of Ephraim, and *for* all the [29] houſe of Iſrael his companions.

[29] All that joyned with them in their Way of Worſhip. ¶ [30] The Father of *Ephraim*, chief of the ten Tribes.

[31] V. 22, 24.
[32] *Hoſ.* 1. 11. *Iſa.* 11. 13. *Jer.* 50. 4. *Zeph.* 3. 9. *Phil.* 2. 2.

17 And [31] joyn them one to another into one ſtick, and they ſhall [32] become one in thine hand.

18 ¶ And when the children of thy people ſhall ſpeak unto thee ſaying, Wilt thou not ſhew us what thou *meaneſt* by theſe?

19 Say unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will take the ſtick [33] of Joſeph which *is* [34] in the hand of Ephraim, and the [29] tribes of Iſrael his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the ſtick of Judah, and make them [35] one ſtick, and they ſhall be [36] one in mine hand.

[33] Whereon his Name is written. ¶ [34] Under the Government. ¶ [35] One Kingdom (for many of the ten Tribes returned out of Captivity with the two Tribes, 1 *Chron.* 9. 2.) but this will be chiefly fulfilled in the latter days, when the generality will be converted and united together. ¶ [36] United in Judgment, Affection, Converſation under one King, *ver.* 22, 24. A figure of the *Jews* and *Gentiles* united into one Church, and all the Elect into one Myſtical Body.

20 ¶ And the ſticks whereon thou writeſt, ſhall be in thine hand before their eyes.

21 And ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will [37] take the children of Iſrael from among the heathen whither they be gone, and will gather them on every ſide, and bring them into their own land.

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[37] *Ch.* 36.24.

22 And * I will make them [32] one nation in the land upon the mountains of Iſrael, and * [38] one king ſhall be king to them all: and they ſhall be no more two nations, neither ſhall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.

* Iſa. 11. 13. Jer. 3. 18. Hoſ. 1. 11.
* John 10. 16.
[38] Jeſus Chriſt the Son of *David*, v. 24.

23 Neither ſhall they [39] defile themſelves any more with their idols, nor with their deteſtable things, nor with any of their tranſgreſſions: but I will [40] ſave them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have ſinned, and will [41] cleanſe them: ſo ſhall they be my people, and I will be their God.

[39] See on *Iſa.* 2. 20. The *Jews* after their return from *Babylon*, were never addicted to Idolatry. ¶ [40] Bring 'em ſafe. ¶ [41] *Ch.* 36. 25.

24 And * [42] David my ſervant *ſhall be* king over them: and * they all ſhall have one ſhepherd: they ſhall alſo walk in my judgments, and obſerve my ſtatutes, and do them.

* Iſa. 40. 11. Jer. 23. 5. & 30. 9. Hoſ. 3. 5. Luke 1. 32.
[42] *Ch.* 34.-23, 24. See there.

25 And [43] they ſhall dwell in the land, that I have given unto Jacob my ſervant, wherein your fathers have dwelt, and they ſhall dwell therein, *even* [43] they and their children and their childrens children for ever, and * [42] my ſervant David *ſhall be* their prince for ever.

* V. 22. John 10. 16.
* John 12. 34.
[43] To note, that true Believers, and their Succeſſors in the Faith, ſhall perſevere, and ſo continue to be Members of the Church.

26 Moreover, * I will make a [44] covenant of peace with them, it ſhall be an [45] everlaſting covenant with them, and I will place them, and [46] multiply them, and * will [47] ſet my ſanctuary in the midſt of them for evermore.

* Pſal. 89. 3.
* 2 Cor. 6. 16.
[44] See on *Ch.* 34. 25. ¶ [45] *Ch.* 16.60. See there. ¶ [46] *Ch.* 36.-37, 38. ¶ [47] Vouchſafe my ſpecial preſence with 'em.

27 * [48] My tabernacle alſo ſhall be with them: yea, I will be * their God, and they ſhall be my people.

* John 1. 14.
[48] I'll eſtabliſh my worſhip among 'em.
* *Ch.* 11. 20. & 14. 11.

28 And the heathen ſhall know that I the LORD do [49] ſanctifie Iſrael, when my [47] ſanctuary ſhall be in the midſt of them for evermore.

[49] 1 Theſ. 5. 23.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *The army*, 8 *and malice of Gog*, 14 *Gods judgment againſt him.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, ſet thy face againſt [1] Gog, the [2] land of Magog, ‖ the [3] chief prince of Meſhech and Tubal, and propheſie againſt him.

‖ Or, *prince of the chief.*
[1] All the potent Enemies of the *Jews* (*Zech.* 14. 1-3.) eſpecially the Turk, who now keeps the *Jews* out of the poſſeſſion of their own Land, and probably will moſt oppoſe them in their Return to it. ¶ [2] Ruler of the Land of *Magog*. ¶ [3] Chief Commander of all the Forces that come from thoſe parts.

3 And ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I *am* againſt thee, O Gog, the [3] chief prince of Meſhech and Tubal.

4 And I will [4] turn thee back, and [5] put hooks into thy chaws, and I will bring thee [6] forth, and all thine army, horſes and horſemen, * all of them clothed with all ſorts of *armour*, *even* a great company with bucklers and ſhields, all of them handling ſwords.

* *Ch.* 23. 12.
[4] *Ch.* 39. 2. 2 *Kings* 19. 28. Defeat thy deſign. ¶ [5] See on *Ch.* 29. 4. ¶ [6] *Viz.* Out of thy own Country.

5 Perſia, Ethiopia, and ‖ Libya with them; all of them with ſhield and helmet.

‖ Or, *Phut.*

6 Gomer, and all his bands, the houſe of Togarmah of the north-quarters, and all his bands, *and* many people with thee.

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7 [7] Be thou prepared, and prepare for thy ſelf, thou and all thy company that are aſſembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

[7] *q. d.* I know thou wilt make the beſt Preparation thou canſt; which yet I deſpiſe and deride thee for, as *Iſa.* 8. 9, 10. and 37. 22. *Joel* 3. 9. 11.

8 ¶ After many days thou ſhalt be [8] viſited: [9] in the latter years thou ſhalt come into the land *that is* [10] brought back from the ſword, *and is* gathered out of many people againſt the mountains of Iſrael, which have been [11] always waſte: but it [12] is brought forth out of the nations, and they ſhall dwell [13] ſafely all of them.

[8] Puniſh'd. ¶ [9] Towards the end of the World, after the Thouſand Years are expir'd, *Rev.* 20. 7, 8. ¶ [10] Deliver'd from their long Diſperſion. ¶ [11] For many Ages and Generations. ¶ [12] Shall be deliver'd from all theſe Oppreſſions. ¶ [13] *Ch.* 34. 25. See there. Securely, without ſuſpicion of danger, *ver.* 11.

9 Thou ſhalt aſcend and come like a ſtorm, thou ſhalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

10 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, It ſhall alſo come to paſs, *that* [14] at the ſame time ſhall things come into my mind, and thou ſhalt ‖ think an [15] evil thought.

‖ Or, *conceive a miſchievous purpoſe.*

[14] When my People are ſo ſecure, *ver.*-8. ¶ [15] A miſchievous deſign for the deſtruction of my People, *ver.* 11,12.

11 And thou ſhalt ſay, I will go up to [16] the land of unwalled villages, I will go to them that are [17] at reſt, that dwell ‖ [13] ſafely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates.

‖ Or, *confidently.*

[16] *Jer.* 49. 31. A People that are able to make no reſiſtance. ¶ [17] Are free from Oppreſſion and Perſecution at preſent.

† Heb. *To ſpoil the ſpoil, and to prey the prey.*

12 † To take a ſpoil, and to take a prey, to turn thine hand upon the deſolate places, *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattel and goods, that dwell in the † midſt of the land.

‖ Heb. *navel.*

13 Sheba and Dedan, and the [18] merchants of Tarſhiſh, with all the [19] young lions thereof, ſhall ſay unto thee, [20] Art thou come to take a ſpoil? haſt thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away ſilver and gold, to take away cattel and goods, to take a great ſpoil?

[18] Pirates by Sea. ¶ [19] Bloody, plundering Perſons. ¶ [20] *q. d.* If this be thy deſign, we'll joyn with thee upon condition we may ſhare in the Booty.

14 ¶ Therefore, ſon of man, propheſie and ſay unto Gog, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, In that day when my people of Iſrael dwelleth ſafely, [21] ſhalt thou not know *it?*

[21] *q. d.* Thou wilt be informed of it, and take that Occaſion to moleſt 'em.

15 And thou ſhalt come from thy place out of the north-parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horſes, a great company, and a mighty army.

16 And thou ſhalt come up againſt my people of Iſrael, as a cloud to cover the land, it ſhall be in the [9] latter days, and I will bring thee againſt my land, that the heathen may know me, when I ſhall be [22] ſanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

[22] Owned for a holy God, by executing Judgments on thee, *Ch.* 28.-22.

17 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, *Art* thou he [23] of whom I have ſpoken in old time † by my ſervants the [24] prophets of Iſrael, which propheſied in thoſe days *many* years, that I would bring thee againſt them?

† Heb. *by the hands.*

[23] Not under the ſame name, but under the names of ſuch as were the chief Enemies of the *Jews* in thoſe times, when the Prophets wrote, as *Edom*, *Moab*, *Aſſur*, &c. Leviathan, a Dragon, a Serpent, *&c.* ¶ [24] *Dan.* 11. *Joel* 2. 9. &c. *Zech.* 14.

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18 And it ſhall come to paſs at the ſame time, when Gog ſhall come againſt the land of Iſrael, ſaith the Lord God, *that* my [25] fury ſhall come up in my face.

[25] Pſal. 18. 8. and 78. 65.

19 For * in my jealouſie, *and* in the fire of my wrath have I ſpoken: ſurely in that day there ſhall be a [26] great ſhaking in the land of Iſrael:

* Chap. 36. 5, 6.

[26] A mighty confuſion, conſternation, and deſtruction among the Armies of *Gog*.

20 So that * the [27] fiſhes of the ſea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beaſts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, ſhall ſhake at my preſence, and the [28] mountains ſhall be thrown down, and the ‖ [28] ſteep places ſhall fall, and [28] every wall ſhall fall to the ground.

* Hoſ. 4. 3.

‖ Or, *towers, or ſtairs.*

[27] All creatures ſhall be as it were affrighted and amazed at this dreadful overthrow of the Enemy. ¶ [28] All means of ſafety ſhall fail.

21 And I will call for a ſword againſt him throughout all my mountains, ſaith the Lord God: [29] every mans ſword ſhall be againſt his brother.

[29] *Judg.* 7. 22. 1 *Sam.* 14. 16. 2 *Chron.* 20. 23. *Viz.* Of *Gog*'s Soldiers.

22 And I will plead againſt him with [30] peſtilence and with [31] bloud, and * I will [32] rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, [32] an overflowing rain, and great [33] hailſtones, [34] fire and brimſtone.

* Pſal. 11. 6.

[30] *Iſa.* 37. 36. ¶ [31] Their own ſword, *ver.*-21. ¶ [32] *Gen.* 7. 12, 19. ¶ [33] *Joſh.* 10. 11. ¶ [34] *Gen.* 19. 24. *Rev.* 20.-9, 10. So that here was a concurrence of all thoſe Judgments that God had inflicted formerly upon the greateſt Enemies of his People in all Ages of the World.

23 Thus will I magnifie my ſelf, and [35] ſanctifie my ſelf, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

[35] Chap. 36. 23.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *Gods judgment upon Gog.* 8 *Iſraels victory.* 11 *Gogs burial in Hamon-gog.* 17 *The feaſt of the fowls.*

THerefore, thou ſon of man, [1] propheſie againſt Gog, and ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Behold, I *am* againſt thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meſheck and Tubal.

[1] See on *Ch.* 38. 2, 3.

2 And I will [2] turn thee back, and ‖ [3] leave but the ſixth part of thee, and will [4] cauſe thee to come up from the † [5] north-parts, and will [4] bring thee upon the [6] mountains of Iſrael:

‖ Or, *ſtrike thee with ſix plagues*; or *draw thee back with an hook of ſix teeth*, as Chap. 38. 4.

† Heb. *ſides of the north.*

[2] See on *Ch.* 38. 4. ¶ [3] *Viz.* Behind, in thy own Country, all the reſt ſhall come and fall with thee. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 38. 4, 16. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 38. 15. ¶ [6] *Ch.* 38. 8.

3 And I will [7] ſmite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will [7] cauſe thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

[7] *Pſal.* 76. 3. *Hoſ.* 1. 5. Deprive thee of all means to help thy ſelf, and ſo deliver thee up for a prey to thy Enemies, *ver.* 4.

4 Thou ſhalt [8] fall upon the mountains of Iſrael, thou and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous [9] birds of every † ſort, and *to* the [9] beaſts of the field † to be devoured.

† Heb. *wing.*

† Heb. *to devour.*

[8] *Ch.* 38. 21, 22. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 32. 4, 5. and 33. 27. *Rev.* 19. 17, 18.

5 Thou ſhalt fall upon the † [10] open field, for I have ſpoken *it*, ſaith the Lord GOD.

† Heb. *face of the field.*

[10] Ch. 29. 5. and 32. 4.

6 And I will ſend [11] a fire on Magog, and among them that [12] dwell ‖ careleſly in the iſles, and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

‖ Or, *confidently.*

[11] See

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[11] See on *Ch.* 30. 16. and 38. 22. Plagues and Miſeries proceeding from mine anger, (*Pſal.* 38. 19.) and cauſing utter Deſolation. ¶ [12] All his Aſſiſtants, though never ſo remote.

7 So will I make my [13] holy name known in the midſt of my people Iſrael, and I will [14] not let *them* pollute my holy name any more; and the heathen ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, the holy One in Iſrael.

[13] My Power, Juſtice, Goodneſs, *&c* (by executing Judgment on their Enemies.) ¶ [14] Will give 'em ſuch a ſenſe of my Goodneſs, as ſhall withhold 'em from thoſe ſins they were formerly guilty of, (*Hoſ.* 3.-5.) and which gave occaſion to the Heathen *to* reproch me.

8 ¶ Behold, [15] it is come, and [15] it is done, ſaith the Lord God; this *is* the [16] day whereof I have [17] ſpoken.

[15] What I have here foretold concerning the Deſtruction of theſe grand Enemies of my Church, and my People's Deliverance, ſhall as certainly be accompliſh'd as if already done. ¶ [16] *Pſal.* 37. 13. 1 *Sam.* 26. 10. ¶ [17] See on *Ch.* 38. 17.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Iſrael ſhall go forth, and ſhall ſet on fire and burn the weapons, both the ſhields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the ‖ hand-ſtaves and the ſpears, and they ſhall ‖ [18] burn them with fire ſeven years:

‖ Or, *javelins.*
‖ Or, *make a fire of them.*

[18] Make uſe of 'em for Fuel, (*ver.* 10.) for a long while together. Whether this and ſeveral other Paſſages in the following part of the Chapter be to be underſtood literally or myſtically, muſt be known by the Event.

10 So that they ſhall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the foreſts; for they ſhall burn the weapons with fire, and they ſhall [19] ſpoil thoſe that ſpoiled them, and [19] rob thoſe that robbed them, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[19] *Rev.* 13. 10. and 18. 6.

11 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Iſrael, the valley of the paſſengers on the eaſt of the ſea; and it ſhall ſtop the ‖ *noſes* of the paſſengers: and there ſhall they bury Gog, and all his multitude, and they ſhall call *it*, The valley of ‖ Hamon-gog.

‖ Or, *mouths.*
‖ That is, *the multitude of Gog.*

12 And ſeven months ſhall the houſe of Iſrael be burying of them, that they may cleanſe the land.

13 Yea, [20] all the people of the land ſhall bury *them*, and it ſhall be to them [21] a renown, the day that I ſhall be [22] glorified, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[20] This and what follows, *ver.* 14, 15. may perhaps be underſtood myſtically of the great Cares and Endeavours that ſhould be uſed by the People of God in thoſe Times, to root out all Relicks of Wickedneſs and Appearance of Enmity to God and his Ways from among 'em. ¶ [21] Matter of Commendation, that they have taken ſuch Care in this Affair. ¶ [22] *Viz.* by the deſtruction of theſe Enemies, as *Ch.* 38. 23.

14 And they ſhall ſever out † men of continual employment, paſſing through the land to bury [23] with the paſſengers thoſe that remain upon the face of the earth to cleanſe it: after the end of ſeven months ſhall they ſearch.

† Heb. *men of continuance.*
[23] With their help and aſſiſtance.

15 And the paſſengers *that* paſs through the land, when *any* ſeeth a mans bone, then ſhall he † ſet up a ſign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

† Heb. *build.*

16 And alſo the name of the [24] city *ſhall be* ‖ Hamonah: thus ſhall they cleanſe the land.

[24] In that Valley, *ver.* 11. 15.
‖ That is, *the multitude.*

17 ¶ And thou ſon of man, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, Speak † unto every feathered fowl, and to every beaſt of the field, [25] Aſſemble your ſelves, and come, gather your ſelves on every ſide to my ‖ [26] ſacrifice that I do ſacrifice for you, *even* a great ſacrifice upon the mountains of Iſrael, that ye may eat fleſh, and drink blood.

† Heb. *to the fowl of every wing.*
‖ Or, *ſlaughter.*

[25] *Jer.* 12.-9. *Rev.* 19. 17. ¶ [26] *Iſa.* 34.-6. *Jer.* 46.-10. *Zeph.* 1.-7. A Feaſt of ſlain men, *ver.* 18.

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18 Ye ſhall eat the fleſh of the mighty, and drink the bloud of the princes of the earth, of [27] rams, of lambs, and of † goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Baſhan.

[27] *Iſa.* 34. 6. Perſons of all ranks and degrees.
† Heb. *great goats.*

19 And ye ſhall eat fat till ye be full, and drink bloud till ye be drunken, of [26] my ſacrifice which I have ſacrificed for you.

20 Thus ye ſhall be filled at my table with [28] horſes and [28] chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[28] The Riders on and in 'em.

21 And I will [29] ſet my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen ſhall ſee my judgment that I have executed, and my [30] hand that I have laid upon them.

[29] *Pſal.* 9. 16. Manifeſt and advance the credit and honour of my power, juſtice, *&c. ver.* 7. ¶ [30] *Job* 13. 21.

22 So the houſe of Iſrael ſhall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and [31] forward.

[31] That I will not any more withdraw my help from 'em, and leave 'em to the power of their Enemies, from that time to the end of the world, *ver.* 29.

23 ¶ And the heathen ſhall know that the houſe of Iſrael went into captivity [32] for their iniquity: becauſe they treſpaſſed againſt me, therefore [33] hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies; ſo fell they all by the ſword.

[32] 2 *Chron.* 15.-2. *Lam.* 3.-39. (and not becauſe their God was not able to deliver 'em, as they thought, *Iſa.* 36. 18.-20.) ¶ [33] See on *Pſal.* 27. 9.

24 According to their uncleanneſs, and according to their tranſgreſſions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

25 [34] Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD, [35] Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon [36] the whole houſe of Iſrael, and will be [37] jealous for my holy name:

[34] Or, *Notwithſtanding, i. e.* Though I have thus puniſhed them for their ſins, (*ver.* 23.) yet now — ¶ [35] When my appointed time is come. ¶ [36] *Ch.* 36. 10. and 37. 11. *Rom.* 11.-27. All the twelve Tribes. ¶ [37] Impatient of any diſhonour or wrong done to it, and ready to vindicate it.

26 After that they have [38] born their ſhame, and all their [39] treſpaſſes whereby they have treſpaſſed againſt me, when they [40] dwelt ſafely in their land, and none made *them* afraid.

[38] *Ch.* 36. 6. See there. ¶ [39] The puniſhment of 'em. ¶ [40] *Deut.* 32. 15. 1 *Kings* 4. 25. *Mic.* 4. 4.

27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies lands, and am [41] ſanctified in them in the ſight of many nations;

[41] See on *Ch.* 36.-23.

28 Then ſhall they know that I *am* the LORD their God, † which cauſed them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left [42] none of them any more there.

† Heb. *by my cauſing of them,* &c.
[42] This Return ſhall be more univerſal than that out of *Babylon.*

29 Neither will I hide my face [43] any more from them: for I have [44] poured out my ſpirit upon the houſe of Iſrael, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[43] *Ch.* 37.-28. ¶ [44] *Joel* 2. 28. *Acts* 2-17. Beſtow'd a plentiful meaſure thereof, in their Converſion, Sanctification, *&c.*

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CHAP. XL.

1 *The time, manner, and end of the vision.* 39 *Eight tables.* 44 *The chambers.* 48 *The porch of the house.*

God having shew'd the general Call and Conversion of the Jewish *Nation, after their long rejection and desolation,* (ch. 37.) *and then the utter destruction of their Enemies,* (ch. 38. and 39.) *comes here,* (ch. 40.–48.) *to give a lively Description of the state and condition of their Church afterwards, when they are setled in the peaceable possession of their own land. And that this is at least the chief scope and drift of this Prophecy, seems clear, not only by the order and method thereof, now mention'd, but also because all things are expreſt and represented by such terms as are proper and peculiar to the* Jews, viz. *their Temple, Worship, Tribes,* &c. *Thus much now is clear enough in the general; but then how to expound and apply every particular passage (wherein all things are significant,* (ch. 40. 4.) *is no easie, nor indeed possible task, (if one may judge of what may be done, by what has been done) at least at present: and therefore such a particular Exposition must not be expected. So far as I could attain, I have here set down: and since the next and literal sense is of no farther use than to convey the spiritual and mystical meaning, where I could not attain this, I have past by that.*

3430. IN the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after that * the city was smitten, in the self-same day the [1] hand of the LORD was upon me, and [2] brought me thither.

* Chap. 33. 21.
[1] See on *Ch.* 1. 3.
[2] *Viz.* in Vision, *ver.* 2.

2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon [3] a very high mountain, ‖ by which *was* as the frame of a city on the south.

[3] *Rev.* 21. 10.
‖ Or, *upon which.*

3 And he brought me thither, and behold, *there was* [4] a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of [5] brass, with a [6] line of flax in his hand, and a [6] measuring reed; and he stood in the [7] gate:

[4] *Ch.* 1.–26. Christ the Builder, Repairer and Reformer of his Church, who does his work exactly and according to rule. ¶ [5] *Rev.* 1. 15. bright and burnish'd, and so shining like fire, *Chap.* 1. 27. Noting his exceeding great glory. ¶ [6] Both which are useful for Measuring, (*Zech.* 2. 1, 2. *Rev.* 11. 1. and 21. 15.) and signifie the Scriptures, whereby we are to try all Doctrines and Ways of Worship, (*Gal.* 6. 16. *Phil.* 3. 16.) and which set out the Nature, Power, Privileges and Characters of the Church; as also the Qualifications both of Officers and Members therein, according to which Christ will judge us, *Rom.* 2. 12. 16. ¶ [7] To note that Christ is the Door, (*John* 10. 9.) and the Way (*John* 14. 6.) by which we must enter into the Church, either Militant or Triumphant.

4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, [8] behold with thine eyes, and [8] hear with thine ears, and [8] set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew *them* unto thee, *art* thou brought hither: [9] declare all that thou seest, to the house of Israel.

[8] *Ch.* 44. 5. *Matth.* 13. 9. Use all possible diligence and exactness in observing and considering. Such another vehement and solemn charge is scarce to be found in the whole Book of God, implying the extraordinariness of the matter. ¶ [9] *Matth.* 10. 27. *Acts* 20. 27.

5 And behold, [10] a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a [6] measuring-reed of six cubits *long*, by the [11] cubit, [11] and an hand-breadth: so [12] he measured the breadth of the [13] building, [14] one reed, and the height [14] one reed.

[10] Noting, God's Protection (*Zech.* 2. 5. and 9. 8. *Psal.* 125. 2. *Isa.* 26. 1.) Which makes the Church impregnable, *Matth.* 16.–18. ¶ [11] *i. e.* The *Babylonian* Cubit, (where the Prophet now was) with a hand-breadth more added to it, (whereby it became equal to the *Jewish* Cubit.) ¶ [12] Christ orders and appoints all things about the Church, *Matth.* 28. 20. *Heb.* 3. 6. *Jam.* 4. 12. All things about this Temple are measured, Wall, Gate, Chambers, *&c* to note, that the Church then will be very pure and holy. ¶ [13] *Viz.* Of the Wall. ¶ [14] Noting the firmness and sufficiency of God's Protection.

6 ¶ Then came he unto the [15] gate † which looketh toward the east, and went up the [16] stairs thereof, and measured [17] the threshold of the gate, *which was* [17] one reed broad, and the [17] other threshold of the *gate, which was* [17] one reed broad.

† Heb. *whose face was the way toward the east.*

[15] There were several Gates, to note the entrance and admission that should be given to Persons from all parts of the World, to come into the Church, (*Isa.* 60. 3, &c.) which were never shut, *Isa.* 60. 11. *Rev.* 21. 25. ¶ [16] Stairs and steps are frequently mention'd in this Chapter, to note that we attain to the knowledge of spiritual things by degrees, wherein we must labour to make progress, which requires pains and industry, 2 *Pet.* 1. 5. *Eph.* 4. 12. *&c.* ¶ [17] The two Thresholds, *viz.* the lower and upper, were each one Reed broad, to note the strength of Christ's two natures.

7 And *every* little [18] chamber *was* one reed long, and one reed broad, and between the little chambers *were* five cubits, and the threshold of the gate, by the porch of the gate within *was* one reed.

[18] Noting the security of every Member of the Church under the Providence and Protection of God, (*Isa.* 26. 20.) and the entertainment, rest and comfort they shall have in the Church.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits, and the [19] posts thereof two cubits, and the porch of the gate *was* inward.

[19] Noting the stability and perseverance of the Saints, *Rev.* 3. 12. or the Doctrines deliver'd by the Ministers, (*Ch.* 43. 8.) both higher and lower.

10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward, *were* three on this side, and three on that side, they three *were* of one measure, and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate ten cubits, *and* the length of the gate thirteen cubits.

12 The † space also before the little chambers *was* one cubit *on this side*, and the space *was* one cubit on that side, and the little chambers *were* six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. 3439.

† Heb. *limit, or bound.*

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of *one* little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth *was* five and twenty cubits, door against door.

14 He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance, unto the face of the porch of the inner gate, *were* fifty cubits.

16 And *there were* † narrow [20] windows to the [20] little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the ‖ arches: and windows *were* round about ‖ inward: and upon *each* post *were* [21] palm-trees.

† Heb. *closed.*
‖ Or, *galleries, or porches.*
‖ Or, *within.*

[20] Noting the knowledge and comfort of the Members of the Church. ¶ [21] Noting the Saints Victory over their Spiritual Enemies (*Rom.* 8. 31.–37. 1 *Cor.* 15. 54, 55. *Rev.* 7. 9.) and their flourishing condition, *Psal.* 92. 12.

17 Then brought he me into the outward court, and lo, *there were* chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: * thirty chambers *were* upon the pavement.

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18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates, *was* the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate, unto the forefront of the inner court ‖ without, an hundred cubits eastward and northward.

‖ Or, *from without.*

20 ¶ And the gate of the [22] outward court † that looked toward the north, he measured the

† Heb. *whose face was.*

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the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.

[22] The ſeveral Courts may note the ſeveral degrees of our approach to God, and of his manifeſtation of himſelf to us.

21 And the little chambers thereof *were* three on this ſide, and three on that ſide, and the poſts thereof, and the ‖ arches thereof were after the meaſure of the firſt gate: the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

‖ Or, *galleries*, or *porches*.

22 And their windows and their arches, and their palm-trees, *were* after the meaſure of the gate that looketh towards the eaſt, and they went up unto it by ſeven ſteps, and the arches thereof *were* before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court *was* over againſt the gate toward the north, and toward the eaſt, and he meaſured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.

24 ¶ After that, he brought me toward the ſouth, and behold, a gate toward the ſouth, and he meaſured the poſts thereof, and the arches thereof according to theſe meaſures.

25 And *there were* windows in it, and in the arches thereof round about, like thoſe windows; the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And *there were* ſeven ſteps to go up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them, and it had palm-trees, one on this ſide, and another on that ſide upon the poſts thereof.

27 And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the ſouth, and he meaſured from gate to gate toward the ſouth an hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the ſouth gate, and he meaſured the ſouth gate according to theſe meaſures:

29 And the little chambers thereof, and the poſts thereof, and the arches thereof according to theſe meaſures, and *there were* windows in it, and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

* See Ver. 21. & 25. & 33. & 36.

30 And the arches round about *were* * five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits † broad.

†Heb. *breadth.*

31 And the arches thereof *were* toward the utter court, and [21] palm-trees *were* upon the poſts thereof; and the going up to it *had* [23] eight ſteps.

[23] See *v.* 16. In the outer Court there were but ſeven ſteps, *ver.* 22. here eight, to note that the Prieſts ſhould be more holy than others.

32 ¶ And he brought me into the inner court toward the eaſt, and he meaſured the gate according to theſe meaſures.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the poſts thereof, and the arches thereof *were* according to theſe meaſures, and *there were* windows therein, and in the arches thereof round about, *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court, and palm-trees *were* upon the poſts thereof on this ſide, and on that ſide, and the going up to it *had* [23] eight ſteps.

35 ¶ And he brought me to the north gate, and meaſured *it* according to theſe meaſures.

36 The little chambers thereof, the poſts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the poſts thereof *were* toward the utter court, and [21] palm-trees *were* upon the poſts thereof on this ſide, and on that ſide, and the going up to it *had* [23] eight ſteps.

38 And the chambers, and the entries thereof *were* by the poſts of the gates, where they [24] waſhed the burnt-offering.

[24] Noting the Purity required both in our Perſons and Performances, *Tit.* 3. 5. 1 *Cor.* 6. 11. *Heb.* 10. 22, 23. *Jam.* 4. 8.

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39 ¶ And in the porch of the gate *were* two [25] tables on this ſide, and two tables on that ſide, to ſlay thereon the burnt-offering, and * the ſin-offering, and * the treſpaſs-offering.

* Lev. 4. 2. & 5. 2. & 6. 2.

* Lev. 7. 1.

[25] Noting the plentiful Proviſion made by Chriſt for Believers, *Iſa* 25. 6. and 55. 1, 2. *Luke* 22. 29, 30. and eſpecially at the Lord's Table.

40 And at the ſide without, ‖ as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables, and on the other ſide, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two Tables.

‖ Or, *at the ſtep.*

41 Four tables *were* on this ſide, and four tables on that ſide, by the ſide of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they ſlew *their ſacrifices.*

42 And the four tables *were* of hewn ſtone for the burnt-offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon alſo they laid the inſtruments wherewith they ſlew the burnt-offering and the ſacrifice.

43 And within *were* ‖ hooks, an hand broad, faſtened round about; and upon the tables *was* the fleſh of the offering.

‖ Or, *endirons*, or, *the two hearth-ſtones.*

44 ¶ And without the inner gate *were* the chambers of the [26] ſingers in the inner court, which *was* at the ſide of the north gate: and their proſpect *was* toward the ſouth, one at the ſide of the eaſt gate, *having* the proſpect toward the north.

[26] Noting the Spiritual Joy of Believers, (*Iſa.* 65. 14, 17, 18.) and their praiſing God for mercies receiv'd. *Eph.* 5. 19. *Col.* 3. 16.

45 And he ſaid unto me, This chamber whoſe proſpect *is* toward the ſouth, *is* for the [27] prieſts * the keepers of the ‖ charge of the houſe.

* Num. 3. 27, 28, 32, 38.

‖ Or, *ward*, or *ordinance.*

[27] Goſpel Miniſters, yea all the Godly, *Iſa.* 61. 6. *Rev.* 1. 6.

46 And the chamber whoſe proſpect *is* toward the north, *is* for the prieſts * the keepers of the charge of the altar: theſe *are* the ſons of * [28] Zadok among the ſons of Levi, which come near to the LORD, to miniſter unto him.

ſo ver. 46.

* Rev. 6. 12, 13.

* 1 Kings 2. 35.

[28] *i. e.* Chriſt, the Juſt one, (as the Word ſignifies) *Acts* 7. 52. and 22. 14.

47 So he meaſured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, fourſquare, and the altar *that was* before the houſe.

48 ¶ And he brought me to the porch of the houſe, and meaſured each poſt of the porch, five cubits on this ſide, and five cubits on that ſide: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this ſide, and three cubits on that ſide.

49 The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits, and *he brought me* by the ſteps whereby they went up to it: and *there were* pillars by the poſts, one on this ſide, and another on that ſide.

CHAP. XLI.

The meaſures, parts, chambers, and ornaments of the temple.

AFterward he brought me to the temple, and meaſured the poſts, ſix cubits broad on the one ſide, and ſix cubits broad on the other ſide, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the ‖ door *was* ten cubits, and the ſides of the door *were* five cubits on the one ſide, and five cubits on the other ſide: and he meaſured the length thereof forty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

‖ Or, *entrance.*

3 Then went he inward, and meaſured the poſts of the door two cubits, and the door ſix cubits, and the breadth of the door ſeven cubits.

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4 So * he measured the length thereof twenty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits before the temple; and he said unto me, This *is* the most holy *place*.

* 1 Kings 6.20.

5 After, he measured the wall of the house six cubits, and the breadth of *every* side-chamber four cubits round about the house on every side.

6 And the side-chambers *were* three, † one over another, and ‖ thirty in order, and they entred into the wall which *was* of the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might † have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

† Heb. *side-chamber over side-chamber.*
‖ Or, *three and thirty times*, or *foot.*
† Heb. *be holden.*

7 And † * *there was* an [1] enlarging and a winding about still upward to the side-chambers, for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *was still* upward, and so [1] increased *from* the lowest *chamber* to the highest by the midst.

† Heb. it was *made broader, and went round*
* 1 Kings 6. 8.

[1] To note, that as the Saints grow higher, they get Enlargement.

I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side-chambers *were* * a full reed of six great cubits.

* Chap. 40. 5.

9 The thickness of the wall which *was* for the side-chamber without, *was* five cubits, and *that* which *was* left, *was* the place of the side-chambers that *were* within.

10 And between the chambers *was* the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the doors of the side-chambers *were* toward the *place that was* left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south, and the breadth of the place *that was* left, *was* five cubits round about.

12 Now the building that *was* before the separate place, at the end toward the [2] west, *was* seventy cubits broad, and the [3] wall of the building *was* [3] five cubits chick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

[2] Noting the great Addition made to the Church in the Eastern parts of the World. ¶ [3] Noting strong protection about it, to secure it from Persecution and Invasion.

13 So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long, and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long.

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which *was* behind it, and the ‖ galleries thereof on the one side, and on the other side an hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court.

‖ Or, *several walks*, or *walks with pillars.*

16 The door-posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door † cieled with wood round about, ‖ and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered.

† Heb. *cieling of wood.*
‖ Or, *and the ground unto the windows.*

17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house and without, and by all the wall round about, [4] within and [4] without, [4] by † measure.

† Heb. *measures.*

[4] To note, that Christ will try all our thoughts, affections, words and actions.

18 And *it was* made with [5] cherubims and [6] palm-trees, so that a palm-tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub, and * *every* cherub had two faces.

* Chap. 1. 10.

[5] Noting the presence of Angels with Believers, (*Psal.* 34. 7. *Heb.* 1. 14. *Matth.* 18. 10.) and that this Church shall be flourishing and victorious, and the Saints upright. *Psal.* 92. 12. ¶ [6] See on *Ch.* 40. 16.

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19 So that the face of a [7] man *was* toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young [7] lion toward the palm-tree on the other side: it *was* made through all the house round about.

[7] To note, that the Wisdom and Power of the Angels is laid out for the good of Believers.

20 From the ground unto above the door *were* cherubims and palm-trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple.

21 The † posts of the temple *were* squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary: the appearance *of the one* as the appearance *of the other.*

† Heb. *post.*

22 [8] The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and the length thereof [9] two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof *were* of wood: and he said unto me, This *is* * the [10] table that *is* before the LORD.

* Mal. 1. 7. 12.

[8] *Viz.* Of Incense, noting the Intercession of Christ. ¶ [9] Larger than under the Law, to note, that the service of God under the Gospel should be enlarged by the accession of the *Gentiles* to the Church, and the Spirit of Prayer pour'd out in a larger measure, (*Zech.* 12. 10.) all which should be render'd acceptable by Christ, *Eph.* 5. 2. ¶ [10] Noting, that by Christ we have not only acceptance, but refreshing, *Job.* 6. 35, 55. *Rev.* 7. 17.

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door.*

25 And *there were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm-trees, like as *were* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And *there were* narrow windows and palm-trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and *upon* the side-chambers of the house, and thick planks.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *The chambers for the priests.* 13 *The use thereof.* 19 *The measures of the outward court.*

THen he brought me forth into the [1] utter court, the way toward the north, and he brought me into the chamber that *was* over against the separate place, and which *was* before the building toward the north.

[1] Noting the Visibility of the Church.

2 Before the length of an hundred cubits *was* the north-door, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty *cubits* which *were* for the [2] inner court, and over against the pavement which *was* for the utter court, *was* gallery against gallery in three *stories.*

[2] Noting the Church as Invisible.

4 And before the chambers *was* a walk of [3] ten cubits breadth inward, a way of [3] one cubit, and their doors toward the north.

[3] Noting the various dispensations the Church is under; sometimes in prosperity and freedom (*Acts* 4. 30. *Psal.* 112. 2.) sometimes in straits and persecutions.

5 Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: for the galleries ‖ were [4] higher then these, ‖ then the lower, and then the middlemost of the building.

‖ Or, *did eat of these.*
‖ Or, and *the building* consisted *of the lower and the middlemost.*

[4] Noting the difference between particular Churches in Knowledge, Grace, Liberty, &c.

6 For they *were* in [4] three *stories*, but had [5] not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore

Chap. 42. fore *the building* was straitned [6] more then the lowest, and the middlemost from the ground.

[5] To note, that some Churches have more helps and advantages than others. ¶ [6] To note, that the higher Persons are in the Church, the more storms they meet with, 1 *Cor.* 4. 11--13. 2 *Cor.* 4. 8, 9. and 11. 23--27.

7 And the wall that *was* without [7] over against the chambers, towards the utter court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof *was* fifty cubits.

[7] To note, that Gods Protection extends as far as the Church does, or any part thereof.

8 For the length of the chambers that *were* in the utter court *was* fifty cubits: and lo, before the temple *were* an hundred cubits.

‖ Or, *from the place.* 9 And ‖ from under these chambers *was* ‖ the entry on the east-side, ‖ as one goeth into them from the utter court.

‖ Or, *he that brought me.* ‖ Or, *as he came.*

10 The chambers *were* in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

11 And the way before them *was* like the appearance of the chambers which *were* toward the north, as long as they, *and* as broad as they, and all their goings out *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south, *was* a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directly before the wall, toward the east, as one entreth into them.

13 ¶ Then said he unto me, The north-chambers, *and* the south-chambers, which *are* before the separate place, they *be* holy chambers, where the priests that [8] approch unto the

*Lev. 6. 16, 26. LORD *[9] shall eat the most holy things: there

*Lev. 2. 3, 10. & 6. 17, 25, 29. & 7. 1. shall they [10] lay the most holy things, and * the meat-offering, and the sin-offering; and the trespass-offering; for the place *is* holy.

[8] *Lev.* 10.--3. *Exod.* 30. 20. *Deut.* 21. 5. ¶ [9] God takes care that Gospel-Ministers should have comfortable provision and accomodations, *Gal.* 6. 6. 1 *Cor.* 9. 13, 14. ¶ [10] The Ordinances and Truths of the Gospel are to be laid up in holy hearts, *Jam.* 4. 8. 1 *Cor.* 6. 15. 2 *Cor.* 6. 16, 17. *Heb.* 10. 22. 1 *Pet.* 2. 12.

14 [11] When the priests enter therein, then shall they [11] not go out of the holy *place* into the utter court, but [12] there they shall lay their garment wherein they minister; for they *are* holy: and shall put on [13] other garments, and shall approch to *those things* which *are* for the people.

[11] Ministers, when once they are set apart to the work of the Ministry, ought not to betake themselves to Worldly Employments, *Luke* 9. 62. 2 *Tim.* 2. 4. *Rom.* 12. 7. *Col.* 4. 17. ¶ [12] Have a holy frame of Heart ready whenever they are to minister before God in any duty. ¶ [13] Such a Carriage as is suitable for converse with the People, and may render 'em serviceable and acceptable to them, 2 *Tim.* 2. 24, 25. 1 *Pet.* 5. 3. 1 *Cor.* 9. 19--22.

[14] See on *Ch.* 40. *n.* 12. 15 Now when he had made an end of [14] measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east, and [14] measured it round about.

† Heb. *wind.* 16 He measured the [15] east † side with the measuring-reed, [15] five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed round about.

[15] Noting the great extent of the Church then, in all parts of the World, *Rom.* 10. 18.

17 He measured the [15] north-side five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed round about.

18 He measured the [15] south-side five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed.

19 ¶ He turned about to the [15] west-side, *and* measured five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed.

20 He measured it by the four sides, it had [16] a wall round about, five hundred *reeds* long, and * five hundred broad, to make a [17] separation between the sanctuary and the prophane place. Chap. 43. * Ch. 45. 2.

[16] Gods Protection, *Isa.* 27. 3. ¶ [17] 1 *Cor.* 1. 2. *John* 17. 16. 2 *Cor.* 6. 17. 1 *Pet.* 2. 9.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 *The returning of the glory of God into the temple.*
7 *The sin of Israel hindreth Gods presence.*

1 AFterward he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate that looketh toward the east.

[1] We are not at first admitted to the highest and deepest Mysteries of our Religion, 1 *Cor.* 3. 1, 2.

2 And behold the [2] glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the [2] east: and * his [3] voice *was* like a [3] noise of many waters, and the earth [4] shined with his glory. *Rev. 14. 2. & 19. 1, 6.

[2] *V.*--4. The Gospel (which is the Glory of Christ) spread from the Eastern parts of the World into the Western. ¶ [3] *Rev.* 1. 15. The Gospel was powerful and efficacious, *Matth.* 7. 29. and 22. 46. *John* 8. 9. *Luke* 21. 15. *Acts* 6. 10. *Rev.* 11. 5. ¶ [4] *Rev.* 18.--1. Was enlightned with abundance of Knowledge, *Dan.* 12.--4. *Hab.* 2. 14. *Matth.* 4. 16.

3 And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I [5] saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw, ‖ when I came * to [6] destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the [5] river Chebar: and I [7] fell upon my face. ‖ Or, *when I came to* prophesie *that the city should be destroyed.* See Ch. 9. 2, 5. * So Jer. 1. 10.

[5] *Ch.* 1. 4, &c. ¶ [6] See on *Jer.* 1. 10. To foretel and denounce the destruction of the City. ¶ [7] *Ch.* 1.--28. See there.

4 And the glory of the LORD came [8] into the house [9] by the way of the gate, whose prospect *is* toward the east.

[8] The Church and every true member thereof. ¶ [9] By the same way whereby it departed. *Ch.* 10. 19.

5 So the spirit [10] took me up, and brought me into the [11] inner court; and behold the * [12] glory of the LORD filled the house. * 1 King 8. 10, 11.

[10] *Ch.* 2. 2. 1 *Sam.* 2. 8. The humble find mercy. ¶ [11] The Spirit acquaints us with the Mysteries of the Gospel, and deep things of God, 1 *Cor.* 2. 10, &c. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 44. 4. The glorious manifestations of himself in that abundant measure of Gifts and Graces, which was to be bestowed upon the Members of the Church at that time.

6 And I heard *him* [13] speaking unto me out of the house, and the man [14] stood by me.

[13] *Lev.* 1. 1. *Rev.* 16. 1. *Isa.* 66. 6. and 2. 5. In the Church only God reveals his Will. ¶ [14] 2 *Tim.* 4. 16, 17. To assist, encourage, and interpret things to him.

7 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my [15] throne, and the place of the [16] soles of my feet, where I will [17] dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name shall the house of Israel [18] no more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their [19] whoredom, nor by * the [20] carcases of their kings in their high places. * Lev. 26. 30,

[15] *Matth.* 5.--34. *Rev.* 22. 3. *Jer.* 3. 17. and 17. 12. ¶ [16] 1 *Chron.* 28.--2. This Gospel-Church. ¶ [17] *Ch.* 48.--35. *Matth.* 28. 20. *Rev.* 21. 2, 3. ¶ [18] *Hos.* 14. 8. *Zech.* 14 20, 21. There shall be no more human inventions in Gods Worship then. ¶ [19] Idolatry; neither Heathenish nor Antichristian. ¶ [20] The Sacrifices of Mans flesh, (*Jer.* 16. 18.) offered to *Moloch*; whom they called their King.

8 * [21] In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, ‖ and the [22] wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. * See 2 King. 16. 14. & 21. 7. Ch. 8. 3. & 23. 39. ‖ Or, *for* there was but a *wall between me and them.*

[21] We must not joyn any thing of our own, our own Inventions and Institutions, either in Doctrin or Worship, to God's, *Isa.* 29.--13. *Matth.* 15. 9. *Col.* 2. 20, 21, 23. (as the *Jews* built Temples and Altars for their Idols, in or near the house of God, 2 *Kings* 21. 7.) ¶ [22] *Isa.* 59. 2.

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9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcases of their kings far from me, and I will [17] dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 ¶ Thou son of man [23] shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their [24] iniquities, and [25] let them measure the ‖ pattern.

‖ Or, *sum*, or *number*.

[23] *Ch.* 40.-4. The Church of the *Jews* shall then consider of these things, and do accordingly. ¶ [24] Whereby they have provok'd me to cast 'em off for so long together. ¶ [25] They shall then take their measures from hence, and conform themselves to this pattern.

11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, [26] shew them the form of the house and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write *it* in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

[26] They shall consider every thing particularly, and walk exactly thereby.

12 This *is* the [27] law of the house; Upon the [28] top of the mountain, the whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy: behold, this *is* the [27] law of the house.

[27] The Rule, Method and Order to be observ'd about it, *viz.* that all about it be holy, *Psal.* 93.5. *Zech.* 14.20,21. *Joel* 3. 17. *Rev.* 21. 27. ¶ [28] *Isa.* 2. 2. Noting its Eminency.

13 ¶ And these *are* the measures of [29] the altar after the cubits; the * cubit *is* [30] a cubit and an [30] hand-breadth; even the † bottom *shall be* a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the † edge thereof round about *shall be* a span, and this *shall be* the higher place of the altar.

* Ch. 41. 8.
† Heb. *besom.*
† Heb. *lip.*

[29] *Viz.* Of Burnt-offering, a Type of Christ, (*Heb* 13.10.) and of the Dignity, Merit and Efficacy of his Death. ¶ [30] See on *Ch.* 40.-5.

14 And from the bottom *upon* the ground, *even* to the lower settle, *shall be* two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle *even* to the greater settle *shall be* four cubits, and the breadth *one* cubit.

15 So † the [31] altar *shall be* four cubits, and from † the altar and upward *shall be* four [32] horns.

† Heb. *Harel*, that is, The *mountain of God.*
† Heb. *Ariel*, that is, *The lion of God.* Isa. 29. 1.

[13] Hebr. *The mountain of God*, to note, that Christ shall then be more clearly seen as Priest, Sacrifice and Altar. ¶ [31] See on *Exod.* 27. 2. Noting Christ's Strength, Ability and Sufficiency to save, *Heb.* 7. 25.

16 And the altar *shall be* twelve *cubits* long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.

17 And the settle *shall be* fourteen *cubits* long, and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof, and the border about it *shall be* half a cubit, and the bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit about, and * his stairs shall look toward the east.

* See Exod. 20. 26.

18 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD, These *are* the [33] ordinances of the altar, in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, and to sprikle blood thereon.

[33] Ministers must preach Christ crucified, 1 *Cor.* 2. 2.

19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the [34] seed of Zadok which approch unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, a [35] young bullock * for a sin-offering.

* Exod. 29.36. Lev. 8. 14,15.

[34] See on *Ch.* 40. 46. ¶ [35] Noting Christ our Passover, (1 *Cors* 5.-7.) and Sacrifice, 2 *Cor.* 5. 21.

20 And thou shalt take of the [36] bloud thereof, and put *it* on the [36] four horns of it, and on the [36] four corners of the settle, and upon the [36] border round about: thus shalt thou [36] cleanse and purge it.

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[36] Noting the Application of Christs bloud to all Nations for their Justification and Sanctification.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin-offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house without [37] the sanctuary.

[17] *Heb.* 13. 11, 12. See there.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a [38] sin-offering, and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse *it* with the bullock.

[38] See on *Lev.* 4.-3.

23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing *it*, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast [39] salt upon them, and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

[39] To note the wholsom Doctrin of the Gospel, and those gracious Words, and seasonable Reproofs that are administred by Ministers, (*Col.* 4. 6. *Eph.* 4. 29. *Tit.* 1. 13.) and the salt of the Covenant, (*Lev.* 2. 13.) *i. e.* Faith in Christ, whereby we have an interest in the Covenant.

25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat *for* a sin-offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purifie it, and they shall † consecrate themselves.

† Heb. *fill their hands.*

27 And when these days are expired, it shall be *that* [40] upon the eighth day and [40] *so* forward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your ‖ peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

‖ Or, *thank-offerings.*

[40] *i. e.* Upon the Return of every eighth day; pointing at the Christian Sabbath, which was to be the eighth day, or next day after the Jewish Sabbath; called the first day of the Week, upon which all their solemn services were performed, *John* 20. 19. *Acts* 20. 7. 1 *Cor.* 16. 2.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 *The east-gate assigned only to the prince.* 9 *Idolaters uncapable of the priests office.* 17 *Ordinances for the priests.*

THen he brought me back the way of the [1] gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east, and it *was* [2] shut.

[1] The Gate of Merit, or meritorious Suffering. ¶ [2] Perhaps to note, that the Work of Redemption and Mediation which Christ has performed, and whereby he has merited entrance into Heaven and Happiness for us, can be done by none else, 1 *Tim.* 2. 5.

2 Then said the LORD unto me, This [1] gate shall be [2] shut, it shall not be opened, and [2] no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD the God of Israel hath entred in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 *It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it [3] to eat bread before the LORD; he shall [4] enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall [4] go out by the way of the same.

[3] To partake of that Happiness he has merited, *Phil.* 2. 8, 9. See there. ¶ [4] Make use of it as he pleases.

4 ¶ Then brought he me the way of the north-gate before the house; and I looked, and behold, the [5] glory of the LORD [5] filled the

[5] *Ch.* 43.-5. See there.

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the house of the LORD; and I [d] fell upon my face.

[c] Ch. 43. 3.

5 And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, † [7] mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof, and mark well the entring in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

† Heb. *set thine heart.*

[7] Ch. 40. 4. See there.

6 And thou shalt say to the [8] rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD, O ye house of Israel, let it [9] suffice you of all your abominations,

[8] Ch. 2. 5.

[9] Ch. 45. 9. 1 Pet. 4. 3.

7 In that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* † [10] strangers * uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken [11] my covenant, because of all your abominations.

† Heb. *children of a stranger.*

* Lev. 26. 41.

[10] *Acts* 21. 28. *Lam.* 1. 10. ¶ [11] See on *Jer.* 9. 26. ¶ [12] The Laws and Ordinances I gave 'em concerning my Worship.

8 And ye have [13] not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have [14] set keepers of my ‖ charge in my sanctuary for your selves.

‖ Or, *ward*, or *ordinance*: so ver. 14. & 16.

[13] *Viz.* In your own persons; have not discharged the Duties of your Office your selves, but have deputed others thereto. A full Conviction and clear Reproof of all such, whether of higher or lower rank in the Church, that intrust others with the work, either of Doctrin or Discipline, that belongs to themselves.

9 ¶ Thus saith the Lord God, [15] No stranger uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that *is* among the children of Israel.

[15] *Rev.* 21. 27. *Joel* 3. 17. *Zech.* 14. 21.

10 And * the Levites that [16] are gone away far from me, [17] when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols, they shall even [18] bear their iniquity.

* See 2 Kings 23. 8. &c. 2 Chr. 29. 4, 5.

[16] Ministers especially must beware of the sins of the times and places where they live. ¶ [17] Ministers that have been grosly scandalous in their lives, tho reformed, must be remov'd from their Offices, tho they may be admitted to some inferior imployment in the Church.

11 Yet they shall be [17] ministers in my sanctuary, *having* charge at the gates of the house, and ministring to the house: they shall slay the burnt-offering, and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them:

[17] *Ver.* 14. 1 *Chron.* 23. 28.

12 Because they ministred unto them before their idols, and † caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore have I lift up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall [18] bear their iniquity.

† Heb. *were for a stumbling-block of iniquity unto*, &c.

13 And they shall [18] not come near unto me to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy *place*: but they shall [18] bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 ¶ But the priests the Levites, * the [19] sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary, when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall [19] come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD.

* Chap. 43, 19.

[18] See on *Ch.* 40. 46.

[19] 1 *Sam.* 2. 30.

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my [20] table to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

[20] See on *Ch.* 41. 22.

17 ¶ And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with [21] linen garments; and [22] no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

[21] *Exod.* 28. 42, 43. and 39. 27, 28. *Lev.* 16. 4. To note their Purity, *Rev.* 3. 4. and 7. 13, 14. ¶ [22] Because it causes sweat, *ver.* 18. To note, that they must take heed of giving offence, 1 *Cor.* 10. 32. See there, *Phil.* 4. 11.

18 They shall have linen [23] bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen [24] breeches upon their loyns; they shall not gird *themselves* ‖ with any thing that [25] causeth sweat.

‖ Or, *in sweating places.* † Heb. *in*, or, *with sweat.*

[23] Noting Gravity and Authority, 1 *Cor.* 11. 10. *Exod.* 28. 40. ¶ [24] Noting Chastity, *Exod.* 28. 42. ¶ [25] They shall have sufficient strength for, and delight in their work, so that they shall do it without sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the utter court, *even* into the utter court to the people, they shall [26] put off their garments wherein they ministred, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall [27] not * sanctifie the people with their garments.

* Chap. 46. 20. See Exod. 39. 27. & 30. 29.

[26] See on *Ch.* 42. 14. ¶ [27] To avoid all shew of ostentation and vain-glory, *Matth.* 6. 4, 6.

20 Neither shall they [28] shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow [29] long, they shall [30] only poll their heads.

[28] To note, that their Consecration to God shall not expire nor have an end, *Num.* 6. 5. ¶ [29] They shall not be proud nor vain. ¶ [30] Observe a grave and decent mean in their Habit and Converse, between the two extreams.

21 Neither shall any priest drink [31] wine, when they enter into the inner court.

[31] *Lev.* 10. 9. 1 *Tim.* 3. 3. *Tit.* 1. 7. Be temperate.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives [32] a widow, or her that is † [32] put away: but they shall take [33] maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow † that [34] had a priest before.

† Heb. *thrust forth.* † Heb. *from a priest.*

[32] All Antichristian and pretended Churches will at this time be disown'd by the true Ministers of Christ. ¶ [33] Chast Souls espoused to Christ. ¶ [34] A Church that had a Faithful Pastor.

23 And * they shall [35] teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

* Lev. 10. 10, 11. Ch. 22. 26.

[35] *Ch.* 22. 26. *Lev.* 10. 10. *Mal.* 2. 7. Preach the Word faithfully, sincerely, impartially and searchingly.

24 And * in controversie they shall stand in judgment, *and* they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies, and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

* Deut. 17. 8. 2 Chr. 19. 10.

25 And they shall come [36] at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father or for mother, or for son or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

[36] *Lev.* 21. 1. *&c.* They must have more power over their passions than others, and not suffer 'em to disturb or interrupt the duties of their Callings.

26 And * after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

* Num. 6. 19. & 19. 11.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin-offering, saith the Lord GOD.

28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance; I * *am* their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I *am* their possession.

* Num. 18. 20. Deut. 10. 9. & 18. 1, 2. Josh. 13. 14, 33.

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29 They shall eat the meat-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; and every ‖ dedicate thing in Israel shall be theirs.

‖ Or, *devoted.*

30 And the ‖ * first of all the first-fruits of all *things*, and every oblation of all of every sort of your oblations shall be the priests': ye * shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the [37] blessing to rest in thine house.

‖ Or, *chief.*
* Exod. 13. 2. Num. 3. 13. & 18. 12.
* Num. 15. 20. Neh. 10. 37.
[37] *Prov.* 3. 9, 10. *Mal.* 2. 10.

31 * The priests shall [38] not eat of any thing that is [38] dead of it self, or [38] torn, whether it be [39] fowl or [40] beast.

* Exod. 22. 31. Lev. 22. 8.

[38] Exod. 22. 31. Not converts in a way of Church-communion, with such as have mortified sin no further than the strength of Nature will enable 'em, or through some outward constraint. ¶ [39] Pharisaical Professors, who pretend to fly high in Religion. ¶ [40] Men of worldly temper, who mind only Earthly things.

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CHAP. XLV.

1 *The portion of land for the sanctuary,* 6 *for the city,* 7 *and for the prince.*

MOreover, when ye † shall divide [1] by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, † an holy portion of the land: the length *shall be* the length of five and [a] twenty thousand *reeds*, and the breadth *shall be* ten thousand: this *shall be* holy in all the borders thereof round about.

† Heb. *cause the land to fall.*
† Heb. *holiness.*

[1] That some are converted and made Members of the Church, when others are past by, is of free grace, *Prov.* 16. 33. *Eph.* 2. 5, 8, 9. ¶ [a] Noting the large extent of the Church then, as *Ch.* 42. 16.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary * five hundred *in length*, with five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits round about, for the ‖ suburbs thereof.

* Chap. 42. 20.
‖ Or, *void places.*

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary *and* the most holy *place.*

4 The holy *portion* of the land shall be for the [3] priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD, and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary.

[3] The Ministers are first provided for, because their work in the Church is most considerable and necessary; and to note their zeal for the maintenance of God's worship.

5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth shall also the [3] Levites the ministers of the house have for themselves, for a possession for * twenty chambers.

* See Chap. 40. 17.

6 ¶ And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long over against the oblation of the holy *portion*: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 ¶ And *a portion shall be* for the prince on the [4] one side and on the [4] other side of the oblation of the holy *portion*, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy *portion*, and before the possession of the city from the west-side west-ward, and from the east-side east-ward; and the length *shall be* over against one of the portions, from the west-border unto the east-border.

[4] Christian Magistrates ought to take care of, and protect the Church on every side.

8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel, and * my princes shall no more oppress my people, and [5] *the rest of* the land shall they † give to the house of Israel, according to their tribes.

* Chap. 46. 18.
[5] Suffer the People of God to enjoy their Spiritual Rights and Liberties, and protect 'em therein.

9 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD, Let it [6] suffice you, O princes of Israel: [7] remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your † exactions from my People, saith the Lord GOD.

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† Heb. *expulsions.*
[6] *Ch.* 44. 6. [7] *Psal.* 43. ¶ [7] *i. e.* So it shall be then, *Isa.* 60. 18.

10 * Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

* Lev. 19. 35, 36.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer: and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

12 And * the shekel *shall be* [8] twenty gerahs: [9] twenty shekels, [9] five and twenty shekels, [9] fifteen shekels shall be your maneh.

* Exod. 30. 13. Num. 3. 47.
[8] As it was at first, *Exod.* 30. 26. To note, that the ancient truths in Religion should be restor'd. ¶ [9] *i. e.* So many pieces of Money, each weighing so much, made up a Pound, as taken for a sum of Money; (for when it was taken as a meer weight, it was otherwise, as appears by comparing, 1 *Kings* 19. 17. with 2 *Chron.* 9. 16.)

13 This *is* the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley.

14 Concerning the ordinance of oyl, the bath of oyl, *ye shall offer* the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which is* an homer of ten baths; for ten baths *are* an homer:

15 And one ‖ lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the [10] fat pastures of Israel, for a meat-offering, and for a burnt-offering, and for ‖ peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord GOD.

‖ Or, *kid.*
‖ Or, *thank-offerings.*
[10] The ordinances and means of grace, (which shall then be fat Pastures for the Saints to feed in.)

16 All the people of the land † shall *give* this oblation ‖ for the prince in Israel.

† Heb. *shall be for.*
‖ Or, *with.*

17 And it shall be the princes part *to give* burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings and drink-offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meat-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the ‖ peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

‖ Or, *thank-offerings.*

18 Thus saith the Lord GOD, In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and * cleanse the sanctuary.

* Lev. 16. 16.

19 And the priests shall take of the blood of the sin-offering, and [11] put *it* upon the [11] posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

[11] To note, that this House or Church shall not be destroyed.

20 And so thou shalt do the seventh *day* of the month, for every one that erreth, and for *him that is* simple: so shall ye reconcile the house.

21 * [11] In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days, unleavened bread shall be eaten.

* Exod. 12. 3. Lev. 23. 5. Num. 9. 3. & 28. 17. Deut. 16. 1.
[11] The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated according to the Primitive Institution, and not as corrupted by Antichristian inventions.

22 And upon that day shall the [11] prince prepare for himself, and for all the people of the land, a bullock *for* a sin-offering.

[11] Christ shall offer his own Body for the sins of his Church, which he has taken upon himself.

23 And [11] seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt-offering to the LORD, seven bullocks, and seven rams without blemish, daily

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Chap. 46. the seven days, and a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin-offering.

[g] When the Saints keep the Feast, and are praying and praising, then Christ offers his burnt-offering, *i. e.* his supplications, with and for them.

24 And he shall prepare a meat-offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oyl for an ephah.

* Lev. 23. 33. Numb. 29. 12. Deut. 16. 13.

25 * In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the meat-offering, and according to the oyl.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 Ordinances for the prince in his worship, 9 and for the people.

THus saith the Lord GOD, The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east, shall be [1] shut the six working-days: but on the [2] sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the [2] new-moon it shall be opened.

[1] To note, that during the time of life, (which is a time of labour and sorrow, *Job* 5. 7. and 14. 1.) and of making Preparation for Eternity, *John* 9. 4. *Eccl.* 9. 10.) we walk by Faith only, and not by sight, (2 *Cor.* 5. 7.) and see heavenly things but darkly, (1 *Cor.* 13. 12.) in comparison of what we shall hereafter. ¶ [2] When we come to Heaven, (whereof these Feasts were Types and Pledges, *Heb.* 4. 9, 10.) then all shall be fully made known to us.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the [3] priest shall prepare his burnt-offering, and his peace-offerings, and he shall [3] worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth, but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

[3] The Prince shall not himself perform what belongs to Ministers, (2 *Chron.* 26. 18.) but only countenance and encourage them in the execution of their Office.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD, in the sabbaths, and in the new-moons.

4 And the [4] burnt-offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath-day, *shall be* [5] six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

[4] Such Converts as have intirely given up themselves to God. ¶ [5] Our services under the Gospel, must be more than under the Law.

5 And the meat-offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and the meat-offering for the lambs † [6] as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oyl to an ephah.

† Heb. *the gift of his hand.*

6 And in the day of the new-moon *it shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and [5] six lambs and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat-offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram: and for the lambs according [6] as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oyl to an ephah.

[6] *V.* 7. 11. 1 *Cor.* 16. 2. 2 *Cor.* 8. 12.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 ¶ But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD, in the solemn feasts, he that [7] entreth in by the way of the north-gate to worship, shall [7] go out by the way of the south-gate: and he that entreth by the way of the south-gate, shall go forth by the way of the north-gate: he shall [8] not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

[7] *Heb.* 12. 13. To note, that we must keep strait on in the way to Heaven, without either turning aside, or turning back. ¶ [8] *Gal.* 4. 9. and 5. 7. 1 *Cor.* 9. 24. 2 *Pet.* 2. 20, 21. He must not backslide, nor return to former sinful courses. Chap. 46.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts, and in the solemnities, the meat-offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an [9] hin of oyl to an ephah.

[9] A proportion of the Spirit, whereby all their works shall be done with Zeal, Love and Chearfulness.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt-offering or peace-offerings, voluntarily unto the LORD, *one* shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt-offerings, and his peace-offerings, as he did on the sabbath-day: then he shall go forth, and after his going forth, *one* shall shut the gate.

13 * Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt-offering unto the LORD, *of* a lamb † of the first year without blemish; thou shalt prepare it † every morning.

* Exod. 29. 38.

† Heb. *a son of his year.*

† Heb. *morning by morning.*

14 And thou shalt prepare a meat-offering for it every morning, [10] the sixth part of an ephah, and the [10] third part of an hin of oyl, to temper with the fine flower; a meat-offering continually, by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.

[10] Under the Law it was a tenth part, and a fourth part (*Numb.* 28. 5.) to teach us, that as God's Grace and Blessings abound towards us, so should our thankfulness towards him.

15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat-offering, and the oyl, every morning *for* a continual burnt-offering.

16 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD, If the prince give [11] a gift unto any of his sons, the [12] inheritance thereof shall be his sons, it *shall be* their possession by inheritance.

[11] Saving Grace to those that are born of God. ¶ [12] It shall never be taken from him, *Luke* 10. 42.

17 But if he give a [13] gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after, it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons for them.

[13] Any outward Blessing, or common Gift or Grace to such as make only an outward profession.

18 Moreover, * the prince shall not take of the peoples inheritance, by oppression to thrust them out of their possession; *but* he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

* Ch. 45. 8.

19 ¶ After, he brought me through the entry, which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and behold, there *was* a place on the two sides west-ward.

20 Then said he unto me, This *is* the place where the priests shall [14] boil the trespass-offering and the sin-offering, where they shall bake the meat-offering: that they bear *them* not out into the utter court, to * sanctifie the people.

* Ch. 44. 19.

[14] *Ver.* 24. Prepare instructions for the edification of the People.

21 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court, and behold, † [15] in every corner of the court *there was* a court.

† Heb. *a court in a corner of a court, and a court in a corner of a court.*

[15] Particular Churches in all parts of the World.

22 In

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22 In the four corners of the court *there* *were* courts ‖ joyned of forty *cubits* long, and thirty broad: these four † corners *were* of one measure.

‖ Or, *made with chimneys.* †Heb. *cornered.*

23 And *there was* a row *of building* round about in them, round about them four, and *it was* made with [16] boiling-places under the rows round about.

[16] The Ministry then will be a heating and a boiling Ministry: the Word will be a Fire in their Hearts, and Love and Zeal kindled thereby, will be as fire that came down from Heaven to keep the Sacrifices boiling.

24 Then said he unto me, These *are* the places of them that [14] boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

CHAP. XLVII.

1 *The vision of the holy waters:* 6 *The vertue of them.* 13 *The borders of the land.*

* Joel 3. 18. Zech. 13. 1. & 14. 8.

AFterward he brought me again unto the door of the house, and behold, * [1] waters issued out from under the threshold of the house east-ward: for the forefront of the house *stood* toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south-side of the [2] altar.

[1] *Rev.* 22. 1. The Gospel, with the Gifts and Graces of the Spirit, *Isa.* 41. 18. and 44. 3. *John* 7. 37, 38. ¶ [2] The Gospel is the Purchase of Christs Death.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate north-ward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh east-ward, and behold there ran out waters on the right-side.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand, went forth [3] east-ward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters: the † waters *were* to the [4] ankles.

† Heb. *waters of the ankles.*

[3] The Preaching of the Gospel is according to Christs appointment, *Acts* 16. 7--10. ¶ [4] The Gospel had but small beginnings at first, but made wonderful progress in a little time, and so the Conversion of Sinners, and Graces of the Spirit proceed gradually.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the [4] knees: again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters *were* to the [4] loyns.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand, *and it was* a river that I could [5] not pass over: for the waters were risen, † waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

† Heb. *waters of swimming.*

[5] The Gospel has such Depths and Mysteries as no Human Understanding can comprehend, 2 *Pet.* 3. 16.

6 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? then he brought me and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the † bank of the river *were* very many [6] trees on the one side and on the other.

† Heb. *lip.*

[6] *Psal.* 1. 3. and 92. 12. Believers converted by the power of the Gospel, *Isa.* 41. 18, 19.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east-countrey, and go down into the ‖ desert, and go into the [7] sea: *which being* brought forth into the sea: the [8] waters shall be healed.

‖ Or, *plain.* See Deut. 3. 17. & 4. 49. Josh. 3. 16.

[7] The dead Sea, *i. e.* places abounding with Sin and Ignorance. ¶ [8] *Matth.* 13. 15. Multitudes were converted.

9 And it shall come to pass, *that* every thing [9] that liveth, which [9] moveth, whithersoever the † rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very [10] great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed, and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

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† Heb. *two rivers.*

[9] Many that live naturally, where the Gospel comes, shall be quickned and made to live Spiritually; and they that live Spiritually, shall have that life continued and increas'd in 'em. ¶ [10] *Acts* 2. 41. and 4. 4. and 5. 14. and 21. 20. *Rev.* 7. 9.

10 And it shall come to pass, *that* [11] the fishers shall stand upon it, from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a *place* to spread forth nets, their fish shall be [12] according to their kinds, as the fish of * the great sea, exceeding many.

* Numb. 34. 6.

[11] *Matth.* 4. 19. ¶ [12] *Matth.* 13. 47. Some of all sorts.

11 But the [13] miry places thereof, and [13] the marishes thereof, ‖ shall not be healed, they shall be given to salt.

‖ Or, *and that which shall not be healed.*

[13] *Rev.* 21. 8. and 22. 11. Slothful and impenitent persons shall be given up to their own lusts, and shall not be converted, but remain barren.

12 And by the river upon the [14] bank thereof on this side and on that side, shall † grow all [14] trees for meat, * whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the [15] fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth ‖ new fruit according to his mouths, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary, and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for ‖ [16] medicine.

† Heb. *come up.* * Job 8. 16. Jer. 17. 8.

‖ Or, *principal.*

‖ Or, *bruises and sores.*

[14] *Psal.* 1. 3. ¶ [15] *Rev.* 22. 2. *Gal.* 5. 22. ¶ [16] *Rev.* 22. 2. To cure the soul of its Spiritual Diseases.

13 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD, This *shall be* the border whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: * Joseph *shall have two* portions.

* Gen. 48. 5. 1 Chr. 5. 1.

14 And ye shall inherit it, [17] one as well as another: *concerning* the which I ‖ * lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers, and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

Ch. 48. 4, 5. ‖ Or, *swore.* * Gen. 15. 7. & 17. 8. & 26. 3. & 28. 13.

[17] *Gal.* 3. 28. *Col.* 3. 11. *Acts* 10. 34, 35. 1 *Pet.* 2. 9, 10.

15 And this *shall be* the border of the land toward the north-side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad:

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which *is* between the border of Damascus, and the border of Hamath; ‖ Hazar-hatticon, which *is* by the coast of Hauran.

‖ Or, *the middle village.*

17 And the border from the sea, shall be * Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north north-ward, and the border of Hamath: and *this is* the north-side.

* Ch. 48. 1.

18 And the east-side ye shall measure † from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel *by* Jordan, from the border unto the east-sea: and *this is* the east-side.

† Heb. *from between.*

19 And the south-side south-ward from Tamar, *even* to the waters of ‖ strife *in* Kadesh, the ‖ river, to the great sea: and *this is* the south-side ‖ southward.

‖ Or, *Meribah.* ‖ Or, *Valley.* ‖ Or, *toward Teman.*

20 The west-side also *shall be* the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath: this *is* the west-side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you, according to the tribes of Israel.

22 ¶ And it shall come to pass, *that* ye shall divide it by [18] lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the [19] strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget Children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the countrey among the children of Israel, they shall have inheritance

Chap. 48. inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

[19] See on *Ch.* 45. 1. ¶ [19] The Priviledges of the Gospel belong to the *Gentiles* as well as the *Jews*, *Isa.* 56. 6, 7. *Acts* 11. 18.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, [20] there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, saith the Lord GOD.

[20] Whereſoever any one shall joyn himself to the true Church of Christ, he thereby becomes a Member of the Universal Church.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1, 23 *The portions of the twelve tribes*, 8 *of the sanctuary.*

* Ch. 47. 15, &c. NOw these *are* the names of the tribes,* from the north-end, to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus north-ward, to the coast of Hamath, (for these are his sides east *and* west) † a *portion* for Dan.

† Heb. *one* portion.

2 And by the border of Dan, from the east-side unto the west-side, a *portion* for Asher.

3 And by the border of Asher, from the east-side even unto the west-side, a *portion* for Naphtali.

4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east-side unto the west-side, a *portion* for Manasseh.

5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east-side unto the west-side, a *portion* for Ephraim.

6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east-side even unto the west-side, a *portion* for Ruben.

7 And by the border of Ruben, from the east-side unto the west-side, a *portion* for Judah.

* Ch. 45. 1. 8 ¶ And by the border of Judah, from the east-side unto the west-side, shall be * the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand *reeds in* breadth, and *in* length as one of the *other* parts, from the east-side unto the west-side, and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the LORD, *shall be* of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.

10 And for them, *even* for the priests shall be *this* holy oblation toward the north, five and twenty thousand *in length*, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south, five and twenty thousand in length, and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.

* Ch. 44. 15. ‖ Or, *The sanctified* portion shall be *for the priests.* ‖ Or, *ward*, or *ordinance.* 11 *‖ *It shall be* for the priests *that are* sanctified, of the sons of Zadok, which have kept my ‖ charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

12 And *this* oblation of the land that is offered, shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

13 And over against the border of the priests, the Levites *shall have* five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length *shall be* five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 And they shall not sell of it, neither [1] exchange, nor alienate the first fruits of the land: for *it is* holy unto the LORD.

[1] We must be content with the Portion allotted us by God, *Heb.* 13. 5.

15 ¶ And the five thousand *that are* left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a [2] profane *place* for the [3] city, for dwelling, and for suburbs, and the city shall be in the midst thereof. Chap. 48.

[2] *Viz.* Comparatively. ¶ [3] As this State of the Church is represented by a Temple, *ch.* 40. so here by a City; to note that it is a Spiritual and Heavenly Common-Wealth, wherein there is a regular Government.

16 And these *shall be* the measures thereof, the north-side four thousand and five hundred, and the south-side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east-side four thousand and five hundred, and the west-side four thousand and five hundred.

17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy *portion*, *shall be* ten thousand east-ward, and ten thousand west-ward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy *portion*, and the increase thereof shall be for [4] food unto them that [5] serve the city.

[4] *Matth.* 10.—10. 1 *Tim.* 5. 17. ¶ [5] Are instrumental for the converting of Persons to be Members of the Church, shall bring 'em from all parts.

19 And they that [5] serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the oblations *shall be* five and twenty thousand, by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation [6] four-square, with the possession of the city. [6] *Rev.* 21. 16. *Heb.* 12. 27.

21 ¶ And the residue *shall be* for the prince on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city over against the five and twenty thousand, of the oblation toward the east-border, and west-ward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west-border, over against the portions for the prince, and it shall be the holy oblation, and the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in the midst thereof.

22 Moreover, from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, *being* in the midst *of that* which is the princes, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east-side unto the west-side, Benjamin *shall have* a *portion:*

24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east-side unto the west-side, Simeon *shall have* † a *portion.* † Heb. *one* portion.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east-side unto the west-side, Issachar a *portion.*

26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east-side unto the west-side, Zebulun a *portion.*

27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east-side unto the west-side, Gad a *portion.*

28 And by the border of Gad, at the south-side south-ward, the border shall be even from * Tamer *unto* the waters of † strife *in* Kadesh, *and* to the river toward the great sea. * Ch. 47. 19. † Heb *Meribakkadesh.*

29 This *is* the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel, for inheritance, and these *are* their portions, saith the Lord GOD.

30 ¶ And these *are* the goings out of the city on the north-side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

31 And

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31 And the gates of the city *shall be* after the names of the tribes of Israel, three gates north-ward; one gate of Ruben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

32 And at the east-side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33 And at the south-side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34 At the west-side four thousand and five hundred, *with* their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

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35 *It was* round about eighteen thousand *measures*: and the name of the city from that day *shall be*, † [7] the LORD *is* there.

†Heb. *Jehovah shammah.* See Exod. 17. 15. Judg. 6. 24.

[7] *Ch.* 37. 26. *Rev.* 7. 15–17. *Isa.* 60. 4. To dwell in, govern, defend, prosper and crown. And so it is the truth of that, which the Temple, as a Type or Figure, did represent, *Psal.* 132. 14.

DANIEL.

The ARGUMENT.

DAniel *was one of the Seed Royal,* (c. 1. 3, 6.) *carried captive to* Babylon *by* Nebuchadnezzar *after the Conquest of* Jerusalem, *and there instructed in the Learning of the* Chaldeans; *and also endued by God with singular Wisdom and Understanding in revealing and expounding of Dreams and Visions, so that he was famous for his Wisdom,* (Ezek. 28. 3.) *and also for his Faith, holy Zeal, Constancy in the worship of God, and Power with God by Prayer,* Ezek. 14. 14, 20.

To him God gave many Visions concerning the Destruction of the City and Temple, and rebuilding of it again; Christ's coming in the Flesh, Preaching and Miracles; of the ceasing of the Levitical *Priesthood, Sacrifices and Ceremonies; of the very particular time when Christ should be put to death; as also how God would at last deliver and redeem his people both Temporally and Eternally.*

The six first Chapters are Historical; the six last Prophetical.

CHAP. I.

1 *Jehoiakims captivity.* 8 *Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah refusing the kings portion, do prosper with pulse and water.*

3397. IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, * came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

* 2 King. 24. 1. 2 Chr. 36. 6.

3398. 2 And the Lord [1] gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with [2] part of the vessels of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the [3] house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the [3] treasure-house of his god.

[1] *Judg.* 2. 14. ¶ [2] *Jer.* 27. 19, &c. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 5. 2. 1 *Sam.* 31. 9, 10. *Judg.* 16. 23, 24. *Heb.* 1. 16.

3398. 3 ¶ And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the [4] kings seed, and of the princes.

[4] Is. 39. 7.

4 Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well-favoured, and [5] skilful in all wisdom, and [5] cunning in knowledge, and [5] understanding science, and such as *had* [6] ability in them to stand in the kings palace, and whom they might teach [7] the learning and the [7] tongue of the Chaldeans.

[5] *Acts* 7. 22. That had been train'd up in such Learning as befitted Persons of their Quality. ¶ [6] Were of good understanding and capacity for further improvement, and so to be made great Officers and Ministers of State. ¶ [7] Thereby the better to fit 'em for service in that Court.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the kings meat, and of † the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof, they might * stand before the king.

† Heb. *the wine of his drink.* * V. 19.

3398. 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah:

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave [8] names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of * Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

* Ch. 4. 8.

[8] *Gen.* 41. 45. 2 *Kings* 23. 34. and 24. 17. *Mark* 3. 16. Thereby to blot out of their minds, as much as might be, the remembrance of the true God, (which their former names put 'em in mind of) and to inure 'em to the knowledge and remembrance of their Idols.

8 ¶ But Daniel [9] purposed in his heart, that he would * not [10] defile himself with the portion of the kings meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs, that he might not defile himself.

* Hos. 9. 3.

[9] *Acts* 11. –22. *Ruth* 1. 18. 2 *Cor.* 9. 7. ¶ [10] 1 *Thes.* 5. 22. By eating any thing that was forbidden by the *Jewish* Law.

9 Now

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9 Now God had brought Daniel [11] into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

[11] 1 *Kings* 8.-50. *Pſal.* 106. 46. *Prov.* 16. 7. *Gen.* 39. 3, 4, 21.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs ſaid unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why ſhould he ſee your faces † worſe liking than the children which *are* of your ‖ ſort? then ſhall ye make *me* [12] endanger my head to the king.

† Heb. *ſadder.*
‖ Or, *term*, or *continuance.*
[12] *Prov.* 29. 25.

11 Then ſaid Daniel to ‖ Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had ſet over Daniel, Hananiah, Miſhael, and Azariah,

‖ Or, *the ſteward.*

12 Prove thy ſervants, I beſeech thee, ten days, and let them give us † [13] pulſe † to eat, and water to drink.

† Heb. *of pulſe.*
[13] *Deut.* 8.-3.
† Heb. *that we may eat*, &c.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the kings meat: and as thou ſeeſt, deal with thy ſervants.

14 So he conſented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days, their countenances appeared [14] fairer, and [14] fatter in fleſh than all the children which did eat the portion of the kings meat.

[14] *Exod.* 23. 25. It's the bleſſing of God that makes rich, both in Soul and Body.

16 Thus Melzar [15] took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they ſhould drink: and gave them pulſe.

[15] They that ſhew favour to God's Servants are no loſers by it.

17 As for theſe four children, [16] God gave them knowledge and ſkill in all learning and wiſdom: and ‖ Daniel had * underſtanding in all viſions and [17] dreams.

‖ Or, *he made Daniel underſtand.*
* 2 Chr. 26. 5. Ch. 10. 1.
[16] *Jam.* 1. 17. *Iſa.* 28. 29. ¶ [17] *Num.* 12. 6. *Viz.* Which were ſent by God.

3401. 18 Now at the end of the days that the king had ſaid he ſhould bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them, and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Miſhael, and Azariah: therefore ſtood they before the king.

†Heb. *wiſdom of underſtanding.*

20 And in all matters of † wiſdom *and* underſtanding that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* aſtrologers that *were* in all his realm.

3468. [18] *Ch.* 6. 28. & 8. 1.

21 And Daniel continued *even* unto the [18] firſt year of king Cyrus.

CHAP. II.

1 *Nebuchadnezzar forgetting his dream,* 12 *Daniel findeth it.* 31 *The dream,* 36 *and interpretation.*

3401. AND in the ſecond year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar [1] dreamed dreams, wherewith his ſpirit was [2] troubled, and his ſleep [3] brake from him.

[1] *Gen.* 41. 1. ¶ [2] *Ver.* 3. *Gen.* 40.-6. and 41. 8. at the ſtrangeneſs thereof, which left ſome impreſſion upon him, though he had forgotten the particulars. ¶ [3] *Eſth.* 6. 1.

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2 Then the king commanded to [4] call [5] the magicians, and the [6] aſtrologers, and [7] the ſorcerers, and the [8] Chaldeans, for to ſhew the king his dreams: ſo they came and ſtood before the king.

[4] *Ch.* 5. 7. *Gen.* 41. 8. ¶ [5] See on *Gen.* 41. 8. ¶ [6] Such as foretell hidden things, or things to come, by the Stars. ¶ [7] Such as uſed Deviliſh Arts, *Exod.* 7. 11. and 22. 18. *Deut.* 18. 10. ¶ [8] A general name for all ſuch as pretended to ſuch kind of extraordinary knowledge, (becauſe thoſe People were moſt noted for their knowledge in ſuch Arts.)

3 And the king ſaid unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my ſpirit was troubled [9] to know the dream.

[9] Both the Particulars of the dream, and the Interpretation thereof.

4 Then ſpake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, * O king, [10] live for ever: tell thy ſervants the dream, and we will [11] ſhew the interpretation.

* 1 King. 1. 31.
[10] *Ch.* 3. 9. and 5. 10. and 6.-6, 21. 1 *Sam.* 10. 24. 1 *Kin.* 1.-25, 31. *Neh.* 2. 3. ¶ [11] *Iſa.* 44. 25. but *Gen.* 41.-8.

5 The king anſwered and ſaid to the Chaldeans, The thing is [12] gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye ſhall be † [13] cut in pieces, and * your houſes ſhall be made a [14] dunghil.

† Chald. *made pieces.*
* Ezr. 6. 11.
[12] (Which came to paſs by the ſpecial Providence of God for the advancement of *Daniel*, and good of his Church and People, *v.* 30.) ¶ [13] *Ch.* 3. 29. 1 *Sam.* 15. 33. 1 *Chron.* 20. 3. *Prov.* 18. 14. ¶ [14] 2 *King.* 10. 27. *Ezr.* 6. 11.

6 But if ye ſhew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye ſhall receive of me [15] gifts and ‖ rewards, and great honour: therefore ſhew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. 3410.

[15] *Ch.* 5. 7. *Num.* 22. 17.
‖ Or, *fee*, ch. 5. 17.

7 They anſwered again and ſaid, Let the king tell his ſervants the dream, and we will ſhew the interpretation of it.

8 The king anſwered and ſaid, I know of certainty that ye would † [16] gain the time, becauſe ye ſee the thing is gone from me.

† Chald. *buy.*
[16] (As hoping ſome alteration might happen ſome way or other for their advantage.)

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* [17] one decree for you: for ye have prepared [18] lying and corrupt words to ſpeak before me, till [19] the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I ſhall know that ye can ſhew me the interpretation thereof.

[17] *Eſth.* 4. 11. 2 *Sam.* 19. 29. No change to be made in my purpoſe. ¶ [18] To pretend to that Skill and Ability which you have not. ¶ [19] Something happen to prevent the execution of my purpoſe.

10 ¶ The Chaldeans anſwered before the king, and ſaid, There is not a man upon the earth that can ſhew the kings matter: therefore *there* is no king, lord, nor ruler *that* aſked ſuch things at any magician, or aſtrologer, or Chaldean.

11 And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can ſhew it before the king, except the gods whoſe dwelling is not with fleſh.

12 For this cauſe the king was angry and very [20] furious, and commanded to [21] deſtroy all the wiſe-*men* of Babylon.

[20] *Prov.* 27. 4. and 19. 12. and 16. 14. and 20. 2. ¶ [21] *Pſal.* 76. 10.

13 And the decree went forth that the wiſe-*men* ſhould be ſlain; and they ſought Daniel and his fellows to be ſlain.

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14 ¶ Then Daniel † answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the ‖ † captain of the kings guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise-*men* of Babylon.

† Chald. *returned.*
‖ Or, *chief marshal.*
† Chald. *chief of the executioners*, or, *slaughter-men.* Gen. 37. 36.

15 He answered and said to Arioch the kings captain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then Arioch made [22] the thing known to Daniel.

[22] The occasion of this sudden Decree.

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah his companions:

† Chald. *from before God.*
‖ Or, *that they should not destroy Daniel*, &c.

18 That they would desire mercies † of the God of heaven concerning this secret; ‖ that Daniel and his fellows should [23] not perish with the rest of the wise-*men* of Babylon.

[23] God has a distinguishing care and love for his People, (*Mal.* 3. 18. 2 *Thess.* 1. 6, 7. 2 *Pet.* 2. 9.) especially in common Calamities, *Exod.* 14. 19, &c. *Isa.* 26. 20. *Rev.* 18. 4.

19 ¶ Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night-vision: then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, [24] Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for [25] wisdom and [26] might are his.

[24] *Psal.* 113. 1. and 115. 18. ¶ [25] *Ver.* 23. *Job* 12. 13, 16. *Prov.* 2. 6. 1 *Kings* 3. 9. To discover secrets, *ver.* 22. ¶ [26] To dispose of Kings and Kingdoms as he pleases, *ver.* 21.

21 And [27] he changeth the times and the seasons: he [28] removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding.

[27] *Eccl.* 3. 1. He disposes the affairs that happen in time, according to his own pleasure. ¶ [28] *Job* 12. 18. *Psal.* 75. 6, 7. *Prov.* 8. 15.

22 He [29] revealeth the deep and secret things: he [30] knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the [31] light dwelleth with him.

[29] *Psal.* 25. 14. *Job* 12. 22. *Gen.* 37. 5. 9. and 41. 16. *&c.* ¶ [30] *Heb.* 4. 13. ¶ [31] 1 *Tim.* 6. 16. *Psal.* 36. 9. and 139. 12. He knows all secrets.

23 [32] I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and [33] might, and hast [34] made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* [34] made known unto us the kings matter.

[32] *Matth.* 11. 25. ¶ [33] Ability to know the Dream, and the Interpretation thereof. ¶ [34] *Amos* 3. 7. *Gen.* 18. 17. and 6. 13. *Psal.* 25. 14. *John* 15. 15. 1 *John* 5. 15.

24 ¶ Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise-*men* of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him, [35] Destroy not the wise-*men* of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

[35] Because they were innocent as to this matter.

† Chald. *That I have found.*
† Chald. *children of the captivity.*
[36] 1 *Cor.* 1. 27.
[37] 1 *Sam.* 17. 33.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, † I have found a man of the † [36] captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel whose name *was* Belteshazzar, [37] Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

[38] *Isa.* 44. 25. *Jon.* 2. 8.

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded, [38] cannot the wise-*men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers shew unto the king;

† Chald. *hath made known.*

28 But there is a [39] God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and † maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar, what shall be in the [40] latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these. Chap. 2.

[39] *Psal.* 113. 3. *Gen.* 41. 16. and 40. 8. ¶ [40] *Ver.* 29. 45.

† Chald. *came up.*

29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts † came into *thy mind*, upon thy bed, [41] what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known unto thee what shall come to pass.

[41] Whether thy Monarchy should continue in thy Family or no.

30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me, [42] for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, but [43] for *their* sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

[42] *Gen.* 41. 16. *Acts* 3. 12. 1 *Cor.* 15. 8. ¶ [43] That thou mightest shew favour to us *Jews* thy Captives.

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† Chald. *wast seeing.*

31 ¶ Thou, O king, † sawest, and behold, a great image: this great image whose [44] brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee, and the form thereof *was* [45] terrible.

[44] *Ch.* 4. 36. Representing the splendour and glory of those Empires it did prefigure. ¶ [45] Such as might cause astonishment in the Beholders, and especially Fear and Dread in the Subjects of those Empires, by reason of their Cruelty and Severity.

* Chap. 7. 3.
‖ Or, *sides.*

32 * This images head *was* of fine gold, his [46] breast and his [46] arms of silver, his [47] belly and his ‖ [47] thighs of brass,

[46] The *Medo-Persian* Empire. ¶ [47] The *Greek* Empire; (noted for Excess of Luxury in Eating, Drinking and Lust,) which was one in *Alexander*, but after his death divided chiefly into the *Seleucidæ* and *Lagidæ*.

33 His [48] legs of iron, his feet [49] part of iron and part of clay.

[48] The *Roman* Empire, divided into the Eastern and Western, (which Division was first begun by *Anthony* and *Augustus Cesar*, afterwards established by *Constantine*, A. D. 330, and at last more perfectly by *Theodosius*, A. D. 395.) ¶ [49] See on *Ver.* 41.

‖ Or, *which was not in hands:* as ver. 45.

34 Thou sawest till that a [50] stone was cut out ‖ without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

[50] *Zech.* 12. 3. The Kingdom of Christ or the Saints to be set up more eminently, at the fall of Antichrist, *Ch.* 7. 18, 22, 26, 27.

* Hos. 13. 3.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became * like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors, and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the [50] stone that smote the image became a [51] great mountain, and [52] filled the whole earth.

[51] The supream Kingdom. ¶ [52] Subdued all Kingdoms to it self, *Ch.* 7. 14, 27.

36 ¶ This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, *art* [53] a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath [54] given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

[53] *Ezra* 7. 12. *Jer.* 27. 6, 7. *Ezek.* 26. 7. *Hos.* 8.-10. ¶ [54] *Ezra* 1. 2.

38 And [55] whersoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all: [56] thou *art* this [57] head of gold.

[55] *Ch.* 4. 21, 22. ¶ [56] And thy Successors in the *Chaldean* Empire. ¶ [57] *Ch.* 3. 1. *Isa.* 14. 4. The first Monarchy, famous for its Riches, Splendor and Magnificence in all greatness, *Isa.* 10. 13, 14. and 13. 19. and 14. 11--13.

39 And after thee shall arise [46] another kingdom [58] inferior to thee, and another [47] third kingdom of [59] brass, which shall bear rule over [60] all the earth.

[58] *Ch.*

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[58] (1.) In point of Morality; (2.) Succeſſion; (3.) Continuance, (tho of large extent, *Eſther* 1. 1.) ¶ [59] Noting their many wars, and much uſe of Arms, (anciently made of Braſs.) ¶ [60] *Luke* 2. 1.

40 And the [48] fourth kingdom ſhall be [61] ſtrong as iron: foraſmuch as iron breaketh in pieces, and ſubdueth [62] all *things:* and as iron that breaketh all theſe, ſhall it break in pieces, and bruiſe.

[61] Full of courage and valour, and alſo of ſeverity and cruelty. ¶ [62] All other Countries which the former Empires had rul'd over, (and eſpecially the *Jews,*) and was never in ſubjection to any, but was to continue to the latter end of the World; only in a new Edition under Antichriſt.

41 And whereas thou ſaweſt the feet and [63] toes, [64] part of potters [65] clay, and part [66] of iron: [67] the kingdom ſhall be divided, but there ſhall be in it of the ſtrength of the iron, foraſmuch as thou ſaweſt the [68] iron mixed with miry clay.

[63] The ten Provinces or Parts into which the Empire was exactly divided, under *Auguſtus Ceſar,* as *Strabo* ſhews, (which are the ten Horns upon the Beaſt, *Rev.* 13. 1.) ¶ [64] Not ſome of the Toes of Iron, and ſome of Clay, but the ſame Toe partly Iron and partly Clay, *ver.* 43. ¶ [65] Noting the Eccleſiaſtical power, (which is of a Carnal, Earthly conſtitution.) ¶ [66] The ſecular Power, wherein the chief ſtrength of the Empire did conſiſt; yet both concurr'd and joyn'd together in the exerciſe of the Supream Power. ¶ [67] The Supream Power ſhared between the Eccleſiaſtical and Civil Government, and ſhall be partly ſtrong and partly weak, *ver.* 42. ¶ [68] The Secular Power backing the Eccleſiaſtical, and thereby ſtrengthening and confirming it, *Rev.* 17. 13.

42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* [66] part of iron, and [65] part of clay; *ſo* the Kingdom ſhall be [69] partly ſtrong, and [69] partly ‖ broken.

‖ Or, *brittle.*

[69] The Clay, or Spiritual Power in each Province or Kingdom, (which is *Imperium in Imperio,*) ſtriving to undermine the ſecular, thereby weakens it very much, which otherwiſe would be ſtrong enough.

43 And whereas thou ſaweſt iron mixed with miry clay, they ſhall mingle themſelves [70] with the ſeed of men: but they ſhall [71] not cleave † one to another, even as iron is not mix'd with clay.

† Chald. *this with this.*

[70] Or, *By the ſowing or planting of men,* viz. in Seminaries, where they are inſtructed in ſuch Principles and Practices as may promote the Eccleſiaſtical Intereſt. ¶ [71] *Viz.* Very firmly and durably; but there ſhall be many breaches between 'em, *Rev.* 17. 16.

† Chald. *their days.*

44 And [72] in † the days of theſe kings ſhall the God of heaven ſet up [73] a kingdom, which ſhall [74] never be deſtroy'd: and the † kingdom ſhall [75] not be left to other people, *but* it ſhall [76] break in pieces, and [76] conſume all theſe kingdoms, and it ſhall ſtand for [77] ever.

† Chald. *kingdom thereof.*

[72] In the time, and during the continuance of the *Roman* Empire. ¶ [73] *Ch.* 7. 13, 14, 27. See *n.* 50. The Temporal Kingdom of Chriſt, during the Thouſand Years, *Rev.* 20.) wherein his intereſt ſhall mightily prevail, and be advanc'd above all other intereſts in the world, by the means of godly Kings and Rulers, who ſhall make his Laws the only guide of all Adminiſtrations both in Church and State. ¶ [74] *Chap.* 4. 3, 34. and 6.-26. and 7. 14, 27. *Mic.* 4.-7. *Luke* 1. 33. *Iſa.* 9. 7. *Pſal.* 145. 13. *Matth.* 16.-18. ¶ [75] As the former Kingdoms and Monarchies were to their Succeſſors; but this Kingdom ſhall have none to come after it, but ſhall continue for ever. ¶ [76] *Pſal.* 2. 9. By degrees ſpread it ſelf all over theſe Countries formerly ſubject to theſe Empires, and bring 'em in ſubjection to Chriſt, (*ver.* -35.) and at laſt root out all powers oppoſite to his intereſt, and that will not ſubmit thereto, *Rev.* 19. 20. 1 *Cor.* 15. 24. *Iſa.* 60. 12. ¶ [77] *Rev.* 11. 16.

* *Iſa.* 28. 16. ‖ Or, *which* was *not in hands.*

45 Foraſmuch as thou ſaweſt that * the [50] ſtone was [78] cut out of the mountain ‖ without hands, and that it [76] brake in pieces the iron, the braſs, the clay, the ſilver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what ſhall come to paſs † hereafter: and the dream *is* [79] certain, and the interpretation thereof [79] ſure.

† Chald. *after this.*

[78] Separated and ſet up in the *Roman* Empire by the only and immediate power of God, and by his ſpecial Providence, (*Zech.* 6.-1.) without any Humane help; nay, inſpight of all oppoſition by Men and Devils, *Pſal.* 2. 1.-6. ¶ [79] *Rev.* 21. 5, 6. *Tit.* 3. 8.

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46 ¶ Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and [80] worſhipped Daniel, and commanded that they ſhould [81] offer an oblation, and ſweet odours unto him.

[80] *Acts* 10. 25, 26. and 14. 13. ¶ [81] As *Acts* 14. 11. (which doubtleſs he refus'd.)

47 The king anſwered unto Daniel, and ſaid, Of a truth *it is,* that your God is [82] a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and [83] a revealer of ſecrets, ſeeing thou couldeſt reveal this ſecret.

[82] *Deut.* 32. 31. ¶ [83] *Iſa.* 41. 22, 23. and 48. 3, 5.-8. *Pſal.* 139. 2.

48 Then the king made Daniel a [84] great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and [85] chief of the governours over all the wiſe*men* of Babylon.

[84] *Gen.* 41. 40.-44. *Eſther* 8. 2. ¶ [85] *Ch.* 4. 9.

49 Then Daniel requeſted of the king, and he ſet Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel [86] *ſate* in the gate of the king.

[86] *Deut.* 21. 19. *Amos* 5. 15. Was chief Judge and Miniſter of State for the management of all affairs.

CHAP. III.

1 *Nebuchadnezzar dedicateth a golden image in Dura.* 8 *Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego accuſed.*

NEbuchadnezzar the king made an image of [1] gold, whoſe height *was* [2] threeſcore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof [3] ſix cubits: he ſet it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

[1] Idolaters ſpare no coſt in the ſervice of their Idols (which may ſhame many Profeſſors of the true Religion,) *Hoſ.* 2. 8. and 8.-4. *Exod.* 32. 2.-4. 1 *Kings* 12. 28. *Deut.* 7. 25. and 29. 17. *Judg.* 8. 26, 27. *Pſal.* 115. 4. *Iſa.* 46. 6. *Jer.* 10. 9. ¶ [2] Thirty ſix yards and a half. ¶ [3] Eleven feet, or three yards and two feet.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king ſent to gather together the princes, the governours and the captains, the judges, the treaſurers, the counſellers, the ſheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had ſet up.

3 Then the princes, the governours, and captains, the judges, the treaſurers, the counſellers, the ſheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had ſet up; and they ſtood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had ſet up.

4 Then an herald cried † aloud, To you † it is [4] commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

† Chald. *with might.*

5 *That* at what time ye hear the ſound of the cornet, flute, harp, ſackbut, pſaltery, ‖ † dulcimer, and all kinds of muſick, ye fall down and worſhip the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath ſet up.

† Chald. *they command.* [4] *Rev.* 13. 16. ‖ Or, *ſinging.* † Chald. *ſymphony.*

6 And whoſo falleth not down and worſhippeth, ſhall the [5] ſame hour be caſt into the midſt of a [6] burning fiery furnace.

[5] *Mark* 6. 27. [6] *Rev.* 13.-15.

7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the ſound of the cornet, flute, harp, ſack-

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but, pſaltery, and all kinds of muſick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worſhipped the golden image, that Nebuchadnezzar the king had ſet up.

8 ¶ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near and [7] accuſed the Jews.

[7] *Eſther* 3. 6.

9 They ſpake, and ſaid [8] to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, [9] live for ever.

[8] *Hoſ.* 7. 3.

[9] *Chap.* 2. 4. See there.

10 Thou, O king, haſt made a decree, that every man that ſhall hear the ſound of the cornet, flute, harp, ſackbut, pſaltery and dulcimer, and all kinds of muſick, ſhall fall down and worſhip the golden image:

11 And whoſo falleth not down and worſhipeth, *that* he ſhould be caſt into the midſt of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There are certain Jews whom thou haſt [10] ſet over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego: [11] theſe men, O king, have †. [12] not regarded thee, they ſerve not thy gods, nor worſhip the golden image which thou haſt ſet up.

† Chald. *ſet no regard upon thee.*

[10] *Ch.* 2. 49. ¶ [11] *Acts* 17. 6. ¶ [12] *Acts* 17. 7.

13 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* [13] rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego: then they [14] brought theſe men before the king.

[13] *Ch.* 2. 12. *Prov.* 17. 12. Much more ſhould we be zealous for the true Worſhip of the true God. ¶ [14] *Matth.* 10. 18.

14 Nebuchadnezzar ſpake and ſaid unto them, [15] *Is it* ‖ true, O Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego? do not ye ſerve my gods, nor worſhip the golden image which I have ſet up?

[15] Prov. 18. 13. Acts 25. 16.

‖ Or, *of purpoſe*, as Exod. 21. 13.

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the ſound of the cornet, flute, harp, ſackbut, pſaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of muſick, ye fall down and worſhip the image which I have made, *well:* but if ye worſhip not, ye ſhall be caſt the ſame hour into the midſt of a burning fiery furnace, and [16] who *is* that God that ſhall deliver you out of my hands?

[16] *Ver.* 28. *Exod.* 5. 2. *Iſa.* 36. 20.

16 Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego anſwered and ſaid to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* [17] not careful to anſwer thee in this matter.

[17] *Matth.* 10. 19. *q. d.* The caſe is ſo plain, that it admits of no diſpute or deliberation.

17 If it be *ſo*, our God whom we ſerve, is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he [18] will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

[18] *Mic.* 7. 7. This they ſpake upon a particular faith and aſſurance of deliverance.

18 But if not, [19] be it known unto thee, O king, that we will [20] not ſerve thy gods, nor worſhip the golden image which thou haſt ſet up.

[19] *Pſal.* 119. 46. ¶ [20] *Heb.* 11. 25. *Acts* 4. 19.

† Chald. *filled.*

19 ¶ Then was Nebuchadnezzar † full of fury, and the form of his viſage was changed againſt Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego: *therefore* he ſpake and commanded that they ſhould heat the furnace one [21] ſeven times more than it was wont to be heat.

[21] (Which God made uſe of to make their deliverance ſo much the more miraculous.)

† Chald. *mighty of ſtrength.*

[21] Acts 12. 4. and 16. 24.

20 And he commanded the † moſt mighty men that *were* in his army, to [22] bind Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego, *and* to caſt *them* into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then theſe men were bound in their ‖ coats, their hoſen, and their ‖ hats, and their *other* garments, and were caſt into the midſt of the burning fiery furnace.

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‖ Or, *mantles.*

‖ Or, *turbants.*

22 Therefore becauſe the kings † commandment was [23] urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the ‖ flame of the fire [24] ſlew thoſe men that took up Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego.

† Chald. *word.*

‖ Or, *ſpark.*

[23] (Which made 'em the more raſh in the execution of it, and leſs heedful to themſelves.) ¶ [24] *Ch.* 6. 25. *Prov.* 21. 18. Thus God deals many times with thoſe that are the inſtruments of other Mens Cruelty, and the Executioners of wicked Commands.

23 And theſe three men, Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego, [25] fell down bound into the midſt of the burning fiery furnace.

[25] So *Ch.* 6. 16. *Pſal.* 34. 19.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was [26] aſtoniſhed, and roſe up in haſte, *and* ſpake and ſaid unto his ‖ counſellers, Did not we caſt three men bound into the midſt of the fire? They anſwered and ſaid unto the king, True, O king.

[26] *Ch.* 5. 6.

‖ Or, *governours.*

25 He anſwered and ſaid, Lo, I ſee four men looſe, walking in the midſt of the fire, and † they have [27] no hurt, and the form of the fourth is like [28] the ſon of God.

† Chald. *there is no hurt in them.*

[27] *Ch.* 6. 22. *Iſa.* 43. 2. *Heb.* 11. 34. *Pſal.* 91. 3. ¶ [28] An Angel, *ver.* 28.

26 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the † mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* ſpake and ſaid, Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego, ye ſervants of the moſt high God, [29] come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego came forth of the midſt of the fire.

† Chald. *door.*

[29] *Iſa.* 52. 12.

27 And the princes, governours and captains, and the kings counſellers being gathered together, ſaw theſe men, upon whoſe bodies the fire had no power, nor was an [30] hair of their head ſinged, neither were their coats changed, nor the [30] ſmell of fire had paſſed on them.

[30] *Iſa.* 43. 2. *Matth.* 10. 30. *Acts* 27. 34.

28 *Then* Nebuchadnezzar ſpake, and ſaid, Bleſſed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego, who hath ſent his angel, and delivered his ſervants that [31] truſted in him, and have [32] changed the kings word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not ſerve nor worſhip any God except their own God.

[32] *Iſa.* 17. 7. ¶ [31] *Ezra* 6. 11. Not obey'd, but gone contrary to his Decree, *ver.* 5.

29 Therefore † I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which ſpeak † any thing amiſs againſt the God of Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego, ſhall be † [33] cut in pieces, and their houſes ſhall be made [33] a dunghill, becauſe there is no other God that can deliver after this ſort.

† Chald. *a decree is made by me.*

† Chald. *error.*

† Chald. *made pieces.*

[33] *Ch.* 2, 5.

30 Then the King † [34] promoted Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego in the province of Babylon.

† Chald. *made to proſper.*

[34] 1 *Sam.* 2. 30. Advanc'd to higher places than afore.

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4 *Nebuchadnezzars dream.* 19 *Daniel interpreteth it:* 28 *The ſtory of the event.*

NEbuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth, [1] Peace be multiplied unto you.

[1] *Ch.* 6.-25. *Ezra* 4.-17. and 5.-7. 1 *Pet.* 1.-2. All manner of good.

†Chald. *It was ſeemly before me.*

2 † [2] I thought it good to ſhew the [3] ſigns and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

[2] *Joſh.* 7. 19. *Num.* 23. 5. ¶ [3] See on *Acts* 2. 22.

3 [4] How great *are* his ſigns! and how mighty *are* his wonders! * his kingdom *is* [5] an everlaſting kingdom, and his dominion *is* [6] from generation to generation.

*Chap. 2. 44. ver. 34.

[4] *Rom.* 11.-33. ¶ [5] *Ch.* 2. 44. See there, *n.* 74. ¶ [6] *Pſal.* 90.-2.

4 ¶ I Nebuchadnezzar was at reſt in mine houſe, and flouriſhing in my palace:

5 I ſaw a dream which made me [7] afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed, and the viſions of my head [7] troubled me.

[7] *Ch.* 2.-1. See there. *Job* 7. 13, 14.

6 Therefore made I a decree, to [8] bring in all the wiſe *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.

[8] *Chap.* 2. 2. 1 *Sam.* 28. 8.

3434. 7 Then came in the [9] magicians, the [9] aſtrologers, the [9] Chaldeans, and the [9] ſoothſayers: and I told the dream before them; but [10] they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.

[9] See on *Ch.* 2. 2. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 2. 4. *Iſa.* 44. 25.

8 ¶ But at the laſt Daniel came in before me (whoſe name *was* [11] Belteſhazzar, according to the name of my God, and in whom *is* the ſpirit [12] of the holy gods) and before him I told the dream, *ſaying*,

[11] *Ch.* 1. 7. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 5. 11. *Gen.* 41.-38. Of Divination beſtow'd upon him by God.

[13] *Ch.* 2. 48. and 5.-11.

9 O Belteſhazzar, [13] maſter of the magicians, becauſe I know that the ſpirit of the holy gods *is* in thee, and no ſecret troubleth thee, tell me the viſions of my dream that I have ſeen, and the interpretation thereof.

10 Thus *were* the viſions of mine head in my bed, † I ſaw, and behold, a [14] tree in the midſt of the earth, and the height thereof *was* [15] great.

†Chald. *I was ſeeing.*

[14] *Ezek.* 31. 3. *Pſal.* 37. 35. ¶ [15] *Ch.* 2. 37.

11 The tree grew, and was ſtrong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the ſight thereof to the end of all the earth.

12 The leaves thereof *were* fair, and [16] the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: the beaſts of the field had [16] ſhadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all fleſh was fed of it.

[16] *Ezek.* 31. 6. Noting the benefit of Magiſtracy.

13 I ſaw in the viſions of my head upon my bed, and behold, [17] a watcher, and [18] an holy one came down from heaven.

[17] *Ver.* 17. One of the Holy Angels, who are always watching to execute God's Commands, *Pſal.* 103. 20. ¶ [18] *Ch.* 8. 13.

†Chald. *with might.*

14 He cried † aloud, and ſaid thus, [19] Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, ſhake off his leaves, and ſcatter his fruit; let the beaſts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches.

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[19] *Ver.* 25. Depoſe him, *Ch.* 5. 20.

15 Nevertheleſs, [20] leave the ſtump of his roots in the earth, even with [34] a band of iron and braſs, in the tender graſs of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion *be* with the beaſts in the graſs of the earth.

[20] A principle of humane nature; here is mercy in the midſt of judgment, *Hab.* 3.-2. *Ezek.* 29. 13.

16 [21] Let his heart be changed from mans, and let [22] a beaſts heart be given unto him, and let [23] ſeven times paſs over him.

[21] Let him be deprived of his underſtanding, (*ver.* 34.) and the uſe of his reaſon, *ver.* 36. ¶ [22] So as to feed, and in all other reſpects be like a Beaſt, only with humane ſhape. ¶ [23] Seven years.

17 This matter *is* by the decree of the [24] watchers, and the [25] demand by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may [26] know, that the moſt High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and [27] giveth it to whomſoever he will, and ſetteth up over it the [28] baſeſt of men.

[24] God (*ver.* 24.) to be executed by the Angels, 1 *Kings* 22. 19. ¶ [25] For the execution of it, 1 *Kings* 22. 22. ¶ [26] *Pſal.* 9. 16. and 83. 18. ¶ [27] *Pſal.* 75. 6, 7. *Jer.* 27.-5. ¶ [28] 1 *Sam.* 2. 7, 8. and 78. 70, 71. Of the loweſt rank.

18 This Dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have ſeen: Now thou, O Belteſhazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, foraſmuch as all the wiſe-*men* of my Kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation; but thou art able, for the ſpirit [12] of the holy gods *is* in thee.

19 ¶ Then Daniel (whoſe name *was* Belteſhazzar) was [29] aſtonied for one hour, and his thoughts [29] troubled him: the king ſpake, and ſaid, Belteſhazzar [30] let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteſhazzar anſwered and ſaid, My lord, the [31] dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

[29] *Ch.* 10.-16, 17. *Jer.* 4. 19. For the Tragical Events he perceiv'd by this Dream were coming upon the King, whoſe welfare he much deſir'd for his kindneſs to him, and for the benefit that came thereby to all the *Jews*. ¶ [30] 1 *Sam.* 3. 17. Speak out freely whatever it is. ¶ [31] *q. d.* I could heartily wiſh, that what the dream betokens, might rather befall thine enemies than thy ſelf. Thus he endeavours to ſweeten the King's Spirit, and prevent his Paſſion, by this affectionate wiſh for him.

20 [32] The tree that thou ſaweſt, which grew and was ſtrong, whoſe height reached unto the heaven, and the ſight thereof to all the earth:

[32] *Ver.* 10, 11. See there.

21 [33] Whoſe leaves *were* fair, and the [33] fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; [33] under which the beaſts of the field dwelt, and upon whoſe branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

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22 It *is* [33] thou, O king, that art grown and become ſtrong: for thy greatneſs is grown and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

[33] *Ch.* 2. 37. 2 *Sam.* 12. 7. The Miniſters of God muſt Preach his Word faithfully, plainly and fully, 1 *Sam.* 13. 13. *Matth.* 14. 4.

23 And whereas the king ſaw [17] a watcher, and [18] an holy one coming down from heaven, and ſaying, [19] Hew the tree down, and deſtroy it, yet [20] leave the ſtump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a [34] band of iron and braſs in the tender graſs of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion

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tion *be* with the beasts of the field, till [23] seven times pass over him;

[34] By an irresistable power and providence kept fast in that condition.

24 This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

[35] *Ver.* 5. 32. *Ch.* 5. 21.

25 That they shall [35] drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till [26] thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and * [27] giveth it to whomsoever he will.

* *Jer.* 27. 5.

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree-roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the [36] heavens do rule.

[36] God that dwells there, as *Matth.* 21. 25. *Luke* 15. 21.

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and [37] break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by [38] shewing mercy to the poor; [39] if it may be ‖ a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

‖ Or, *an healing of thine error.*

[37] *Acts* 8. 22. ¶ [38] *Luke* 11. 41. *Isa.* 58.-7. *Ezek.* 18. 7. *Acts* 10. 2, 4, 31. ¶ [39] *Exod.* 32.-35. 1 *Sam.* 14. 6. *Joel* 2. 14. *Jonah* 3. 9. *Zeph.* 2. 1.-3. *Acts* 8.-22.

[40] *Isa.* 45.-19.

28 ¶ All *this* [40] came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

3425. ‖ Or, *upon.*

29 At the end of twelve months he walked ‖ in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king [41] spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have [42] built for [43] the house of the kingdom, by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

[41] *Isa.* 26. 10. *Psal.* 73. 8. *Prov.* 16. 18. ¶ [42] Much beautified, fortified and enlarged, (for *Gen.* 10. 10.) ¶ [43] To be the Metropolis and chief City of my Empire.

31 [44] While the word *was* in the kings mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, [45] to thee it is spoken, [46] The kingdom is departed from thee.

[44] *Acts* 12. 23. *Luke* 12. 20. ¶ [45] 1 *Sam.* 13. 13. ¶ [46] The Administration of the Government.

32 And they shall [35] drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall* be with the beasts of the field, they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and [23] seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

[47] *Ch.* 5. 5. *Psal.* 33. 8, 9.

33 [47] The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar; and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles *feathers*, and his nails like birds *claws*.

[48] *Ver.* 26.

34 [48] And at the end of the days, I Nebuchadnezzar lift up mine eyes unto heaven, and

3442. mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, * whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* [6] from generation to generation.

* *Psal.* 10. 16. ch. 2. 44. & 7. 14. Mic. 4. 7. Luke 1. 33.

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed [49] as nothing: and he doeth [50] according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can [51] stay his hand, or say unto him, [52] what dost thou?

[49] *Isa.* 40. 15, 17. *Psal.* 39. 5. and 62. 9. ¶ [50] *Psal.* 115, 3. ¶ [51] *Job* 42.-2. ¶ [52] *Job* 9. 12. *Isa.* 45. 9. and 46.-10. *Rom.* 11. 33.-36.

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me, and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellers and my lords sought unto me, and I was established in my [46] kingdom, and excellent majesty was [53] added unto me.

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[53] *Job* 42. 12. 2 *Cor.* 4. 17.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the king of heaven, all whose works *are* [54] truth, and [55] his ways judgment, and those that walk in [56] pride he is able to [56] abase.

[54] *Rev.* 15.-3. *Psal.* 92. 15. and 145. 17. *Deut.* 32. 4. ¶ [55] His dealings most just. ¶ [56] *Exod.* 18. 11.

CHAP. V.

1 *Belshazzars impious feast:* 5 *A hand-writing troubleth him.* 17 *Daniel reproving him, interpreteth the writing.*

BElshazzar the king made a [1] great feast to 3466. a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

[1] *Esth.* 1. 3, 4. See on *Jer.* 51. 41.

2 Belshazzar, whiles he [2] tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels, which his father Nebuchadnezzar had † [3] taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem, that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines might [4] drink therein.

† Chald. *brought forth.*

[2] To some degree of excess. ¶ [3] *Jer.* 52. 19. ¶ [4] In scorn of the true God and his Worship, *ver.* 23.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God, which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, drank in them.

4 They drunk wine, and [5] praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

[5] *Isa.* 42.-8.

5 ¶ [6] In the same hour came forth fingers of a mans hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the kings palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

[6] *Ch.* 4. 33. *Psal.* 58.-30, 31.

6 Then the kings † countenance † was [7] changed, and his thoughts [7] troubled him, so that the ‖ † joynts of his [8] loyns were loosed, and his [8] knees smote one against another.

† Chald. *brightnesses.* † Chald. *changed it.* [7] *Ch.* 2. 1. and 4. 5. ‖ Or, *girdles.* Isa. 5. 27. † Chald. *bindings* or *knots.* [8] *Nah.* 2. 10.

7 The king cried † aloud to [9] bring in [10] the astrologers, [10] the Chaldeans, and the [10] soothsayers: *and* the king spake and said to the wise-*men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with ‖ scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the [11] third ruler in the kingdom.

† Chald. *with might.* ‖ Or, *purple.*

[9] *Ch.* 2. 2. and 4. 6. ¶ [10] See on *Ch.* 2. 2. ¶ [11] *Ch.* 6. 2.

8 Then came in all the kings wise-*men*, but they could not read the writing, [12] nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

[12] Or, *And make known, i. e.* They could not read it so as to understand the meaning of it, (*ver.*-17.) because every word stood for a sentence, and those also mystical and figurative; or the Writing might be in some unusual Character, wholly unknown to them, but reveal'd by God to *Daniel.*

9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his † countenance was changed in him, and his [13] lords were astonied.

3466. † Chald. *brightnesses.* [13] *Matth.* 2. 3.

10 ¶ *Now* the [14] queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet-house; *and* the queen spake and said, * O king, [15] live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed.

* *Ch.* 3. 9.

[14] The Queen-Mother. ¶ [15] *Ch.* 2. 4.

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11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* [16] the ſpirit of the holy gods, and in the days of thy ‖ father light and underſtanding and wiſdom, like the wiſdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy ‖ father, the king, *I ſay*, thy father, made * [17] maſter of the magicians, aſtrologers, Chaldeans, and ſooth-ſayers;

‖ Or, *grandfather.*

‖ Or, *grandfather.*

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[16] See on *Chap.* 48. ¶ [17] *Chap.* 2.-48.

12 Foraſmuch as an [18] excellent ſpirit, and knowledge, and underſtanding, ‖ interpreting of dreams, and ſhewing of hard ſentences, and ‖ diſſolving of † doubts were found in the ſame Daniel, * whom the king named Belteſhazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will ſhew the interpretation.

‖ Or, *of an interpreter*, &c.

‖ Or, *of a diſſolver.*

† Chald. *knots.*

* Chap. 1. 7.

[18] A Spirit of knowledge, wiſdom, government, integrity, *&c.*

3398. 13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king; *and* the king ſpake and ſaid unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel, which *art* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my ‖ father brought out of Jury?

‖ Or, *grandfather.*

14 I have even heard of thee, that the ſpirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light and underſtanding, and excellent wiſdom is found in thee.

15 And now the wiſe-*men*, the aſtrologers, have been brought in before me, that they ſhould read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not ſhew the interpretation of the thing.

16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canſt make † interpretations, and diſſolve doubts: now if thou canſt read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou ſhalt be [19] clothed with ſcarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck, and ſhalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

† Chald. *interpret.*

[19] *Ver.*-7. *Num.* 22. 17.

17 ¶ Then Daniel anſwered, and ſaid before the king, [20] Let thy gifts be to thy ſelf, and give thy ‖ rewards to another, yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

‖ Or, *fee*, as Chap. 2. 6.

[20] *Matth.* 10.-8. 2 *Kings* 5. 16. 1 *Cor.* 9. 15.

18 O thou king, the moſt high God [21] gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majeſty, and glory, and honour.

[21] *Ch.* 2. 37, 38. and 4.-32. *Prov.* 8. 15. *Rom.* 1. 13. 1, 2.

19 And for the majeſty that he gave him, all people, nations and languages, trembled and [22] feared before him: whom he would he [23] ſlew, and whom he would he kept alive, and whom he would he ſet up, and whom he would he put down.

[22] *Rom.* 13.-7. ¶ [23] 1 *Sam.* 8. 11.

20 But when his heart was [24] lifted up, and his mind hardened ‖ in pride, he was † [25] depoſed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

‖ Or, *to deal proudly.*

† Chald. *made to come down.*

[24] *Chap.* 4. 30. ¶ [25] *Luke* 1. 51, 52. *Prov.* 16. 18.

21 And he was [26] driven from the ſons of men, and his ‖ heart was made [27] like the beaſts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild aſſes: they fed him with graſs like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, [28] till he knew that the moſt high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomſoever he will.

‖ Or, *he made his heart equal* &c.

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[26] *Ch.* 4. 33. ¶ [27] *Ch.* 4. 36. ¶ [28] *Ch.* 4.-32.

22 And thou his ſon, O Belſhazzar, haſt [29] not humbled thine heart, tho thou [30] kneweſt all this:

[29] *Daniel* deals freely with him in telling him of his ſins. So *Matth.* 14. 4. ¶ [30] *Jam.* 4. 17.

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23 But haſt lifted up thy ſelf againſt the Lord of heaven, and they have brought the veſſels of his houſe before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them, and thou haſt praiſed the gods of ſilver and gold, of braſs, iron, wood, and ſtone, which ſee not, nor hear, nor know: and the God [31] in whoſe hand thy breath *is*, and [32] whoſe *are* all thy ways, haſt thou not glorified.

[31] *Job* 12. 10. *Iſa.* 42.-5. ¶ [32] *Prov.* 20. 24. At whoſe diſpoſal.

24 [33] Then was the part of the hand ſent from him, and this writing was written.

[33] *Ch.* 9. 14.

25 ¶ And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE MENE, TEKEL UPHARSIN.

26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing; NENE, God hath [34] numbred thy kingdom, and finiſhed it.

[34] Appointed the time for the continuance of this Empire, (*Jer.* 25. 12.) which is now expir'd; and alſo calls thee to account for the adminiſtration of thy Government, and will reward thee accordingly.

27 [35] TEKEL, thou art weighed in the balances, and art found [36] wanting.

[35] *i. e. He has weigh'd*, which *Daniel* interprets, *Thou art weigh'd*, viz. by God, *Pſal.* 62. 9. ¶ [36] *Viz.* In reſpect of thoſe royal and moral qualifications that ought to be in thee.

28 [37] PERES, thy kingdom is divided, and given to the * Medes and * Perſians.

[37] i. e. *He* (*viz.* God) *has divided thy kingdom, viz.* from thee, and given it to the *Medes* and *Perſians*; and then *Upharſin*, they divide it, *i. e.* The *Perſians* take it, (wherein there's an alluſion between *Peres* and *Perſian.*)

* Ver. 31. Chap. 9. 1. * Chap. 6. 28.

29 Then commanded Belſhazzar, and they clothed Daniel with ſcarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he ſhould be the third ruler in the kingdom:

30 ¶ [38] In that night was Belſhazzar the king of the Chaldeans ſlain.

[38] *Jer.* 51. 11, 39.

31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, † *being* ‖ about threeſcore and two year old.

† Chald. he as *the ſon of*, &c.

‖ Or, *now.*

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1 *Daniels preferment:* 10 *He is caſt into the den of lions, and ſaved.*

IT pleaſed Darius to ſet over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which ſhould be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over theſe, three preſidents, (of whom Daniel *was* firſt) that the princes might [1] give accounts unto them, and the king ſhould have no damage.

[1] *Luke* 16. 2. 1 *Pet.* 4. 5.

3 Then this Daniel was [2] preferred above the preſidents and princes, becauſe [3] an excellent ſpirit *was* in him; and the king thought to ſet him over the whole realm.

[2] *Prov.* 3. 35.

[3] See on *Ch.* 5. 12.

4 ¶ Then the preſidents and princes [4] ſought to find occaſion againſt Daniel [5] concerning the kingdom, but they could find none occaſion nor fault: foraſmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any [6] errour or fault found in him.

[4] *Ch.* 3. 8. *Eccl.* 4. 4. *Jer.* 20. 10. ¶ [5] The management of State-Affairs. ¶ [6] 1 *Sam.* 18. 14. A rare example of Integrity, in ſo great a Miniſter of State.

5 Then ſaid theſe men, We ſhall not find any occaſion againſt this Daniel, except we find

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find *it* against him concerning [7] the law of his God.

[7] *Esther* 3. 8.

6 Then these presidents and princes ‖ [8] assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, * King Darius, [9] live for ever.

‖ Or, *came tumultuously.*

[8] Prov. 1. 11.

* Neh. 2. 3. ver. 21.

[9] *Ch.* 2. 4.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governours, and the princes, the counsellers and the captains have [10] consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm ‖ decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

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[10] *Psal.* 83. 3. and 36. 4.

‖ Or, *interdict.*

8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing; that it be [11] not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which † [12] altereth not.

[11] *Esth.* 1. 19. and 8.-8.

†Chald. *passeth not.*

9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 ¶ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being [12] open in his chamber [13] toward Jerusalem, [14] he kneeled upon his knees [15] three times a day, and [16] prayed, and [16] gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

[12] *Matth.* 10. 32. ¶ [13] 1 *Kings* 8. 46.-48. Where the Temple was, which was a Type of Christ, through whom alone both our Persons and Performances are accepted. ¶ [14] 1 *Kings* 8. 54. *Acts* 7. 60. and 20. 36. ¶ [15] *Psal.* 55. 17. ¶ [16] *Phil.* 4. 6. *Thess.* 5. 17, 18. *Acts* 4. 19. and 5. 29. *Rev.* 2. 13.

[17] *Psal.* 10. 9. and 37. 32.

11 Then these men [17] assembled, and found Daniel praying, and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the kings decree, Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man, within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which [11] altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel which *is* of [18] the children of the captivity [19] of Judah, [20] regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

[18] *Ch.* 3. 12. and 5. 13. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 3. 8. ¶ [20] *Ch.* 3. 12.

14 Then the king when he heard *these* words, was [21] sore displeased with [22] himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel [23] to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

[21] *Mar.* 6. 26. ¶ [22] For his rashness and easiness in yielding to them without further consideration. ¶ [23] To find out some way according to Law for his delivery. So *Matth.* 27. 17, 18, 21.-24.

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the [24] law of the Medes and Persians *is*, that no decree nor statute which the king establisheth, may be changed.

[24] *John* 19. 7.

16 [25] Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

[25] 2 *Sam.* 3. 39. *Matth.* 14. 9. and 27. 24.

17 And [26] a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den, and the King [25] sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his Lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

[26] *Matth.* 27. 66. *Lam.* 3. 53. *Acts* 12. 4. &c. and 16. 23, 24.

18 ¶ Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were ‖ instruments of musick brought before him, and his sleep went from him.

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‖ Or, *table.*

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel, *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, [27] servant of the living God, is thy God whom thou servest continually, [28] able to deliver thee from the lions?

[27] *Ch.* 3. 26.

[28] *Ch.* 3. 17.

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, * O king, live for ever.

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22 My God hath sent his [29] angel, and hath [30] shut the lions mouths that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as [31] before him innocency was found in me; and also [32] before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

[29] *Psal.* 34. 7. and 91. 11. *Heb.* 1. 14. ¶ [30] *Heb.* 11.-33. ¶ [31] *Rev.* 14. 5. ¶ [32] *Acts* 24. 16.

23 Then was the king [33] exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den: so Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he [34] believed in his God.

[33] *Exod.* 18. 19. ¶ [34] *Heb.* 11. 33. Committed himself to him.

24 ¶ And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they [35] cast *them* into the den of lions, them, * their [36] children, and their [26] wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

* See Deut. 24. 16. 2 Kin. 14. 6.

[35] *Deut.* 19. 19. *Esth.* 7. 10. ¶ [36] *Josh.* 7. 24, 25.

25 ¶ Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth, [37] Peace be multiplied unto you.

[37] *Chap.* 4.-1. 2 *Pet.* 1.-2. *Jude* 2.

26 [38] I make a decree, that in every dominion of my kingdom, men [39] tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he *is* the [40] living God, and [41] stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall [42] not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* [43] unto the end.

[38] *Ch.* 3. 29. ¶ [39] *Psal.* 2. 11. *Heb.* 12.-28. ¶ [40] *Acts* 17.-25. ¶ [41] *Jam.* 1. 17. ¶ [42] *Ch.* 2. 44. See there.

27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he [43] worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the † power of the lions.

[43] *Ch.* 4. 2, 3, 35.

† Heb. *hand.*

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of * Cyrus the Persian.

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1 *Daniels viſion of the four beaſts.* 9 *Of Gods kingdom.* 15 *The interpretation thereof.*

3449. IN the firſt year of Belſhazzar king of Baby-
†Chald. *ſaw.* lon, Daniel † had a [1] dream, and [2] viſions of
his head upon his bed: then he [3] wrote the
‖Or, *words.* dream, and told the [4] ſum of the ‖ matters.

[1] *Am.* 3. 7. Of the ſame matter and argument with that of *Nebuchadnezzar*, *Ch.* 2. only more particular in many circumſtances. ¶ [2] See on *Gen.* 15. 1. ¶ [3] *Rom.* 15. 4. ¶ [4] The moſt material points which it concern'd them to know.

2 Daniel ſpake, and ſaid, I ſaw in my viſion
by night, and behold, the [5] four winds of the
heaven ſtrove upon the [6] great ſea.

[5] *Rev.* 7. 1. *Jer.* 49. 36. and 51. -1. Wars and Commotions in divers parts of the World, which gave riſe to theſe ſeveral Empires. ¶ [6] The body of Nations and People in the World, *Rev.* 17. 15. *Iſa.* 57. 20.

3 And four [7] great beaſts came up from the
ſea, diverſe one from another.

[7] Idolatrous, Tyrannical Empires, domineering over the Church, and exerciſing a Bruriſh Cruelty and Violence, which roſe ſucceſſively one after another, out of the Nations thus tumbled and toſs'd about, *Rev.* 13. 1.

4 The [8] firſt *was* like a [9] lion, and had
[10] eagles wings: *and* I beheld till the [11] wings
‖ Or, *where-with.* thereof were pluckt, ‖ [12] and it was lifted up
from the earth, and [13] made ſtand upon the
feet as a man, and a [14] mans heart was gven
to it.

[8] The *Babylonian* Monarchy, or Empire of the *Chaldeans*, or *Aſſyrians*. ¶ [9] *Iſa.* 5. 29. *Jer.* 4. 7. Which is the King or Head of Beaſts, and of a yellowiſh colour, and therefore repreſented by the Head of Gold, *Ch.* 2. -38. ¶ [10] *Ezek.* 17. 3. Noting its high and ſpeedy advancement, (*Jer.* 4. 12. and 48. 40. and 49. 22. *Obad.* 4. *Hab.* 1. 6, 8.) ſo that they brought their Monarchy to a prodigious height in a ſhort time. ¶ [11] Its great Power was much impair'd, for firſt *Nebuchadnezzar* himſelf was deprived of his Underſtanding, and depos'd from the Government of his Kingdom, (*Ch.* 4. 31, *&c.*) and afterward ſeveral Provinces were broken off, and at laſt *Babylon* it ſelf taken, *Belſhazzar* ſlain, and their Monarchy tranſlated to the *Medes* and *Perſians*, *Ch.* 5. 30, 31. *Jer.* 51. 30. &c. ¶ [12] Or, *wherewith it was lifted up*, *i. e.* whereby it advanc'd it ſelf to ſuch a height above the ordinary rate of other Kingdoms, *Ch.* 5. 18--20, 22, 23. *Iſa.* 14. 14. ¶ [13] Brought down from its height, and reduc'd to the ſame condition with other Kingdoms. ¶ [14] A Cowardly dejected Spirit, ſtooping to the loweſt drudgery to the *Perſians*.

5 And behold, [15] another beaſt, [15] a ſecond
‖ Or, *it raiſed upone dominion.* like to a [16] bear, and ‖ it [17] raiſed up it ſelf on
one ſide, and *it had* [18] three ribs in the mouth
of it between the teeth of it: and [19] they ſaid
thus unto it, Ariſe, [20] devour much fleſh.

[15] The *Medo-Perſian* Empire, *Ch.* 2. 39. and 8. 3. ¶ [16] Leſs generous than the former, and more cruel and fierce, *Iſa.* 13. 15-18. *Jer.* 51. 20-28. *Prov.* 17. 12. (So repreſented, becauſe this Country abounds with the fierceſt ſort of Bears.) ¶ [17] Began to appear moſt eminently in one part of the Empire, by the wiſdom and conduct of *Cyrus*; and then afterwards ſet it ſelf to war principally with other Nations, ſuffering the *Jews* to remain undiſturb'd; yea favour'd and aſſiſted 'em, *Iſa.* 44. 28. *Ezra* 1. 1. *&c.* ¶ [18] Three principal, remarkable Countries, or parts of the Empire, which it took from the *Babylonians*, *Ch.* 8. 4. ¶ [19] Both God, who by his Providence ſo order'd it, (*Iſa.* 21. 2.) and all that were inſtrumental in this work. ¶ [20] Deſtroy many Nations, and ſeiſe upon their Dominions: noting his great and large victories, join'd with much cruelty, ſlaughter and ſpoil.

6 After this I beheld, and lo, [21] another like
a [22] leopard, which had upon the back of it
[23] four wings of a fowl, the beaſt had alſo
‖ four heads; and [24] dominion was given to
it.

[21] The *Grecian* Monarchy. ¶ [22] Crafty, (*Hoſ.* 13. -7.) and Swift, *Hab.* 1. 8. ¶ [23] Very ſpeedy alſo and ſwift, (as the Lion, (*ver.* 4.) in their Conqueſts, (*Ch.* 8. 5.) *Alexander* in ſix years conquering a great part of the known world;) of whom it was ſaid, *He came, and ſaw, and overcame.* ‖ Noting the four Kingdoms into which this Empire was divided after *Alexander*'s death. ¶ [24] A large degree of power, which came to paſs by the ſpecial Providence of God, that he ſhould attain to ſo great dominion, ſeeing his own forces were but ſmall, and inconſiderable, (comparatively.)

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7 After this, I ſaw in the [25] night viſions, and
behold, [26] a fourth beaſt, [27] dreadful and terri-
ble, and [27] ſtrong exceedingly; and it had great
[28] iron teeth: it [29] devoured and brake in pieces,
and [30] ſtamped the reſidue with the feet of it,
and it *was* [31] diverſe from all the Beaſts that
were before it, and it had [32] ten horns. 3449.

[25] To note, that this Beaſt was obſcure, and in a manner unſeen at firſt. ¶ [26] The *Roman* Empire, without a particular Name, as being made up of the cruelty of all the other. ¶ [27] *Ver.* 19. By reaſon of its ſubduing all the reſt, *ver.* 23. *Ch.* 2. 40. and eſpecially in reſpect of its oppreſſion of the Church and People of God. ¶ [28] Victorious Armies. ¶ [29] *Ver.* 23. More than any formerly; witneſs the Perſecutions by *Rome* Heathen firſt, afterwards by *Rome* Antichriſtian, much more bloody than the former. ¶ [30] *Ch.* 8. 7. After its conqueſts, it haraſt and impoveriſht their Countries. ¶ [31] Having at firſt a different form of Government, (*viz.* Democratical) from the other Empires; and afterwards ſeveral ſorts of Government, (repreſented by the ſeven Heads, *Rev.* 13. 1.) and at laſt, a hotch potch made up of the Civil and Eccleſiaſtical; (*Ch.* 2. 41, 42.) wherein the Eccleſiaſtical got the ſtart of the other. ¶ [32] *Rev.* 13. 1. Ten Kingdoms or Provinces, *ver.* 24. (See *Ch.* 2. 41. *n.* 63.) which were very hurtful and miſchievous to the Church.

8 [33] I conſidered the horns, and behold, there
came up [34] among them [35] another [36] little horn,
before whom there were [37] three of the firſt
horns pluckt up by the roots: and behold, in
this horn *were* [38] eyes like the eyes of man, and
a mouth [39] ſpeaking great things.

[33] View'd and obſerv'd exactly, (or elſe he could not have diſcern'd the little Horn, whoſe riſe was ſcarce diſcernable at firſt.) ¶ [34] Much about the ſame time, *Rev.* 17. 12. 2 *Theſ.* 2. 7, 8. ¶ [35] Diſtinct from the ten Horns, and of a different conſtitution; they being Civil, this an Eccleſiaſtical Power. ¶ [36] *Ver.* 20. 21, 24. Antichriſt, or the *Romiſh* Hierarchy, which roſe to that height from very ſmall beginnings. ¶ [37] Thoſe that had poſſeſſion of *Italy*, whom he thruſt out, to make room for himſelf. ¶ [38] They took upon 'em to be the only guides in matters of Faith, and alſo they got an inſight into the myſteries of State in all Nations. ¶ [39] *Rev.* 13. 5, 6. Boaſting much of their own boundleſs Power and Infallibility, and making Idolatrous and Bloody Decrees.

9 ¶ I beheld, till the [40] thrones were caſt
down, and the [41] ancient of days did ſit, whoſe
garment *was* [42] white as ſnow, and the [43] hair
of his head like the pure wooll: his throne *was*
like the [44] fiery flame, *and* his [45] wheels *as* burn-
ing fire.

[40] All Enemies and oppoſite Powers were deſtroyed, *ch.* 2. 44. ¶ [41] God the Father (*Pſal.* 90. -2.) the Fountain of the Divine Eſſence, did judge and puniſh (*Pſal.* 9. -4.) theſe Tyrannical Empires, and delivered his People from their oppreſſion. ¶ [42] Noting the unſpotted Righteouſneſs and Juſtice of his proceedings. ¶ [43] *Rev.* 1. 14. Noting his Eternity, and the Maturity of his Counſels. ¶ [44] Noting the Severity of his Judgments on the Ungodly. ¶ [45] The Revolutions and Diſpenſations of his Providence, (*Ezek.* 1. 15.) very ſevere and deſtructive to the Wicked.

10 * [46] A fiery ſtream iſſued, and came forth * Iſa. 30. 33.
from before him: * [47] thouſand thouſands * 1 Kings 22.
[48] miniſtred unto him, and ten thouſand 19.
times ten thouſand ſtood before him: the
[49] judgment was ſet, and the * [50] books were * Rev. 20. 12.
opened.

[46] *Pſal.* 50. -3. Noting the ſpeedy execution of his Judgments, for the terror of the Wicked, and comfort of the Godly. ¶ [47] *Pſal.* 68. 17. *Rev.* 5. -11. ¶ [48] *Pſal.* 103. 20. ¶ [49] God the Judge, and all his Attendents. ¶ [50] See on *Rev.* 20. 12. All things were narrowly examined, and an open diſcovery made of the Works of Anti-Chriſt and his Followers, that they might be proportionably rewarded.

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11 I beheld then, because of the voice [39] of the great words which the Horn spake: I beheld *even* till the [51] beast was slain, and his Body destroyed, and [52] given to the burning flame.

[51] The Roman Empire so far forth as Anti-Christian and Romish Hierarchy are finally destroyed under the seventh Vial, *Rev.* 19. 20. and 20. 10. ¶ [52] *Rev.* 19. 19, 20.

12 As concerning the [53] rest of the beasts, [53] they had their dominion taken away: [53] yet † their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

† Chald. *a prolonging in life was given them.*

[53] The three former Empires did continue for that certain determinate time that was appointed 'em by God, (which yet was not long in comparison of the fourth) and then they were destroyed successively one after another.

13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, * *one* [54] like the son of man, came with [55] the clouds of heaven, and came to the [41] ancient of days, and [56] they brought him near before him.

* Ezek. 1. 26.

[54] See on *Rev.* 1. 13. Christ appearing gloriously in the Conversion of the *Jews*, and destruction of his Enemies, *Rev.* 14. 14. ¶ [55] With great Glory and Majesty, (*Matth.* 24. -30. and 25. 31. compared here, and 26. 64. *Rev.* 1, 7.) and in a most glorious dispensation of Grace. ¶ [56] The Angels (*Heb.* 1. 6. *John* 1. 51.) or, the Saints, by their Prayers for obtaining the Kingdom.

14 And there was given [57] him [58] dominion and glory, and a [59] kingdom, that [60] all people, nations, and languages should serve him: * his dominion *is* an [61] everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

* Mic. 4. 7. Luke 1. 33. John 12. 34.

[57] In his Person, as Head of the Church, together with his Body the Church, *ver.* 18, 22, 27. ¶ [58] *Psal.* 2. 8. *Matth.* 28. 18. *Acts* 2. 36. *Rev.* 6. 2. ¶ [59] See on *Ch.* 2. 44. *n.* 73. ¶ [60] *Phil.* 2. 10, 11. Some of all Nations, and perhaps the generality. ¶ [61] *Ch.* 2. 44.

15 ¶ I Daniel was [62] grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* † body, and the visions of my head [62] troubled me.

† Chald. *sheath.*

[62] *Ch.* 2. -1. and 4. 5. *Gen.* 41. 8. Because he understood not the meaning of these Visions, *v.* 18.

16 I came near unto one of them that [63] stood by, and [64] asked him the [65] truth of all this: so he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

[63] *Zech.* 3. 4, 7. One of the Angels, *v.* 10. ¶ [64] *Prov.* 2. 3, 4. ¶ [65] *V.* 19. The true and plain meaning.

17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four [66] kings, *which* shall arise [67] out of the earth.

[66] Persecuting Kingdoms or Empires, *v* 23,24. ¶ [67] Raise themselves meerly upon carnal, worldly grounds and considerations; and that by Wars and Troubles, *v.* 3.

18 But * the saints of the † most High shall take the [59] kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

* Isa. 60. 13. Ver. 22.
† Chald. *high ones*, that is, *things*, or *places.*

19 Then I would know the [65] truth of the [26] fourth beast, which was [31] diverse from † all the others, exceeding [27] dreadful, whose [28] teeth *were of* iron, and his [68] nails of brass, *which* [29] devoured, brake in pieces, and [30] stamped the residue with his feet.

† Chald. *from all those.*

[68] The Senate and Provincial Magistrates something milder than the Military Commanders.

20 And of the [32] ten horns that were in his head, and *of* the [36] other which came up, and before whom [37] three fell, even *of* that horn that had [38] eyes, and a mouth that [39] spake very great things, [69] whose look *was* more stout than his Fellows.

[69] Who took more upon him than ever any King or Emperor did, and was cruel against the Saints, *v.* 21.

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21 I beheld, and the same horn [70] made war with the saints, and [70] prevailed against them.

[70] *Ch.* 8. 10. Rev. 11. 7. & 13. 7.

22 Until the [41] ancient of days [71] came, and * [72] judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

* Ver. 18. Rev. 1. 6. & 5. 10.

[71] To judge and punish him. ¶ [72] *Rev.* 20. 4. Power to judge and rule over their Enemies.

23 Thus he said, The [26] fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon the earth, which shall be [31] diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And * the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten [66] kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise [73] after them, and he shall be [31] diverse from the first, and he shall subdue [37] three kings.

* Ver. 7. 8.

[73] He came to the height of his Dominion after 'em; tho he rose about the same time with 'em, *Rev.* 17. -12.

25 And * he shall [39] speak *great* words against the most High, and shall [74] wear out the saints of the most High, and [75] think to change times and [76] laws: and [77] they shall be given into his hand, [78] * until a time and times, and the dividing of time.

* Ch. 8. 24, 25. & 11. 28, 30, 31 1 Mac. 1. 46.
* Ch. 12. 7.

[74] *Ver.* 21. Exceedingly lessen their number, or at least take away the lives of multitudes of 'em, by his bloody Persecutions. ¶ [75] Count it lawful for him to turn working days into Holidays, and to institute multitudes of Holidays to the honour of Saints and Angels. ¶ [76] 1 *Tim.* 4. 1, 3. Dispense with the Laws of Christ, and make multitudes of his own, for the advancement of his Idolatrous Doctrines and Worship. ¶ [77] The Saints, to slay them, and Times and Laws, to change them. ¶ [78] *Ch.* 12. 7. *i. e.* For one year, two years, and half a year, (as Time is taken, *ch.* 4. 25.) in all three years and an half; or forty two months, which amount unto twelve hundred and sixty days, *i. e.* so many years, *Rev.* 13. 5. (which place compared with this, seems to make it very clear, that this little Horn must be understood of the *Roman* Anti-Christ, and not of the *Turk*; as some would have it.)

26 But the [40] judgment shall sit, and [79] they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end.

[79] The Saints (*v.* 18.) shall weaken his power by degrees, till all the remainders thereof be utterly extinct.

27 And the * [80] kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be [80] given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and [81] all || dominions shall serve and obey him.

* Luke 1. 33. John 12. 34.
|| Or, *rulers.*

[80] *Ver.* 18. The true Church of Christ shall spread over all the World, and at length arrive at a flourishing condition. ¶ [81] Other Rulers shall own his Laws, and govern according to 'em.

28 Hitherto *is* the end of the [82] matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much [83] troubled me, and my countenance changed in me; but I kept the matter [84] in my heart.

[82] The Vision and Interpretation of it. ¶ [83] *Ver.* 15. *Ch.* 8. 27. and 10. 8. For the contents of this Vision, which boded so ill to the Church for a long time. ¶ [84] *Luk.* 2. 51. To communicate it to the Church.

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CHAP. VIII.

1 Daniels vision of the ram and he-goat. 15 The two thousand three hundred days of sacrifice.

3451. IN the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar, a vision appeared unto me, *even* unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the [1] first.

[1] *Ch.* 7.

2 And I saw in a vision (and it came to pass when I saw, that I *was* at Susan *in* the palace, which *is* in the province of [2] Elam) and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

[2] *Persia.*

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, there stood before the river, [3] a ram which had [4] two horns, and the two horns *were* † high: but [6] one *was* higher then the † other, and the higher [7] came up last.

† Heb. *second.*

[3] The Empire of the *Medes* and *Persians*, (*ver.* 20.) represented by a milder Beast than the other Monarchies, (*ch.* 7. 4-6.) because they were more favourable to the *Jews*. ¶ [4] The Provinces or Kingdoms of *Media* and *Persia*. ¶ [5] Very powerful. ¶ [6] The *Persian*. ¶ [7] Tho *Cyrus* and *Darius* both began to reign together at the taking of *Babylon* (then the *Mede-Persian* Monarchy began) yet after *Darius*'s death, *Cyrus* the *Persian* may be said to be higher and greater than *Darius* was before, because then he was sole Monarch.

4 I saw the ram [8] pushing west-ward, and north-ward, and south-ward: so that no beasts might stand before him, neither *was there any* that could deliver out of his hand, but he [9] did according to his will, and became great.

[8] Making War with his Neighbour Kings in those several Quarters, and subduing 'em, *ch.* 7. 5. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 11. -3, 16, 36. Conquered without controle and prevail'd against all that opposed him.

5 And as I was considering, behold, an [10] he-goat came from the [11] west [12] on the face of the whole earth, and ‖ [13] touched not the ground: and the goat *had* † [14] a notable horn between [15] his eyes.

‖ Or, *none touched* him *in the earth.* † Heb. *a horn of sight.*

[10] The Empire of the *Grecians*, (*ver.* 21.) represented by a Goat, (1) Because the *Greeks* were called *Egeans*, i. e. Goatish. (2) For their stinking Manners, *viz.* their Lust and Drunkenness. (3) For their expedition in Conquests. ¶ [11] *Macedonia*, which lay West of *Persia*, where was the stage of the Vision, *ver.* 2. ¶ [12] *Ch.* 2. -39. Overran with his victorious Army all *Asia*. ¶ [13] Was very quick and speedy in his Victories, See on *ch.* 7. 6. ¶ [14] *Alexander* the Great, (*ver.* -21.) the most notable Warrior one of 'em, that ever was. [15] Noting his great Policy, (together with his Power) and wise Conduct.

6 And he came to the [3] ram that had [4] two horns, which I had seen [16] standing before the river, and [17] ran unto him in the fury of his power.

[16] Encamping chiefly about *Euphrates*. ¶ [17] Assaulted him with much eagerness, violence and valour.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and [18] brake his two horns, and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and [19] stamped upon him: and there was [20] none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

[18] Took the Two Kingdoms of *Media* and *Persia*. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 7. 7. Utterly shatter'd all his Forces, and kept him in perfect subjection that he could never rise again. ¶ [20] *V.* -4. The Forces that *Darius* hired to fight a third time with *Alexander*, were beaten also.

3451. 8 Therefore the he-goat waxed very great, and [21] when he was strong, the great horn was broken: and for it came up [22] four notable ones, toward the four winds of heaven.

[21] *Ch.* 4. 31. In the height of his Success and Victories, and flower of his Youth (not being thirty three years old) *Alexander* was taken away by a suddain death, occasioned by a drunken surfeit, *Psal.* 39. 5. and 82. 6, 7. ¶ [22] Four considerable Kingdoms, (*v.* -22.)

9 And out of [23] one of them came forth a [24] little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the [25] pleasant *land*.

[23] The *Seleucidæ* of *Syria*. ¶ [24] The Kingdom of the *Seleucidæ*; but with a particular respect to *Antiochus Epiphanes*, one of a low fortune, and who rose from small beginnings (*ch.* 11. 21.) A Type of Anti-Christ, *ch.* 7. 8. ¶ [25] *Ch.* 11. 16. *Psal.* 48. 2. *Jer.* 3. 19. *Ezek.* 20. 6. The Land of *Judea*; where was God's Temple, Worship and People.

10 And it [26] waxed great, *even* ‖ to the host of heaven, and it [27] cast down *some* of the host, and of the [28] stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

‖ Or, *against the host.*

[26] Shew'd his power in making War with the *Jews*, (among others) the Church and People of God. ¶ [27] Perverted some of 'em to forsake their Religion and turn Heathens; and destroyed others of 'em. ¶ [28] *Rev.* 1. 20. and 12. 4. Priests and Nobles.

11 Yea, he magnified *himself* even ‖ to * the [29] prince of the host, and ‖ * by him * [30] the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the [31] place of his sanctuary was cast down.

‖ Or, *against.* * Josh. 5. 14. ‖ Or, *from.* * 1 Mac. 1. 45, 46. * Exod. 29. 38. Numb. 28. 3.

[29] *V.* -25. *Ch.* 7. 25. God himself; by blaspheming him, rooting out his Worship, and prophaning his Temple. ¶ [30] All publick Worship of God was put down. ¶ [31] The Temple was debased and degraded from that Dignity that was confer'd upon it by being dedicated to the great God, and made a place for Idol-Worship.

12 And ‖ [32] an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the [33] truth to the ground, and it practised, and [34] prospered.

‖ Or, *the host was given over for the transgression against the daily* sacrifice.

[32] *i. e.* He appointed his Souldiers to hinder the daily Sacrifice, by reason of his Wickedness and Impiety. ¶ [33] The true Religion and Worship of God, and Book of the Law. ¶ [34] *Job* 12. 6. *Jer.* 12. -1.

13 ¶ Then I heard one [35] saint speaking, and [36] another saint said unto ‖ † that certain *saint* which spake, [37] How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression ‖ of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the [38] host to be trodden under foot?

‖ Or, *the numberer of secrets, or the wonderful numberer.* † Heb. *Palmoni.* ‖ Or, *making desolate.*

[35] *Ch.* 12. 6. Or, *Angel*, 1 *Pet.* 1. 12. ¶ [36] Or, *And that same Saint that spake, said, Lapalmoni*, *i. e.* to Christ, who is Wonderful, (*Isa.* 9. 13.) and whose Incarnation is an unutterable Mystery. ¶ [37] *i. e.* How long shall the state of Affairs represented in that Vision, concerning the taking away of the daily Sacrifice, and that prodigious Impiety, in laying waste the Worship of God, continue? ¶ [38] The Priests and all the People in general, *v.* 10.

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred † [39] days; then shall the sanctuary be † [40] cleansed.

† Heb. *evening morning.* † Heb. *justified.*

[39] Or, *Evenings-Mornings*, *i. e.* Natural days; which make up six years, three months, and twenty days: so that this intermission of the Worship of God was to continue about six years. And this began when *Menelaus* revolted to Gentilism, and set up the Customs of the *Gentiles*, 1 *Mac.* 1. 12, &c. ¶ [40] *Viz.* From those profanations wherewith it was defiled by *Antiochus*, and his Complices.

15 ¶ And it came to pass when I, *even* I Daniel had seen the vision, and [41] sought for the meaning, then behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a [42] man.

[41] *Matth.* 13. -36. ¶ [42] Christ, who commands the Angel *Gabriel*.

16 And I heard a mans voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, [43] Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision.

[43] *Ch.* 9. 21. *Luke* 1. 26. The only Angel mentioned in Scripture by name, (for *Michael* is the name of Christ.)

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17 So he came near where I ſtood: and when he came, I was afraid, and * fell upon my face: but he ſaid unto me, [44] Underſtand, O [45] ſon of man; for [46] at the time of the end *ſhall be* the viſion.

* Ezek. 1. 28. Rev. 1. 17.

[44] Be attentive and diligent to conceive what I ſay. ¶ [45] Only *Ezekiel* and *Daniel* are ſo called, to prevent Pride and Self-conceit by reaſon of their Viſions and Revelations. ¶ [46] *q. d.* This Viſion of the taking away of the daily Sacrifice, and Deſolation of the Church, ſhall be towards the end of the Tyranny of the *Greeks*.

18 Now as he was ſpeaking with me, I was [47] in a deep ſleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and † ſet me upright.

† Heb. *made me ſtand upon my ſtanding.*

[47] *Ch.* 10. 9. *Luke* 9. 32. Fallen into a ſwoon at the voice and ſight of the Angel.

19 And he ſaid, Behold, I will make thee know [48] what ſhall be in the laſt end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the [49] end *ſhall be*.

[48] What ſhall befal the *Jews* in this laſt judgment, by the *Greek* Empire. ¶ [49] *Ch.* 11. 27. *Viz.* Of this laſt and great calamity by *Antiochus*.

20 The [3] ram which thou ſaweſt having two horns, *are* the kings of Media and Perſia.

21 And the [10] rough goat *is* the king of Grecia, and the great horn that *is* between his eyes is the [50] firſt king.

[50] *Viz.* That conquered the *Medes* and *Perſians*.

22 Now that being broken, whereas [51] four ſtood up for it; four kingdoms ſhall ſtand up out of the nation, but [52] not in his power.

[51] *Ver.* 8. ¶ [52] Not comparable to him for Magnificence; neither in their perſonal Courage, nor ſtrength of their Kingdoms.

23 And in the [53] latter time of their kingdom, when the [54] tranſgreſſours are † come [55] to the full, a king [56] of fierce countenance, and [57] underſtanding dark ſentences, ſhall ſtand up.

† Heb. *accompliſhed.*

[53] When their power began to decline, eſpecially over *Judea*, by the growing power of the *Romans*. ¶ [35] *Viz.* Among the *Jews*. ¶ [55] *Gen.* 15. 16. *Viz.* Of open Impiety and down right Apoſtacy, *ch.* 11. 30. ¶ [56] Or, *Of an impudent Countenance*, i. e. *Antiochus*, who is branded in Hiſtory for his Impudence, in reſpect of his publick Fornication and Adultery. ¶ [57] Full of Subtilty, and of great ſagacity to apprehend dark things, and invent cunning plots and deſigns, *ver.* 25.

24 And [58] his power ſhall be mighty, but [59] not by his own power: and he ſhall [60] deſtroy wonderfully, and ſhall [34] proſper, and practiſe, and ſhall deſtroy the [61] mighty, and the † holy people.

† Heb. *people of the holy ones.*

[58] *Ver.* 9--12. He ſhall effect great things. ¶ [59] Rather by Fraud and underhand dealing, and the Divine permiſſion, than by force of Arms. ¶ [60] *Viz.* Very many of the *Jews*. ¶ [61] Thoſe who are ſtrong in Faith, and eminent in Grace and Holineſs.

25 And through his policy alſo he ſhall [62] cauſe craft to [34] proſper in his hand, and he ſhall [63] magnifie *himſelf* in his heart, and [64] by || peace ſhall deſtroy many: he ſhall alſo [65] ſtand up againſt the prince of princes, but * he ſhall be [66] broken without hand.

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|| Or, *proſperity.*
* 1 Mac. 6. 8. 2 Mac. 9. 9.

[62] *Ch.* 11.-21, 23, 24, 32. Accompliſh his cunningly contriv'd deſigns. ¶ [63] *Rev.* 18. 7. Value himſelf at an high rate in regard of the ſucceſs of his deſigns. ¶ [64] Under colour of kindneſs, and by promiſing Men peace and friendſhip. ¶ [65] Set himſelf in a way of oppoſition to God himſelf, (*v.* 11.) whoſe Temple he ſo highly prophaned in ſetting up the Image of *Jupiter Olympius* there. ¶ [66] Come to his end by a Judgment inflicted on him immediately by God, *viz.* a loathſom Diſeaſe, 2 *Mac.* 9. 9. as *Acts* 12. 23.

26 And the [67] viſion of the evening and the morning which was told, is true: wherefore [68] ſhut thou up the viſion, for [69] it *ſhall be* for many days.

[67] That Prediction of the determinate number of days (*v.* 14.) is a plain truth, in the literal ſenſe, without any hidden ſenſe or ſignification, (as *Ch.* 10. 1. and 11. 2.) ¶ [68] *Ch.* 12. 4. *Iſa.* 8. 16. *Rev.* 10. 4. Conceal it from the Heathen: it being revealed for the benefit of the *Jews*. ¶ [69] It will be a long while (almoſt four hundred years) before it be fulfilled.

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27 And I Daniel [70] fainted and was [70] ſick *certain* days; afterward I roſe up and did the kings buſineſs, and I was aſtoniſhed at the viſion, but none [71] underſtood *it*.

[70] *Ch.* 7. 28. and 10. 8, 16. Being deeply affected with the Calamities here foretold to befal the people of God. ¶ [71] Diſcern'd by my Countenance that I was ſo troubled.

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1 Daniel confeſſing his ſin, 16 prayeth for the reſtauration of Jeruſalem: 20 Gabriel informeth him of the ſeventy weeks.

IN the firſt year of * Darius the ſon of Ahaſuerus, of the ſeed of the Medes, || which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans. 3467.
* Ch. 1. 21. & 6. 28.
|| Or, *in which he*, &c.

2 In the firſt year of his reign, I Daniel underſtood by [1] books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to [2] Jeremiah the prophet that he would accompliſh ſeventy years in the [3] deſolations of Jeruſalem.

[1] *Pſal.* 1. 2. and 119. 24. 1 *Tim.* 4. 13. 2 *Tim.* 3. 15--17. ¶ [2] *Jer.* 25. 11, 12. and 27. 7. and 29. 10. ¶ [3] *Jer.* 7. 34. and 22. 5. and 25. 11, 18. In that ruinous condition whereinto it was reduc'd by *Nebuchadnezzar*.

3 ¶ And I ſet my face [4] unto the Lord God to ſeek by [5] prayer and ſupplications, with [6] faſting, and ſackcloth, and aſhes.

[4] *Ch.* 6. 10. *Pſal.* 25. 1. and 62. 8. ¶ [5] *Ezek.* 36. 37. *Jer.* 29. 12. ¶ [6] *Neh.* 9. 1. *Eſth.* 4. 3. *Pſal.* 35. 13. and 69. 10. *Joel* 2. 12.

4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confeſſion, and ſaid, O Lord, the great and [7] dreadful God, [8] keeping the covenant, and mercy to them that love him, and to them that [9] keep his commandments.

[7] *Neh.* 1. 5. and 9. 32. *Pſal.* 119. 120. ¶ [8] *Exod.* 20. 6. *Neh.* 1. 5. and 9. 32. *Deut.* 7. 9. Fulfilling all his gracious promiſes; and particularly this, of the Return of thy People from *Babylon*. ¶ [9] (A ſign of our Love to God, (and therefore joyn'd with it,) *John* 14. 21.)

5 * We have [10] ſinned and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have [11] rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts, and from thy [12] judgments.

* Bar. 1. 17.

[10] *Pſal.* 106. 6. *Iſa.* 64. 5--7. ¶ [11] In our Confeſſions we muſt not mince or extenuate our Sins. ¶ [12] See on *Exod.* 21. 1.

6 Neither have we [13] hearkened unto thy ſervants the prophets, which ſpake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

[13] 2 *Chr.* 36. 15. *Zech.* 7. 8--11.

7 O Lord, [14] righteouſneſs || *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us [15] confuſion of faces, as at this day: to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, and unto all Iſrael *that are* near, and *that are* far off, through all the countries whither thou haſt driven them, becauſe of their treſpaſs that they have treſpaſſed againſt thee.

|| Or, *thou haſt*, &c.

[14] *Ver.* 14. *Pſal.* 51. 4. and 119. 137. ¶ [15] *Ezr.* 9. 6. 1 *Cor.* 11. 31. *Rom.* 6. 21.

8 O Lord, * to us *belongeth* confuſion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, becauſe we have ſinned againſt thee.

* Bar. 1. 15.

9 To the Lord our God *belong* [16] mercies and

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and forgivenesses, [17] though we have rebelled against him.

[16] *Psal.* 130. 7. *Lam.* 3. 22. ¶ [17] *Isa.* 63. 15, 16.

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us, by his servants the prophets.

11 Yea, [18] all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing [19] that they might not obey thy voice, therefore * the [20] curse is poured upon us, and the [20] oath that *is* written in the [21] law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

* Deut. 30. 17. 18. & 31. 17, &c. & 32. 19, &c.

[18] *Jer.* 8. 5. *Isa.* 1. 5, 6. ¶ [19] *i. e.* So that they have not obeyed. ¶ [20] The Curse confirmed by Oath. ¶ [21] *Lev.* 26. 14, &c. *Deut.* 27. 15, &c. and 28. 15, &c. and 29. 20, &c.

12 And he hath [22] confirmed his words which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath [23] not been done, as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

[22] *Zech.* 1. 6. Performed and made good; *Lam.* 2. 17. ¶ [23] *Lam.* 1. 12. and 2. 13. and 4. 6. *Ezek.* 5. 9. *Amos* 3. 2. *Hab.* 1. 5. *Luke* 12. 47.

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13 [24] As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet † [25] made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, [25] that we might turn from our iniquities, and [26] understand thy truth.

† Heb. *intreated we not the face of the*, &c.

[24] *Deut.* 28. 15. *Lam.* 2. 17. ¶ [25] *Hos.* 7. 7. We did not pray so as to turn, *i. e.* with a penitent, reforming heart. ¶ [26] Thereupon find experimentally the truth of thy promises, in shewing mercy, as we had done of thy Threatnings in punishing.

14 Therefore hath the LORD [27] watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

[27] *Jer.* 31. 18 and 44. 27. Taken the first and fittest season to punish us for our sins.

15 And now, O Lord our God, * [28] that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a [29] mighty hand, and hast † gotten thee [30] renown [31] as at this day: we have [10] sinned, we have done wickedly.

* Exod. 6. 1, 6.

† Heb. *made thee a name.*

[28] As a pledge of what thou wilt do further for thy people, 2 *Cor.* 1. 10. *Psal.* 80. 8. *Jer.* 32. 21, &c. ¶ [29] *Exod.* 32. 11. Miraculous discovery of his power. ¶ [30] *Neh.* 9. 10. *Exod.* 14. 18. and 15. 6. *Psal.* 106. 8. ¶ [31] The memory whereof still continues among us, for which we do magnifie thy Name, and hope we shall have renewed cause to do so still.

16 ¶ O Lord, according to all thy [32] righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people * *are become* a [33] reproach to all *that are* about us.

* Psal. 44. 14. and 79. 4.

[32] In making good thy Promises of Pardon to the penitent, *Neh.* 1. 8, 9. and 9. 8. ¶ [33] *Lam.* 1. 8, 9. and 2. 15, 16. and 3. 14.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and * [34] cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary *that is* desolate for the Lords sake.

* Num. 6. 25. [34] *Psal.* 80. 3. 7, 19.

18 O my God, [35] encline thine ear, and hear; [35] open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city † which is [36] called by thy name: for we do not † present our supplications before thee, for our [37] righteousnesses, but for thy [38] great mercies.

† Heb. *whereupon thy name is called.* † Heb. *cause to fall.*

[35] *Isa.* 37. 17. ¶ [36] *Isa.* 63. 19. ¶ [37] *Isa.* 64. 6. ¶ [38] *Psal.* 25. 6. and 51. 1. and 69. 16. *Isa.* 63. 7. *Jer.* 14. 7.

19 O Lord hear, O Lord forgive, O Lord hearken and do, [39] defer not, for thine [39] own sake, O my God: for thy city, and thy people are called by thy name.

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[39] *Isa.* 48. 9. *Psal.* 79. 9.

20 ¶ And [40] whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin, and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God, [41] for the holy mountain of my God:

[40] *Ver.* 21. *Ch.* 10. 12. *Acts* 4. 31. and 13. 2. ¶ [41] For the rebuilding of the Temple, and restoring the Worship of God there. We should be most mindful of the Affairs of the Church, *Psal.* 137. 5, 6. *Isa.* 62. 7.

21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man [42] Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the [42] beginning, being caused to flie † [43] swiftly, [44] touched me about the time of the [45] evening oblation.

† Heb. *with weariness*, or *flight.*

[42] *Ch.* 8. 16, 17. ¶ [43] *Psal.* 103. 20. ¶ [44] *Ch.* 8. 18. To strengthen and encourage him to hear these Mysteries. ¶ [45] 1 *Kings* 18. 36. At which time Christ suffered, (*Matth.* 27. 46.) and thereby made all our services acceptable to God.

22 And he [46] informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to † give thee [47] skill and [47] understanding.

† Heb. *make thee skilful of understanding.*

[46] *Ch.* 8. 16. ¶ [47] *Viz.* Concerning those great Affairs mentioned, *v.* 25–27.

23 At the [48] beginning of thy supplications the † [49] commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art* † [50] greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

† Heb. *word.* † Heb. a man *of desires.*

[48] *Ch.* 10. 12. ¶ [49] I had a Commission to acquaint thee with what follows. ¶ [50] *Ch.* 10. 11, 19. *Luke* 1. 28.

24 [51] Seventy weeks are determined [52] upon thy people, and [52] upon thy holy city, [53] to ‖ finish the transgression, and [54] to ‖ make an end of sins, and [55] to make reconciliation for iniquity, and [56] to bring in everlasting righteousness, and [57] to seal up the vision and † prophecy, and [58] to anoint the most holy.

‖ Or, *restrain.* ‖ Or, *seal.* † Heb. *prophet.*

[51] *Viz.* Of years, (as *Lev.* 25. 8.) *i. e.* seventy times seven years, which are four hundred and ninety years. ¶ [52] For the continuance of thy people to be the people of God, and *Jerusalem* to be accounted a holy City. ¶ [53] Or, *to restrain*, or, *put a stop to transgression. i. e.* for the *Messiah* to deliver his people from the power and dominion of Sin, by the power of his Grace, (*Matth.* 1. 21. *Tit.* 2. 14. 1 *John* 3. 8.) and to restrain it from overflowing the World so universally, as it had done formerly. ¶ [54] To deliver from the guilt and punishment of sin, by the Messiah's undergoing the Punishment himself, *Isa.* 53. 5. *Gal.* 3. 13. 2 *Cor.* 5. 21. ¶ [55] Hebr. *to reconcile iniquity*, (as ἱλάσκεσθαι τὰς ἁμαρτίας, *Heb.* 2. 17.) to make reconciliation with God for Iniquity, *i. e.* to make Attonement and Satisfaction for our Sins to the Justice of God, so that now he may be reconciled to us, and pardon us without any wrong to his Justice, *Rom.* 3. 25. See there, 2 *Cor.* 5. 18, 19. ¶ [56] To purchase, appoint and establish such a Method of Justification, or becoming righteous (called the Righteousness of God, *Rom.* 10. 3.) as shall never be changed. It was by the Death of the Messiah, that all these Priviledges and Blessings were purchast; and tho they were bestow'd before he actually suffered, yet it was in consideration thereof, which therefore was to be accomplish'd in the fulness of time. ¶ [57] To confirm and put an end to all the Prophecies concerning the Messiah, by the accomplishment of 'em in himself, *Matth.* 11. 13. Hence is that saying so often in the Gospel, *That it might be fulfilled*, &c. ¶ [58] Wherein the Son of God shall become incarnate, and be the most holy Person that ever liv'd, (*Luke* 1. 35. *Acts* 3. 14.) being fill'd with the Holy Ghost without measure, (*John* 3. 34.) signified by the several Anointings both of Persons and Things under the Law.

25 Know therefore, and [59] understand, *that* from * the going forth of the [60] commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, [61] unto the Messiah the [62] prince, *shall be* [63] seven weeks: and [63] threescore and two weeks the [64] street shall † be built again, and the ‖ wall, even † in [65] troublous times.

* Ezr. 4. 24. & 6. 1, 15. † Heb. *return and be built.* ‖ Or, *breach*, or *ditch.* † Heb. *in strait of times.*

[59] *Matth.*

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[59] *Matth.* 27. -15. ¶ [60] *Viz.* That of *Artoxerxes* in his twentieth year, *Neh.* 2. 1, &c. which was more expreſly for building the City and Walls (*v.* -5, 8.) than any of the former, which rather concern'd the Temple. ¶ [61] *John* 1. 42. To the appearing of Chriſt in the World in his publick Capacity, and entring upon his Miniſterial Office, (*John* 1. 31.) to perform thoſe works mentioned, *v.* -24. ¶ [62] *Acts* 3. 15. and 5. 31. *Iſa.* 55. -4. *Mich.* 5. 2. ¶ [63] In all ſixty nine weeks: the events of the firſt ſeven weeks, or forty nine years, are handled, *v.* 25. *Viz.* the reſtoring and re-edifying *Jeruſalem*: of the ſixty two weeks, or four hundred thirty four years are mentioned, *v.* 26. and they bring in the Meſſiah, and reach towards the end of his private Life: and then the Events of the laſt Week, or ſeven years are in *v.* 27. and this finiſhes the Sacrifices of the Law. ¶ [64] The ſeveral ſtreets of *Jeruſalem*. ¶ [65] *Neh.* 4. 8, 13, 16--18, 21, 23.

26 And [66] after threeſcore and two weeks * ſhall Meſſiah be [67] cut off, || but [68] not for himſelf: and * the [69] people of the prince that ſhall come, ſhall [70] deſtroy the city, and the ſanctuary, and the [71] end thereof *ſhall be* with a floud, and [72] unto the end of the war || deſolations are determined.

* Mark 9. 12.
|| Or, *and ſhall have nothing.*
* Matth. 22. 7.
|| Or, *it ſhall be cut off by deſolations.*

[66] *Viz.* Thoſe mentioned *ver.* 25. which ſucceed the ſeven weeks there mentioned, *q. d.* after ſixty nine weeks. ¶ [67] *Iſa.* 53. 8. Put to death in a judicial way, as a Malefactor. ¶ [68] Not for any tranſgreſſion of his own, but for the ſins of his People, *Iſa.* 53. 5, 6, 8. ¶ [69] The Army or Souldiers of the *Romans*, which is the fourth Monarchy, not yet in being, but to come, when the Angel ſpake this. ¶ [70] *Matth.* 23. 38. and 24. 2. *Luke* 21. 20, &c. becauſe they cut off the Meſſiah. ¶ [71] After the deſtruction of *Jeruſalem*, a deluge of Miſeries ſhall lay all waſte. ¶ [72] So long as the War continues, the moſt waſting deſolations ſhall befal 'em; and till thoſe Wars are ended, no better times are to be expected.

27 And [73] he ſhall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and [74] in the midſt of the week he ſhall [75] cauſe the ſacrifice and the oblation to [75] ceaſe, and || [76] for the overſpreading of * abominations, [77] he ſhall make *it* deſolate, even [78] until * the conſummation, and that determined ſhall be poured upon the deſolate.

|| Or, *with the abominable armies.*
* Mark 13. 14.
* See Iſa. 10. 22, 23.
Ch. 11. 36.

[73] Chriſt by his Doctrine, Miracles and Death, ſhall confirm the Covenant of Grace, with all the Promiſes belonging to it, with ſeveral, both *Jews* and *Gentiles*, who were converted to the Chriſtian Faith, within the compaſs of this laſt week. ¶ [74] About the fourth year of the laſt week of years of the ſeventy. ¶ [75] Put an end to all the legal Sacrifices and Offerings by the Sacrifice of himſelf on the Croſs; which was the ſubſtance of all the former Sacrifices, and prefigur'd by 'em; which now became of no force nor efficacy when this was once exhibited, yea, and which were utterly taken away at the deſtruction of the City and Temple, which followed not long after. ¶ [76] Or, *With the abominable Armies*, *i. e.* By an Army of the *Romans*, who being Idolatrous *Gentiles*, were an Abomination to the *Jews*, *Matth.* 24. 15. ¶ [77] *Matth.* 22. 7. A repeated Prediction of the ſame deſolation mentioned, *v.* -26. upon the ſame occaſion, *viz.* the death of the Meſſiah. ¶ [78] *i. e.* Till that utter deſtruction determined (*Iſa.* 28. -22.) to be brought upon 'em and their whole Land, for their Crucifying the Meſſiah, ſhall break in upon them as a deluge that ſweeps all away, and carries all afore it. (Which came to paſs by *Titus* the ſon of *Veſpaſian*, about thirty years after the expiration of *Daniels* weeks.)

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1 *Daniel having humbled himſelf, ſeeth a viſion;*
10 *Being troubled with fear, he is comforted by the angel.*

3470. IN the third year of Cyrus king of Perſia, a thing was revealed unto Daniel, (whoſe name was called Belteſhazzar) and the thing *was* [1] true, but the time [2] appointed *was* †[3] long, and * he [4] underſtood the thing, and had [4] underſtanding of the viſion.

† Heb. *great.*
* Ch. 1. 17.

[1] *Ch.* 8. 26. and 11. 2 *Rev.* 19. -9. *Luke* 1. -20. plainly delivered, without any ſuch Types and Repreſentations, as were in the Viſions of the Image, four Beaſts, &c. See *n.* 44. ¶ [2] *Viz.* For the fulfilling of all things in this laſt Viſion. ¶ [3] *For many days*, *v.* -14. even till towards the end of the World. ¶ [4] Underſtood very well both the matter revealed, and the manner of the Viſion.

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2 In thoſe days I Daniel was [5] mourning three † full weeks.

† Heb. *weeks of days.*

[5] Becauſe the building of the Temple was hindred, contrary to *Cyrus*'s Decree, *Ezr.* 4. 4, 5.

3 I ate no † pleaſant bread, neither came fleſh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I [6] anoint my ſelf at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

† Heb. *bread of deſires.*
[6] *Pſal.* 104. 15. 1 *Cor.* 9. 27.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the firſt month, as I [7] was by the ſide of the great River, which *is* *Hiddekel:

[7] In Perſon, and not only in Viſion.
* Gen. 2. 14.

5 Then I lift up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, †[8] a certain man [9] clothed in linen, whoſe loyns *were* [10] girded with * fine gold of Uphaz:

† Heb. *one man.*
* Jer. 10. 9.

[8] *Joſh.* 5. 13. Chriſt, as may appear by *Ch.* 12. 6, 7. Compar'd with *Rev.* 1. 13--15. and 10. 5. ¶ [9] *Ch.* 12. 7. *Rev.* 1. 13. and 15. 6. Noting his perfect Righteouſneſs and Holineſs as Prieſt, *Rev.* 19. 8. ¶ [10] *Rev.* 1. -13. See there, and 15. -6. Noting the Righteouſneſs of his will and actions, (*Iſa.* 11. 5.) and his ſtrength to execute Judgments on his Enemies.

6 His body alſo *was* like the [11] beryl, and his face as the appearance of [12] lightning, and his eyes as [13] lamps of fire, and his arms and his [14] feet like in colour to poliſhed braſs, and the [14] voice of his words like the voice of a [15] multitude.

[11] Or Turkois, which is of a Sky colour; to note, that he is the Lord from Heaven, 1 *Cor.* 15. 47. ¶ [12] Quick to ſuccor his Saints, and terrify his Enemies. ¶ [13] See on *Rev.* 1. -14. ¶ [14] See on *Rev.* 1. 15. ¶ [15] Striking terrour into his Enemies.

7 And I Daniel [16] alone ſaw the viſion, for the men that were with me ſaw [17] not the viſion: but a great [18] quaking fell upon them, ſo that they [19] fled to hide themſelves.

[16] *Acts* 9. 7. ¶ [17] *Viz.* So diſtinctly as I did. ¶ [18] *Acts* 9. 7. By reaſon of that noiſe, *ver.* -6. and confuſed ſight of things which they had. ¶ [19] *Gen.* 2. 10.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and ſaw this great viſion, and there remained no ſtrength in me: for my || [20] comelineſs was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no ſtrength.

|| Or, *vigour.*
[20] *Ch.* 7. 28.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in [21] a deep ſleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

[21] See on *Ch.* 8. 18.

10 ¶ And behold, [22] an hand touched me, which † [23] ſet me upon my knees, and *upon* the [23] palms of my hands.

† Heb. *moved.*

[22] *Ver.* 16, 18. *Ch.* 8. -18. and 9. -21. *Rev.* 1. 21. The hand of the Angel *Gabriel*: (for he is a diſtinct Perſon from *Michael*, *i. e.* Chriſt, *v.* -21. and gives the ſame title to *Daniel* both *v.* 11, and 19. which *Gabriel* did, *ch.* 9. 23. and alſo the deſign of his Speech is to make *Daniel* underſtand the Viſion, *v.* 11. 14. which was *Gabriel*'s buſineſs, *ch.* 8. -16. and 9. 22.) ¶ [23] Raiſed and ſtrengthened me by degrees.

11 And [24] he ſaid unto me, O Daniel, † a man [25] greatly beloved, [25] underſtand the words that I ſpeak unto thee, and † ſtand upright: for unto thee am I now [26] ſent. And when he had ſpoken this word unto me, I ſtood trembling.

† Heb. *a man of deſires.*
† Heb. *ſtand upon thy ſtanding.*

[24] *Gabriel*, See *n.* 22. ¶ [25] *Ch.* 9. -23. ¶ [26] As *ch.* 9. 21, 22.

12 Then ſaid he unto me, [27] Fear not, Daniel: for from the firſt day that thou didſt ſet thine heart [28] to underſtand, and to chaſten thy ſelf before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come [29] for thy words.

[27] *Ver.* 19. *Matth.* 28. 5. 10. *Luke* 2. 10. ¶ [28] To conſider the preſent Calamity of thy People now hindred in their

their Temple-work, with a desire to know what their future state shall be. ¶ [29] By reason of thy earnest desires and petitions, to satisfie thee therein.

13 But the [30] prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but lo, [31] Michael [32] one of the chief Princes came to help me, and I remained there with the [33] kings of Persia.

[30] *Cambyses*, who was a Back-friend to the *Jews*, and hindred their Welfare as much as he could. ¶ [31] *Ch.* 12. 1. Christ, *v.* -21. ¶ [32] Or, *The first*, *i. e.* the Head of all Principalities and Powers, *Col.* 2. 10. ¶ [33] *Darius* and *Cyrus*, who reigned together; and this Angel was left with them to defeat those projects which were suggested to them against the *Jews*.

3470. 14 Now I am come to [34] make thee understand what shall befal thy People in [35] the latter days: for * yet the Vision *is* for [3] *many* days.

* Hab. 2. 3.

[34] (As he was commanded to do, *ch.* 8. -16. and 9. 22.) ¶ [35] *Hos.* 3. 5. Not only what shall be the issue of this present distress they are in, (which thou seemest chiefly to be concern'd about,) but what shall befal 'em for many ages to come, even to the end of the World.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And behold, [36] *one* like the similitude of the sons of men [37] touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the [38] vision, my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

[36] Probably the same person mentioned, *ver.* 5, 6, *viz.* Christ. ¶ [37] *Jer.* 1. 9. *Isa.* 6. 7. ¶ [38] The glorious appearance of that Person, *v.* 5, 6. which was overcoming to Human frailty.

‖ Or, *this servant of my lord.*

17 For how can ‖ the servant of this my lord, talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me, *one* [39] like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me.

[39] The same that put forth his hand to him, *v.* 10. *viz.* *Gabriel*.

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19 And said, * O man [25] greatly beloved, [27] fear not, peace *be* unto thee, [40] be strong, yea, [40] be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

[40] *Josh.* 1. 6, 7, 9. 18. and 10. 25.

20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to [41] fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am [42] gone forth, lo, the [43] prince of Grecia shall come.

[41] To resist his Plots and Proceedings against the *Jews*, and to ruin that whole Empire by degrees. ¶ [42] *Viz.* From fighting with the Prince of *Persia*, and defeating his Designs, and am gone to the Prince of *Grecia*, to strengthen and confirm him. (Whereupon the *Persians* commonly miscarried, and the *Grecians* commonly prospered in their Wars.) ¶ [43] *Alexander* the Great, shall come with a small Army against *Darius* the last Monarch of *Persia*, and shall overcome him.

21 But I will shew thee *that which is* noted in the [44] scripture of truth: and *there is* none that † holdeth with me in these things, but * [45] Michael your prince.

† Heb. *strengtheneth himself.*

* V. 13. Jude 9. Rev. 12. 7.

[44] *Ch.* 11. 2. The determinate counsel and purpose of God, declared plainly without Types, See *n.* 1. ¶ [45] *Ch.* 12. 1. and 9. 25. Jesus Christ.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The overthrow of Persia by the king of Grecia*
5 *Kings of the north and south.*

ALso [1] I, in the first year of * Darius the Mede, *even* [1] I stood to [2] confirm and to strengthen him.

* Ch. 5. 31.

[1] The same person that spake to *Daniel*, *ch.* 10. 11, &c. *viz.* *Gabriel*. ¶ [2] *Viz.* In the possession of the Empire; and also in passing the Decree for the Return of the *Jews* out of *Babylon*, *Ezr.* 1. 1, &c. which no doubt met with great opposition: and therefore *Darius* and *Cyrus*, who reigned together, had need of the assistance, encouragement and conduct of the Angel therein.

2 And now will I shew thee the [3] truth. Behold, there shall stand up [4] yet [5] three kings in Persia, and the [6] fourth shall be far [7] richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up [8] all against the realm of Grecia.

[3] *Ch.* 10. 21. See there. The naked Truth without Types; which shall certainly come to pass. ¶ [4] *i. e.* Besides him that now reigns at present, *viz.* *Cyrus*, *ch.* 10. 1. ¶ [5] *Viz.* *Cambyses*, *Smerdis*, and *Darius Hystaspes*. Not but that there were more, but these were the Kings with whom the *Jews* were chiefly concern'd, whom alone therefore the Spirit of God takes notice of in this relation. ¶ [6] *Viz.* *Xerxes*, called *Ahasuerosh*, *Esth.* 1. 1. ¶ [7] Famous in Heathen Stories for his Riches. ¶ [8] Vast multitudes; for he brought along with him about Six Millions in his Army, and the Train that attended it, the greatest Army we read of.

3 And a [9] mighty king shall stand up, that shall [10] rule with great dominion, and [11] do according to his will.

[9] *Alexander* the Great: the He-Goat, *ch.* 8. 5. This was about a thousand years after the former expedition of *Xerxes*. ¶ [10] Exceedingly enlarge his Dominions. ¶ [11] See on *ch.* 8. -4.

4 And [12] when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be [13] broken, and shall be [13] divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his [14] posterity, nor [15] according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be [16] pluckt up, even for others besides those.

[12] As soon as ever he comes to his height, and able to stand his ground against all opposition. ¶ [13] See on *ch.* 8. 8. ¶ [14] *Eccl.* 4. 8. Which were soon rooted out, and none of them left remaining. ¶ [15] See on *ch.* 8. -22. *n.* 52. ¶ [16] Or, *Torn in pieces*, and shar'd or distributed among others, as well as those four principal ones before mentioned.

5 ¶ And the [17] king of the south shall [18] be strong, and [19] *one* of his princes, and he shall be strong [20] above him, and have dominion: his dominion *shall be* a [21] great dominion.

[17] *Ptolomy* the Son of *Lagus* (and his Successor) King of *Egypt*, *v.* 8. Tho *Alexander*'s Kingdom was divided into four principal ones, (*v.* 4.) yet only two of 'em, *viz.* the Kings of the South, *i. e.* *Egypt*, and of the North, *i. e.* *Syria*, are taken notice of here; because the *Jews* were only concern'd with them, as *v.* 2. *n.* 5. ¶ [18] Prevail much against the *Jews*. ¶ [19] One of *Ptolomy*'s Princes, *viz.* *Seleucus Nicator*, (*i. e.* Conqueror,) who though weak at first, yet by *Ptolomy*'s favour and countenance, came to a great height, yea to be——— ¶ [20] Strong above *Ptolomy* himself, from whom he got the power over *Judea*. ¶ [21] The most potent by far, at last, of all *Alexander*'s Successors.

6 And [22] in the end of years, they shall † [23] joyn themselves together; for the kings [24] daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north [24] to make † an agreement: but she shall not retain the [25] power of the arm, neither shall [26] he stand nor his [27] arm; but she shall [28] be given up, and [29] they that brought her, and ‖ [30] he that begat her, and [31] he that strengthened her in *these* times.

† Heb. *associate themselves.*

† Heb. *rights.*

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‖ Or, *whom she brought forth.*

[22] After a certain time. ¶ [23] Some of the Successors of these two Kings shall make Leagues and Alliances one with another. ¶ [24] *Berenice* the Daughter of *Ptolomy Philadelphus*,

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phus shall be married to *Antiochus Theos*, the King of *Syria*, (though he had another Wife before, one *Laodice*) to put an end thereby to all Differences between the two Kingdoms. ¶ [31] Her strong interest at Court, nor in her Husbands affection, which was alienated from her, and returned to his former Wife *Laodice*. ¶ [30] *Antiochus* himself her Husband whom *Laodice* got to be poison'd, fearing he might prove unconstant to her. ¶ [27] Or, *his seed, i. e.* that Off-spring, *viz.* a little Son which he had by *Berenice*; who was kill'd with her. ¶ [28] *Viz.* To the power of *Seleucus Callinicus*, her Son-in-law, who slew her. ¶ [29] Her Friends and Attendants that came along with her. ¶ [30] Her Father *Ptolomy Philadelphus* died shortly after. ¶ [31] Every one that took part with her.

7 But [32] out of a branch of her root shall [33] *one* stand up in his estate, which shall come with an [34] Army, and shall [35] enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall [35] deal against them, and shall [36] prevail:

[32] *i. e.* A branch, or one sprung from the same root or parents with her self, *viz.* her own Brother. ¶ [33] Her own Brother *Ptolomy Euergetes* shall succeed his Father in his Kingdom. ¶ [34] To revenge his Sisters Death. ¶ [35] Invade the Territories, and surprize the strong Holds of *Seleucus Callinicus* King of *Syria*, who slew *Berenice* and her little Son. ¶ [36] Have very easie and mighty Success.

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt, their [37] gods, with their princes, *and* with † their precious vessels of silver and of gold, and [38] he shall continue *mo* years then [39] the king of the north.

† Heb. *Vessels of their desire.*

[37] *Isa.* 46. 1. ¶ [38] *Ptolomy Euergetes.* ¶ [39] *Seleucus Callinicus.*

9 So the [40] king of the south shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

[40] *Ptolomy Euergetes* shall subdue the Kingdom of *Syria*, belonging to *Seleucus Callinicus*, and then return without any let or fear of *Seleucus Callinicus.*

10 But [41] his sons ‖ shall be stirred up, and [42] *one* shall certainly come and overflow, and pass through: then shall he [43] return, and be stirred up, [43] *even* to his Fortress.

‖ Or, *shall war.*

[41] The Two Sons of *Seleucus Callinicus*, viz. *Seleucus Ceraunus*, and *Antiochus Magnus* shall bestir themselves after their Fathers Death, to recover what he had lost. ¶ [42] *Antiochus Magnus* (the other Son, *Seleucus Ceraunus* being dead, or made away by Poison) shall over-run *Judea* and *Syria*. ¶ [43] Renew the War the year following with a mighty Army, and invade and take many Towns and strong Holds, till at last he come to *Raphia*, an exceeding strong Town in the Confines of *Egypt*.

11 And the [44] king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with [45] him, *even* with the [45] king of the north: and [45] he shall set forth a great multitude, but the [46] multitude shall be given into his hand.

[44] *Ptolomy Philopator*, shall be enraged by his Losses and the Affronts put upon him. ¶ [45] *Antiochus Magnus.* ¶ [46] The Army of *Antiochus Magnus* shall be routed by *Ptolomy Philopator*, and many of 'em taken Prisoners: and then he shall grow insolent, and exercise much Cruelty against the *Jews*: For coming to *Jerusalem* and offering to enter into the Holy of Holies, he was resisted by the High-Priest, which he took in such disdain, that he sent forth bloody Edicts, whereby many of 'em were put to cruel Deaths, (2 *Mac.* 3. and 4.) which turned much to his prejudice; for after this he lost all again by his Luxury and Sottishness.

12 *And* when he hath taken away the multitude, [46] his heart shall be lifted up, and he [46] shall cast down *many* ten thousands; [46] but he shall not be strengthened *by it.*

13 For the [47] king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater then the former, and shall certainly come († after certain Years,) with a great Army, and with [48] much Riches.

† Heb. *at the end of times of years.*

[47] *Antiochus Magnus.* ¶ [48] All manner of Provisions and Accommodations.

14 And in those [49] times there shall [50] many stand up against the king of the south: also the † [51] robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves [52] to establish the vision, but they shall fall.

† Heb. *children of robbers.*

[49] The times following *Antiochus Magnus.* ¶ [50] Many of the *Jews* shall joyn with *Antiochus* against *Philopator*, his own Subjects rebel, many Princes revolt, and Neighbour Princes combine against him. ¶ [51] Some furious and desperate Murderers and Apostates shall grow confident of Success. ¶ [52] Shall think to plant their Religion in *Egypt*, having built a Temple there for that purpose.

15 So the [53] king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the † most fenced [14] cities, and the [55] arms of the south shall not withstand, neither † his [56] chosen People, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand.

† Heb. *city of munitions.*

† Heb. *the people of his choices.*

[53] *Antiochus Magnus.* ¶ [54] *Viz.* Of *Judea.* ¶ [55] The Forces of *Ptolomy Epiphanes*; shall be utterly overthrown. ¶ [56] Most expert Souldiers.

16 But [57] he that cometh against him, shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall [58] stand in * the ‖ † glorious land which by his hand shall be consumed.

* V. 41. 45.

‖ Or, *goodly land.*

† Heb. *land of ornament.*

[57] *Antiochus Magnus* coming against *Ptolomy Epiphanes*, shall succed in all his Enterprizes, See on *ch.* 8. 4. ¶ [58] Possess the Land of *Judea*, (*Ezek.* 20.-6.) which shall be wasted by his Forces; they regarding neither Friend nor Foe.

17 He shall also [59] set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and ‖ [60] upright ones with him: [61] thus shall he do, and [62] he shall give him the daughter of women, † corrupting her: but she shall not [63] stand *on his side*, neither be for him.

‖ Or, *much uprightness*: or *equal conditions.*

† Heb. *to corrupt.*

[59] Invade *Egypt* with the strength of his whole Kingdom, and endeavour to make himself Master of that also, as well as *Judea*. ¶ [60] Many Religious *Jews* and other honest, fair-conditioned Men shall he bring along with him. ¶ [61] And shall succed in his Design. ¶ [62] *Antiochus* shall bestow his Daughter *Cleopatra*, a very beautiful Woman, upon *Ptolomy Epiphanes*, with a design to perswade her to kill her Husband, that he might then seise upon his Kingdom, as the Protector and Guardian of his Daughter. ¶ [63] Adhere to his Counsel, and do what her Father would have her.

18 After this shall [64] he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a [65] prince † for his own behalf shall cause † the reproach offered by him to cease; [66] without his own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn upon him.

† Heb. *for him.*

† Heb. *his reproach.*

[64] *Antiochus Magnus* not succeeding in that Design, (*v.* 17.) shall set upon many Places lying upon the *Mediterranean*, under the *Roman* Command. ¶ [65] The *Roman* State (not yet exalted to be the Mistress of the World,) for vindication of their Honour now concern'd, shall send *Lucius Scipio* to regain what he had taken. ¶ [66] Or, *Yea, he shall return the Reproach upon himself*, by depriving him of a great part of his Kingdom, and laying a heavy Tax upon him.

19 Then he shall [67] turn his face towards the fort of his own land: but he shall [68] stumble and fall, and [69] not be found.

[67] Betake himself to some of the strong places in his own Kingdom; being confin'd thither by the *Romans*. ¶ [68] Be killed in a tumultuous manner by his own Subjects the *Elymites*, for endeavouring to rob their Temple. ¶ [69] Want the honour of a solemn Burial.

20 Then shall stand up [70] in his estate † a raiser of taxes [71] *in* the glory of the kingdom; but within few days he shall be destroyed, [72] neither in † anger, [72] nor in battel.

† Heb. *one that causeth an exactour to pass over.*

† Heb. *angers.*

[70] After him shall succeed in his Kingdom *Seleucus Philopator*, his Son, who laid heavy Taxes and Impositions upon his Subjects. ¶ [71] To maintain his Pomp and Splendor. ¶ [72] Neither by Sedition and Tumult, as his Father was, nor in any Battel, but by the Treachery of *Heliodorus*, one of his Captains, who, as its thought, poisoned him, to succeed him in his Kingdom.

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21 And [70] in his eſtate ſhall ſtand up *a [72] vile perſon, to whom [74] they ſhall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he ſhall come in [75] peaceably, and obtain the kindgom [75] by flatteries.

* Ch. 7. 8. & 8. 9.

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[73] One of a ſordid, ſervile Spirit and infamous Behavior. This was *Antiochus Epiphanes*. In ſome things a Type of Anti-Chriſt. ¶ [74] Neither Peers, nor People ſhall freely conſent to his taking the Crown: yet he ſhall gain it at laſt—— ¶ [75] By pretending to govern for his Nephew *Demetrius* the true Heir, and by making a fair ſhew of clemency and kindneſs, whereby he ſhall win the hearts of the people of *Syria* to him.

22 And [76] with the arms of a floud ſhall they be overflown from before him, and ſhall be broken; * yea, alſo the prince of the covenant.

* Ch. 8. 10, 25.

[76] With powerful and ſudden Armies, as a great Floud of Water, ſhall the Forces of *Heliodorus* be quite overcome and routed by *Antiochus Epiphanes*, as alſo *Demetrius* the Son of *Seleucus Philopator*, who was chief of the Confederates, being the Heir to the Crown.

23 And [77] after the league *made* with him, he ſhall work deceitfully; for he ſhall [78] come up, and ſhall become ſtrong with a ſmall people.

[77] After the Friendſhip profeſt by him to his Nephew *Demetrius*. ¶ [78] Proceed very far into the heart of the Kingdom.

‖ Or, *into the peaceable and fat*, &c.

24 He ſhall enter ‖ peaceably even upon the fatteſt places of the province, and he ſhall [79] do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers fathers, [80] he ſhall ſcatter among them the prey and ſpoil, and riches: *yea*, and he ſhall † [81] forecaſt his devices againſt the ſtrong holds, even for a time.

† Heb. *think his thoughts.*

[79] Prevail more in *Egypt* than any of his Predeceſſors. ¶ [80] Be a profuſe Rewarder of his Favorites, and eſpecially of his Souldiers, 1 *Mac.* 3. 30. ¶ [81] By his Arts he ſhall gain ſome of their ſtrong holds for a while.

25 And [82] he ſhall ſtir up his power and his courage againſt the king of the ſouth with a great army, and the king of the ſouth ſhall be ſtirred up to battel with a very great and mighty army; but he ſhall not ſtand: for [83] they ſhall forecaſt devices againſt him.

[82] *Antiochus Epiphanes* ſhall muſter up the Power of *Syria*, and with great Courage give battel to *Ptolomy Philometor*. ¶ [83] His own Captains will deal treacherouſly with him.

26 Yea, [84] they that feed of the portion of his meat, ſhall deſtroy him, and [85] his army ſhall overflow: and many ſhall fall down ſlain.

[84] His own Courtiers alſo ſhall betray him, and ſpoil the ſucceſs of the Battel. ¶ [85] The Army of *Antiochus* ſhall prevail and rout the other.

† Heb. *their hearts.*

27 And [86] both theſe kings † hearts *ſhall be* to do [87] miſchief, and they ſhall [88] ſpeak lies at one table; but [89] it ſhall not proſper: for * [90] yet the end *ſhall be* at the time appointed.

* V. 29, 35, 40.

[86] *Antiochus Epiphanes* and *Ptolomy Philometor*. ¶ [87] *Viz.* One to another; and that even when they are treating of peace. ¶ [88] Meet together at *Memphis*, pretending friendſhip, and making fair promiſes one to another, but all in hypocriſy, they ſtill ſtriving to undermine one another. ¶ [89] This Enterview and pretended kindneſs ſhall not ſucceed for the gaining their ends one upon another. ¶ [90] And tho there be a Truce for a time, yet the Wars will break out again, and not be ended till the time appointed by God.

28 Then ſhall [91] he return into his land with great riches, and * his heart *ſhall be* againſt the [92] holy covenant: and he [93] ſhall do *exploits*, and return to his own land.

* V. 22.

[91] *Antiochus Epiphanes*. ¶ [92] The Law, Religon and People of the *Jews*. ¶ [93] 1 *Mac.* 1. 17, &c. Do ſome miſchief to the *Jews* in his Return.

29 At the time appointed he ſhall return, and come toward the ſouth, but [94] it ſhall not be as the former, or as the latter.

[94] This latter expedition ſhall not be ſo ſucceſsful as ſome of his former (*v.* 25.) being forc't to raiſe his Siege of *Alexandria*, and depart out of *Egypt*, by *Popilius* the *Roman* Embaſſador.

30 ¶ For [95] the ſhips of Chittim ſhall come againſt him: therefore he ſhall be [96] grieved and return, and [97] have indignation againſt the holy covenant: ſo ſhall he [98] do, he ſhall even return, and [99] have intelligence with them that forſake the holy covenant.

[95] *i. e.* The *Romans*; who now came to aſſiſt *Ptolomy Philometor*, who had put himſelf under their Protection. This Phraſe [*Ships of Chittim*] is taken out of *Balaam's* Prophecy, *Numb.* 24. 24. and is here us'd to note, that the *Roman* greatneſs was now beginning. ¶ [96] Grievouſly vex't that he ſhould be compell'd to deſiſt from his Enterpriſe againſt *Egypt*. ¶ [97] Be more furious and violent againſt the *Jews* than before, *ver.* 28. turning his rage that way. ¶ [98] *Viz.* Act in an outragious manner againſt the *Jews*; plundering the City and Temple, and doing 'em all the miſchief he could. ¶ [99] Practiſe with the Apoſtate *Jews*, *Menelaus*, *Jaſon*, and their adherents.

31 And [1] arms ſhall ſtand on his part, and they ſhall [2] pollute the ſanctuary of [3] ſtrength, and ſhall [4] take away the daily *ſacrifice*, and they ſhall [5] place the abomination that ‖ maketh deſolate.

‖ Or, *aſtoniſheth.*

[1] A great faction of the wicked *Jews*, and other foreign Captains ſhall joyn with him, *ch.* 8. 24. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 8. 11. Enter into the Temple, plunder it of its precious Veſſels and Treaſures, (1 *Mac.* 1. 23.) and ſhed innocent blood there. ¶ [3] *Ezek.* 24. 21. See there. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 8. 11. 1 *Mac.* 1. 44. Put down the Worſhip and Service of God. ¶ [5] Set up Heatheniſh Worſhip and the Image of *Jupiter Olympius* in the Temple, yea upon the Altar, (1 *Mac.* 1. 54. 2 *Mac.* 6. 2.) whereby the Worſhip of God was deſtroyed (1 *Mac.* 4. 37.) and alſo plac't Garriſons of Idolatrous Souldiers in the Fort of *Zion*, that brought deſolation upon the Temple and City, 1 *Mac.* 1. 33–39. *Matth.* 24. 15.

32 And [6] ſuch as do wickedly againſt the covenant, ſhall he ‖ [7] corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do [8] know their God, ſhall be [9] ſtrong, and do [10] *exploits*.

‖ Or, *cauſe to diſſemble.*

[6] *Ver.* 30. The Apoſtate *Jews*. ¶ [7] Confirm 'em in their deſection, and draw 'em on further to comply with his Idolatrous Worſhip and Deſigns. ¶ [8] So as to fear and ſerve him, (*John* 17. 3.) and adhere to his Worſhip againſt all oppoſition. ¶ [9] Conſtant and perſevering in the pure ſervice of God. ¶ [10] Such as the *Maccabees* did.

33 And they that underſtand among the people, ſhall [11] inſtruct many: yet [12] they ſhall fall by the ſword, and by flame, by captivity, and by ſpoil *many* days.

[11] Strengthen and encourage 'em, both by their Doctrin and Example. ¶ [12] Both Teachers and Learners ſhall be cruelly perſecuted for their Conſtancy.

34 Now when they ſhall fall, they ſhall be holpen with a [13] little help: but [14] many ſhall cleave to them with flatteries.

[13] *Viz.* By the *Maccabees*. ¶ [14] Many of the *Jews*, who formerly deſerted 'em, ſeeing their ſucceſs, ſhall joyn with 'em again, but not ſincerely.

35 And *ſome* of them of underſtanding ſhall [15] fall, to [16] try ‖ them, and to [17] purge, and to [18] make *them* white, *even* [19] to the time of the end: [20] becauſe *it is* yet for a time appointed.

‖ Or, *by them.*

[15] *Viz.* By the Sword, &c. *ver.* 33. ¶ [16] *Ch.* 12. 10. 1 *Pet.* 1. 7. whether they will continue conſtant and perſevere to the end. ¶ [17] *Iſa.* 27. 9. See there. ¶ [18] To declare their Innocency, 1 *Mac.* 3. 9, 46. ¶ [19] Till that time come wherein God has determined to put an end to theſe perſecutions and ſufferings of his People, as *ver.* 27. ¶ [20] Becauſe now is the time that God has appointed for the end of the rage of the Third, or Greek Empire, *Heb.* 9. 10.

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36 And [21] the king ſhall do [22] according to his will, and he ſhall [23] exalt himſelf, and [23] magnifie himſelf above every god, and ſhall ſpeak [24] marvellous things againſt the God of gods, and ſhall proſper [25] till the indignation be accompliſhed: for [26] that that is determined, ſhall be done.

[21] Or, *a King*, *i. e.* the *Roman* State or Empire: called [*a Prince*] *ver.* 18. not having then attained the Empire: and [*Ships of Chittim*] *ver.* 30. beginning then to grow up to a good height: and here, *a King*, having now gotten poſſeſſion of the Empire of the World. ¶ [22] *Ch.* 8. 4. See there. Conquer and domineer, as ſeems him good. ¶ [23] *V.* 37. 2 *Theſ.* 2. 4. See there. ¶ [24] *Ch.* 7. 25. Blaſphemous things (which was done, not only by *Rome* Heathen, but Anti-chriſtian, *Rev.* 13. 5.) ¶ [25] Till the time that God has appointed for their rage, and the pouring out of his Wrath upon his People, be expir'd. ¶ [26] *Viz.* The end of theſe Perſecutions, both under *Rome*-Heathen and Antichriſtian, ſhall come.

37 Neither ſhall he regard the [27] god of his fathers, [28] nor the deſire of women, nor regard [29] any god: for he ſhall magnifie himſelf [29] above all.

[27] The Heathen Deities which the ancient *Romans* worſhipt, becauſe he pretends to be a Chriſtian. ¶ [28] And, as if he had no deſire after Women, he ſhall magnify a ſingle life, forbidding all his Clergy to marry, 1 *Tim.* 4. 3. ¶ [28] *V.* 36. See there, *n.* 23.

38 But [30] in his eſtate [31] ſhall he honour the God of ‖ † forces: and a [32] god whom his fathers knew not, ſhall he honour with gold, and ſilver, and with precious ſtones, and † pleaſant things.

‖ Or, *munitions*
† Heb. *Mauzzim*, or *as for the almighty God, in his ſeat he ſhall honour, yea, he ſhall honour a God*, &c.
† Heb. *things deſired.*

[30] In all places where they own his Supremacy. ¶ [31] Or, *Together with God he will honour the Mahuzzim*, *i. e.* the *Demons* (1 *Tim.* 4. 1.) or Souls of perſons departed, whom they count their Bulwarks and Proteſtors (as the word *Mahuzzim* ſignifies.) ¶ [32] Their Images: and eſpecially the Hoſt or breaden god, which the Apoſtles and Primitive Chriſtian *Romans* knew not.

39 [33] Thus ſhall he do in the † moſt ſtrong holds with a ſtrange god, whom he ſhall [34] acknowledge *and* increaſe with glory: and he ſhall [35] cauſe them to rule over many, and ſhall divide the land [36] for † gain.

† Heb. *fortreſſes of munitions.*
† Heb. *a price.*

[33] Or, *And he ſhall make the Holds of the Mahuzzim jointly to a foreign god*, i. e. ſhall build Temples and conſecrate 'em to the honor of Chriſt and the Saints. ¶ [34] Make an outward profeſſion of Chriſt; pretending a great deal of honor to him in their gaudy pompous Worſhip. ¶ [35] Aſſign the ſeveral Countries under him to ſuch and ſuch Saints as their Proteſtors: as *England* to St. *George*, &c. ¶ [36] (which is his great end in all his Deſigns.)

40 And [37] at the time of the end ſhall [38] the king of the ſouth puſh at him, and [39] the king of the north ſhall come againſt him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horſemen, and with many ſhips, and he ſhall enter into the countreys, and ſhall overflow and [40] paſs over.

[37] *V.* 35. Towards the end of his Tyranny. ¶ [38] The *Saracens* ſhall make ſome attempts upon the *Roman* Empire, but to no great purpoſe. ¶ [39] The Turks ſhall make a furious impreſſion upon him. ¶ [40] Out of *Aſia Minor* into *Europe*, and conquer divers Countries of the Empire, and at laſt take *Conſtantinople*, and utterly ruin the Eaſtern parts of the Empire for their Idolatries.

41 [41] He ſhall enter alſo into the ‖ † glorious land, and [42] many *countreys* ſhall be overthrown: but theſe ſhall eſcape out of his hand, *even* [43] Edom, and [43] Moab, and the chief of the children of [43] Ammon.

‖ Or, *goodly land*: v. 16.
† Heb. *land of delight*, or *ornament.*

[41] The *Turk* ſhall become Maſter of *Judea*. ¶ [42] Adjoyning to *Judea*. ¶ [43] The Inhabitants of *Arabia Petræa*, which were never yet Provincials to the Turkiſh Empire.

42 He ſhall † ſtretch forth his hand alſo upon the countries, and the land of Egypt ſhall not eſcape.

† Heb. *ſend forth.*

43 But he ſhall have power over the treaſures of gold and of ſilver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *ſhall be* at his ſteps.

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44 But tidings out of the [44] eaſt, and out of the [45] north ſhall [46] trouble him: therefore he ſhall go forth with great fury to [47] deſtroy, and [47] utterly to make away many.

[44] From the *Jews* (called Kings of the Eaſt, *Rev.* 16. 12.) who are converted, and gather together to return into their own Country. ¶ [45] Perhaps ſome formidable Strength of *Tartars* invade the *Turkiſh* Empire about the ſame time, or tidings from ſome *Jews* lying North of *Judea*. ¶ [46] Cauſe much perplexity and diſquiet to him. ¶ [47] Though hitherto he had tolerated the *Jews* in his Dominions, yet now he deſigns their utter ruin.

45 And he ſhall [48] plant the tabernacles of his palace between the ſeas in * the ‖ † [49] glorious holy mountain; * [50] yet he ſhall come to his end, and none ſhall help him.

* Pſal. 48. 2. V. 16, 41.
‖ Or, *goodly.*
† Heb. *mountain of delights of holineſs.*
* 1 Mac. 6. 8—16.

[48] Place his Forces all over the Land of *Judea*, from Sea to Sea. *Pſal.* 72. 8. ¶ [49] *Zech.* 8.—3. About *Jeruſalem*, now again become holy, by their embracing of Chriſt. ¶ [50] *Zech.* 12. 2.

CHAP. XII.

1. *Michael ſhall deliver Iſrael from their troubles.*
5 *Daniel is informed of the times.*

AND at [1] that time ſhall [2] Michael ſtand up, [3] the great prince which ſtandeth for the children of thy people, and * there ſhall be a time of trouble, ſuch as [4] never was ſince there was a nation, *even* to that ſame time: and at that time thy people ſhall be [5] delivered, every one *that ſhall be* found written in the * [6] book.

* Mat. 24. 21.
* Ezek. 13. 9.

[1] *Ch.* 11. 45. *Ezek.* 38. 8. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 10.—21. Chriſt ſhall appear eminently in behalf of the *Jews*. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 9. 13. *Ezek.* 34. 24. *Rev.* 1. 5. and 17. 14. and 19. 16. *Eph.* 1. 21. ¶ [4] *Rev.* 16. 18. ¶ [5] *Rom.* 11. 26. From that ſcattered, contemptible condition they have been in for ſo many ages, and brought into the way of Salvation, and at laſt made partakers of Eternal happineſs. ¶ [6] *Exod.* 32. 32. *Pſal.* 69. 28. *Luke* 10. 20. *Phil.* 4. 3. *Rev.* 3. 5. and 13. 7. and 17. 8. and 20. 12, 15. and 22. 27. and 22. 19. In the Decree and purpoſe of God for Salvation.

2 And [7] many of them that [8] ſleep in the duſt of the earth ſhall [9] awake, * [10] ſome to everlaſting life, and * [10] ſome to ſhame *and* everlaſting contempt.

* Acts 24. 15.
* Rom. 9. 2.

[7] Not all the *Jews* ſhall recover out of this forlorn eſtate; for ſome ſhall be deterr'd by the great troubles (*ver.* 1.) from joyning with their Brethren; others ſhall be ſo naturaliz'd to *Turciſm* or *Gentiliſm*, or cleave ſo ſuperſtitiouſly to their old Law, that they'l continue hardned, ſleeping ſtill in the duſt of their Rejection and Diſperſion: yet many (8) that ſeem to be in an irrecoverable condition of contempt and diſperſion, (9) ſhall recover out of that afflicted and dead eſtate wherein they have lain ſo long. ¶ [10] *Mat.* 25. 46. *John* 5. 29. *Iſa.* 66.—24. Some by perſeverance in the Faith, receive and continue the Happineſs both of Earthly Proſperity and Spiritual Priviledges, and at laſt partake of Eternal Life; others though they be raiſed, yet it ſhall be to their own greater ſhame, being hypocritical and falſe-hearted to God.

3 And they that be ‖ [11] wiſe ſhall [12] ſhine as the brightneſs of the firmament, and they that [13] turn many to righteouſneſs, as [13] the ſtars for ever and ever.

‖ Or, *teachers.*

[11] *Ch.* 11. 33. Truly gracious themſelves and underſtanding in the things of God, and ready to communicate their Knowledge and Graces to others. ¶ [12] *Matth.* 13. 43. 1 *Cor.* 15. 41. Be highly honour'd of, and in the Church. ¶ [13] *Jam.* 5. 20. Labour in the converſion of their Brethren, teaching em the true Doctrin of Juſtification by Chriſt: theſe ſhall appear far more glorious.

4 But thou, O Daniel, [14] ſhut up the words, and [14] ſeal the book *even* to the time of the end: [15] many ſhall run to and fro, and [16] knowledge ſhall be increaſed.

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[14] *Ch.* 8.-26. *Rev.* 10.4. *q. d.* Forbear the plain and familiar interpretation of 'em; and indeed few will ſtudy to underſtand theſe things at preſent, till towards the time wherein they ſhall be accompliſh'd, *ver.* 9. ¶ [15] And then when that time comes, many will be inquiſitive after the knowledge of 'em. ¶ [16] *Iſa.* 29.18. The underſtanding of theſe and ſuch like Propheſies.

5 ¶ Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there ſtood [17] other two, the one on this ſide of the † bank of the [18] river, and the other on that ſide of the bank of the river.

† Heb. *lip.*

[17] *Viz.* Angels, beſides *Michael*, *Ch.* 10. 5. and *Gabriel*, *Ch.* 10. 10. ¶ [18] *Ch.* 10. 4. Attending upon the *Jews* diſpers'd among multitudes of People.

6 And [19] *one* ſaid to the man [20] clothed in linen which *was* ‖ [21] upon the waters of the river, [22] How long *ſhall it be* to the end of theſe wonders?

‖ Or, *from above.*

[19] *Ch.* 8.13. *Eph.* 3. 10. 1 *Pet.* 1. 12. ¶ [20] *Ch.* 10. 5, 6. Chriſt. ¶ [21] *Ch.* 8. 16. *Job* 9. 8. *Rev.* 10. 5. Lord of Sea and Land, and all Creatures in both. ¶ [22] *Ch.* 8. -13. How long ſhall it be before theſe wonderful things concerning the *Jews* Diſperſion and their Reſurrection ſhall be accompliſh'd?

7 And I heard the man [20] clothed in linen, which *was* [21] upon the waters of the river, when he [23] held up his right hand, and his left hand unto heaven, and [23] ſware by him that liveth for ever, that *it ſhall be* for [24] a time, times, and ‖ an half: and [25] when he ſhall have accompliſhed to ſcatter the power of the holy people, [26] all theſe *things* ſhall be finiſhed.

‖ Or, *part.*

[23] *Rev.* 10. -5, 6. ¶ [24] See on *Ch.* 7. 25. ¶ [25] When the diſperſion of the *Jews* ſhall be fully ended, and they gathered together again under Chriſt, *Hoſ.* 1. 11. ¶ [26] Time ſhall be no more, (as it's expreſt, *Rev.* 10.6.) *i.e.* The time of the Churches Perſecution, but the Myſtery of God ſhall be finiſh'd, (*Rev.* 10.7.) *i.e.* All the Propheſies concerning the Churches flouriſhing condition ſhall then have their full accompliſhment.

8 And I heard, but I [27] underſtood not: then ſaid I, O my Lord, [22] what *ſhall be* the end of theſe *things*?

[27] *Viz.* So plainly and fully as he deſir'd, when the time ſo obſcurely expreſt ſhould begin and end.

9 And he ſaid, [28] Go thy way, Daniel: for * the words *are* [14] cloſed up and [14] ſealed [29] till the time of the end.

[28] *q. d.* Be content with what is told thee, for the further knowledge hereof is reſerv'd for its proper ſeaſon. ¶ [29] *Ch.* 11. 35. See there.

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* Ver. 4.

10 * Many ſhall be [30] purified and made [30] white and [30] tried: but the wicked ſhall [31] do wickedly: and [32] none of the wicked ſhall underſtand, but the [33] wiſe ſhall underſtand.

* Zech. 13. 9.

[30] *Ch.* 11. 35. See there, by the Perſecutions here foretold. ¶ [31] Continue impenitent in their Idolatry, Perſecution and other ſins, notwithſtanding the Judgments of God upon 'em for the ſame, *Rev.* 9. 20, 21. ¶ [32] None of the Followers of Antichriſt can underſtand theſe Viſions of *Daniel*, and the Revelations, ſo as to be affected with, and make a good uſe of 'em for their coming out of *Babylon*. ¶ [33] Such as truly fear God.

11 And from the time *that* * the [34] daily *ſacrifice* ſhall be taken away, and † the [34] abomination that ‖ maketh deſolate ſet up, *there ſhall be* [35] a thouſand two hundred and ninety days.

* Chap. 8. 11.

† Heb. *to ſet up the abomination*, &c.

‖ Or, *aſtoniſheth.*

[34] *Ch.* 11. 31. ¶ [35] Since all Interpreters that I have perus'd, who have undertaken to apply theſe numbers to particular times and events, have either miſcarried in their attempts, and been confuted in their conjectures by the event; as thoſe who apply 'em to the Reſtoration and Converſion of the *Jews* in 1650, or 56; or elſe have applyed 'em to ſuch ſlight and inconſiderable events which contain nothing of reſolution or ſatisfaction to *Daniel*'s great queſtion, *ver.* -6, 8. But eſpecially becauſe the Spirit of God has ſet a ſeal upon 'em till the time of their accompliſhment, *ver.* 9. therefore I ſhall not preſume to define any thing in the caſe, or venture upon thoſe Rocks, where I ſee others have ſuffer'd ſhipwrack before me.

12 Bleſſed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the [35] thouſand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But [36] go thou thy way till the end *be*: ‖ for thou ſhalt reſt and ſtand in thy lot at the end of the days.

‖ Or, *and thou*, &c.

[36] Or, *thou ſhalt come to thy end, i. e.* Thou ſhalt dye long before theſe things come to paſs, or are underſtood, and ſhalt reſt in thy Grave, and not be afflicted with the diſtreſſes here mention'd, and then ſhalt receive a full reward at the Reſurrection of the Juſt.

HOSEA.

The ARGUMENT.

HOſea, *was chiefly ſent to the Ten Tribes, to reprove 'em for their notorious Idolatry, Profaneneſs and Looſeneſs of all ſorts, and to threaten 'em with a total deſtruction of their Kingdom; yet withal to promiſe mercy to the penitent, and foretel a Reſtauration of 'em again at laſt, after their long Rejection; and alſo the Union of* Judah *and* Iſrael, *and their reception again to be Gods People,* Chap. 1. 11.

His ſhort Style and curt way of Expreſſion, renders him very obſcure in many places.

CHAP. I.

1 *Hoſea, to ſhew Gods judgment for ſpiritual whoredom, taketh Gomer,* 4 *and hath by her Jezreel,* &c.

THE word of the LORD that came unto Hoſea, the ſon of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of [1] Jeroboam the ſon of Joaſh king of Iſrael.

[1] When that Kingdom was in the moſt flouriſhing condition, (2 *Kings* 14. 23, 25.) even then Judgments are denounc'd againſt it.

2 [2] The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hoſea: and the LORD ſaid to Hoſea, [3] Go, take unto thee a [4] wife of whoredoms, and [5] children of whoredoms: for [6] the land hath committed [7] great whoredom, [8] *departing* from the LORD.

[2] The firſt Revelation that God made to him, and the firſt Meſſage he ſent by him. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 3. 1. That which is here commanded him, he was to relate to the People, (as *Ezek.* 3. and 4.) that thereby, as in a Type, they might diſcern their own condition, *viz.* that the Kingdom of *Iſrael* in general, or the Rulers both in Church and State, (the Mother,) and the Commonalty, (the Children,) were guilty of Idolatry. ¶ [4] A notorious Whore, that has long liv'd in Whoredom. ¶ [5] Begot in Whoredom, and given to the ſame practice. ¶ [6] *Ezek.* 23. 3. *q. d.* This is a fit reſemblance of the Children of *Iſrael*, who have long liv'd in Spiritual Whoredom againſt their God. ¶ [7] 1 *Kings* 12. 28. ¶ [8] 2 *Chron.* 33. 9. *Pſal.* 73. 27.

3 So he went and took [9] Gomer the daughter of [10] Diblaim, which conceived and bare him [11] a ſon.

[9] Which ſignifies both Perfection and Conſumption; implying, that this People had had many Bleſſings beſtow'd on 'em, (*Ezek.* 16.-14.) but they conſum'd all upon their luſts, (*Ch.* 2.-8.) and therefore God would bring a conſumption of all upon themſelves and their enjoyments, *Ch.* 2. 9, 12. ¶ [10] Which ſignifies two Cluſters of Figs; implying, that the two Houſes of *Judah* and *Iſrael* were like two Baskets of dry Figs, in which there were very few worth keeping.

¶ [11] The three Children he had by her, ſignify the Judgments, which by ſo many degrees, were to light upon this People, each heavier than other.

4 And the LORD ſaid unto him, Call his name [12] Jezreel; for yet a little *while*, and I will † avenge the bloud of [13] Jezreel upon the houſe of [14] Jehu, and will [15] cauſe to ceaſe the kingdom of the houſe of Iſrael.

† Heb. *viſit.*

[12] The name of the City where *Jehu* ſhed ſo much bloud, (2 *Kings* 10. 11.) figuring the Ruin of *Jehu*'s houſe. ¶ [13] Shed there. ¶ [14] Under whom ſins of all ſorts were now come to a great heighth. ¶ [15] Remove it from the Family of *Jehu*, (2 *Kings* 15. 10.) and make it wither away by degrees, till it be utterly deſtroy'd.

5 And it ſhall come to paſs [16] at that day, that I will break [17] the bow of Iſrael in the [17] valley of Jezreel:

[16] When I take vengeance on the houſe of *Jehu*. ¶ [17] *Jer.* 49. 35. Your Military power and skill in that place (*Joſh.* 17. 16.) where they thought themſelves moſt ſecure, and where probably the greateſt battels were fought in their Civil Wars for the Crown.

6 ¶ And ſhe conceived [18] again and bare [19] a daughter; and *God* ſaid unto him, Call her name ‖[20] Lo-ruhamah: for † I will no more have mercy upon the houſe of Iſrael; ‖ but I will utterly [21] take them away.

‖ That is, *Not having obtained mercy.*

† Heb. *I will not add any more to.*

‖ Or, *that I ſhould altogether pardon them.*

[18] Another Period, noting a further progreſs in ſin, and approch to ruin. ¶ [19] Noting the weakneſs of their ſtate now. ¶ [20] Noting the Deſolation of the Ten Tribes. ¶ [21] Conſume 'em by degrees, till at laſt the whole Body of 'em are carried Captive, 2 *Kings* 15. 29. and 17. 3. *&c.*

7 But I will have mercy upon the houſe of Judah, and will [22] ſave them by [23] the LORD their God, and will not ſave them [24] by bow, nor by ſword, nor by battel, by horſes, nor by horſemen.

[22] *Iſa.* 37. 36. 2 *Kings* 18. 13. 2 *Chron.* 32. 1. ¶ [23] By my ſelf, for the ſake of my Son, in ſuch a way as may viſibly appear to be my own immediate work. ¶ [24] *Zech.* 4. 6. and 9. 10. *Pſal.* 33. 16. and 44. 6. Not by ſuch calamitous, deſtructive means, but in a more gentle, comfortable way.

8 ¶ Now when ſhe had [25] weaned Lo-ruhamah, ſhe conceived and bare [26] a ſon.

¶ [25] *i.e.* Af-

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¶ [25] *i. e.* After the Patience of God had long expected their Conversion, and found no amendment. ¶ [26] The last Period of their Provocations, pulling down utter desolation.

‖ That is, *Not my people.*

9 Then said *God*, Call his name, ‖ [27] Lo-ammi: for [28] ye *are* not my people, and I will [29] not be your *God*.

[27] Noting the final rejection of the whole Nation of the *Jews*, for rejecting Christ. ¶ [28] *q. d.* Since you don't behave your selves as my People, I'll own you no longer as such, but look upon you as Heathens, and cast you out among them, 2 *Kings* 17. ¶ [29] Not carry my self towards you as one in that relation, till we by our miscarriages first make it appear that we are not his People, God never ceases to be our God.

10 ¶ [30] Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be [31] as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbred; and it shall come to pass, *that* ‖ [32] in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* [33] it shall be said unto them, *Ye are* the [34] sons of the living God.

‖ Or, *instead of that.*

[30] *q. d.* Though such multitudes of the Ten Tribes are destroy'd and lost, and all carnal *Jews* do perish eternally, yet there shall be preserv'd a great number of true *Israelites*, *Abraham*'s spiritual seed, both *Jews* (after their Conversion,) and *Gentiles*. ¶ [31] *Gen.* 22. 17. See there. ¶ [32] *Rom.* 9. 26. Instead of that condition wherein they lay formerly, *viz.* not God's people; and in all parts of the world, where either *Jews* were dispers'd, or the *Gentiles* liv'd in the Ignorance of God. ¶ [33] There will be a visible change made in their condition, which all shall take notice of, and acknowledge. ¶ [34] *John* 1. 12. 1 *John* 3. 1, 2. Not only [my People,] but in a nearer and sweeter relation of Children to a Father.

11 Then shall the children of [35] Judah and the children of [35] Israel be gathered together, and [36] appoint themselves one head, and they shall [37] come up out of the land: for [38] great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.

[35] *Jer.* 3. 18. *Ezek.* 37. 16. The whole Nation of the *Jews*, both of the Two Tribes and Ten Tribes, shall by the mighty Power and Providence of God, in such ways as he has appointed, gather themselves together. ¶ [36] *Ezek.* 34. 23. Own Christ for their Ruler, and subject themselves to him. ¶ [37] *Ezek.* 37. 21, 22, 25. Rise up from that perishing condition wherein they have lain, and return to their own Country from the places of their dispersion, *Deut.* 30. 1–5. ¶ [38] Eminently and remarkably glorious shall be that time, when God shall own all the *Jews* for his Seed, (as the word [*Jezreel*] signifies,) or People; and that in regard (1,) Of their great deliverance, much more wonderful than that out of *Egypt*. (2,) Of the great destruction of their Enemies. (3,) Of the marvellous increase of the Church.

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1 *The idolatry of the people.* 6 *Gods judgments against them.* 14 *His promises of reconciliation with them.*

‖ That is, *My people.*

1 SAy ye unto your brethren, ‖ Ammi, and to your sisters, ‖ Ruhamah.

‖ That is, *Having obtained mercy.*

[1] *q. d.* O you my People, whether of the Two Tribes or Ten Tribes, who are truly godly Persons, stir up one another, and shew what's the duty of those that are my People, (*Ammi*,) and what I require of such from whom I have not shut up my bowels of mercy, (*Ruhamah*:) and as for you, you are yet my People, and shall find mercy, though your Mother the Church and Commonwealth of *Israel* be rejected.

2 [2] Plead with your mother, [2] plead: for [3] she *is* not my wife, neither [4] *am* I her husband: let her therefore [5] put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

[2] Tell the Church and Commonwealth of *Israel* home and roundly of her faults. ¶ [3] *Isa.* 50. 1. Has not carried her self as becomes one in that relation. See on *Ch.* 1. 9. ¶ [4] Will not carry my self to her as such a one. ¶ [5] Forbear and lay aside whatsoever may be an allurement and provocation to Idolatry.

3 Lest I [6] strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was [7] born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with [8] thirst.

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[6] *Ezek.* 16. 39. and 23. 26. Deprive her of all spiritual and temporal blessings. ¶ [7] *Ezek.* 16. 4. ¶ [8] With a tormenting sense of the want of my grace, (compar'd to water, *John* 4. 14)

4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they *be* the children [9] of whoredoms.

[9] See on *Ch.* 1. 2. *n.* 5.

5 For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath [10] done shamefully: for she said, [11] I will go after my lovers, that [12] give *me* my bread and my water, my wooll and my flax, mine oyl and my † drink.

† Heb. *drinks.*

[10] Become impudent in sin. ¶ [11] I am resolv'd upon it, and nothing shall hinder me, (as *Jer.* 2. 5.) from my service of Idols. ¶ [12] *Ver.* 12. *Jer.* 44. 17, 18. *Judg.* 16. 23.

6 ¶ Therefore behold, I will [13] hedge up thy way with thorns, and † [14] make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.

† Heb. *wall a wall.*

[13] *Job* 19. 8. *Lam.* 3. 7. Bring thee into straits and perplexities in order to reclaim thee, as *Luke* 15. 14. ¶ [14] *Lam.* 3. 9. Inflict Judgments, (*Ezek.* 16. 41.) that she shall not be able to accomplish her Idolatrous purposes.

7 And she shall [15] follow after her lovers, but she shall [15] not overtake them; and she shall [15] seek them, but shall not find *them*: then shall [16] she say, I will go and [17] return to my [18] first husband, for then *was it* [19] better with me then now.

[15] Seek to her Idols and Idolatrous Allies in these her straits for relief, but they shall not be able to help her, *ver.* 10. ¶ [16] The whole body of the Nation, turn'd from Idolatry after the Captivity. ¶ [17] *Luke* 15. 18. ¶ [18] *Jer.* 3. 1. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 14. 3.

8 For she did not [20] know that I gave her corn, and † wine, and oyl, and multiplied her silver and gold, ‖ *which* they [21] prepared for Baal.

† Heb. *new wine.*
‖ Or, wherewith *they made Baal.*

[20] Consider and acknowledge. ¶ [21] Employ'd either for the making of the Idol, (*Ch.* 8. 4.) or in the service of it, *Isa.* 46. 6.

9 Therefore will I return, and [6] take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will ‖ recover my wooll and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness.

‖ Or, *take away.*

10 And now will I [22] discover her † lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.

† Heb. *folly*, or *villany.*

[22] *Ezek.* 16. 37. and 23. 29. Make her wickedness manifest by those Judgments I'll inflict on her, in spite of all her Idols and Idolatrous Confederates.

11 I will also cause all her mirth to [23] cease, her feast-days, her new-moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

[23] *Ezek.* 26. 13. See there.

12 And I will † destroy her vines and her fig-trees, whereof she hath said, These *are* my rewards that my lovers have [12] given me: and I will make them a forest, and the [24] beasts of the field shall eat them.

† Heb. *make desolate.*
[24] *Psal.* 80. 12, 13. *Isa.* 5. 5.

13 And I will [25] visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burnt incense unto them, and she [26] decked her self with her ear-rings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith the LORD.

[25] Punish her for her Idolatry formerly committed. ¶ [26] In token of her great respect and honour to her Idols.

14 ¶ [27] Therefore behold, I will [28] allure her and bring her into the [29] wilderness, and speak ‖ † comfortably unto her.

‖ Or, *friendly.*
† Heb. *to her heart.*

[27] Lest she should utterly perish and be undone for ever. Here he describes and foretels the *Jews* recovery out of their forlorn condition by allusion to the methods of his Providence in bringing 'em out of *Egypt*. ¶ [28] Powerfully encline and

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and prevail with her by my effectual grace, to change her former courſes, and cleave unto me. ¶ [29] A troubleſome afflicted eſtate, *Ezek.* 20. 35, 36. *Dan.* 12. 1.

15 And I will give her her [30] vineyards [31] from thence, and the [32] valley of Achor for a door of hope, and ſhe ſhall [33] ſing there, as in * the days of her [34] youth, and as in the day when ſhe came up out of the land of Egypt.

* Jer. 2. 7. Ezek. 16. 22, 60.

[30] All ſorts of ſpiritual bleſſings. ¶ [31] As the fruit of her former afflictions, from the time of her repentance. ¶ [32] A fruitful place, (*Iſa.* 65. 10.) at their firſt entrance into *Canaan*, (*Joſh.* 7. 24. *&c.*) *i. e.* ſome beginnings of mercy and bleſſings, as the earneſts and pledges of future favours. ¶ [33] Rejoyce in theſe pledges of my love. ¶ [34] *Exod.* 15.

16 And it ſhall be [35] at that day, ſaith the LORD, *that* [36] thou ſhalt call me ‖ Iſhi; and ſhalt [37] call me no more ‖ Baali.

‖ That is, *My husband.*
‖ That is, *My lord.*

[35] After their return to their own Country, *ver.* 15. Here follow Evangelical promiſes to the *Jews*, being reſtor'd and brought home. ¶ [36] I'll cauſe thee, (*ver.* 17.) to own me for thy Saviour and lawful Husband, and cleave faſt unto me in the exerciſe of my pure worſhip. ¶ [37] Renounce all corruption in Worſhip, and every thing that may have the leaſt appearance of Idolatry, or relation to it.

17 For I will take away the [38] names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they ſhall no more be remembred by their name.

[38] *Exod.* 23. 13. *Joſh.* 23. 7. *Pſal.* 16. 4. *Zech.* 13. 2.

18 And in that day will I [39] make a covenant for them with the beaſts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and *with* the creeping things of the ground: and I will [40] break the bow and the ſword, and the battel out of the earth, and will make them to lie down ſafely.

[39] *Job* 5. 22. 23. *Iſa.* 11. 9. *Ezek.* 34. 25. *Pſal.* 91. 1, 6, 13. Secure 'em from any hurt, chiefly by their ſpiritual Enemies. ¶ [40] *Pſal.* 46. 9. *Iſa.* 2. 4. *Ezek.* 39. 9. *Zech.* 9. 10.

19 And I will [41] betroth thee unto me [42] for ever, yea, I will betroth thee unto me [43] in righteouſneſs, and [44] in judgment, and in loving-kindneſs and in mercies.

[41] Renew my Marriage Covenant with thee, *i. e.* Make a new Covenant with thee, (*Heb.* 8. 8. *&c.*) not a Covenant of Works, (into which they turn'd the Legal diſpenſation of the Covenant of Grace,) but a Covenant out of pure grace. ¶ [42] Both with the Nation of the *Jews*, after their general Converſion, and with every particular Believer, 2 *Sam.* 23. 5. *Pſal.* 89. 30–34. ¶ [43] Upon equal terms on both ſides. ¶ [44] Upon ſerious conſideration, and with mature advice.

20 I will even [45] betroth thee unto me [46] in faithfulneſs, and thou ſhalt [47] know the LORD.

[45] Repeated a third time to prevent incredulity, and to aſſure us of God's ſeriouſneſs and earneſtneſs in making and keeping this Covenant. ¶ [46] With a full and ſincere intent to perform it on his part, and undertake that we ſhall perform it on ours, (as the next words imply.) ¶ [47] *Jer.* 31. 33, 34. See there. Know me to be *Jehovah*, that God that gives a being to my Promiſes.

21 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, [48] I will hear, ſaith the LORD, I will hear the [49] heavens, and they ſhall hear the [49] earth.

[48] *Zech.* 8. 12. I'll beſtow all Spiritual Bleſſings, and alſo all Temporal, ſo far as good and needful, *Matth.* 6. 33. *Rom.* 8. 32. 1 *Tim.* 4. 8. ¶ [49] Here's a Concatenation of all ſecond cauſes, and their cooperation for the good of the Church, and the ſubordination of all to God.

22 And the earth ſhall hear the [49] corn and the wine and the oyl, and they ſhall hear [50] Jezreel.

[50] *Ch.* 1. 11. His own People and Seed, *ver.* 23.

23 And I will [51] ſow her unto me in the earth, and I will [52] have mercy upon her that had [53] not obtained mercy, and I will [54] ſay to *them which were* not my people, Thou *art* my people; and they ſhall ſay, *Thou art* my God.

[51] *Jer.* 31. 27. *Zech.* 10. 9. Multiply her Children and Converts in all parts of the World, *Ch.* 1. 10. ¶ [52] *Rom.* 9. 25. ¶ [53] Were rejected for their Infidelity, but ſhall be converted again, and find mercy. ¶ [54] Bring 'em by the Almighty power of my Converting grace to be my People.

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CHAP. III.

1 *By the expiation of an adultereſs, 4 is ſhewed the deſolation of Iſrael before their reſtauration.*

THen ſaid the LORD unto me, Go [1] yet, [2] love a woman (beloved of [3] *her* friend, yet an [4] adultereſs) [5] according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Iſrael, who look to other gods, and [6] love flagons of † wine.

† Heb. *grapes.*

[1] Again, to note Gods often renewed Covenant with his People. ¶ [2] See on *Ch.* 1. 2. ¶ [3] One who intends to take her to Wife after a certain time, though not preſently. ¶ [4] That will prove falſe to her Friend, after Eſpouſals before Marriage. ¶ [5] To typify again God's great love to the Ten Tribes, and his Purpoſe to call 'em home again, notwithſtanding their long refuſal of the true worſhip of God in Chriſt. ¶ [6] Live a diſſolute ſenſual life, (the ordinary Companion of Idolatry,) in Idolatrous Feaſtings.

2 So I [7] bought her to me for [8] fifteen *pieces* of ſilver, and *for* [9] an homer of barley, and an † [9] half-omer of barley.

† Heb. *lethech.*

[7] *Gen.* 34. 12. To note God's ſetting apart a remnant, and preſerving them by his Providence in their diſperſion, whoſe poſterity he'd afterwards call home to himſelf. ¶ [8] Which is One Pound Fourteen Shillings Two Pence Half-peny of our Money, a mean price, being but half the value of a Servant, (*Exod.* 21. 32.) or of a Female, *Lev.* 27. 4.) To note that baſe and contemptible condition they were reduc'd to in their diſperſion, when God call'd 'em home to himſelf. ¶ [9] About half a Peck, a ſmall quantity and that of courſe Diet.

3 And I ſaid unto her, Thou ſhalt [10] abide for me [11] many days; thou ſhalt [12] not play the harlot, and thou ſhalt [13] not be for *another* man, ſo *will* I alſo *be* [14] for thee.

[10] *Deut.* 21. 13. Remain unmarried, in a kind of Forlorn condition, (*ver.* 14.) till I ſee fit to marry thee. ¶ [11] To note the long continuance of the *Jews* in their diſpers'd, diſtracted condition, (*ver.* 4.) above 1600 Years already. ¶ [12] Not commit Idolatry, (which they have been free from ever ſince their Captivity.) ¶ [13] Not chooſe any other Huſband, to note, that they ſhould not become a diſtinct Commonwealth any where during this their diſpers'd condition. ¶ [14] Marry thee, and make thee my People again in due time, toward the end of the World, *Rom.* 11. 15, 25.

4 For the [15] children of Iſrael ſhall abide many days * without a king, and without a prince, and without a ſacrifice, and without † an image, and without an ephod, and *without* teraphim.

* Chap. 10. 3.
† Heb. *a ſtanding* or *ſtatue.*

[15] The body of the *Jewiſh* Nation, from the time of their Diſperſion, till their general Converſion, ſhall not be a diſtinct Nation, enjoying their own Government, Laws, Religion, but ſcatter'd among other Nations under their Government embodying with them, without any ſhar of Authority, or a viſible Church, whether right or wrong among themſelves.

5 Afterward ſhall the children of Iſrael [16] return, and [17] ſeek the LORD their God, and * [18] David their king, and ſhall [19] fear the LORD [20] and his goodneſs in the * [21] latter days.

* Jer 30. 9.
* Iſa. 2. 2. Mic. 4. 1.

[16] Repent of their former impenitency and unbelief, and become true Converts. There's hope for Perſons after Apoſtacy, tho of long continuance. ¶ [17] Embrace the true knowledge of God in Chriſt, and joyn themſelves to him. ¶ [18] Chriſt, (as *Ezek.* 34. 23. See there.) Owning him for their King. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 11. 10, 11. ¶ [20] Becauſe of that wonderful goodneſs and mercy manifeſted to 'em in their Converſion. ¶ [21] See on *Rom.* 11. 25.

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CHAP. IV.

1 Gods judgments against the sins of the people, 9 and priests. 15 Judah is exhorted to take warning by Israels calamity.

HEar the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath [1] a controversie with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor [2] knowledge of God in the land.

[1] *Ch.* 12. 2. *Jer.* 25. 31. *Mic.* 6. 2. *Isa.* 3. 13. He is angry with, and will punish, *ver.* 3. *Am.* 7. 4. ¶ [2] *Jer.* 4. 22. and 5. 4. No such clear, distinct knowledge of God among the generality of Persons, as may produce those inward, sincere affections and dispositions as he requires, (tho there may be a general confused notion of him.)

2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, [3] they break out, and † [4] bloud toucheth bloud.

† Heb. *bloods.*

[3] Transgress all Laws, and trample under foot all restraints. ¶ [4] Murders follow one upon the heels of another, so that dead Carcases lye in heaps one by another.

3 Therefore * shall the [5] land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be [6] taken away.

* Zeph. 1. 3.

[5] *Isa.* 24. 4. *Jer.* 12. 4. *Am.* 1. -2. ¶ [6] *Nah.* 1. 4.

4 [7] Yet let no man strive, nor [8] reprove another: for [9] thy people *are* as they that strive with the priest.

[7] *Matth.* 7. 6. *Am.* 5. 13. *q. d.* Tho their sins are so general, and Judgments so evident, yet its to no purpose to go about to reclaim 'em, they are so hardened and obstinate in their ways. ¶ [8] *Lev.* 19. 17. ¶ [9] *Deut.* 17. 12. *Rom.* 2. 8. *q. d.* If any, tho having good authority to do it, reprove 'em for their sins, they quarrel and fall foul upon him for it; as *Jer.* 15. 10. and 18. -18. and 20. 2. and 26. 8, 11. *Am.* 7. 10.

5 Therefore shalt [10] thou fall in the day, and the [11] prophet also shall fall with thee [12] in the night, and I will † destroy [13] thy mother.

† Heb. *cut off.*

[10] Every one of you that are thus obstinate and refractory, shall be destroy'd speedily and unexpectedly. ¶ [11] Your false Prophets who sooth'd you up in your sins, and flatter'd you with promises of security, *Mic.* 3. 5. ¶ [12] When they shall not see any way to escape or prevent it, *Mic.* 3. 6, 7. ¶ [13] The Kingdom of the Ten Tribes, (which was done by *Shalmaneser*, 2 *Kings* 17. 6.)

6 ¶ [14] My people are † [15] destroyed for [16] lack of knowledge: because [17] thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

† Heb. *cut off.*

[14] Here he comes to charge and threaten the Priests. ¶ [15] *Prov.* 29. 18. *Isa.* 5. 13. *Ezek.* 36. 6. *Matth.* 15. 14. 2 *Cor.* 4. 4. Both temporally and eternally. ¶ [16] Proceeding from the carelesness and neglect of the Priests and Levites in teaching 'em their duty, *Mal.* 2. 7. Ignorant Ministers are great plagues to the People. ¶ [17] *Psal.* 81. 11. Every one of you that are Priests have despised and thrust away with contempt the knowledge of the Law.

7 As [18] they were [19] increased, [20] so they sinned against me: *therefore* * will I [21] change their glory into shame.

* Phil. 3. 19.

[18] The Priests, (for of these he continues his discourse to *ver.* 12.) ¶ [19] *Viz.* In wealth, power, honour, and all manner of Blessings. ¶ [20] *Deut.* 32. 15. ¶ [21] Deprive 'em of these Blessings, and render 'em contemptible.

8 [22] They eat up the sin of my people, and they † [23] set their heart on their iniquity.

† Heb. *lift up their soul to their iniquity.*

[22] They feast upon, and pamper themselves with those Sacrifices which my People offer for their sins, and are greedy after 'em, and do neither desire nor endeavour to reclaim 'em, lest thereby their gain should be diminish'd. ¶ [23] The Priests are well pleased with, and earnestly desirous of the Peoples sins, which bring so much grist to their Mill; and the People are encourag'd to sin the more freely, when they come off at so cheap a rate.

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9 And there shall be [24] like people, [24] like priest: and I will † punish them for their ways, and † reward them their doings.

† Heb. *visit upon.*
† Heb. *cause to return.*

[24] *Isa.* 24. 2. Both shall be involv'd in punishment, (as they were in sin.)

10 For they shall [25] eat, and [25] not have enough; they shall [26] commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have [27] left off to take heed to the LORD.

[25] *Lev.* 26. 26. *Mic.* 6. 14. *Hag.* 1. 6. *Prov.* 13. 25. ¶ [26] Thinking thereby to propagate and encrease their Posterity. ¶ [27] Cast off that regard and reverence they sometimes pretended to God's Will.

11 [28] Whoredom, and wine, and new wine take away the heart.

[28] *Isa.* 28. 7. *Prov.* 23. 31--35. *q. d.* And no wonder that they regard not the Lord, (*ver.* 13.) and by that and such like sins, run themselves upon inevitable ruin, since they are wholly besotted by their Luxury and sensuality, *ver.* 11, 12.

12 ¶ My people [29] ask counsel at their stocks, and [30] their staff declareth unto them: for [31] the spirit of whoredoms hath caused *them* to [32] err, and they have [33] gone a whoring from under their God.

[29] Consult their Woodden Gods concerning the success of their affairs. ¶ [30] The falling of their staff this way or that way, shews 'em which way to go, or what to do. ¶ [31] *Ch.* 5. 4. A strong inclination to, and eagerness after Idolatry, promoted by the instigation of the Devil. ¶ [32] *Isa.* 44. 18. ¶ [33] Betaken themselves to their Idolatrous Practices, thereby renouncing their dependance upon God, and subjection to him, *ver.* 13.

13 They sacrifice upon the [34] tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the [35] hills under [36] oaks, and poplars, and elms, because the shadow thereof *is* [37] good: * [38] therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

* Am. 7. 17. Rom. 1. 28.

[34] *Ezek.* 6. 13. ¶ [35] *Ezek.* 20. 28. ¶ [36] *Isa.* 1. 29. and 57. 5, 7. ¶ [37] Convenient for their purpose, to darken the place, and keep 'em from the scorching heat of the Sun. ¶ [38] Because they are guilty of Spiritual uncleanness, they shall be given up to Bodily uncleanness, (as *Num.* 25. 1, 2.)

14 ‖ I will [39] not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for [40] themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people [41] *that* doth not understand, shall ‖ fall.

‖ Or, *Shall I not*, &c.
‖ Or, *be punished.*

[39] *Ver.* -17. *Heb.* 12. 8. ¶ [40] The Fathers and Husbands of these Women shew'd em the way, by retiring into their shady walks with their Harlots, to partake of their Sacrifices, and then to commit whoredom with 'em. ¶ [41] *Ver.* 6. That are so besotted as to be guilty of these sins.

15 ¶ Though thou Israel play the harlot, *yet* let not [42] Judah [43] offend, and come not ye unto [44] Gilgal, neither go ye up to * [45] Beth-aven, * nor * [46] swear, The LORD liveth.

* 1 Kin. 12. 29.
* Zeph. 1. 5.
* Am. 8. 14.

[42] They that have greater Engagements to keep close to God, should be more cautious of offending him. ¶ [43] *Viz.* In like manner as *Israel* has done, by Idolatry and their other sins. ¶ [44] To partake with 'em in their Idolatrous Worship there, (for which it was noted, *Ch.* 9. 15. and 12. 11. *Am.* 4. 4. and 5. 5.) ¶ [45] *Ch.* 5. 8. and 10. 5. *Bethel*, but call'd *Beth-aven*, which signifies the house of vanity or iniquity, because of the Idolatry practised there. ¶ [46] Mingle not the worship of me the true God with Idolatrous Rites.

16 [47] For Israel [48] slideth back, [49] as a backsliding heifer: [50] now the LORD will [51] feed them as a lamb in a large place.

[47] *q. d.*

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[47] *q. d.* Imitate not *Israel*, joyn not with 'em in their Worship, because—— ¶ [48] *Deut.* 32. 15. *Zech.* 7. 11. ¶ [49] An unruly Heifer, that will not be guided, nor go in the right way. ¶ [50] 'Ere long. ¶ [51] Make 'em to wander (like a lost Lamb in a wilderness, *Num.* 14. 33.) and scatter 'em into *Assyria*.

17 [52] Ephraim *is* joyned to idols: [53] let him alone.

[52] The Ten Tribes are violently addicted to Idolatry, *Jer.* 50. 38. ¶ [53] *Matth.* 15. 14. No further means shall be us'd to reclaim 'em, (as *Gen.* 6. 3. *Ezek.* 20. 39. *Rev.* 22. 11.)

† Heb. *is gone.*

18 [54] Their drink † is sowre: they have committed whoredom continually: her † rulers [55] *with* shame do love, [56] Give ye.

† Heb. *shields.*

[54] Their drink-offering, *i. e.* all their duties and services are corrupted, and so offensive and displeasing to God. ¶ [55] Which they should be asham'd of. ¶ [56] *Mic.* 7. 3.

*Jer. 2. 26.

19 [57] The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and * they shall be [58] ashamed because of their sacrifices.

[57] *Ch.* 13. 15. They shall be as speedily and certainly carried into Captivity, as if they were carried on the wings of the wind. ¶ [58] And then when they find what their Idolatry has brought 'em to, they shall be asham'd of it.

CHAP. V.

1 Gods judgments against the priests, the people, and the princes of Israel, for their manifold sins, 15 until they repent.

1 HEar ye this, O [2] priests, and [1] hearken, ye house of Israel, and [1] give ye ear, O house of the king; for [3] judgment *is* toward you, because [4] ye have been [4] a snare on Mizpah, and [4] a net spread upon Tabor.

[1] When Judgments are approaching, we should deeply consider what directions God gives for the preventing thereof. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 4. 6. ¶ [3] A just punishment is ready to seise upon you. ¶ [4] You have endeavour'd by all means to beguil and draw men to Idolatry, (like Hunters and Fowlers on those Mountains.)

‖ Or, *and*, &c. † Heb. *a correction.*

2 And the [5] revolters are profound to make slaughter, ‖ though I *have been* † a rebuker of them all.

[5] Apostates use deep and subtle contrivances, and specious pretences, (*Ch.* 9. 9. *Isa.* 29. 15. and 31. 6.) to squeeze men even to death by their cruel oppression.

3 [6] I know Ephraim, and Israel is [6] not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, *and* Israel is defiled.

[6] *Rev.* 3. 15. I am fully acquainted with all these profound designs, (*ver.* 2.) both of Rulers and People.

† Heb. *They will not give.* ‖ Or, *Their doings will not suffer* them.

4 † They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the [7] spirit of whoredoms *is* in the midst of them, and they have [8] not known the LORD.

[7] See on *Ch.* 4. 12. ¶ [8] See on *Ch.* 4. 1.

5 And the [9] pride of Israel doth testifie to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim [10] fall in their iniquity: Judah also shall [10] fall with them.

[9] *Ch.* 7. 10. Their high conceit of themselves and their own ways, and their stubborn continuance in sin against all means to reclaim 'em, is a full evidence that they are guilty of what I charge 'em with, *Isa.* 59. 12. *Jer.* 14. 7. ¶ [10] *Ch.* 4. 5. Into misery and ruin.

6 They shall [11] go with their flocks, and with their herds to seek the LORD: but they shall [12] not find *him*, he hath withdrawn himself from them.

[11] Seek to appease God's wrath by the multitude of their Sacrifices, *Mic.* 6. 6, 7. ¶ [12] *Prov.* 1. 28. *Isa.* 1. 15. *Jer.* 11. 11. *Ezek.* 8. 18. *Mic.* 3. 4. *John* 7. 34. *Viz.* To be favourable to 'em, by helping 'em in their distress.

7 They have [13] dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten [14] strange children: now shall * a [15] month devour them with their portions. Chap. 5. *Zech. 11. 8.

[13] *Jer.* 3. 20. *Mal.* 2. 11. Trangress'd the command of God, by marrying Women of other Nations, *Neh.* 13. 23. *Mal.* 2. 11. ¶ [14] Such as God will not own, being begotten upon Heathen Wives, and bred up in an Idolatrous way. ¶ [15] In a short time the *Assyrian* shall devour both them and their Estates.

8 [16] Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah: [16] cry aloud *at* Beth-aven: [17] after thee, O Benjamin.

[16] *Ch.* 8. 1. Give notice of the approch of the Enemy, and prepare to defend your selves against him if you can; (but indeed you must rather prepare for suffering.) ¶ [17] *q. d.* The Enemy having already overrun the Ten Tribes, (*ver.* 8.) in a short time will pursue and come after thee too, O Land of *Judah*.

9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day [18] of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I [19] made known that which shall surely be.

[18] *Isa.* 37. 3. When I come to punish 'em for their sins. ¶ [19] *q. d.* I have not surpriz'd 'em with my Judgments, but have given 'em all fair warning, and therefore they may thank themselves for what befalls 'em.

10 The princes of Judah were like them that [20] remove the bound: *therefore* I will pour out my wrath upon them [21] like water.

[20] *Deut.* 19. 14. and 27. 17. *Prov.* 22. 28. Transgress the bounds of the Laws both of God and Man, and that both in matters of Religion and common right, 2 *Kings* 16. 10, &c. ¶ [21] (Which keeps no bounds, but breaks out violently, and overflows all.)

11 [22] Ephraim *is* oppressed, *and* broken in judgment: because he willingly walked after the [26] commandment.

[22] The common People of the Ten Tribes are oppress'd, *viz.* by their Idolatrous Magistrates, and almost ruin'd in their Estates by the Iniquity of their Courts of Justice, because of their ready compliance with *Jeroboam's* Idolatrous Worship. It's an aggravation of Peoples sin, when they are as willing to commit it, as Rulers to enjoyn it. [23] ¶ [24] *Viz.* Of *Jeroboam* to worship his Calves, 1 *Kings* 12. 28. &c. The Commands of Superiors if sinful, can't excuse those who obey 'em.

‖ Or, *a worm.*

12 Therefore *will* I *be* unto Ephraim as a [27] moth: and to the house of Judah as ‖ [27] rottenness.

[27] *Job* 13. 28. *Isa.* 51. 8. To waste and consume 'em by degrees.

‖ Or, *to the king of Jareb:* or, *to the king that should plead.*

13 When Ephraim saw his [28] sickness, and Judah *saw* his [28] wound, then went Ephraim to the [29] Assyrian, and sent ‖ to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

[28] The Evils that were creeping apace upon 'em. ¶ [29] *Ch.* 12. 1. and 7. 11. 2 *Kings* 15. 19. and 16. 7.

† Heb. *till they be guilty.* * Jer. 29. 12. Ezek. 6. 9. & 20. 43. & 36. 31.

14 For I *will be* unto Ephraim as a, [30] lion, and as [30] a young lion to the house of Judah: I, *even* I will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue *him*.

[30] *Lam.* 3. 10. Speedily and utterly to destroy 'em.

15 ¶ I will [31] go *and* [31] return to my place, † till * they [32] acknowledge their offence, and [33] seek my face: [34] in their affliction they will seek me early.

[31] *Isa.* 26. 21. Forbear to help 'em in their distress, and leave 'em under the power of their troubles. ¶ [32] *Lev.* 26. 40, 41. ¶ [33] 2 *Chron.* 7. 14. ¶ [34] *Psal.* 78. 34. and 85. 16. *Judg.* 4. 2, 3. and 6. 6, 7. *Isa.* 26. 9, 16. *Jer.* 2. 27. *Zeph.* 3. 7. *Jam.* 5. 13. (as *Joab* came to *Absolom* when he had set his Fields on Fire.)

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CHAP. VI.

1 *An exhortation to repentance.* 4 *A complaint of their untowardneſs and iniquity.*

COme and let us [1] return unto the LORD: for [2] he hath torn, and [3] he will heal us; he hath ſmitten, and he will bind us up.

[1] (As God made account they would do, *ch.* 5.-15.) ¶ [2] *ch.* 5. 12, 14. ¶ [3] *ch.* 5.-13. *Deut.* 32. 39. 1 *Sam.* 2. 6. *Job* 5. 18.

2 [4] After two days will he [6] revive us, in the [5] third day he will [6] raiſe us up, and we ſhall [7] live in his ſight.

[4] *Iſa.* 26. 19. *q. d.* Though in our Captive Eſtate we ſeem to be like dead men, or dead bones (*Ezek.* 37. 11.) yet in due time we ſhall be reſtored and brought out of that Condition, *Exr.* 9. 8, 9. ¶ [5] In Conformity to Chriſt, 1 *Cor.* 15. 4. ¶ [6] *Heb.* 2. 3. ¶ [7] Be reſtored to a comfortable Condition again, and enabled to walk as in his preſence.

3 Then ſhall we [8] know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his [10] going forth is prepared as the [11] morning; and he ſhall come unto us * as the [12] rain; as the latter *and* former rain unto the [13] earth.

* Job 29. 23.

[8] *Ch.* 2.-20. Attain unto the ſaving knowledge of God in Chriſt, and the lively ſenſe of his love, (*Jer.* 24. 7. and 31. 34.) if we uſe our beſt indeavours to know more and more of his Will, and our way to happineſs, (for *Matth.* 13. 12.) ¶ [10] The manifeſtation of himſelf on our behalf is appointed by God moſt certainly to come to paſs. ¶ [11] *Prov.* 4. 18. ¶ [12] *Pſal.* 72. 6. ¶ [13] Which is wonderfully refreſht and reviv'd thereby in a dry ſeaſon, *Pſal.* 65. 9, &c.

4 ¶ O Ephraim [14] what ſhall I do unto thee? O Judah, [14] what ſhall I do unto thee? for your ‖ goodneſs *is* as a [15] morning cloud, and as the [25] early dew it goeth away.

‖ Or, *mercy*, or *kindneſs.*

[14] *Ch.* 11. 9. What courſe ſhall I further take for thy amendment, (as *Iſa.* 5. 3, 4.) ¶ [15] *Ch.* 13. 3.

5 Therefore have I [16] hewed *them* by the prophets: I have [17] ſlain them by the words of my mouth, ‖ and [18] thy judgments *are as* the light *that* goeth forth.

‖ Or, *that thy judgments might be*, &c.

[16] Severely reprov'd and threatened 'em. ¶ [17] See on *Jer.* 1. 10. Condemn'd 'em to death, 1 *Kings* 19.-17. 2 *Cor.* 10. 5, 6. ¶ [18] The Judgments denounc't by thee will unavoidably overtake 'em, againſt which they can make no reſiſtance.

6 [19] For I deſired * [20] mercy, and * [21] not ſacrifice; and the [20] knowledge of God, [21] more then burnt-offerings.

* Eccles 5. 1. * Pſal. 50. 8. Prov. 21. 3. Iſa. 1. 11.

[19] *q. d.* I dealt ſo with 'em, as *v.* 5. becauſe—— ¶ [20] 1 *Sam.* 15. 22. *Matth.* 9. 13. and 12. 7. The performance of the duties of the Moral Law, whether to God or man, to their Bodies or to their Souls, ¶ ([21]) rather than any Ceremonial Obſervances whatever, *Iſa.* 1. 11. *Jer.* 6. 20. *Am.* 5. 21-24.

7 But they [22] like ‖ men have [23] tranſgreſſed the covenant: [24] there have they dealt treacherouſly againſt me.

‖ Or, *Adam.* Job 31. 33.

[22] As all corrupt men are prone to do, and as other men who are not ſo ſtrongly oblig'd to keep covenant with me, uſe to do. ¶ [23] *Ch.* 8. 1. ¶ [24] In that Land which by covenant I gave 'em, to encourage 'em to Obedience.

8 * [25] Gilead *is* a city of them that work iniquity; *and is* ‖ polluted with blood.

* Ch. 12. 11. [25] A City of the Prieſts, *v.* 9. ‖ Or, *cunning for blood.*

9 And as troups of robbers wait for a man, *ſo* the * [26] company of prieſts murder in the way † by conſent: for they commit ‖ lewdneſs.

* Jer. 11. 9. † Heb. *with one ſhoulder*, or *to Shechem.* ‖ Or, *enormity*

[26] *Ezek.* 22. 25. Combinations of *Jeroboams* Idolatrous Prieſts, living at *Gilead* a City of Refuge, harbour a company of High-way men, and go ſnips with 'em.

10 I have ſeen an [27] horrible thing in the houſe of Iſrael: there *is* the [28] whoredom of Ephraim, Iſrael is defiled.

[27] *Jer.* 5. 30. and 18.-13. and 23. 14. ¶ [28] *Ch.* 5. 3. Idolatry ſpread over the whole ten Tribes by *Jeroboam* of the Tribe of *Ephraim.*

11 [29] Alſo, O Judah, he hath ſet an harveſt for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.

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[29] *q. d.* And as *Iſrael* has been drawn to Idolatry by *Jeroboam* (*v.* 10.) ſo haſt thou *Judah* too: and therefore God has prepared a harveſt of ſorrow and ſufferings for thee too, by ſending thee into Captivity: which yet afterwards ſhall be turned into a harveſt of Joy, when thou ſhalt be returned out of Captivity again.

CHAP. VII.

1 *A reproof of manifold ſins.* 11 *Gods wrath againſt them for their hypocriſie.*

WHen I would have [1] healed Iſrael, [2] then the iniquity of [3] Ephraim was diſcovered, and the † wickedneſs of [3] Samaria: for they commit falſehood: and the thief cometh [4] in, *and* the troup of robbers † ſpoileth [4] without.

† Heb. *evils.* † Heb. *ſtrippeth.*

[1] *Jer.* 51. 9. and 17. 14. Reclaim'd 'em from their ſins, that ſo I might have freed 'em from Judgments. ¶ [2] Men many times grow worſe when God uſes means to make 'em better. ¶ [3] The chief Tribe, and chief City. The greateſt men are many times the greateſt ſinners. ¶ [4] Act all manner of wickedneſs both ſecret and open without puniſhment.

2 And they † conſider not in their hearts, *that* I [5] remember all their wickedneſs: now [6] their own doings have beſet them about, they are [7] before my face.

† Heb. *ſay not to.*

[5] *Deut.* 32. 34. To call 'em to account for it, *Pſal.* 50.-21. ¶ [6] *Prov.* 5. 22. *Num.* 32.-23. *Pſal.* 49. 5. The Guilt and Puniſhment of their Sins ſhall ſeiſe upon 'em on every ſide, ſo that they can't eſcape. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 90. 8. *Prov.* 5. 21. and 15. 3. *Job* 34. 21. *Jer.* 16. 17. and 32. 19. To puniſh 'em for the ſame.

3 [8] They make the king glad with their wickedneſs, and the princes with their [9] lies.

[8] *Prov.* 14. 9. *q. d.* Wicked Courtiers act thoſe ſins even in the preſence of the King and his Nobles, which they know they delight in, on purpoſe to make 'em merry, and find 'em ſport. ¶ [9] Flatteries or Slanders of ſuch honeſt, innocent perſons as did not comply with their Wickedneſs.

4 They *are* all adulterers, [10] as an oven heated by the baker, ‖ *who* ceaſeth from ‖ raiſing after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

‖ Or, *the raiſer will ceaſe.* ‖ Or, *waking.*

[10] They are all enflam'd with Luſt by the temptations of the Devil, who forbears his ſollicitations for the preſent, but leaves 'em to ponder and muſe upon it, till the temptation has fully ſpred its ſelf, and ſeiſed upon the whole man, both Underſtanding, Will, Affections and Members; and then he purſues it to the utmoſt.

5 In the [11] day of our king, the princes have made *him* ſick with ‖ bottles of wine, he [12] ſtretched out his hand with ſcorners.

‖ Or, *heat through wine.*

[11] Some great Feſtival appointed by him, (as 1 *King.* 12. 32, 33. *Matth.* 14. 6. *Gen.* 40. 20.) ¶ [12] *Pſal.* 1.-1. Aſſociated himſelf with ſuch as deride Religion and the Profeſſors of it, and did as they did.

6 For they have ‖ [13] made ready their heart like an oven, [14] whiles they lie in wait: [15] their baker ſleepeth all the night, in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

‖ Or, *applied.*

[13] *Ver.* 4, 7. Contrived and muſed ſo long upon their wicked Deſigns till they were all on fire, and eagerly bent to execute 'em. ¶ [14] *Ch.* 5. 1, 2. *Pſal.* 10. 8. And in the mean while watch for ſuch an opportunity. ¶ [15] And till that preſent it ſelf they ſeem to be aſleep and to mind no ſuch thing: till at laſt when they meet with it, they embrace it with all greedineſs to execute their wicked purpoſes.

7 They are all [16] hot as an oven, and have [17] devoured their judges; all their kings are [18] fallen: * [19] *there is* none among them that calleth unto me.

* Iſa. 64. 7.

[16] Enflam'd with deſire of executing their Deſigns, (as *Gen.* 19. 4.) ¶ [17] Deſtroyed thoſe Magiſtrates that would

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not joyn with 'em, or went about to croſs their miſchievous Deſigns. ¶ [18] Made away one after another by their ſeditious practices. 2 *King.* 15. 10, 14, 25, 30. ¶ [19] *Ver.* -10, 14. *Iſa.* 9. 13. yet in all theſe Calamities few or none ſeek for help from me.

8 [20] Ephraim, he hath mixed himſelf among the people: Ephraim is a cake [21] not turned.

[20] *Pſal.* 106. 35. They of the ten Tribes have made matches, leagues and the like, with the Heathen, (*v.*-11. *Ch.* 5. 7, 13. and 2. 5, 7. and 12. 1.) and ſo have learnt their manners. ¶ [21] Raw on the one ſide, and burnt on the other, *i. e.* zealous for their Idolatry and Wickedneſs, but cold in matters of Religion: or, *dough-bak't*, *i. e.* lukewarm, (*Rev.* 3. 16.) and halting between God and Idols, (1 *Kings* 18. 21.) and ſerving both, *Zeph.* 1. 5.

9 [22] Strangers have devoured his ſtrength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, [23] gray hairs are † here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

† Heb. *ſprinkled.*

[22] Forreign Enemies have waſted their Land, (as 2 *King.* 13. 4, 7. and 15. 19, 29.) yet they conſider it not, ſo as to ſeek ſome way to prevent it, (*Iſa.* 42.-25.) and therefore ſhall be ruined ſuddenly before they are aware. ¶ [23] The manifeſt ſymptoms of approching ruin.

10 And the [24] pride of Iſrael teſtifieth to his face, and [19] they do not return to the LORD their God, nor ſeek him [25] for all this.

[24] *Ch.* 5. 5. See there. ¶ [25] *Jer.* 3. 10. *Prov.* 23. 35. Tho they are ſo ſeverely puniſht.

11 ¶ Ephraim alſo is like a ſilly dove without [26] heart; they call to [27] Egypt, they go to [28] Aſſyria.

[26] Without Judgment and Underſtanding of the right way to free themſelves from their troubles (which is ſeen in their ſeeking to *Egypt* and *Aſſyria*.) ¶ [27] 2 *Kings* 17. 4. *Iſa.* 30. 2. and 31. 1, 3. *Jer.* 2. 36. ¶ [28] *Ch.* 5. 13. and 8. 9. and 12. 1. and 14. 3. 2 *Chron.* 28. 16, 21. *Ezek.* 23.-5.

12 When they ſhall go, I will [29] ſpread my net upon them, I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven, I will chaſtiſe them [30] as their congregation hath heard.

[29] *Ezek.* 12. 13. and 17. 20. Intangle and diſappoint 'em in their Deſigns. ¶ [30] As has from time to time been declared unto 'em in their Aſſemblies by my Prophets, that I would do ſo, 2 *Kings* 17. 13.

13 [31] Wo unto them, for they have fled [32] from me: † deſtruction unto them, becauſe they have tranſgreſſed againſt me: though I have [33] redeemed them, yet they have [34] ſpoken lies againſt me.

† Heb. *ſpoil.*

[31] *Ch.* 9.-12. *Iſa.* 30. 1. *Lam.* 5.-16. *Ezek.* 16. 23. ¶ [32] *Viz.* By their Sinful, idolatrous courſes (*Ezek.* 14. 5.) and ſeeking to others for help, *v.*-11. ¶ [33] Oftentimes delivered them in their ſtraits, 2 *King.* 14.-27. ¶ [34] *Pſal.* 78. 36. Made fair promiſes to me, but never perform'd 'em.

14 And * they have [35] not cried unto me with their heart, when they [35] howled upon their beds: they aſſemble themſelves for [36] corn and wine, *and* they [37] rebel againſt me.

* Zec. 7. 5.

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10 Yea, though they [26] have hired among the nations, now will I [27] gather them, and they ſhall ‖ [28] ſorrow a little for the burden of * the king of princes.

‖ Or, *begin.*
* Iſa. 10. 8. Dan. 2. 37.

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[29] *Viz.* To their Idols; whereby they become guilty of great ſin. ¶ [30] They ſhall be given up to multiply theſe Altars more and more, and ſo increaſe both their ſin and puniſhment.

12 I have written [31] to him the [32] great things of my law, *but* they were counted as a [33] ſtrange thing.

[31] *Pſal.* 147. 19, 20. *Rom.* 3. 1, 2. ¶ [32] *Pſal.* 119.-18. Sufficient to direct 'em in all their waies, and prevent their ſin and ſuffering. ¶ [33] Such as no ways concern'd 'em to take notice of.

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* Ch. 1. 5.

[34] *Ch.* 12. 11. *q. d.* As for thoſe Sacrifices they pretend to offer to me, I look upon 'em no better than dead Carrion, being deſtitute of inward Piety, *Iſa.* 66. 3. *Jer.* 7. 21.-23. ¶ [35] They mind nothing but their own Bellies therein (and not my Honour and Service.) ¶ [36] *Prov.* 21. 27. *Am.* 5. 22. ¶ [37] *Ch.* 9.-9. *Jer.* 14. 10. ¶ [38] *Ch.* 9. 3. Fly thither for ſhelter from the *Aſſyrian*, but ſhall meet with ſufferings there alſo, *ch.* 9. 6. See there.

14 For Iſrael hath [39] forgotten * his maker, and buildeth [40] temples; and Judah hath multiplied [41] fenced cities: but I will [42] ſend a fire upon his cities, and it ſhall devour the palaces thereof.

* Iſa. 29. 23. Eph. 2. 10.

¶ [39] *Iſa.* 51. 13. ¶ [40] For the Worſhip of their Idols. ¶ [41] To ſecure themſelves from the invaſion of the Enemy. ¶ [42] Bring War upon 'em, which ſhall burn and deſtroy all.

CHAP. IX.

The diſtreſs and captivity of Iſrael for their ſins and idolatry.

1 REjoyce not, O Iſrael, for joy, as *other* people: for thou haſt gone a whoring from [2] thy God; [3] thou haſt loved a reward ‖ upon every corn-floor.

‖ Or, *in*, &c.

[1] *q. d.* Pleaſe not your ſelves, O ye of the ten Tribes, in thinking your Proſperity as laſting and ſecure, as other Nations hope their's will be, becauſe your ſin is greater, and puniſhment will be more certain, *Amos* 3. 2. ¶ [2] To whom thou haſt plighted thy troth, (which other Nations have not done.) ¶ [3] And this thou didſt in hope of plenty, and full Barns, as a reward of thy ſervice of thy Idols, *Jer.* 44.-17.

2 The floor and the ‖ wine-preſs ſhall [4] not feed them, and the new wine ſhall fail in [5] her.

‖ Or, *wine-fat.*

[4] Not afford 'em that plenty they expect. ¶ [5] This Land.

3 They ſhall [6] not dwell in the LORDs land; but [7] Ephraim ſhall [8] return to Egypt, and * they ſhall [9] eat unclean *things* in Aſſyria.

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[6] Continue in the Land of *Judea*. ¶ [7] Many of the ten Tribes. ¶ [8] See on *ch.* 8.-13. ¶ [9] *Ezek.* 4. 13. Be carried captive to *Aſſyria*, and ſhall there eat meats forbidden by the Law, (as their Heathen Maſters do.)

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4 [10] They ſhall not offer wine-*offerings* to the LORD, [11] neither ſhall they be pleaſing unto him; their ſacrifices *ſhall be* [12] unto them as the [13] bread of mourners: all that eat thereof ſhall be polluted: for their [14] bread for their ſoul ſhall not come into the houſe of the LORD.

[10] And then they ſhall be deprived of the publick Ordinances, and not have liberty and opportunity to enjoy 'em. ¶ [11] *Jer.* 6.-20. Or if they would, or might offer Sacrifices there, yet they'd not be acceptable in that place. ¶ [12] As polluting and defiling. ¶ [13] *Deut.* 26. 14. ¶ [14] Meat-offerings and Sacrifices for their ſins, ſhall not be permitted to be brought to the Temple.

5 [15] What will ye do in the ſolemn day, and in the day of the feaſt of the LORD?

[15] *q. d.* And whereas you were wont at certain times to meet and rejoice together before the Lord, when you are carried Captives into a ſtrange Land under cruel oppreſſors, you'l have neither heart nor leave to keep ſuch Feſtivals then.

6 For lo they are [16] gone, becauſe of † deſtruction: [17] Egypt ſhall gather them up; [17] Memphis ſhall gather them: ‖ † [18] the pleaſant *places* for their ſilver, * nettles ſhall poſſeſs them: thorns *ſhall be* in their tabernacles.

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‖ Or, *their ſilver ſhall be deſired, the nettle*, &c.
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[16] Fled into forreign Countries to eſcape deſtruction in their own Land, *ch.* 8.-13. ¶ [17] Many ſhall betake themſelves thither for ſhelter, and there ſhall live and die, and never return again to their own habitations. ¶ [18] While in the mean time thoſe lovely manſions, which they had purchaſt with their mony, ſhall be overgrown with nettles and thiſtles, *Iſa.* 32. 13. and 34. 13. *Prov.* 24. 31.

7 The days of viſitation are [19] come, the days of recompence are [19] come, Iſrael ſhall [20] know *it*: [21] the prophet *is* a fool, [22] the † * ſpiritual man *is* mad, [23] for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

† Heb. *man of the ſpirit.*
* Zeph. 3. 4.

[19] As near and ſure as if already come. ¶ [20] Find then the truth of what has been threatned (though now they won't believe it.) ¶ [21] Then they'l find that thoſe Prophets who lull'd 'em aſleep with dreams of ſafety, did but play the fools. ¶ [22] *Mich.* 2. 11. And that he who pretends the Inſpiration of the Spirit for what he ſaith, (*Ezek.* 13. 3.) is out of his Wits to talk at ſuch a rate as he doth. ¶ [23] *q. d.* And all this ſhall come upon you by reaſon of the multitude of your ſins, and particularly of the hatred of you towards God, and conſequently of God towards you, and of one another among your ſelves.

8 [25] The watchman of Ephraim *was* with my God: [26] *but* the prophet *is* a ſnare of a fowler in all his ways, *and* [27] hatred ‖ in the houſe of his God.

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[25] *q. d.* Time was when there were ſome Prophets among you (*Iſa.* 21. 11. and 62. 6. *Ezek.* 3. 17.) ſuch as *Elijah*, *Eliſha* and others, who kept cloſe to the pure Worſhip of God; yea, and theſe falſe prophets whom you chooſe and make uſe of, as your Watchmen, pretend communion with the true God, and warrant and authority from him. ¶ [26] *q. d.* But the truth is, your Prophets now do but inſnare men, both by their Doctrin and Example, and draw 'em into ſin, and ſo into puniſhment. ¶ [27] Hateful to God; a fruit of his wrath where he permits 'em, and a cauſe of Wrath on thoſe places whoſe Idolatry is committed by his means.

9 [28] They have deeply corrupted *themſelves*, as in the days of Gibeah: *therefore* he will [29] remember their iniquity, he will [29] viſit their ſins.

[28] *Ch.* 5. 2. and 10. 9. *Iſa.* 31.-6. They are generally guilty of ſuch prodigious Wickedneſs as the Inhabitants of *Gibeah* were, *Judg.* 19. 22. *&c.* ¶ [29] *Ch.* 8.-13.

10 [30] I found Iſrael like grapes in the wilderneſs: I ſaw your fathers [31] as * the firſt-ripe in the fig-tree at her firſt time: *but* they went [32] to Baal-peor, and * [33] ſeparated themſelves unto * that ſhame; and [34] *their* abominations were according as they loved.

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[20] *Pſal.* 106. 35. They of the ten Tribes have made matches, leagues and the like, with the Heathen, (*v.* 11. *Ch.* 5. 7, 13. and 2. 5, 7. and 12. 1.) and ſo have learnt their manners. ¶ [21] Raw on the one ſide, and burnt on the other, *i. e.* zealous for their Idolatry and Wickedneſs, but cold in matters of Religion: or, *dough-bak't*, *i. e.* lukewarm, (*Rev.* 3. 16.) and halting between God and Idols, (1 *Kings* 18. 21.) and ſerving both, *Zeph.* 1. 5.

9 [22] Strangers have devoured his ſtrength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, [23] gray hairs are † here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

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[22] Forreign Enemies have waſted their Land, (as 2 *King.* 13. 4, 7. and 15. 19, 29.) yet they conſider it not, ſo as to ſeek ſome way to prevent it, (*Iſa.* 42. 25.) and therefore ſhall be ruined ſuddenly before they are aware. ¶ [23] The manifeſt ſymptoms of approching ruin.

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9 For they are gone up to [23] Assyria, [24] a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim * hath [25] hired † lovers.

* Isa. 30. 6.
† Heb. *loves.*

[23] *ch.* 7. 11. See there. ¶ [24] They run from God, and range about to seek help from the *Assyrians* and others, and therefore are forsaken of God, and shall become a prey to the *Assyrians.* ¶ [25] *Ezek.* 16. 33. 2 *Kings* 15. 19. and 17. 4. Sought to, and bought the Friendship and Assistance of their Heathen Neighbours, forsaking God their lawful Husband.

10 Yea, though they [26] have hired among the nations, now will I [27] gather them, and they shall ‖ [28] sorrow a little for the burden of * the king of princes.

‖ Or, *begin.*
* Isa. 10. 8. Dan. 2. 37.

[26] May have some hopes of help from their Hirelings. ¶ [27] Bring these Hirelings against 'em to destroy 'em, *ch.* 10. 10. *Ezek.* 16. 37. ¶ [28] *q. d.* For the *Assyrians*, instead of helping, shall lay heavy Taxes upon 'em, which shall be the beginning of sorrow to 'em.

11 Because Ephraim hath made many [29] altars to sin, [30] altars shall be unto him to sin.

[29] *Viz.* To their Idols; whereby they become guilty of great sin. ¶ [30] They shall be given up to multiply these Altars more and more, and so increase both their sin and punishment.

12 I have written [31] to him the [32] great things of my law, *but* they were counted as a [33] strange thing.

[31] *Psal.* 147. 19, 20. *Rom.* 3. 1, 2. ¶ [32] *Psal.* 119.-18. Sufficient to direct 'em in all their waies, and prevent their sin and suffering. ¶ [33] Such as no ways concern'd 'em to take notice of.

13 * ‖ [34] They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of mine offerings, and [35] eat *it*; *but* the LORD [36] accepteth them not: now will he [37] remember their iniquity, and [37] visit their sins: * they shall [38] return to Egypt.

* Jer. 7. 21. Zech. 7. 6.
‖ Or, *In the sacrifices of mine offerings they*, &c.
* Ch. 1. 5.

[34] *Ch.* 12. 11. *q. d.* As for those Sacrifices they pretend to offer to me, I look upon 'em no better than dead Carrion, being destitute of inward Piety, *Isa.* 66. 3. *Jer.* 7. 21.-23. ¶ [35] They mind nothing but their own Bellies therein (and not my Honour and Service.) ¶ [36] *Prov.* 21. 27. *Am.* 5. 22. ¶ [37] *Ch.* 9.-9. *Jer.* 14. 10. ¶ [38] *Ch.* 9. 3. Fly thither for shelter from the *Assyrian*, but shall meet with sufferings there also, *ch.* 9. 6. See there.

14 For Israel hath [39] forgotten * his maker, and buildeth [40] temples; and Judah hath multiplied [41] fenced cities: but I will [42] send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

* Isa. 29. 23. Eph. 2. 10.

¶ [39] *Isa.* 51. 13. ¶ [40] For the Worship of their Idols. ¶ [41] To secure themselves from the invasion of the Enemy. ¶ [42] Bring War upon 'em, which shall burn and destroy all.

CHAP. IX.

The distress and captivity of Israel for their sins and idolatry.

1 REjoyce not, O Israel, for joy, as *other* people: for thou hast gone a whoring from [2] thy God; [3] thou hast loved a reward ‖ upon every corn-floor.

‖ Or, *in*, &c.

[1] *q. d.* Please not your selves, O ye of the ten Tribes, in thinking your Prosperity as lasting and secure, as other Nations hope their's will be, because your sin is greater, and punishment will be more certain, *Amos* 3. 2. ¶ [2] To whom thou hast plighted thy troth, (which other Nations have not done.) ¶ [3] And this thou didst in hope of plenty, and full Barns, as a reward of thy service of thy Idols, *Jer.* 44.-17.

2 The floor and the ‖ wine-press shall [4] not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in [5] her.

‖ Or, *wine-fat.*

[4] Not afford 'em that plenty they expect. ¶ [5] This Land.

3 They shall [6] not dwell in the LORDs land; but [7] Ephraim shall [8] return to Egypt, and * they shall [9] eat unclean *things* in Assyria.

* Dan. 1. 8.

[6] Continue in the Land of *Judea*. ¶ [7] Many of the ten Tribes. ¶ [8] See on *ch.* 8.-13. ¶ [9] *Ezek.* 4. 13. Be carried captive to *Assyria*, and shall there eat meats forbidden by the Law, (as their Heathen Masters do.)

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4 [10] They shall not offer wine-*offerings* to the LORD, [11] neither shall they be pleasing unto him; their sacrifices *shall be* [12] unto them as the [13] bread of mourners: all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their [14] bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.

[10] And then they shall be deprived of the publick Ordinances, and not have liberty and opportunity to enjoy 'em. ¶ [11] *Jer.* 6.-20. Or if they would, or might offer Sacrifices there, yet they'd not be acceptable in that place. ¶ [12] As polluting and defiling. ¶ [13] *Deut.* 26. 14. ¶ [14] Meat-offerings and Sacrifices for their sins, shall not be permitted to be brought to the Temple.

5 [15] What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD?

[15] *q. d.* And whereas you were wont at certain times to meet and rejoice together before the Lord, when you are carried Captives into a strange Land under cruel oppressors, you'l have neither heart nor leave to keep such Festivals then.

6 For lo they are [16] gone, because of † destruction: [17] Egypt shall gather them up; [17] Memphis shall gather them: ‖ † [18] the pleasant *places* for their silver, * nettles shall possess them: thorns *shall be* in their tabernacles.

† Heb. *spoil.*
‖ Or, *their silver shall be desired, the nettle*, &c.
† Heb. *the desire.*
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[16] Fled into forreign Countries to escape destruction in their own Land, *ch.* 8.-13. ¶ [17] Many shall betake themselves thither for shelter, and there shall live and die, and never return again to their own habitations. ¶ [18] While in the mean time those lovely mansions, which they had purchast with their mony, shall be overgrown with nettles and thistles, *Isa.* 32. 13. and 34. 13. *Prov.* 24. 31.

7 The days of visitation are [19] come, the days of recompence are [19] come, Israel shall [20] know *it*: [21] the prophet *is* a fool, [22] the † * spiritual man *is* mad, [23] for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

† Heb. *man of the spirit.*
* Zeph. 3. 4.

[19] As near and sure as if already come. ¶ [20] Find then the truth of what has been threatned (though now they won't believe it.) ¶ [21] Then they'l find that those Prophets who lull'd 'em asleep with dreams of safety, did but play the fools. ¶ [22] *Mich.* 2. 11. And that he who pretends the Inspiration of the Spirit for what he saith, (*Ezek.* 13. 3.) is out of his Wits to talk at such a rate as he doth. ¶ [23] *q. d.* And all this shall come upon you by reason of the multitude of your sins, and particularly of the hatred of you towards God, and consequently of God towards you, and of one another among your selves.

8 [25] The watchman of Ephraim *was* with my God: [26] *but* the prophet *is* a snare of a fowler in all his ways, *and* [27] hatred ‖ in the house of his God.

‖ Or, *against.*

[25] *q. d.* Time was when there were some Prophets among you (*Isa.* 21. 11. and 62. 6. *Ezek.* 3. 17.) such as *Elijah*, *Elisha* and others, who kept close to the pure Worship of God; yea, and these false prophets whom you choose and make use of, as your Watchmen, pretend communion with the true God, and warrant and authority from him. ¶ [26] *q. d.* But the truth is, your Prophets now do but insnare men, both by their Doctrin and Example, and draw 'em into sin, and so into punishment. ¶ [27] Hateful to God; a fruit of his wrath where he permits 'em, and a cause of Wrath on those places whose Idolatry is committed by his means.

9 [28] They have deeply corrupted *themselves*, as in the days of Gibeah: *therefore* he will [29] remember their iniquity, he will [29] visit their sins.

[28] *Ch.* 5. 2. and 10. 9. *Isa.* 31.-6. They are generally guilty of such prodigious Wickedness as the Inhabitants of *Gibeah* were, *Judg.* 19. 22, &c. ¶ [29] *Ch.* 8.-13.

10 [30] I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness: I saw your fathers [31] as * the first-ripe in the fig-tree at her first time: *but* they went [32] to Baal-peor, and * [33] separated themselves unto * that shame; and [34] *their* abominations were according as they loved.

* Isa. 28. 4.
* Ch. 4. 14.
* Jer. 11. 13.

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[30] *Deut.* 32. 10. *q. d.* As a Traveller is very much pleaſed if he finds a Vine laden with Grapes in a deſert, barren place, where he expected no ſuch thing, ſo was I pleaſed with *Iſrael* at firſt in their paſſage out of *Egypt*, through the Wilderneſs, where I made a Covenant with 'em. ¶ [31] (Which are very pleaſant and acceptable, *Mich.* 7. 1.) ¶ [32] *Num.* 25. 3. *Pſal.* 106. 28. (And as their Fathers did, ſo do they ſtill, 1 *King.* 16. 31, &c.) ¶ [33] Forſook God and conſecrated themſelves (as the *Nazarites* did to the true God) to that ſhameful Idol, which will bring 'em to ſhame at laſt, *Rom.* 6. 21. ¶ [34] They multiplied their Idols according to their own luſts and fancies.

11 *As for* Ephraim, [35] their glory ſhall flie away like a bird; [36] from the birth, [36] and from the womb, [36] and from the conception.

[35] Their fruitfulneſs in People (according to the ſignification of their Name, *Gen.* 41. 52. and *Jacob*'s Prophecy, *Gen.* 48. 19.) whereof they boaſt, ſhall depart from 'em on a ſudden, *Job* 20. 8. ¶ [36] Either they ſhall die as ſoon as born, or prove abortives, or not conceive at all.

12 [37] Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, *that there ſhall* not *be* a man *left*: yea, [38] wo alſo to them when I depart from them.

[37] Or if they grow up to maturity, yet they ſhall be cut off by ſome Judgment or other, *v.* 13. *Job* 27. 14. ¶ [38] *Ch.* 7. 13. See there. 1 *Sam.* 28. 16.

13 Ephraim, as I ſaw * Tyre, *is* planted in a pleaſant place: but Ephraim ſhall bring forth his children to [39] the murderer.

* Ezek. 26, & 27, & 28.

[39] To be deſtroyed in War by the *Aſſyrian*, *ver.* 16.

14 [40] Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them † a miſcarrying womb, and dry breaſts.

† Heb. *a womb that caſteth the fruit.*

[40] *Luke* 23. 29. *q. d.* Since this will be their portion (*v.*-13.) let 'em rather be barren than bring forth Children to ſuch a purpoſe.

15 [41] All their wickedneſs *is* in Gilgal: for [42] there I hated them: for the wickedneſs of their doings I will drive them out of [43] mine houſe, I will [44] love them no more: all their princes *are* [45] revolters.

[41] *Ch.* 4. 15. and 12. 11. *q. d.* And here is the root and fountain of all their Idolatry and other Wickedneſs, even at *Gilgal*, where they ought to have ſhewed the greateſt thankfulneſs for mercies formerly received there, *Joſh.* 4. 20, &c. ¶ [42] Though they pretended my ſervice there, yet it was ſuch a ſervice for which I hate 'em. ¶ [43] My Land; and unchurch 'em, *v.* 3, 17. ¶ [44] Give 'em no more tokens of my Love, but manifeſt my great Hatred of 'em. ¶ [45] *Iſa.* 1. 23. Idolaters, and have been as deep as any in Rebellion againſt me.

16 [46] Ephraim is ſmitten, their root is dried up, they ſhall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I [47] ſlay *even* the † beloved *fruit* of their womb.

† Heb. *deſires.*

[46] The whole body of the Nation is caſt out of their own Land (*v.* 17.) both Root and Branch. ¶ [47] *V.*-13.

17 My God will caſt them away, becauſe they did [48] not hearken unto him: and they ſhall be [49] wanderers among the nations.

[48] 2 *Chron.* 36. 15. ¶ [49] 1 *Kings* 14. 15. *Prov.* 27. 8.

CHAP. X.

Iſrael is reproved and threatned for their impiety and idolatry.

* Nah. 2. 2. ‖ Or, *a vine emptying the fruit which it giveth.* † Heb. *ſtatues or ſtanding images.*

ISrael *is* * ‖ an [1] empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto [2] himſelf: [3] according to the multitude of his fruit, he hath [4] increaſed the altars; [3] according to the goodneſs of his land, they have made goodly † images.

[1] That brings forth little or no good fruit; or none at all for God. ¶ [2] *Luke* 12. 21. *Zech.* 7. 6. Which he uſeth only for himſelf: and in the ſervice of his own Luſts and Idols, and not in the ſervice of God. ¶ [3] The more plenty they enjoyed, the more they multiplied their Idolatries. ¶ [4] *Ch.* 8. 11. and 12. 11.

2 ‖ Their heart is [5] divided; now ſhall they be [6] found faulty: [7] he ſhall † break down their altars: [7] he ſhall ſpoil their images.

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‖ Or, *He hath divided their heart.* † Heb. *he-*

[5] Between God and Idols, (*Ch.* 9.-8. See there) and alſo by Civil Diſſentions and Diviſions. ¶ [6] Made ere long to ſee their guilt and acknowledg it (*v.* 3.) by being laid waſte (as ſome render the words.) ¶ [7] God by the *Aſſyrian.*

3 [8] For now they ſhall ſay, [9] We have no king, becauſe we feared not the LORD; [10] what then ſhould a king do to us?

[8] *q. d.* And when this comes to paſs, then they ſhall be convinc't of their Folly. ¶ [9] *V.* 7, 13. *Ch.* 3. 4. We are deprived of Government, Common-Wealth and all face of Authority. ¶ [10] Or if we had any, it could do us little good in our circumſtances.

4 They have [11] ſpoken words, [12] ſwearing falſly in making a covenant: thus [13] judgment ſpringeth up * as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

* See Deut. 29. 18. Acts 8. 23. Heb. 12. 15.

[11] Made fair promiſes, which yet prov'd but wind. ¶ [12] 2 *Kings* 17. 3, 4. ¶ [13] *Am.* 5. 7. and 6.-12. *i. e.* Inſtead of Judgment and Juſtice, Oppreſſion and Injuſtice ſpreds over all the Land.

5 The inhabitants [14] of Samaria ſhall fear, [15] becauſe of the calves of [16] Beth-aven: for [17] the people thereof ſhall mourn over it, and the the ‖ prieſts thereof *that* [18] rejoyced on it, for * the glory thereof, becauſe it is departed from it.

‖ Or, *Chemarim.* * 1 Sam. 4. 21, 22.

[14] *Ch.* 8. 5. ¶ [15] Leſt their Idols ſhould be taken by the Enemy now in the Land. ¶ [16] See on *Ch.* 4. 15. ¶ [17] The Worſhippers of this Calf ſhall mourn for the danger it may be expoſed to, and what may befal it. ¶ [18] That were wont to rejoyce becauſe of their gain by the ſervice of this Idol, and for the great credit it was in, ſhall now mourn, becauſe it's carried away (*v.* 6.) and has loſt all it's reputation.

6 It ſhall be alſo [19] carried unto Aſſyria *for* a preſent to * king Jareb: Ephraim ſhall receive ſhame, and Iſrael ſhall be aſhamed * of his [20] own counſel.

* Ch. 5. 13. * Ch. 5.

[19] *Iſa.* 46. 1, 2. ¶ [20] Of ſetting up theſe Calves at firſt, and continuing in the ſervice of 'em to the laſt, whereas they could neither help themſelves, nor their Worſhippers.

7 *As for* Samaria, [21] her king is cut off as the ſome upon † the water.

† Heb. *the face of the water.*

[21] Next to their Idol, they put confidence in their King, but he ſhall ſoon be deſtroyed alſo.

8 The high places alſo of [16] Aven, * the ſin of Iſrael ſhall be deſtroyed: the [22] thorn and the thiſtle ſhall come up on their altars; and [23] they ſhall ſay to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

* Deut. 9. 21.

[22] *Ch.* 9. 6. ¶ [23] *Iſa.* 2. 19. *Luke* 23. 30. *Rev.* 6. 16. and 9. 6. *Viz.* In this time of their great diſtreſs.

9 O Iſrael, thou haſt [24] ſinned from the [25] days of Gibeah: there [26] they ſtood: the battel in Gibeah againſt the [27] children of iniquity [28] did not overtake them.

[24] *Viz.* In a high manner, (and therefore are juſtly puniſht.) ¶ [25] See on *Ch.* 9. 9. ¶ [26] Your Forefathers, tho they were overthrown twice, yet at laſt were preſerved, and came off Conquerors. ¶ [27] The *Benjamites*, making themſelves guilty of that horrid Sin of the *Gibeonites*, by taking part with 'em. ¶ [28] They did not fall in that Battel, but became Conquerors: ſo it was then; but ſeeing they have perſiſted in their ſins ever ſince, therefore now they ſhall be puniſht for all together, *v.* 10.

10 [29] *It is* in my deſire that I ſhould chaſtiſe them: and * the [30] people ſhall be gathered againſt them, [31] when ‖ they ſhall bind themſelves in their two furrows.

* Jer. 6. 37. ‖ Or, *I ſhall bind them for their two tranſgreſſions, or in their two habitations.*

[29] *q. d.* Now I am reſolved to puniſh 'em. ¶ [30] *Ch.* 8. 10. The *Aſſyrians.* ¶ [31] Or, *When I ſhall bind them for their two tranſgreſſions, i. e.* carry 'em captive into *Aſſyria* for their Idolatry, or revolting from my Worſhip and their defection from the houſe of *David.*

11 And Ephraim *is as* an heifer *that is* [32] taught, *and* [33] loveth to tread out *the corn*, but I [34] paſſed over upon † her fair neck: I will [35] make Ephraim

† Heb. *the beauty of her neck.*

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[32] *Viz.* To tread out the Corn. ¶ [33] *Deut.* 25. 4. Loves her ease, pleasure and profit: would enjoy my Blessings, but not submit to my Discipline. ¶ [34] Brought some lighter Afflictions upon 'em, to tame 'em, and make 'em serviceable; (which yet has not prevail'd; and therefore ——) ¶ [35] Use him for riding, *i. e.* he shall not rest in his own Land, but be ridden by the *Assyrians*, and carried into Captivity. ¶ [36] The Kingdom of *Judah* also shall suffer misery by the *Babylonish* Captivity, but there shall follow a harvest and joyful time of return, (which was not to the others)

* Prov. 11. 18. 12 *[37] Sow to your selves in righteousness, [38] reap in mercy: [39] break up your fallow ground: for *it is* [40] time to [41] seek the LORD, till he come and [42] rain righteousness upon you.

[37] Exercise your selves in the works of Righteousness and Holiness, in all duties both to God and Man. ¶ [38] And then God of his Grace and Mercy will in due time bestow a plentiful Reward upon you. ¶ [39] See on *Jer.* 4. 3. ¶ [40] 1 *Pet.* 4. 3. High time (if you mean to do it at all) and a fit season for it (2 *Cor.* 6. 2.) now that troubles are near. ¶ [41] *Isa.* 31.-1. and 55. 6. ¶ [42] Bestow a plentiful measure of his Grace and Blessings upon you, according to what he has promist.

13 [43] Ye have [43] plowed wickedness, [44] ye have reaped iniquity, ye have [45] eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in [46] thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

[43] *Job* 4. 8. *Prov.* 22. 8. *Gal.* 6. 7. Instead of working Righteousness (*v.*12.) you have taken a great deal of pains in the service of sin, to compass your wicked Designs. ¶ [44] And your endeavours in sin have succeeded according to your desire, so that now they are come to maturity, and multiplied beyond measure. ¶ [45] Fed your selves with vain hopes which will deceive you. ¶ [46] Thy own carnal projects, and sinful contrivances; particulary the Idolatry at *Dan* and *Bethel*, 1 *King.* 12. 26, &c.

14 Therefore shall a [47] tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, * 2 Kin. 18. 34. & 19. 13. [48] as Shalman spoiled * Betharbel in the day of battel: *[49] the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children. * Ch. 13. 16.

[47] A terrible outcry, as of men affrighted at the news of the Enemies approach, (so that thy confidence in thy mighty men (*v.* 13.) shall fail thee.) ¶ [48] This History is not else where metioned in Scripture. ¶ [49] *Gen.* 32.-11. There was a total destruction both of young and old.

15 So shall Beth-el [50] do unto you, because † Heb. *the evil of your evil.* of † your great wickedness: [51] in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

[50] Bring you into such a miserable condition. ¶ [51] Suddenly, before they look't for such a disaster, shall *Hoshea* be deprived of his Crown and Government, (though not of his Life,) 2 *King.* 17. 4.

CHAP. XI.

1. The ingratitude of Israel unto God for his benefits. 5 His judgment.

WHen Israel *was* a [1] child, then I [2] loved him, and * [3] called * my son out of E- * Mat. 2. 15. * Exod. 4. 22, 23. gypt.

[1] *Ch.*2.15. When I first took the *Israelites* to be my People; they being then in a low condition, unable to help themselves. ¶ [2] *Jer.* 2. 2. *Mal.* 1. 2. *Viz.* Above all other Nations; and manifested the same by the great things I did for 'em. ¶ [3] *Exod.*4.22. *Deut.* 4.20,34. Brought 'em out from *Egypt* by my Divine Power; as a Type of Christ's bringing out from thence by my special Providence, (*Mat.* 2. 15.) and of our perfect deliverance by Him from the Bondage of Sin and Satan.

2 *As* [4] they called them, so [5] they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burnt incense to graven images.

[4] *V.*7. *Moses*, *Aaron*, my Prophets and other Messengers frequently exhorted and invited 'em to Repentance and Obedience. ¶ [5] The readier they were to turn their Backs upon their Teachers, and to walk quite contrary to their advice.

3 [6] I taught Ephraim also to go, [7] taking them by their arms, but they [8] knew not that I healed them. Chap. 11

[6] And as another instance of my love to 'em, I guided 'em in the Wilderness which way to take. ¶ [7] Supporting and carrying 'em through all difficulties, *Exod.*19.4. *Num.*11.12. *Deut.* 1.31. and 32.10,11. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 2. 8. Did not own my hand in it when I remov'd those Judgments, which for their sins I had inflicted on 'em, (*Psal.* 106. 23.) preserv'd them from many dangers, bestowed many mercies upon them, *Deut.* 8. 2--5. *Exod.* 15. 26. and 23. 25.

4 [9] I drew them with cords of a man, [10] with bands of love, and [11] I was to them as they that † [11] take off the yoke on their jaws, and I [12] laid † Heb. meat unto them.

[9] *Cant.* 1.4. I used all fair and gentle means (such as are fitted to Mans temper, as he is a reasonable Creature) to allure 'em to Obedience. ¶ [10] Giving 'em many instances of my love to engage 'em the faster unto my self. ¶ [11] *Psal.* 125. 3. I delivered 'em from their cruel Oppressors, the *Egyptians*, *Philistines* and others. ¶ [12] Supplied 'em with all necessaries, (and yet for all this they refus'd to return, *v.* -5.) A great aggravation of their sin.

5 ¶ [13] He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall [14] be his king, because they refused [15] to return.

[13] *q. d.* And tho in their distress some of 'em will fly into *Egypt* for shelter and succor, (*ch.*9.6.) yet the generality shall be carried Captive into *Assyria*. ¶ [14] Rule over 'em with rigor and cruelty. ¶ [15] *Viz.* To God, who had us'd so many means to engage 'em to himself, *v.*3,4.

6 And the [16] sword shall [17] abide on his cities, and shall consume his [18] branches, and devour *them*, because [19] of their own counsels.

[16] War and the Calamities thereof. ¶ [17] *Jer.*47.6,7. ¶ [18] Lesser Towns and Villages. ¶ [19] *Ch.* 10. 6. See there. They trusted to their carnal Wisdom, and followed their own devices.

7 And my people are bent to [20] back-sliding from me: though [4] they called them to the most High, † [21] none at all would exalt *him*. † Heb. *together they exalted not.*

[20] *Ch.* 7. 16. ¶ [21] Few or none honour'd him by their Obedience.

8 [22] How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as *Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is [23] turned within me, [24] my repentings are kindled together. * Gen. 14. 8. & 19. 24. Deut. 29. 23. Am. 4. 11.

[22] *Ch.* 6. 4. *q. d.* Though you have deserv'd to be made Monuments of my Wrath and Justice, as *Sodom* and the other Cities were, yet my pity and mercy enterposes, and I can't find in my heart to do it. ¶ [23] *Lam.*1. 20. *Jer.* 31. 20. *Isa.*63.15. Overcome with motions of Love, and turn'd from severity to mercy. ¶ [24] All my bowels of compassion are at once moved to repent of my severity. Our backs don't suffer so much as God's Bowels, when he is forc't to correct us.

9 I will not [25] execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not [26] return to destroy Ephraim; for I *am* [27] God, and not [27] man, the holy One [28] in the midst of thee, and I will not [29] enter into the city.

[25] *Psal.* 78.38, 39. Inflict that punishment which the extremity of my anger might move me to. ¶ [26] *Jer.*31. 11. Redouble my strokes to their utter destruction. ¶ [27] *Isa.* 55. 8. 2 *Sam.* 7. 14. *Numb.* 23. 19. *Mal.* 3. 6. *Ezek.* 16.60. ¶ [28] To preserve a remnant among you to be my faithful servants. ¶ [29] *Viz.* As an Enemy, to destroy any of your Cities, as I did *Sodom*.

10 [30] They shall walk after the LORD: he shall [31] rore like a lion: when he shall rore, then the [32] children shall tremble from the west.

[30] *Ch.* 3. 5. *q. d.* And the time will come when I'll cause them to own Christ for their Redeemer, and walk in his ways. ¶ [31] *Isa.* 27. 13. *Jer.* 25. 30. *Joel* 3. 16. *Amos* 1. 2. Cause the powerful voice of the Gospel to sound all the World over. ¶ [32] *Acts* 2. 43. and 16. 29. The Elect shall be stricken with a sight and sense of their sins, and their own unworthiness, and shall seek to Christ for mercy, from the uttermost parts of the World; and especially these Western Countries.

11 [33] They

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11 [33] They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and *as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will [34] place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

* Isa. 60. 8.

[33] *Zech.* 10. 10. After their Captivity they shall return to their own Land, as a Bird or Dove that being frighted from her nest, afterwards returns with fear to it again: It may also refer to the more general Conversion of the Nations to Christ in the latter days. ¶ [34] Provide places of rest and abode in my Church for 'em.

12 Ephraim compasseth me about with [35] lies, and the house of Israel with [35] deceit: but Judah yet [36] ruleth with God, and is [37] faithful with the ‖ Saints.

‖ Or, *most holy*

[35] *Psal.* 78. 36. With false Worship, and fair promises of amendment; but that's all. ¶ [36] Preserves the Civil Government in the house of *David*, set up by God himself. ¶ [37] Perseveres in my true Worship, as his holy Ancestors did, (all which is spoken comparatively to the ten Tribes.)

CHAP. XII.

1 *A reproof of Ephraim, Judah and Jacob.* 3 *An exhortation to repentance.*

1 EPhraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after [2] the east-wind: he daily increaseth lies and [2] desolation, and * they do make a covenant with the [3] Assyrians, *and* * [4] oyl is carried into [3] Egypt.

* Ch. 5. 13.
* Isa. 30. 6. & 57. 9.

[1] The ten Tribes flatter themselves with vain deluding hopes of help by the *Egyptians*, and *Assyrians*, *ch.* 10. 13. ¶ [2] *Ch.* 13. 15. *Gen.* 41. 6. *Job* 15. 2. *Psal.* 48. 7. *Jon.* 4. 8. Pernicious, destructive Counsels and Courses, 2 *King.* 17. 4. ¶ [3] *Ch.* 7. 11. See there. ¶ [4] The precious Balm of *Gilead* for a Present, *Isa.* 57. 9.

2 The LORD hath also a [5] controversie with [6] Judah, and will † punish [7] Jacob according to his ways: [8] according to his doings will he recompense him.

† Heb. *visit upon.*

[5] See on *Ch.* 4. 1. ¶ [6] Though not so bad as *Ephraim*, (*ch.* 11. 12.) yet bad enough. ¶ [7] His Posterity; whether of the two Tribes, or ten Tribes. ¶ [8] See on *Matth.* 16. 27.

3 ¶ [9] He took his brother by the [10] heel in the womb, and by [11] his strength he † had [12] power with God:

† Heb. *was a prince*, or *behaved himself princely.*

[9] *Jacob*: of whom some extraordinary passages, both of his Carriage and Success, are here related, partly to invite them to imitate him, in hope of the like favours; and partly to convince 'em of their Ingratitude and degeneracy from him. ¶ [10] *Gen.* 25. 26. As striving by a divine instinct, for the Birth-right and Blessing; (a sign of God's Grace bestowed thus early upon him (as *Luke* 1. 44. *Jer.* 1. 5.) wherein he was prefer'd before his elder Brother, (*Mal.* 1. 2, 3.) which yet was of free grace, and not for any merit in himself, *Rom.* 9. 11–13.) (but you use no such endeavours.) ¶ [11] That bodily Strength wherewith he was endued by God to wrestle with the Angel: as a token of the Strength of his Faith and Fervency of his Spirit in Prayer, (*Gen.* 32. 24, 26.) accompanied with Tears, *v.* 4. ¶ [12] *Jam.* 5. 16. *Viz.* To continue wrestling, and to obtain the Blessing, *Gen.* 32. 26, 28. (but your Prayers are meer pieces of formality and therefore obtain nothing.)

4 Yea, he had power over the [13] angel, and [14] prevailed: [15] he wept and made supplication unto him: [16] he found him *in* Beth-el, and there he spake with [17] us.

[13] Christ the Lord God of Hosts, *v.* 5. ¶ [14] *Gen.* 32. 28. *Viz.* To get the Blessing: and so all true *Israelites* do, (though you for your parts come short of it.) ¶ [15] So *Heb.* 5. 7. His heart was in a broken, melting frame through sense of his own unworthiness, and earnest desire after the Blessing, as *Gen.* 27. 34. ¶ [16] God graciously appear'd to *Jacob* at *Bethel*, (*Gen.* 28. 12, &c.) and so *Jacob* met with God there in his Journey to *Laban*, when he fled from his Brother (*Gen.* 24. 43–45.) but chiefly at his return from thence, *Gen.* 35. 9–15. ¶ [17] Who are as much concerned in what God there spake to *Jacob*, as if it had been spoken directly and immediately to our selves.

5 Even the LORD God of hosts, the LORD *is* his [18] memorial.

[18] *Exod.* 3. 15. The Name by which, and such manifestations of himself, he'l be known and had in remembrance to all Generations.

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6 [19] Therefore [20] turn thou to thy God: [21] keep mercy and judgment, and [22] wait on thy God continually.

[19] *q. d.* Considering how graciously God dealt with your Father *Jacob*, and how *Jacob* behav'd himself towards him. ¶ [20] *Ch.* 14. 1. *Viz.* From Idols. ¶ [21] *Mic.* 6. 8. Shew kindness to all that need it, and deal justly with all. ¶ [22] See on *Psal.* 27. 14. Look up to him upon all occasions, and in all respects let your hearts be affected towards him as becomes you.

7 ¶ [23] *He is* ‖ a merchant, the balances of deceit *are* in his hand: he loveth to ‖ oppress.

‖ Or, *Canaan.* See Ezek. 16. 3.
‖ Or, *deceive.*

[23] *q. d.* But you *Israelites* are so far from Justice and Judgment (*ver.* 6.) that like a deceitful Merchant you make a Trade of cheating; and instead of Mercy you delight in nothing but Oppression.

8 And Ephraim said, [24] Yet I am become rich, I have [25] found me out substance: ‖ [26] *in* all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me, † that *were* sin.

‖ Or, *all my labours suffice me not*: he shall have *punishment of iniquity in whom is sin.*
† Heb. *which.*

[24] *Zech.* 11. 7. *q. d.* Notwithstanding all that the Prophets have said to condemn and threaten me for my courses, yet I find they succeed very well, and I thrive thereby, and prosper therein, (and therefore they can't be so bad and displeasing to God, as they'd make 'em.) ¶ [25] *Viz.* By my own Wit, and cunning Contrivances. ¶ [26] *q. d.* And let the Prophets or others charge me with what iniquity they please, yet I'm sure I have carried it so that the most quick-sighted of 'em all can find no gross miscarriage in me.

9 And I *that am* the LORD thy God [27] from the land of Egypt, * [28] will yet make thee to dwell [29] in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

* Lev. 23. 42, 43. Zec. 14. 16.

[27] *Ch.* 13. 4. Ever since I brought thee from thence, to this day. ¶ [28] Or, *Would yet have made thee still to dwell.* ¶ [29] *i. e.* As securely and chearfully in all thy habitations, as ever thou didst in the days of the Solemn Feast of Tabernacles.

10 I have also spoken by the prophets; and I have multiplied visions, and used [30] similitudes, by the † ministry of the prophets.

† Heb. *hand.*

[30] Significant actions; that they might learn by the Eye as well as by the Ear, as *ch.* 1. 2–5. and 3. 1, &c. *Isa.* 20. 2–4. *Ezek.* 4. 1, &c.

11 [31] *Is there* iniquity in Gilead? [32] surely [33] they are vanity; [34] they sacrifice bullocks in * Gilgal; yea, * their altars *are* as [35] heaps in the furrows of the fields.

* Amos 4. 4. & 5. 5.
* Ch. 8. 11. & 10. 1.

[31] *q. d.* Who can charge us *Israelites* with any sin in the matter of the Calves at *Dan* and *Bethel*, (and the like at *Gilead*, (*ch.* 6. 8.) and *Gilgal*, *ch.* 4. 15. &c.) since we worship the Lord *Jehovah* in and by 'em? ¶ [32] Here's God's answer to that question. ¶ [33] Your Calves and all your worship there, will deceive you in all your expectations from 'em. ¶ [34] They abound in their Sacrifices and Altars to these Idols, (but still all to no purpose.) ¶ [35] Very numerous, but yet no better than heaps of stones gathered up in the Fields to mend the High-ways.

12 [36] And Jacob [37] fled into the countrey of Syria, and Israel [38] served for a wife, and for a wife he [38] kept *sheep.*

[36] *q. d.* And however, when you are charg'd with sin, you may think to defend or excuse your selves, by boasting what your forefathers were, (*Matth.* 3. 7–10.) yet you should consider what their Original was; *Jacob* a Fugitive and Hireling in *Canaan*, and the Patriarks Bond-men in *Egypt*. ¶ [37] *Gen.* 27. 43. and 28. 10. ¶ [38] *Gen.* 29. 20, 28.

13 * And by a [39] prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he [40] preserved.

* Exod. 12. 50, 51. & 13. 3. Isa. 63. 11.

[39] *Moses.* ¶ [40] Provided for, and conducted in all their passage through the Wilderness, *Psal.* 77. 20. (and therefore the Prophets ought not to be despised by you as they are.)

† Heb. *with bitternesses.*

14 Ephraim [41] provoked *him* to anger † most bitterly: therefore shall he [42] leave his † bloud upon

† Heb. *bloods.* See Ezek. 24. 7, 8.

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upon him: and his [43] reproch ſhall his Lord return unto him.

[41] (And this is their requital for all God's kindneſs to 'em.) ¶ [42] Charge the guilt of his bloody crimes upon him, and puniſh him accordingly. ¶ [43] Which he caſt on God, his Worſhip and Servants.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Ephraims glory, by reaſon of Idolatry, vaniſheth. 5 Gods anger for their unkindneſs. 9 A promiſe of Gods mercy. 15 A judgment for rebellion.

1 WHen Ephraim ſpake trembling, [3] he exalted himſelf in Iſrael; but when he offended [4] in Baal, he [5] died.

[1] Whenſoever the Kings and Rulers of the Kingdom of *Iſrael* (of which *Ephraim* was the chief Tribe) gave any threatning words, trembling follow'd thereon; there was a general conſternation and apprehenſion of danger ſeis'd upon the Neighbour-ſtates and Kingdoms. ¶ [3] He was once arriv'd at a great highth of Power, Dignity, *&c.* ¶ [4] By Heatheniſh Idolatry, and worſhipping ſtrange Gods, (as well as the true God by the Calves.) ¶ [5] He loſt his former dignity, and became weak and contemptible.

† Heb. *add to ſin.* * Ch. 2. 8. & 8. 4. || Or, *the ſacrifices of men.*

2 And [6] now † they ſin more and more, and *have [7] made them molten images of their ſilver, *and* idols [8] according to their own underſtanding; all of it the work of the craftſmen: [9] they ſay of them, [10] Let || the men that ſacrifice, [11] kiſs the calves.

[6] Being gotten into this vein of Heatheniſh Idolatry, there's no end of it. ¶ [7] *Ch.* 8.-4. ¶ [8] *Ch.* 9.-10. Wherein they were guided by their own fancy and skill, both as to the ſhape and number of 'em. ¶ [9] The Rulers make ſuch laws concerning the worſhip of 'em. ¶ [10] Whoſoever comes to worſhip God, let him adore and ſhew reverence to the Calves, ¶ [11] 1 *Kings* 19.-18. *Job* 31. 27. *Pſalm* 2. 12.

* 1 Kin. 19. 18.

3 Therefore they ſhall be as the [12] morning cloud, and as the [12] early dew that paſſeth away, as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the ſmoke out of the chimney.

[12] *Ch.* 6. 4. Eaſily and totally diſpers'd by the *Aſſyrians*.

4 [13] Yet [14] I *am* the LORD thy God [14] from the land of Egypt, and thou ſhalt [15] know no God but me: for *there is* [16] no ſaviour beſide me.

[13] *q. d.* Tho thou haſt ſo ingratefully diſown'd me, and made defection to Idols, *ver.* 2. ¶ [14] *Ch.* 12. 9. See there. ¶ [15] Take notice of, and pay thy homage to. ¶ [16] *Iſa.* 43. 11. and 45. 21. None that can deliver thee out of thy troubles but my ſelf.

5 ¶ I did [17] know thee in the wilderneſs in the land of † great drought. †Heb. *droughts*

[17] *Pſal.* 31.-7. Take ſpecial care of thee.

6 [18] According to their paſture, ſo were they filled: they were filled, and their heart was [19] exalted: therefore have they [20] forgotten me.

[18] Being come into a plentiful land, they minded nothing but their ſenſual delights, *Deut.* 32. 15. ¶ [19] *Deut.* 8. 14, 17. ¶ [20] *Deut.* 6. 10–12. and 8. 14. 18. *Prov.* 30. 9. *Pſal.* 10. 4.

7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion; as a leopard [21] by the way will I [22] obſerve *them*.

[21] That lies in wait by the way, *Lam.* 3. 10. ¶ [22] Watch all advantages to deſtroy 'em.

8 I will meet them [23] as a bear *that is* bereaved *of her whelps*, and will rent the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: † the [24] wild beaſt ſhall tear them. † Heb. *the beaſt of the field.*

[23] 2 *Sam.* 17. 8. *Prov.* 17. 12. In the greateſt fury imaginable. ¶ [24] The *Aſſyrian* ſhall prove a wild beaſt to 'em.

9 ¶ O Iſrael, thou haſt [25] deſtroyed thy ſelf, but in me † *is* thine help. † Heb. *in thy help.*

[25] *Iſa.* 3.-9. *Jer.* 2. 17. and 4. 18. and 44. 7, 8. Been the cauſe of all this miſchief to thy ſelf, and mayſt thank thy ſelf for it.

10 I will be [26] thy king: [27] where *is any other* that may ſave thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou ſaidſt, [28] give me a king and princes? Chap. 14.

[26] To help and ſave thee from deſtruction, *ver.* 9. ¶ [27] *Ch.* 10.-3. ¶ [28] 1 *Sam.* 8.-5, 19, 20. 1 *Kings* 12. 16, 20.

11 [29] I gave thee a * king in mine anger, and took *him* away in my wrath. * Sam. 15. 23. & 16. 1.

[29] *q. d.* The Kings thou haſt had, and the frequent changes and removals of 'em, though brought about by my Providence, yet has been ſtill in judgment, and the fruit of my diſpleaſure againſt you.

12 The iniquity of Ephraim *is* [30] bound up: his ſin *is* [30] hid.

[30] *Job* 14. 17. and 21. 19. Not taken notice of by me at preſent, but reſerv'd to be puniſh'd in due ſeaſon, *ver.* 13.

13 [31] The ſorrows of a travelling woman ſhall come upon him, he *is* an unwiſe ſon, for he ſhould not [32] ſtay † long in *the place of* the breaking forth of children. † Heb. *a time.*

[31] *Iſa.* 13. 8. *Jer.* 30.-6. This ſeems to be ſpoken of the miſeries they lye under at preſent. ¶ [32] Lye ſtupid under Judgments, but ſeek to deliver themſelves from 'em by true repentance; eſpecially when they are upon the very point of deliverance: for *I'll ranſom*, &c.

14 [33] I will ranſom them from † the power of the grave: I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy [33] plagues; O grave, I will be thy deſtruction; [34] repentance ſhall be hid from mine eyes. † Heb. *the hand.*

[33] I'll deliver 'em in their greateſt extremities, when they ſeem to be dead and buried, (*Ezek.* 37. 11.) partly by their temporal deliverance out of *Babylon*, (*Ezek.* 37, 12.) partly by the ſpiritual deliverance of my Elect from the power of ſin by the *Meſſiah*, (*Iſa.* 25. 8.) partly by the general Converſion of the Body of the Nation, (*Rom.* 11.-15.) but chiefly by their full and final deliverance from all the effects of ſin at the general Reſurrection, (1 *Cor.* 15. 54, 55.) of which the former was a pledge. ¶ [34] *Rom.* 11. 29. I'll never alter my purpoſe concerning theſe mercies to my People.

15 ¶ [35] Though he be fruitful among *his* brethren, [36] an eaſt-wind ſhall come, the wind of the LORD ſhall come up from the wilderneſs, and his [37] ſpring ſhall become dry, and his [37] fountain ſhall be dried up: [38] he ſhall ſpoil the treaſure of † all pleaſant veſſels. †Heb. *veſſels of deſire.*

[35] Tho *Ephraim*, (*ver.* 12.) abound in multitudes of People, and all other outward enjoyments more than the reſt of the Tribes. ¶ [36] *Ch.* 12. 1. See there. The ſwift and deſtructive Armies of the *Aſſyrians*, (as *Ezek.* 19. 12.) ¶ [37] All his bleſſings and his proſperous condition, which ſeem'd to be for continuance. ¶ [38] The *Aſſyrian*, (and God by him,) ſhall rob their Treaſuries, and plunder what they laid up.

16 Samaria ſhall become deſolate for ſhe hath rebelled againſt her God: [39] they ſhall fall by the ſword; their [40] infants ſhall be daſhed in pieces, and their [40] women with child ſhall be ript up. Compl. 4283.

[39] Both the Inhabitants of *Samaria*, and the Subjects of the Kingdom of *Iſrael*. ¶ [40] 2 *Kings* 8. 12. *Pſal.* 137. 8. *Nah.* 3. 10.

CHAP. XIV.

1 An exhortation to repentance. 4 A promiſe of Gods bleſſing.

O Iſrael, [1] return unto the [2] LORD thy God; for thou haſt [3] fallen by thine iniquity.

[1] *Ch.* 12. 6. So thou ſhalt do in the latter days. ¶ [2] *Jer.* 4. 1. *Joel* 2. 12. ¶ [3] From God's love and favour, into his diſpleaſure, and conſequently into miſery.

2 [4] Take

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‖ Or, *give good.*

2 [4] Take with you words, and [1] turn to the [2] LORD, say unto him, [5] Take away all iniquity, and ‖ [6] receive *us* graciously: so will we render the [7] calves of our lips.

[4] *Joel* 2.17. Choose out and make use of well-digested Expressions, (*Eccl.*5.2.) and well-weighed Petitions, agreeable to God's Will and Word, both as the Rule and Matter of your Prayers, 1 *John* 5.14. 2 *Sam.*7.25. ¶ [5] Pardon the Guilt, subdue the Power of Sin. ¶ [6] Accept our Persons and Performances, and bestow all good things upon us. ¶ [7] *Psal.* 50.14. Thankful Acknowledgments, and hearty Praises, *Heb.* 13.15. (Which was the substance of their Thank-offerings.)

3 [8] Ashur shall not save us, we will not ride upon [8] horses, neither will we say any more to the [9] work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the [9] fatherless findeth mercy.

[8] *Psal.* 33. 17. *Isa.* 31. 1. *q. d.* We renounce all carnal confidence in Forreign Forces, Military Preparations, lying Idols, or any corrupt way of Worship. ¶ [9] We who are unable to help our selves, and expos'd to the Injuries of others.

4 ¶ [10] I will heal their backsliding, I will love them [11] freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

[10] *Exod.* 15.26. *Isa.* 6. 10. *Jer.* 3. 22. I'll deliver 'em from a backsliding heart and way, and remove those Judgments they have brought upon themselves thereby. There's mercy in God, even for such as are guilty of frequent Relapses. ¶ [11] *Eph.* 1. 5, 9. Without any motive in them, yea, notwithstanding their unworthiness.

5 I will [12] be as the dew unto Israel: he shall ‖ [13] grow as the lily, and † [14] cast forth his roots [15] as Lebanon.

‖ Or, *blossom.*
† Heb. *strike.*

[12] Bestow my Grace and Spirit upon the Church of the *Jews* when converted, and all other my People, to make 'em fruitful and flourishing in all good. ¶ [13] Become lovely, beautiful and glorious in the eyes of Beholders, being adorn'd with Garments of Holiness, *Psal.* 45. 13, 14. *Ezek.* 16. 14. *Matth.* 6. 28, 29. ¶ [14] 2 *Kings* 19. 30. *Jer.* 17. 8. Attain unto a stability and settlement in good, (*Eph.* 3.-17. *Matth.* 13. 21.) so that no Storms nor Tempests of adverse power shall overturn him. ¶ [15] As the Trees of *Lebanon*. *i. e.* All these Graces and Fruits shall be of the best kind.

† Heb. *shall go.*

6 [16] His branches † shall spread, and [17] his beauty shall be as the [17] olive-tree, and [18] his smell [15] as Lebanon.

[16] His Converts shall multiply and increase, (*Psal.* 80. 9-11.) and in them the manifest discoveries of Grace shall abound more and more, *Eph.* 4. 15, 16. *Heb.* 6. 1. 2 *Pet.* 3. 18. ¶ [17] *Psal.* 52. 8. His Grace and Holiness shall be durable, without withering, even in the winter of affliction. ¶ [18] *Cant.* 4.-11. He shall be fill'd with the sweet savour of the Gospel, (2 *Cor.*2. -14,15.) and his Conversation shall be acceptable both to God and Man.

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7 They that [19] dwell under his shadow shall return, [20] they shall revive *as* the corn, and ‖ [20] grow as the vine: the ‖ [18] scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon.

‖ Or, *blossom.*
‖ Or, *memorial.*

[19] *Psal.* 45. -14. Enjoy the Priviledges of the Church, *viz.* The ordinances and means of Grace shall be gain'd to God thereby, and become true Converts, (many of 'em.) ¶ [20] Their graces shall become more lively and active by those afflictions that befall 'em, *Rom.* 8. 28. (as the Corn after Winter, and the Vine after Pruning.)

8 [21] Ephraim *shall say*, [22] What have I to do any more with idols? [23] I have heard *him*, and observed him: [24] I *am* like a green fir-tree: [25] from me *is* thy fruit found.

[21] The *Jews* when Converted. God here undertakes for his People that they shall perform their Promise, *ver.* -2,3. ¶ [22] *Job* 34. 32. *q. d.* I detest all my former Idols and Idolatries, and resolve by thy grace to forsake 'em all. ¶ [23] *q. d.* I will now hear his Prayers, and take notice of his wants to supply 'em. ¶ [24] I'll be a refreshing shadow and defence unto them against dangers, *Psal.* 121. 4, 5. ¶ [25] *John* 15. 5. *Phil.* 4. 13. All that good that is in thee, and Blessings bestow'd on thee, are from me.

9 [26] Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? [26] prudent, and he shall know them? for the [27] ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall [28] walk in them: but [29] the transgressours shall [30] fall therein.

[26] *Psal.* 107. 43. *Jer.* 9. 12. How few are there that are endued with Spiritual wisdom and understanding? but whosoever is so shall consider seriously of, and be affected with the Blessings promis'd, and Judgments threatned, so as to practise the Duties requir'd, and avoid the Sins condemn'd. ¶ [27] The Duties required by him are agreeable to the Rules of Reason and Justice. ¶ [28] *Job* 17. 9. *Matth.* 11.-19. ¶ [29] Proud, obstinate, inconsiderate Sinners. ¶ [30] *Luke* 2. 34. *John* 9. 39. 1 *Pet.* 2. 8. *Prov.* 10. 29. 2 *Cor.* 2. 16. Take occasion from thence to fall into Sin, (*Rom.*7.8.) and consequently into destruction, *Matth.* 21. 44.

JOEL.

The ARGUMENT.

JOEL *declaring a general Judgment of Dearth and Famine, caused by an extream drought, and an innumerable multitude of Insects destroying the Fruits of the Earth, thereupon calls for Lamentation and Mourning,* ch. 1. *Then he exhorts to publick Repentance, and promises both Temporal and Spiritual Blessings thereon; especially in the days of the Messiah,* ch. 2. *Lastly he comforts 'em by shewing the Destruction of their Enemies, the removal of the Famine, together with a wonderful Plenty, not only of Temporal, but Spiritual Blessings under the Messiah, by the Conversion of the Jews to Christ, and Calling of the Gentiles. Probably he prophecied about the time that* Hosea *did.*

CHAP. I.

1 *Joel declaring sundry judgments of God, exhorteth to observe them,* 8 *and to mourn.* 14 *He prescribeth a fast.*

3197. THE word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 [1] Hear this, ye old men, and [1] give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land: [2] hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

[1] *Psal.* 28. 5. and 64. 9. ¶ [2] *q. d.* Did you ever see or hear of such a Desolation, as that made by those devouring Creatures, *v.* 4?

[3] *Psal.* 44. 1. 3 [3] Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation.

† Heb. *The residue of the palmer-worm.* 4 † That which the palmer-worm hath left, hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left, hath the canker-worm eaten; and that which the canker-worm hath left, hath the caterpiller eaten.

5 [4] Awake ye drunkards, and [4] weep, and howl all ye [5] drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is cut off from your mouth.

[4] *q. d.* You drunkards will be in the first place concern'd at the want of your beloved Liquors; and therefore be you sensible of this great Calamity coming upon you, and seek to prevent it by repentance. ¶ [5] *Viz.* To excess.

* So Prov. 30. 25, 26, 27. 6 For * a [6] nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek-teeth of a great lion.

[6] Those Insects, *vers.* 4. See on *chap.* 2. 2.

† Heb. laid *my fig-tree for a barking.* 7 He hath laid my vine waste, and † barked my fig-tree: he hath made it clean bare, and [7] cast *it* away, the branches thereof are made white.

[7] Made it so useless that it may be thrown away.

8 ¶ [8] Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the [9] husband of her youth.

[8] Bewail the ceasing of publick Ordinances and Worship, for want of Offerings and the Priest's Maintenance, *Zeph.* 3. 18. ¶ [9] Snatch'd away from her by an unfimely death, after espousals before marriage.

* Verse 13. Chap. 2. 14. 9 * The meat-offering, and the drink-offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests the LORDs ministers mourn.

[10] Lies untill'd. ‖ Or, *ashamed.* 10 The field is wasted, the land [10] mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is ‖ dried up, the oyl languisheth.

11 [11] Be ye ashamed, O ye husband-men: howl, O ye vine-dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

[11] *Viz.* For your disappointment and loss of your crop; and search into the cause thereof, your sins, and repent of 'em.

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig-tree languisheth, the pomegranate-tree, the palm-tree also, and the apple-tree, *even* all the trees of the field are withered: [12] because * [13] joy is withered away from the sons of men. * Jer. 48. 33.

[12] Or, *Surely.* ¶ [13] The fruits of the Earth (at which you were wont so much to rejoyce, *Psal.* 4. 7. *Isa.* 16. 10.)

13 Gird your [14] selves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the [15] altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for * the meat-offering and the drink-offering is withholden from the house of your God. * Verse 9.

[14] *Viz.* With Sackcloth, *Jon.* 3. 5, 6, 8. ¶ [15] 1 *Cor.* 9. 13.

14 ¶ [16] Sanctifie ye a fast, [16] call a ‖ [17] solemn assembly, gather the elders, *and* all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD. ‖ Or, day of restraint.

[16] *Ch.* 2. 15. Appoint and set apart a time to seek God by publick Fasting and Prayer for the diverting of his wrath, and removal of this Judgment. ¶ [17] *Lev.* 23. 36.

15 Alas for the day: for the day [18] of the LORD *is* at hand, and [19] as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

[18] *V.* 11. *ch.* 3. 14. *Isa.* 13. 6. Of his wrath and vengeance, and your destruction. ¶ [19] It is an irresistible destruction.

16 [20] Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea,* [21] joy and gladness from the house of our God?

[20] *q. d.* And a taste of this Judgment you have found already in the scarcity that is among you of all manner of Provision, both for common and holy uses. ¶ [21] Whereupon follows the ceasing of their Festivals, and Sacrifices of Praise, when they were wont to rejoyce together; *Deut.* 16. 11, 14, 15.

† Heb. *grains.* 17 The † seed *is* rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

18 How do the beasts grone? the herds of cattel are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

* Chap. 2. 3. ‖ Or, *habitations.* [22] Extream heat and drought. [23] *Job* 38. 41. *Psal.* 104. 21. & 147. 9. 19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for * [22] the fire hath devoured the ‖ pastures of the wilderness, and the [22] flame hath burnt all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field [23] cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and

Chap. 2. the [22] fire hath devoured the paſtures of the wilderneſs.

CHAP. II.

1 *The terribleneſs of Gods judgments.* 12 *He exhorteth to repentance,* 15 *preſcribeth a faſt,* 18 *and promiſeth a bleſſing thereon.*

3197. 1 BLow ye the ‖ trumpet in Zion, and [2] ſound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land [3] tremble: for the [4] day of the LORD cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand;

‖ Or, *cornet.*

[1] *q. d.* O ye Prieſts, call the people together for Faſting and Prayer, (*v.*15.) by blowing the Trumpet, *Numb.* 10. 3. ¶ [2] Give notice of the Enemies approach, that people may prepare for it, *Numb.* 10.7,9. ¶ [3] *Jer.*5.22. ¶ [4] See on *ch.* 1. 15.

2 [5] A day of darkneſs and of gloominеſs, a day of clouds and of thick darkneſs, [6] as the morning ſpread upon the mountains: [7] a great people and a ſtrong, there hath [8] not been ever the like, neither ſhall be any more after it, *even* to the years † of many generations.

† Heb. *of generation and generation.*

[5] *q. d.* Theſe Creatures ſhall come in ſuch multitudes that they ſhall darken the very Air, and dim the light of the Sun, (*v.*10.) which ſhall create exceeding great trouble and perplexity in mens minds, *Amos* 5. 18. ¶ [6] And they ſhall ſwiftly overſpread the Land. ¶ [7] *v.* 11. *ch.* 1. 6. The Army of Inſects, *v.*25. ¶ [8] *Exod.* 10.14.

3 [9] A fire devoureth before them, and [10] behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as * the [11] garden of Eden before them, and behind them a deſolate wilderneſs, yea, and [12] nothing ſhall eſcape them.

* Gen.2.8. & 13.10.

[9] *Ch.*1,19. The havock and waſte they make wherever they come, is as if they carried a fire along with 'em before their faces, (as 'tis in the Hebrew.) ¶ [10] Where they have been, all is gone, as if a fire had been there. ¶ [11] *Gen.* 13. 10. *Zech.*7.14. ¶ [12] *Hiz.* For the ſuſtenance of man or beaſt.

4 The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of [13] horſes, and as horſemen, ſo ſhall they run.

[13] *Rev.*9.7. In reſpect of their undaunted courage, ſo that nothing ſhall be able to make 'em deſiſt from their work, *Job* 39.19.&c.

5 Like the noiſe of [14] chariots on the tops of mountains ſhall they leap, like the noiſe of a [15] flame of fire that devoureth the ſtubble, as a [16] ſtrong people ſet in battel aray.

[14] *Rev.*9.9. Dreadful and terrible to the Inhabitants, *v.*6.

6 Before their face the people ſhall be [17] much pained: [18] all faces ſhall gather † blackneſs.

† Heb. *pot.*

[17] Struckn with terrour of their approach. ¶ [18] *Nah.*2.10. Their ſadneſs ſhall make them black in the face again, like perſons ready to be ſtrangled.

7 They ſhall run like mighty men, they ſhall climb the wall like men of war, and they ſhall [19] march every one on his ways, and they ſhall not break their ranks.

[19] Meet with no oppoſition to diſorder or divert 'em.

8 Neither ſhall one thruſt another, they ſhall walk every one in his path: and *when* they [20] fall upon the ‖ ſword, they ſhall [21] not be wounded.

‖ Or, *dart.*

[20] No danger ſhall be deſtructive to 'em.

9 They ſhall run to and fro in the city; they ſhall run upon the wall, they ſhall climb up upon the houſes; they ſhall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 [22] The earth ſhall quake before them, the [23] heavens ſhall tremble, the [24] ſun and the [25] moon ſhall be dark, and the [26] ſtars ſhall withdraw their ſhining;

[22] The Calamity ſhall be ſo great as if the Day of Judgment were at hand, which ſhall cauſe terrour and aſtoniſhment in all ſorts, both low and high, rich and poor, common people and grandees. ¶ [23] *v.*31. *ch.* 3. 15. *Iſa.* 13. 10. and 34. 4. *Ezek.*32.7. The Lights of Heaven ſhall be darkned by their multitude, (*v.*2.) and their Influences made void by the deſtruction of whatſoever they produce; and the hearts of King, Queen, and Nobles be overwhelm'd with amazement, and their pomp and bravery ſhall ceaſe.

11 And the LORD ſhall [27] utter his voice before his army: for his [28] camp *is* very great: for [29] *he is* ſtrong that executeth his word, for [30] the day of the LORD *is* [31] great and very [32] terrible, and [33] who can abide it?

[27] Command and encourage 'em to do his work. ¶ [28] *ch.* 1. 6. ¶ [29] It's God that puts ſtrength and ability into 'em to enable 'em to execute his command. ¶ [30] *Jer.* 30. 7. Wherein great Judgments are executed on the greateſt ſinners. ¶ [31] *Amos* 5.18. *Zeph.*1.15. ¶ [33] *v.*6,10.

12 ¶ [34] Therefore alſo [35] now, ſaith the LORD, [36] turn ye *even* [37] to me with all your [38] heart, and with [39] faſting, and with [40] weeping, and with mourning.

[34] *q. d.* Since ſuch dreadful Judgments are coming, and there's no other way to prevent 'em, therefore—¶ [35] While his hand is but ſtretch'd out, and before the blow be given. ¶ [36] *Hoſea* 12.6. and 14.1. ¶ [37] *Jer.*4.1. *Hoſ.*14.1. ¶ [38] *v.* 13. ¶ [39] Both publick (*v.* 15. *ch.* 1. 14.) and private. ¶ [40] *Zech.*7.3,5. and 12. 11, 12. With the moſt ſincere expreſſions of unfeigned ſorrow for your ſins.

13 And [41] rent your heart and [42] not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* [43] gracious and merciful, ſlow to anger, and of great [44] kindneſs, and [45] repenteth him of the evil.

[41] *Pſal.*51.17. *Lam.* 3. 41. Be deeply affected and afflicted in your ſouls. ¶ [42] Not only. Outward expreſſions are of no value without inward affections. ¶ [43] *Jon.* 4. 2. *Exod.* 34.6. *Pſal.*86.5,15. and 145.8. ¶ [44] *Pſal.*145.9. and 33. 5. ¶ [45] See on *Gen.*6.6. *Jer.*18.7,8.

14 [46] Who knoweth *if* he will return and [47] repent, and [48] leave a bleſſing behind him, *even* [49] a meat-offering and a drink-offering unto the LORD your God?

[46] 2 *Sam.*12.22. *Amos* 5.15. *Jon.*3.9. *Zeph.*2.3. *q. d.* It's doubtful whether he will or no; (becauſe Promiſes of Temporal Bleſſings are but conditional) yet it's hopeful, in regard of his goodneſs, *v.*13. and certainly ſincere Repentance will find acceptance, *v.*18. (And therefore we ſhould be ſerious in it, and earneſt in our ſeeking to God for mercy.) ¶ [48] Reſerve ſome of the fruits of the Earth from the common deſtruction, for their ſupport, and his own worſhip. ¶ [49] *ch.*1,9.

15 ¶ [50] Blow the trumpet in Zion, [51] ſanctifie [52] a faſt, [53] call a ſolemn aſſembly.

[51] *ch.*1.14. See there.

16 Gather the people: [53] ſanctifie the congregation: aſſemble the [54] elders: gather the [55] children, and thoſe that [56] ſuck the breaſts: let the bridegroom [57] go forth of his chamber, and the bride [58] out of her cloſet.

[53] Exhort and direct 'em to prepare themſelves in a due manner for ſo ſolemn a duty, *Exod.* 19. 10. ¶ [54] Both in Age and Office. ¶ [55] 2 *Chron.* 20. 13. That beholding the miſery of their little ones (which was an affliction to themſelves) they might be the more powerfully quickned to repentance. ¶ [58] Forbear their mutual embraces and carnal delights, 1 *Cor.*7.5.

17 Let the prieſts, the [59] miniſters of the LORD, weep [60] between the porch and the altar, and [61] let them ſay, Spare thy people, O LORD, and [62] give not thine heritage to reproch, [63] that the heathen ſhould ‖ rule over them: [64] wherefore ſhould they ſay among the people, Where *is* their God?

‖ Or, *uſe a by-word againſt them.*

[59] *ch.*1.13. Whoſe work it is mainly to attend the ſervice of God. ¶ [60] *Ezek.*8.16. *Matth.*23.35. As interpoſing their intereſt between a ſinful people and their angry God. ¶ [61] *Hoſ.*14.2. ¶ [62] Expoſe 'em not to contempt and diſgrace by theſe Judgments threatned, which will cauſe barrenneſs, (and that was a reproach.) ¶ [63] Whereby they ſhould be forc'd to wander among the Heathen for a livelyhood, or ſell themſelves to 'em, *Ruth* 1. 1. 2 *Kings* 8.1. ¶ [64] *Pſal.*42.10. and 79.10. and 115.2. *Mich.*7.10.

18 ¶ Then will the LORD [65] be jealous for his land, and [66] pity his people.

[65] Shew his love and zeal for their welfare, by turning his anger upon their cruel Enemies. ¶ [66] *Pſal.* 103.13.

19 Yea,

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19 Yea the LORD will [55] answer and [55] say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oyl, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproch among the heathen.

¶ [55] *Viz.* Really and effectually, by doing 'em good.

*See Exod. 10. 19.

20 But * I will remove far off from you [56] the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east-sea, and his hinder part towards the utmost sea; and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because [57] he hath † done great things.

†Heb. *magnified to do.*

[56] These Locusts (which came from the North.) ¶ [57] God by this Army has executed great Judgments.

21 ¶ Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoyce: for the LORD will do [58] great things.

[58] *Viz.* On your behalf, (as before against you, *v.* 20.)

22 Be not afraid, ye [59] beasts of the field: for the [60] pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig-tree and the vine do yield their strength.

[59] *Ch.* 1. 18, 20. ¶ [60] *Zech.* 8. 12. There shall be great plenty and peace, which shall usher in the coming of the Messiah.

23 Be glad then ye [61] children of Zion, and rejoyce [62] in the LORD your God: for he hath given you ‖ the former rain † moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the [63] former rain, and the [63] latter rain in the first *month.*

‖ Or, *a teacher of righteousness.*

† Heb. *according to righteousness.*

[61] *Psal.* 33. 1. True Believers. ¶ [62] *Jer.* 9. 23, 24. *Luke* 10. 20. See on *Phil.* 3. 1. Not so much in your outward Blessings, as in your interest in God and his favour, whence they all flow, (*Psal.* 4. 6, 7.) and particularly, in the work of Redemption by the Messiah. ¶ [63] *James* 5. 7. *Deut.* 11. 14. The Gospel, preach'd first by Christ himself, and afterwards by his Apostles, with great success.

3479. 24 And the [64] floors shall be full of wheat, and the [64] fats shall overflow with wine and oyl.

[64] All places shall be fill'd with plenty of the choicest spiritual food.

25 And I will [65] restore to you the years that * the locust hath eaten, the canker-worm, and the caterpiller, and the palmer-worm, my great army which I sent among you.

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[65] And this will abundantly recompense all the outward losses you have sustain'd formerly.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and [66] praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dwelt wondrously with you: and [67] my people shall never be ashamed.

[66] *Isa.* 62. 9. *Deut.* 8. 10. ¶ [67] *v.* 27. *q. d.* And this may oblige you to a constant devoting your selves to his Service, without any more revolting, or forsaking of him, as if you were asham'd of your profession.

[68] *Chap.* 3. 17. Find by experience.

27 And ye shall [68] know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none else: and [67] my people shall never be ashamed.

*Isa. 44. 3. Ezek. 39. 29. *Zech. 12. 10. John 7. 39.

28 ¶ * And it shall come to pass [69] afterward, *that* * I will [70] pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesie, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

[69] In the days of the Gospel (*Acts* 2. 16. *&c.*) after your enjoying the happy sight of the Messiah. ¶ [70] See on *Acts* 2. 17.

[71] See on *Acts* 2. 19. *Matth. 24. 29. Mark 13. 24. Luke 21. 25.

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

*Verse 10. Chap. 3. 15. Matth. 24. 29. Mark 13. 24. Luke 21. 25.

30 And * I will shew [71] wonders in the heavens, and in the earth, bloud and fire and pillars of smoke.

[72] See on *Acts* 2. 20.

31 *[72] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into bloud, before [73] the great and terrible day of the LORD come.

[73] *Mal.* 4. 5.

32 And it shall come to pass *that* * whosoever shall [74] call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in [75] mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the [76] remnant whom the LORD shall [77] call.

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* Rom. 10. 13.

[74] See on *Acts* 2. 21. ¶ [75] *Obad.* 17. To the Jews, *ch.* 3. 1. ¶ [76] Those few Jews that will own Christ. God always secures a Remnant in times of the most general destruction, *Rom.* 11. 5. ¶ [77] Powerfully incline, and prevail with, by his effectual grace to perform the conditions of the Covenant.

CHAP. III.

1 *Gods judgments against the enemies of his people.*
18 *His blessing on the church.*

1 FOr behold, in those days and in that time when I shall [2] bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

[1] *q. d.* There shall be deliverance for my people (*ch.* 2. 32.) because their Enemies shall be destroy'd. ¶ [2] Free my people the Jews from that general dispersion which shall befal 'em after the pouring out of my Spirit, (*ch.* 2. 28.) for their enmity to the Gospel.

2 [3] I will also gather [4] all nations, and will bring them down into the [5] valley of Jehoshaphat, and will [6] plead with them there for my people, and *for* [7] my heritage Israel, whom they have [8] scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

[3] Tho' they gather themselves together for the destruction of the Church, yet God will turn it to their own destruction. ¶ [4] *Viz.* That are Enemies to my Church, and particularly to the Jews. ¶ [5] The place appointed for their overthrow and destruction, (like the valley of *Berachah*, where *Jehoshaphat* had such a notable Victory, 2 *Chron.* 20. 22--26.) ¶ [6] Set my self against 'em, and punish 'em for the wrongs they did my people. ¶ [7] The Jews are God's people and heritage still, tho' now in a scatter'd condition for their sins, *Rom.* 8. 11, 28, 29. ¶ [8] *v.* 3, 6.

3 And they have [9] cast lots for my people, and have [10] given a boy for a harlot, and [10] sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

[9] *Obad.* 11. *Nah.* 3. 10. ¶ [10] Chang'd their captive slaves for harlots and wine.

4 Yea, and [11] what have ye to do with me, [12] O Tyre and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? [13] will ye render me a recompence? and [14] if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will [14] I return your recompence upon your own head.

[11] *Judg.* 11. 12. *q. d.* What just cause had you to meddle with my people, and deal so hardly with 'em, *v.* 6. (which I take as done to my self, *Acts* 9. 4.) ¶ [12] You that are as great and close Adversaries to my Christian Church, as they were to the Jewish. ¶ [13] Do you think hereby to be even with my people for any wrong they have done you? ¶ [14] If this be your intent, I'll make you know that no less than your utter destruction can repair the damage you have done 'em.

5 Because ye have taken [15] my silver and [15] my gold, and have [16] carried into your temples [15] my goodly † pleasant things.

† Heb. *desirable.*

[15] Devoted to my service, or bestow'd on my people. ¶ [16] *Dan.* 5. 2, 3.

6 The children also of Judah, and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto † the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. 3378.

† Heb. *sons of the Grecians.*

7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will [14] return your recompence upon your own head.

8 And I will [17] sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off; for the LORD hath spoken *it.*

[17] Give up into their power. Hereby is intimated the power that the Jews shall have in the Church of Christ, by converting the Gentiles; as *Isa.* 14. 2.

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9 ¶ * [18] Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles: † [19] prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.

* See Isa.8.9, 10.

† Heb. *sanctifie.*

[18] *q. d.* There will be a general combination of the Heathen against my people, as if Proclamation were made to gather 'em together. ¶ [19] *q. d.* I'll so order it by my Providence, that such shall be the preparations and carriage of the enemy, as is here describ'd, *v.*-9--11.

10 [20] Beat your plow-shares into swords, and your ‖ pruning-hooks into spears; * [21] let the weak say, I *am* strong.

‖ Or, *sithes.*

* Zech.12.8.

[20] *Isa.*2.4. *Mich.*4.3. Sell your Country Tools, and Implements of Husbandry, to furnish your selves with Weapons of War. ¶ [21] Let the feeble and faint-hearted take courage.

11 Assemble your selves, and come all ye heathen, and gather your selves together round about: [22] thither ‖ cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

‖ Or, *the LORD shall bring down.*

[22] *q. d.* Tho' the Enemy muster all their Forces together, yet do thou, who art the Lord of Hosts, find out some fitting Instruments to oppose and subdue 'em.

12 [23] Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the [5] valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

[23] *q. d.* I'll so order it by my Providence that it shall be so, (in answer to that prayer, *v.*-11.)

* Mat.13.39.

13 * [24] Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe; come, [26] get ye down, for the press is full, the [27] fats overflow, for their wickedness *is* great.

[24] *q. d.* The Delinquents being brought, and the Executioners in readiness, let 'em begin their work, for the sins of the Enemies are come to their full measure. This may refer to the destruction of the Antichristian party, set out in the same terms, *Rev.* 14.-15, 18. ¶ [26] Into the valley to tread the press. ¶ [27] Abundance of blood is shed by this Execution.

14 [28] Multitudes, multitudes in the [29] valley of ‖ decision: for the [30] day of the LORD *is* [31] near in the valley of decision.

‖ Or, *concision,* or *threshing.*

[28] *Viz.* Are slain. ¶ [29] The place of Execution, where God will decide this great Controversie between his people and their enemies, and they shall receive their doom, (the same with the valley of *Jehoshaphat*, *v.*2,12.) ¶ [30] See on *ch.* 1.15. ¶ [31] *Viz.* When these great preparations shall be made by the Enemies.

15 The [32] sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

¶ [32] See on *ch.* 2.10. All Creatures that afforded comfort, shall fail: all ranks and degrees of men shall be distrest: Government shall be overturn'd; and they that were the Light and Glory of their Times, and shone most conspicuously in the Sphere of Authority, shall be obscur'd.

16 The LORD also shall [33] rore out of [34] Zion, and [33] utter his voice from [34] Jerusalem, and the [35] heavens and the [35] earth shall shake; but the LORD *will be* the † hope of his people, and the strength of the children [36] of Israel.

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† Heb. *place of repair,* or *harbour.*

[33] *Jer.*25.30. *Amos* 1.2. Denounce dreadful Judgments against his Enemies to their confusion. ¶ [34] By his Prophets in the midst of the Church. ¶ [35] *Hag.*2.6. Great Commotions and Concussions in Kingdoms and Nations. See on *ch.* 2.10. ¶ [36] The Jews especially in those times.

17 So shall ye [37] know that I *am* the LORD your God [38] dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: [39] then shall [40] Jerusalem be † holy, and there shall [41] no strangers pass through her any more.

† Heb. *holiness.*

[37] *Ch.* 2.27. Find by experience. ¶ [38] Manifesting my gracious Presence there again, as well as formerly. ¶ [39] When God shall return and dwell with *Israel* again. ¶ [40] The Church of Christ, and particularly that of the Jews when converted, shall be much more pure and holy than ever, *Zech.*14.20,21. *Isa.* 4.3. and 35.-8,9. and 52.-1,11. and 60.21. and 61.-10, 11. *Ezek.* 43.-12. *Zeph.* 3.13. *Obad.* 17. ¶ [41] *Zech.* 14.-21. None of the Enemies of the Church shall invade and subdue it any more, nor profane persons mingle themselves with it, so as to corrupt her Doctrin or Worship, as formerly, *Isa.* 35.8. *Rev.*21.27.

18 ¶ And * it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the [42] mountains shall drop down new wine, and the [42] hills shall flow with milk, and all the [42] rivers of Judah shall † flow with waters, and a [43] fountain shall come forth of the [44] house of the LORD, and shall [45] water the valley of Shittim.

* Amos 9.13.

† Heb. *go.*

[42] *Amos* 9.13. All sorts of Blessings, and particularly, suitable nourishment both for stronger and weaker Christians, shall be bestow'd upon 'em. ¶ [43] *Ezek.*47.1. *Zech.* 14.8. *Rev.*22.1. All spiritual graces and refreshments communicated by the Spirit, *John* 7.37--39. ¶ [44] By means of the preaching of the Gospel, *Isa.* 2.3. ¶ [45] *Ezek.* 47.8. Whereby the most barren places shall become fruitful.

19 [46] Egypt shall be a desolation, and [46] Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent bloud [47] in their land.

[46] *Isa.* 19.1. *Obad.* 10. The most inveterate Enemies of the Church shall be utterly destroy'd: or converted to Christ, (as *Zech.* 10.11.) ¶ [47] When they were at quiet in their own Land, and gave 'em no provocation.

20 But Judah shall ‖ [48] dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

‖ Or, *abide.*

[48] Be no more carried captive out of their own Land. A Type of their eternal possession of Heaven.

21 For I will [49] cleanse their bloud *that* I have not cleansed, ‖ for the LORD [50] dwelleth in Zion.

‖ Or, *even I the LORD that dwelleth in Zion.*

[49] Purge 'em from those pollutions wherein they have lain hitherto. ¶ [50] *Rev.* 21.3. Ever abides with his Church, and preserves 'em in their greatest dangers, or rewards 'em with that which shall exceed present deliverance.

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The ARGUMENT.

AMos *was Contemporary with* Iſaiah, Hoſea *and* Joel; *and his Prophecies have great Affinity with thoſe of* Hoſea. *He propheſies againſt ſeveral neighbour Nations, bitter Enemies to the Jews,* ch. 1. and 2. *and alſo ſomething againſt* Judah, *but chiefly againſt the Kingdom of the Ten Tribes; and that both in plain ſpeech, againſt their Ingratitude,* ch. 3. *Violence and Incorrigibleneſs,* ch. 4. *Impiety, Pride and Inhumanity,* ch. 5. *Wantonneſs,* ch. 6. *Againſt* Amaziah *and his Family,* ch. 7. *and alſo in Types, of a Basket and Summer fruits,* ch. 8. *and ſmiting the Altar and Temple, to note their approaching deſtruction,* ch. 9. *And concludes with ſome Promiſes relating to Goſpel-times, for the comfort of the godly who ſhould live in the calamitous Times enſuing.*

CHAP. I.

1 *Gods judgments upon Syria,* 6 *the Philiſtines,* 9 *Tyrus,* 11 *Edom,* 13 *and Ammon.*

THe words of Amos, who was among the [1] herdmen of Tekoa, which he [2] ſaw concerning Iſrael, in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of [3] Jeroboam the ſon of Joaſh king of Iſrael, two year before the [4] earthquake.

[1] *Ch.*7.14. *Pſal.* 78.70,71. 1 *Cor.*1.27,28. ¶ [2] Received from God concerning *Iſrael* eſpecially, whom he chiefly propheſies againſt. ¶ [3] See on *Hoſ.*1.1. ¶ [4] *Zech.*14.5.

* Jer.25.30. 2 And he ſaid, * The LORD will [5] rore from [5] Zion, and [5] utter his voice from [5] Jeruſalem: and the [6] habitations of the ſhepherds ſhall mourn, and the [6] top of Carmel ſhall wither.

[5] See on *Joel* 3. 16. ¶ [6] Which Threatnings ſhall take effect in the laying waſte their pleaſant, fruitful Paſtures, and conſequently in the deſtruction of their wealth and carnal delights.

3 Thus ſaith the LORD, For [7] three tranſgreſſions of [8] Damaſcus, || and for [7] four I will [9] not || turn away *the puniſhment* thereof: becauſe they have * [10] threſhed Gilead with [11] threſhing-inſtruments of iron.

|| Or, *yea, for four.*
|| Or, *convent it, or let it be quiet.*
So verſ.6. &c.
* 2 King.13.7.

[7] Many and multiplied ſins, which have fill'd up the meaſure of their iniquity. ¶ [8] *Iſa.*17.1. *Jer.* 49.23. *Zech.* 9.1. The *Syrians,* (*v.* 5.) and eſpecially they of *Damaſcus*, who have been moſt guilty, and ring-leaders unto others. ¶ [9] No longer forbear, but certainly inflict. ¶ [10] Grievouſly afflicted and dealt very cruelly with the Inhabitants of Gilead, 2 *Kings* 8. 12. and 10. 32. and 13.3,7. ¶ [11] 2 *Sam.* 12.31.

* Jer.17.27. Chap.2.2,5. 4 But I * will ſend [12] a fire into the houſe of Hazael, which ſhall devour the palaces of Benhadad.

[12] *V.* 7, 10, 12, 14. *Jer.* 49.27. Some prevailing Enemy, which ſhall deſtroy all.

5 I will break alſo the [13] bar of Damaſcus, and cut off the inhabitant from || the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the ſcepter from || the houſe of Eden: and the people of Syria ſhall go into captivity unto [14] Kir, ſaith the LORD.

|| Or, *Bikath-aven.*
|| Or, *Beth-eden.*

[13] The ſtrength and defence. ¶ [14] 2 *Kings* 16.9.

* Iſa.14.29. || Or, *carried them away with an entire captivity.* Joel 3.6. 6 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, For [7] three tranſgreſſions of * [15] Gaza, and for [7] four I will [9] not turn away *the puniſhment* thereof: becauſe they || [16] carried away captive [17] the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom.

[15] *Jer.*47.4,5. *Ezek.*25.16.17. *Zeph.* 2.4. The Philiſtines, *v.*7. See *n.*8. ¶ [16] 2 *Chron.*21.16,17. ¶ [17] All they could lay hold on, (which were very many) and particularly, all the Seed Royal, but one, 2 *Chron.*2.17.

7 But I will ſend a [18] fire on the wall of Gaza, which ſhall devour the palaces thereof. [18] 2 *Chr.*26.6.

8 And I will [19] cut off the inhabitant from Aſhdod, and him that holdeth the ſcepter from Aſhkelon, and I will [20] turn mine hand againſt Ekron; and the [21] remnant of the Philiſtines ſhall [21] periſh, ſaith the Lord God.

[19] 2 *Kings* 18.8. *Iſa.*20.1. ¶ [20] Alter the method of my proceedings from forbearance to puniſhment. ¶ [21] (But God ſtill preſerves a Remnant of his own people, *Iſa.*6.13.)

* Joel 3.4,5. 9 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, For [7] three tranſgreſſions [22] of * Tyre, and for [7] four I will [9] not turn away *the puniſhment* thereof: becauſe they delivered up the [17] whole captivity to Edom, and remembred not the † [23] brotherly covenant.

† Heb. *covenant of brethren.*

[22] *Iſa.*23.1. See there. ¶ [23] The League between *David, Solomon* and *Hiram,* 1 *Kings* 5.1. and 9.11–13.

2 Sam.5.11. 10 But I will ſend [24] a fire on the wall of Tyre, which ſhall devour the palaces thereof.

[24] *V.*7. *Nebuchadnezzar, Ezek.*26.7,9. *&c.* and 27. and 28.

* Iſa.21.11. & 34.5. Joel 3.19. Obad.1. Mal.1.3. * Deut.23.7. 11 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, For [7] three tranſgreſſions of * [25] Edom, and for [7] four I will [9] not turn away *the puniſhment* thereof: becauſe he did [26] purſue * his brother with the ſword, and † did caſt off all pity, and his anger did tear [27] perpetually, and he kept his wrath for [27] ever.

† Heb. *corrupted his compaſſion.*

[25] *Jer.*49.7. See there. ¶ [26] Took all occaſions to moleſt and diſtreſs the Jews. ¶ [27] From the firſt diſcovery of it in *Eſau* againſt *Jacob,* (*Gen.*27.41.) to the deſtruction of *Jeruſalem, Pſal.* 137.7.

[28] *Obad.*9,10. 12 But I will ſend a fire upon [28] Teman, which ſhall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

|| Or, *divided the mountains.* 13 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, For [7] three tranſgreſſions of the children of [29] Ammon, and for [7] four I will [9] not turn away *the puniſhment* thereof: becauſe they have || [30] ript up the women with child of Gilead, that they might [31] enlarge their border.

[29] *Jer.*49.1. *Ezek.*25.2–7. *Zeph.*2.9, ¶ [30] 2 *Kings* 8.–12. and 15.–16. *Hoſ.*13.–16. ¶ [31] By deſtroying all that dwelt in it, or had any title to it.

* Deut.3.11. 2 Sam.12.26. 14 But I will [32] kindle a fire in the wall of * Rabbah, and it ſhall devour the palaces thereof, with [33] ſhouting in the day of battel, with [33] a tempeſt in the day of the whirlwind.

[32] Frightful noiſes of aſſailing Enemies, wounded or affrighted people, *&c.* ¶ [33] A ſudden ſurpriſal by theſe Calamities.

15 And their king ſhall go into captivity, he, and his princes together, ſaith the LORD.

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1 *Gods wrath against Moab,* 4 *upon Judah,* 6 *and upon Israel.* 9 *God complaineth of their unthankfulness.*

3210. 3109. THus saith the LORD, For [1] three transgressions of * [2] Moab, and for [1] four I will [1] not turn away *the punishment* thereof: because he * [3] burnt the bones of the king of Edom into lime.

* Jer.48. Ezek.25.8. Zeph. 2.8.

[1] See on *ch.*1.3. ¶ [2] *Isa.*15.1. See there. ¶ [3] Exercis'd some barbarous and inhuman cruelty towards him.

* 2 King.3.27.

2 But I will send [4] a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth, and Moab shall [5] die with tumult, with shouting, *and* with the sound of the trumpet.

[4] See on *ch.* 1. 4. ¶ [5] Be destroy'd by the fury of war, (which is attended with tumultuous noises.)

* Num.24.17.

3 And I will cut off * the [6] judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the [6] princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

[6] All sorts of Magistrates and Rulers, (much more the common people.)

4 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, For [1] three transgressions of [7] Judah, and [1] for four I will [1] not turn away *the punishment* thereof: because they have [8] despised the [9] law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their [10] lies caused them to err, [10] after the which their fathers have walked.

[7] The people of God themselves may be guilty of as many and heinous sins, as the heathen. ¶ [8] Slighted, as not worthy to be observ'd. ¶ [9] Other Nations are threatned for their sins against the law and light of Nature, the Jews for their sins against the written Law. ¶ [10] Vain and frivolous excuses were a snare unto 'em to draw 'em into more sin; and were also a snare to their fathers before 'em.

5 But I will send a [4] fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, For [1] three transgressions of [7] Israel, and for [1] four I will [1] not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they [11] sold the righteous for silver, and the [11] poor for a pair of shoes.

[11] Betray'd one that had a righteous cause, or a poor man, into the hands of his unjust oppressours, for a small bribe; as *ch.*8.6.

7 That [12] pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and [13] turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the *same* ‖ maid, [14] to profane my holy name.

‖ Or, *young woman.*

[12] Are never at rest till they have brought the poor into extream misery and sorrow, 2 *Sam.* 13,19. ¶ [13] Misinterpret the actions and intangle the affairs of peaceable persons. ¶ [14] Whereby my Name, which they make profession of, is dishonour'd.

8 And they [15] lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge, [15] by every altar, and they [16] drink the wine of the ‖ condemned *in* the house of their god.

‖ Or, *such as have fined,* or *mulcted.*

[15] Detain the pledges of the poor, (contrary to *Exod.*22.26.) and use 'em as Carpets to prostrate themselves upon before their Idol-altars. ¶ [16] Make Feasts with the money they have got by the Fines of those whom they have unjustly condemn'd.

* Num.21.24. Deut.2.31.

9 ¶ [17] Yet * [18] destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose [19] height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* [19] strong as the oaks, yet I destroyed his [20] fruit from above, and his [20] roots from beneath.

[17] *q. d.* And these sins they have been guilty of, notwithstanding my great kindness to 'em. ¶ [18] *Josh.* 24. 8. ¶ [19] *Numb.* 13. 28, 32, 33. Persons of a Gigantine Stature, and proportionable strength. ¶ [20] *Job.*18.16. *Isa.*5.24. *Mal.* 4.-1. Utterly destroy'd 'em, Root and Branch, Fathers and Children, Princes and Subjects.

10 Also I [21] brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

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[21] *Exod.*12.31, 51.

11 And I raised up of [22] your sons for prophets, and of your young men for [23] Nazarites. *Is it* not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

[22] Your own flesh and blood, (whose affection to your welfare was unquestionable) to be your guides to eternal happiness. ¶ [23] To be living patterns and examples to you of a holy, temperate life.

12 But ye [24] gave the Nazarites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, [25] Prophesie not.

[24] Inticd 'em to transgress the Law, (*Numb.* 6.3.) and so to incur my displeasure. ¶ [25] *ch.*7.12,13. *Isa.*30.10. *Jer.*11. 21. *Mich.*2.6.

13 Behold, ‖ I am [26] pressed under you, as a cart is pressed *that is* full of sheaves.

‖ Or, *I will press your place as a cart full of sheaves presseth.*

14 * Therefore the [27] flight shall perish from the swift, and the [28] strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver † himself.

[26] *Mal.*2.17. * Chap.9.1. &c.

[27] Unavoidable Judgments shall overtake you, and no means of escape shall avail you. ¶ [28] The stoutest shall find his heart to faint and sink within him.

† Heb. *his soul or life.*

15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow, and *he that is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*, neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.

16 And *he that is* † couragious among the mighty, shall flee away [29] naked in that day, saith the LORD.

† Heb. *strong of his heart.*

[29] Stript of all his arms, and leaving his weapons behind him.

CHAP. III.

1 *The necessity of Gods judgment against Israel.* 9 *The publication and causes of it.*

HEar this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the [1] whole family which [2] I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

[1] The greatest part of 'em, *viz.* the ten Tribes. ¶ [2] (Which mercy should move you to obedience, but can be no protection in case of disobedience, *v.*2.)

2 You only have I [3] known of all the families of the earth: * [4] therefore I will † [5] punish you for all your iniquities.

* Rom.2.9. 1 Pet.4.17. † Heb. *visit upon.*

[3] Chosen and accepted to be my people, *Deut.* 7.6. and 10. 15. *Psal.*147. 19,20. ¶ [4] *Luke* 12. 47. *Matth.* 11. 20–24. ¶ [5] *Viz.* More severely.

3 [6] Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

[6] *q. d.* And tho' I have hitherto vouchsaf'd you my presence and favour, yet you can't in reason expect I should continue it any longer, since your practices are so contrary to my Precepts.

4 [7] Will a lion rore in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion † cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

† Heb. *give forth his voice.*

[7] *q. d.* As Lions don't use to rore, (*viz.* in that terrible manner: for their roring after their prey before they have it (*Psal.*104.21.) is in a more doleful tone) but when they see their prey within their reach, (and then they rore to terrifie it;) so neither does God threaten but when there's good occasion for it; and when he does so, judgment will certainly and speedily follow (without repentance.)

5 [8] Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth where no gin *is* for him? [9] shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

[8] *q. d.* Don't think that the evils that do or may befal you, come by chance; No, 'tis by my special Providence (*v.*6.) for your sins, *Matth.* 10. 29. ¶ [9] *q. d.* Threatnings denounc'd shall not be forborn, and Judgments inflicted shall not be remov'd, till you are either reform'd or ruin'd by 'em.

6 [10] Shall

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6 [10] Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not ‖ be afraid? * shall there be [11] evil in a city, ‖ and the LORD hath not [12] done *it?*

‖ Or, *run together.*
* Isa. 45.7.
‖ Or, *and shall not the* LORD *do* somewhat?

[10] *q. d.* Since God by his Prophets denounces Judgment, and gives you warning of your danger approaching, it becomes you to use all good means, by Repentance and Reformation, to prevent it, (but you are stupid and senseless.) ¶ [11] *Isa.* 42.24. See there, *Viz.* of punishment. ¶ [12] Who alone therefore is to be sought unto in such cases.

7 Surely, the Lord GOD will do [13] nothing, but he [14] revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

[13] *Viz.* In a way of Judgment against his Church and People. ¶ [14] *Gen.* 6.13. and 18.17. *Psal.* 25.14. *Prov.* 3.32. *John* 15.15. He usually discovers his counsel and purpose of inflicting Judgments on his people, to his Prophets, that they may warn the people of their danger, *Ezek.* 33.7. (which he has done: and therefore if you have not endeavour'd to prevent it, and evils do befal you, you may thank your selves for it.)

8 [15] The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath [16] spoken, * who can but prophesie?

* Acts 4. 20. & 5.20,29.

[15] *q. d.* And therefore since God has thus terribly threatned you, it becomes you to fear. See *v.* 10. ¶ [16] *q. d.* And in particular, God has reveal'd these things to me (how contemptible soever in your eyes) and therefore I must deliver 'em, (*Ezek.* 33.6. 1 *Cor.* 9.16.) and you shall do well to take heed thereto.

9 ¶ [17] Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and [17] say, Assemble your selves upon the mountains of Samaria: and behold the [18] great tumults in the midst thereof, and the ‖ [19] oppressed in the midst thereof.

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‖ Or, *oppressions.*

[17] *q. d.* Invite the neighbour Nations to come and observe what sins the ten Tribes are guilty of, that they may be satisfied of the justice of my proceedings and dealings with 'em. ¶ [18] The seditious courses that were rife among them of the ten Tribes under most of their Kings. ¶ [19] *ch.* 4. 1. Multitudes of oppressed ones in those times; when the Usurpers took it to be their interest to crush all they feared or suspected.

10 For they know not to do right, saith the LORD; who store up [20] violence and ‖ [20] robbery in their palaces.

‖ Or, *spoil.*

[20] *Zeph.* 1.9. Goods gotten by injustice, (which is no better than theft.)

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, [21] An adversary *there shall be* even round about the land; and he shall [22] bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

[21] The *Assyrian* shall invade 'em on every side. ¶ [22] Take thy strong Cities, and slay thy valiant men.

12 Thus saith the LORD, As the shepherd † taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; [23] so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria, in the corner of a bed, and ‖ in Damascus *in* a couch.

† Heb. *delivereth.*
‖ Or, *On the beds feet.*

[23] So there shall very few scape in this Judgment; only some of the poorer sort, who shall lurk and hide themselves in holes under or about beds, (most of 'em being either slain or carried into captivity.)

13 Hear [24] ye, and [25] testifie in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,

[24] Prophets. ¶ [25] Make proclamation of it among those of the ten Tribes, to move 'em to repentance.

14 That in the day that I shall ‖ visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Beth-el, and [26] the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

‖ Or, *punish Israel for.*

[26] Their idolatrous Altars shall be broken down, and demolish'd by the *Assyrians*, (as not agreeing with their own Idolatry and Superstition.)

15 And I will smite the [27] winter-house with the summer-house, and the houses [28] of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

[27] *Jer.* 36.22. *Judg.* 3.20. Whatsoever was matter of pleasure, delight, pomp or convenience to 'em. ¶ [28] 1 *Kings* 22. 39. Adorn'd therewith.

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CHAP. IV.

1 *He reproveth Israel for oppression,* 4 *for idolatry,* 6 *and for their incorrigibleness.*

HEar this word, ye * [1] kine of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of Samaria, which [2] oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their [3] masters, [4] Bring, and let us drink.

* Psal. 22. 12.

[1] Wealthy and potent Rulers and Judges (*Ezek.* 39. 18.) in places of Authority in the Kingdom of *Israel.* ¶ [2] *ch.* 3. 9. ¶ [3] They that have any command over these poor and needy. ¶ [4] Frame some pretence to bring 'em into our clutches, and we'll get something out of 'em to make merry withal.

2 The Lord GOD hath [5] sworn by his [6] holiness, that lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will [7] take you away with [7] hooks, and your posterity with [7] fish-hooks.

[5] *Ch.* 6. 8. and 8. 7. *Jer.* 51. 14. Irreversibly decreed. ¶ [6] (Which will not suffer him to endure such injustice, *Hab.* 1.13.) ¶ [7] *Jer.* 16.16. *Hab.* 1. 14, 15. Cause you to be carried into Captivity, and that as easily as men catch little fish.

3 And * ye shall [8] go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her, and ye shall ‖ cast *them* into the palace, saith the LORD.

* Ezek. 12.5, 12.
‖ Or, *cast away the things of the palace.*

[8] Seek to save your selves from the enemy by flight, at the next place you can find. ¶ [9] Or, *Cast away the things of the palace*; i. e. Cast away (for your easier flight) those precious things you kept in your stately houses.

4 ¶ [10] Come to [11] Beth-el and transgress, at [11] Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices [12] every morning, *and* your [13] tithes after † three years.

† Heb. *three years of days.*

[10] *q. d.* Take your course, and go on with your idolatrous Will-worship, if you think fit, and see what you'l get by it, (such a speech as that *Eccl.* 11. 9. and that *Matth.* 23.32.) ¶ [11] *Josh.* 4. 15. See there. ¶ [12] In imitation of the daily Sacrifice, *Exod.* 29.38,39. ¶ [13] In imitation of that Law, *Deut.* 14.28.

5 And † offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving [14] with leaven, and [15] proclaim *and* publish the free-offerings; for † [16] this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

† Heb. *offer by burning.*
† Heb. *so ye love.*

[14] In imitation of that *Lev.* 7. 13. ¶ [15] Offer your free-will Offerings so publickly that all may take notice thereof, (as *Matth.* 6.2.) ¶ [16] You are so violently addicted to these ways of Will-worship, that there's no reclaiming you.

6 ¶ And [17] I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: [18] yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

[17] *q. d.* But remember that for this your Idolatry I have punish'd you severely. ¶ [18] *Rev.* 2.21. and 9. 20, 21.

7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest, and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not, withered.

8 So two *or* three cities wandred unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

9 I have smitten you with [19] blasting and mildew; ‖ when your gardens and your vineyards, and your fig-trees, and your olive-trees [20] increased, * the palmer-worm devoured *them*: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

‖ Or, *the multitude of your gardens, &c. did the palmer-worm, &c.*
* Joel 1.4. & 2.25.

[19] *Deut.* 28. 22. *Hag.* 2. 17. ¶ [20] Shot forth towards an encrease.

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10 I have sent among you the pestilence ‖ after the manner of [21] Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, † and have taken away your horses, and I have made the stink of your [22] camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

‖ Or, *in the way.*
† Heb. *with the captivity of your horses.*

[21] *Exod.*9.10. ¶ [22] Those slain there by the Enemy.

11 I have [23] overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew * Sodom and Gomorrah, and [24] ye were as a fire-brand pluckt out of the burning, yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

* Gen. 19. 24, 25.

[23] *Viz.* By devouring fire on their Houses and Habitations, or some such desolating Judgment. ¶ [24] *Zech.* 3. 2. They that escap't that Judgment were yet in great danger.

12 Therefore [25] thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, * [26] prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

* See Ezek. 13. 5. & 22. 30.

[25] Still multiply Judgments, whiles thou continuest impenitent. ¶ [26] *Luke* 14. 31, 32. Set your selves in good earnest to make your peace with God by repentance, and so to prevent what else will follow.

13 [27] For lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth ‖ the wind, and [28] declareth unto man what *is* his thought, that [29] maketh the morning darkness, and * [30] treadeth upon the high places of the earth, the LORD, the God of hosts *is* his name.

‖ Or, *spirit.*
* Deut. 32. 13. & 33. 29.

[27] *q.d.* And it concerns you to do so; because he is an Almighty God, and therefore will destroy you, if you do not so. ¶ [28] Is omniscient, and therefore can't be deceiv'd by the most subtle Contrivances. ¶ [29] *ch.* 5. 8. Turns all your hopes and comforts into grief and mourning ¶ [30] *Mic.* 1.-3. Is exalted above all humane power, and subdues the proudest Spirits.

CHAP. V.

1 *A lamentation for Israel.* 4 *An exhortation to repentance.* 21 *God rejecteth their hypocritical service.*

1 HEar ye this word which I take up against you, *even* [2] a lamentation, O house of Israel.

[1] *Ch.*3.1. ¶ [2] For the Judgments coming upon you.

2 The [3] virgin of Israel is fallen, she shall no more rise: she is [4] forsaken upon her land, *there is* none to raise her up.

[3] The state of *Israel*, not yet subdued or humbled by Enemies, (as *Isa.*47.1. *Jer.*46.11.) shall certainly and suddenly fall from her former prosperity into extreme misery, and not recover again for a long time. ¶ [4] Deprived of her Subjects who formerly possess'd her Land.

3 For thus saith the Lord GOD, [5] The city that went out *by* [6] a thousand, shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth *by* an hundred, shall leave ten to the house of Israel.

[5] *q.d.* So great a destruction shall there be made of their Forces by the Enemy, that but a small part shall be left to 'em.

4 ¶ [7] For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, [7] Seek ye me, and ye shall [8] live.

[6] Or, *rather* since it is so. ¶ [7] *v.* 6, 14. By repentance and reformation. ¶ [8] Continue in your flourishing condition, and be preserved from these Judgments, or at least saved everlastingly.

5 But seek not [9] Beth-el, nor enter into [9] Gilgal, and pass not to [9] Beer-sheba: for [10] Gilgal shall surely [11] go into captivity, and [10] Beth-el shall [11] come to nought.

[9] *Ch.*4.4. and 8.14. To your Idols there; but absolutely renounce 'em all. ¶ [10] The Inhabitants thereof. ¶ [11] In the Hebrew there's an allusion to their Names.

6 [7] Seek the LORD and ye shall [8] live, lest he break out like fire in the house of [12] Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* [13] none to quench *it* in Beth-el.

[12] *Ch.*6.-6. The Ten Tribes; whereof *Ephraim* the Son of *Joseph* was chief. ¶ [13] *viz.* Of your Idols there.

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7 Ye who [14] turn judgment to wormwood, and [15] leave off righteousness in the earth.

[14] *Ch.*6.12. *Hos.*10.4. Pervert Justice to the great grief and vexation of the wronged. ¶ [15] Neglect the administration of Justice, and all just dealings.

8 [7] *Seek him* that [16] maketh the seven stars and Orion, and [17] turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and [17] maketh the day dark with night: that [18] calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth, the LORD *is* his name:

[16] *Job* 9. 9. and 38. 31. Governs all the influences of the Stars, (and so can give you seasonable Weather again, which has been with-holden, *ch.*4.7.) ¶ [17] Is the Disposer of Day and Night; and also can change your condition from good to evil, or evil to good, *ch.*4.-13. ¶ [18] *ch.* 9.-6. Raises vapours out of the Sea, which turn to rain; and so can bring either showers of comfort, or a deluge of misery on you.

9 [19] That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong; so that the † spoiled shall [20] come against the fortress.

† Heb. *spoil.*

[19] Who can enable the weakest to encounter their strong Enemies. ¶ [20] Be able to besiege and take their strong Holds.

10 [21] They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that [22] speaketh uprightly.

[21] *Isa.*29.21. *q.d.* Yet they have not consider'd this, but have shewed their malice against those that reprove 'em openly for their sins. ¶ [22] Deals freely and truly with 'em.

11 Forasmuch therefore as [23] your treading *is* upon the poor, and ye take from him [24] burdens of wheat: * ye have [25] built houses of hewen stone, but ye shall not dwell in them: ye have [26] planted † pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

* Deut. 28. 30, 39. Hag. 1. 6.
† Heb. *vineyards of desire.*

[23] You crush and oppress 'em, and that in an insolent manner, *ch.*4.1. ¶ [24] Their provision for their own sustenance. ¶ [25] *Zeph.* 1.13. *viz.* By such unjust means. ¶ [26] *Deut.* 28. 39.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions, and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a ‖ bribe, and they [27] turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right.*

‖ Or, *ransom.*

[27] *Isa.* 10.2. *Lam.*3.35. *Mal.*3.5. Pass false Sentence against the poor, contrary to right.

13 [28] Therefore the [29] prudent shall keep silence in that time, for it *is* an [30] evil time.

[28] *q.d.* Since sin does so abound, (*v.* 12.) and you are grown incorrigible therein, (*v.* 10.) so that Judgment must needs follow, (*v.*-11.) therefore---- ¶ [29] The Godly wise shall forbear reproof, and silently adore God's Justice in his dealings with you, and not murmur at 'em. ¶ [30] *Mic.*2.-3. 2 *Tim.*3.-1. Both in regard of sin and suffering.

14 [31] Seek good and not evil, that ye may [8] live: and so the LORD the God of hosts shall be with you, as ye [32] have spoken.

[31] Follow after. ¶ [32] Use to boast, *Mic.* 3.-11.

15 [33] Hate the [34] evil, and [33] love the [34] good, and [35] establish judgment in the gate: [36] it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the [37] remnant of [12] Joseph.

[33] *Psal.*97.10. and 119.104. *Rom.* 12.9. and 7.22. God is not only to be sought, (*v.* 4.) but to be loved. And Evil is not only not to be pursued, but to be hated. ¶ [34] Both Practices and Persons, *Psal.*15.4. and 139.21,22. ¶ [35] Let Justice be administred with a steddy course, and not turn'd aside (*viz.*-12.) upon any occasion. ¶ [36] *Joel* 2.14. See there. ¶ [37] The few that survive these Judgments.

16 [38] Therefore the LORD the God of hosts, the Lord saith thus, Wailing *shall be* in all streets, and they shall say in all the high-ways, Alas, alas: and they shall call the [39] husbandman to mourning, and such as are [40] skilful of lamentation to wailing.

[38] *q.d.* But because foreseeing you will not hearken to my Call, (*v.*14,15.) and repent, therefore---- ¶ [39] *i.e.* There shall be occasion enough, and but too much for mourning, in the Country as well as in the City. ¶ [40] 2 *Chron.* 35.25.

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*Jer.*9.17. *Matth.*9.23. Their ſorrow ſhall be ſo great, that they ſhall not be able to expreſs it ſufficiently themſelves, but ſhall call in the help of others, who make a trade of it.

17 And in all [41] vineyards *ſhall be* wailing: for I will [42] paſs through thee, ſaith the LORD.

[41] Where was wont to be the greateſt mirth. ¶ [42] *Exod.* 12.12. Make a general deſtruction among you.

18 Wo unto you that [43] deſire the [44] day of the LORD: [45] to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* [46] darkneſs and not light.

[43] *Iſa.*5.19. *Jer.*17.15. 2 *Pet.*3.4. Out of a profane or preſumptuous Spirit; as not believing any ſuch thing, they ſcornfully wiſh they could once ſee it. ¶ [44] *Joel* 1.15. See there. ¶ [45] What will you get by it? ¶ [46] *Zeph.* 1.15. Full of miſery and perplexity, without any comfort.

19 [47] As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the houſe, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a ſerpent bit him.

[47] *q. d.* And theſe calamities ſhall be of ſundry ſorts; ſo that tho you ſhould eſcape one, yet you ſhall fall into another, *Iſa.*24.18. *Jer.*48.44.

20 *Shall* not the [44] day of the LORD *be* [46] darkneſs, and not light? even very dark, and no brightneſs in it?

*Jer. 6.20. ‖Or, *ſmell your holy-days.*

21 ¶ * [48] I hate, I deſpiſe [49] your feaſt-days, and I will not ‖ [50] ſmell in your ſolemn aſſemblies.

[48] *Iſa.*1.11. See there. *q. d.* Don't think to appeaſe my wrath by any of your ceremonious obſervations. ¶ [49] Of your own inſtitution, (not mine.) ¶ [50] Accept, *Gen.*8.21. See there.

22 Though ye offer me burnt-offerings, and your meat-offerings, I will not accept *them*: ‖ Or, *thank-offerings.* neither will I regard the ‖ peace-offerings of your fat beaſts.

23 Take thou away from me the noiſe of thy [51] ſongs, for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

[51] Uſed at their Sacrifices and Worſhip, as a part of God's ſervice.

† Heb. *roll.* 24 But let [52] judgment † run down as waters, and righteouſneſs as a mighty ſtream.

[52] Let the adminiſtration of Juſtice have a free courſe without interruption. See *n.*35.

25 [53] Have ye offered [54] unto me ſacrifices and offerings in the wilderneſs forty years, O houſe of Iſrael?

[53] *Acts* 7.42. See there. *q. d.* You and your Forefathers in the Wilderneſs are all of the ſame ſtamp; they were Idolaters, and ſo are you, (and therefore that's no excuſe that you do but as they did.) ¶ [54] *q. d.* You have not done it ſo much to me as to your Idols.

‖ Or, *Siccuth your king.* 26 But ye have [55] born ‖ the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, [56] the ſtar of your God, which ye made to your ſelves.

[55] Carried about with you a Shrine, with the Images of the *Sun* and *Saturn* in it. ¶ [56] Some other Idol in the ſhape of a Star.

27 Therefore will I cauſe you to go into captivity [57] beyond Damaſcus, ſaith the LORD, whoſe name *is* the God of hoſts.

[57] Yea, beyond *Babylon*, *Acts* 7.43.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The wantonneſs of Iſrael* 7 *ſhall be plagued with deſolation,* 12 *and their incorrigibleneſs.*

‖ Or, *ſecure.* WO to them *that are* at ‖ [1] eaſe in Zion, [2] and truſt in the mountain of Samaria, 3 *which are* named ‖ chief of the nations, to whom the houſe of Iſrael came.

‖ Or, *firſt-fruits.*

[1] *Jer.*48.11. *Luke* 6.24. Wealthy Perſons of the Kingdom of *Judah*, and chiefly thoſe of *Jeruſalem*, who are grown carnally ſecure, *Luke* 12.19. ¶ [2] *q. d.* And wo to them alſo who rely upon the ſtrength, wealth or policy of the Kingdom of *Iſrael*. ¶ [3] Which two Cities of *Sion* and *Samaria* are the principal Cities of thoſe two Kingdoms, to which all *Iſrael* reſort.

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2 [4] Paſs ye unto Calneh, and ſee; and from thence go ye to Hemath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philiſtines: [5] *be they* better then theſe kingdoms? or their border greater then your border?

[4] *Jer.*2.10,11. and 7.12. *Nah.* 3.8. *q. d.* Conſider what God has done to thoſe great Cities for their ſins, and then take warning thereby. ¶ [5] *q. d.* Tho theſe Cities and Countries were once greater and better in ſome reſpects than any of yours: (ſo the affirmative Interrogation is ſometimes reſolv'd, *Jer.*31.20.) yet now they lie buried in their own ruines; (therefore don't you be ſecure and confident.)

3 Ye that [6] put far away the * evil day, and [7] cauſe the ‖ ſeat of violence to come near.

* Chap.5.18. ‖Or, *habitation.*

[6] *Ch.*9.10. *Ezek.*12.22. Drive all thoughts of Judgment approaching out of your heads; or elſe flatter your ſelves as if it would never come, or not this great while yet. ¶ [7] *Pſal.* 94.20. Take all opportunities to uſe violence under pretence of Juſtice.

4 That [8] lie upon beds [9] of ivory, and ‖ [8] ſtretch themſelves upon their couches, and [8] eat the lambs out of the flock, and the [8] calves out of the midſt of the ſtall;

‖ Or, *abound with ſuperfluities.*

[8] That give themſelves up to ſlothfulneſs, luxury and ſenſuality of all ſorts, (like him, *Luke* 16.19.) ¶ [9] Inlaid and adorned with Ivory, as *ch.*3.15.

5 That ‖ [10] chant to the ſound of the viol, *and* invent to themſelves inſtruments of muſick, like [11] David;

‖ Or, *quaver.*

[10] *Iſa.*5.12. Are ſet all upon a merry pin. ¶ [11] 1 *Chr.*23.5.

6 That drink ‖ wine in bowls; and anoint themſelves with the chief ointments: but they are [12] not grieved for the † affliction of [13] Joſeph.

‖ Or, *in bowls of wine.* † Heb. *breach.*

[12] Don't ſympathize with the people of God in their ſufferings. ¶ [13] Thoſe of the ten Tribes; which the perſons here threatened are no more affected with, than *Joſeph*'s Brethren were with his ſufferings, *Gen.*37.24,25. & 42.21.

7 ¶ Therefore now ſhall they go [14] captive with the firſt that go captive, and the banquet of them that ſtretched themſelves, ſhall be removed.

[14] *ch.*5.27.

8 The Lord GOD hath [15] ſworn by himſelf, ſaith the LORD the God of hoſts, I abhor the [16] excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the [17] city, with † all that is therein.

† Heb. *the fulneſs thereof.*

[15] *Ch.*4.2. See there. ¶ [16] The Jews, notwithſtanding all thoſe external Priviledges which rendred them more excellent than others, *Rom.* 3.1,2. and 9.4,5. ¶ [17] *Jeruſalem*, *Samaria*, and the reſt of their Cities.

9 And it ſhall come to paſs, if there remain ten men in one houſe, that they ſhall [18] die.

[18] *Viz.* By Peſtilence, or ſome other ſtroke of God's hand.

10 And a mans [19] uncle ſhall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the [20] bones out of the houſe, and [21] ſhall ſay unto him that *is* by the ſides of the houſe, *Is there* yet *any* [22] with thee? and he ſhall ſay, No: then ſhall he ſay, [23] Hold thy tongue; for ‖ we may not make mention of the name of the LORD. 3210.

‖ Or, *they will not*, or *have not.*

[19] His neareſt Kinſman, (there being none other left to do it.) ¶ [20] To bury them. ¶ [21] The Unkle ſhall ſay to the other that burns the dead Bodies. ¶ [22] Remaining yet unburied. ¶ [23] *q. d.* It's in vain to ſeek unto God now for help, ſince he appears ſo angry againſt us.

11 For behold, the LORD [24] commandeth, and he will [25] ſmite the great houſe with ‖ breaches, and the little houſe with clefts.

‖ Or, *droppings.*

[24] Has ſo decreed. ¶ [25] Conſume whole Families, both great and ſmall, and leave their habitations ruin'd.

12 ¶ [26] Shall horſes run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? for ye have [27] turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteouſneſs into hemlock.

[26] *q. d.* And

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[26] *q. d.* And tho God has hitherto warn'd you by his Prophets of your danger, yet ſince you'l not be reclaim'd, but ſtill remain incorrigible, its to no purpoſe to continue theſe warnings. ¶ [27] See on *ch.*5.7.

13 Ye which rejoyce in [28] a thing of nought, which ſay, Have we not [29] taken to us horns by our own ſtrength?

[28] Your own ſtrength, which will do you no good. ¶ [29] Advanc'd our ſelves to power and greatneſs by our own endeavours.

14 But behold, I will raiſe up againſt you a [30] nation, O houſe of Iſrael, ſaith the LORD the God of hoſts, and they ſhall afflict you [31] from the entring in of Hemath,[31] unto the ‖ river of the wilderneſs.

‖ Or, *valley.*

[30] The *Aſſyrians* and *Babylonians.* ¶ [31] From one end of your Country to the other.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The judgments of the graſhoppers,* 4 *and of the fire, are diverted by the prayer of Amos.*

THus hath the Lord GOD [1] ſhewed unto me, and behold, he formed [2] ‖ graſhoppers in the beginning of the ſhooting up of the latter growth, and lo, *it was* the latter growth, after the [3] kings mowings.

‖ Or, *green worms.*

[1] *Viz.* In Viſion. ¶ [2] To devour the fruits of the earth, *ch.*4.9. *Joel* 1.4. and 2.2, *&c.* which may be alſo an emblem of an invaſion by Foreign Forces, (*Iſa.*33.4. *Neh.* 3.17.) or of ſome other Judgment. ¶ [3] After the mowing down of that Crop that belonged to the King.

2 And it came to paſs, *that* when they had made an end of eating the [4] graſs of the land, then I ſaid, O LORD God, [5] forgive, I beſeech thee: ‖ [6] by whom ſhall Jacob ariſe? for he *is* [7] ſmall?

‖ Or, *who* of (or, for) *Jacob ſhall ſtand.*

[4] (And were ready to fall upon the Corn.) ¶ [5] *Exod.* 32.11. *Jer.*18.20. Remove this Judgment, *v.*5. ¶ [6] Who or what can raiſe up thy People *Iſrael*, if thou continueſt theſe Judgments upon 'em? ¶ [7] *Deut.* 32.36. Much weakened and impoveriſh'd by theſe Judgments.

3 The LORD [8] repented for this: it ſhall [9] not be, ſaith the LORD.

[8] See on *Gen.*6.6. *Lam.*3.10. *Jam.*5.18. ¶ [9] Proceed no further.

4 ¶ Thus hath the LORD God [1] ſhewed unto me, and behold, the Lord GOD [10] called to contend by [11] fire, and it [12] devoured the great deep, and did eat up [12] a part.

[10] Reſolved and provided Inſtruments. ¶ [11] Drought, or War, (as *ch.*1.4,7.) a greater Judgment than the former. ¶ [12] Dried up the Springs and Rivers; or conſumed the people in part.

5 Then ſaid I, O LORD God, [5] ceaſe, I beſeech thee: [6] by whom ſhall Jacob ariſe? for he *is* [7] ſmall.

6 The LORD [8] repented for this: This alſo ſhall [9] not be, ſaith the Lord GOD.

7 ¶ Thus he [1] ſhewed me, and behold, the Lord ſtood upon a [13] wall *made* by a plumb-line, with a [14] plumb-line in his hand.

[13] The Commonwealth of *Iſrael*, founded upon, and govern'd by juſt Laws and exact rules of righteouſneſs. ¶ [14] *Ezek.*40.3. *Zech.*2.1. *Rev.*11.1. and 21.15. To examine and diſcover their faults, and puniſh 'em for the ſame without any further delay, *v.*7-8,2 *King.*21.13. *Iſa.*34.11. *Lam.*2.8.

8 And the LORD ſaid unto me, Amos, what ſeeſt thou? and I ſaid, A plumb-line. Then ſaid the LORD, Behold, I will ſet a [14] plumb-line in the midſt of my people Iſrael, I will [15] not again paſs by them any more.

[15] *Ch.*8.2. Now no longer forbear to puniſh 'em.

9 And the high places [16] of Iſaac ſhall be deſolate, and the [17] ſanctuaries of Iſrael ſhall be laid waſte; and I will [18] riſe againſt the houſe of Jeroboam with the ſword.

[16] Made under pretence of imitating *Iſaac* and their other Fore-fathers, who formerly ſerved God there, but afterwards were confined to one only place. ¶ [17] Temples of Idols, or the Calves at *Dan* and *Bethel.* ¶ [18] 2 *King.* 15.10.

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10 ¶ [19] Then Amaziah * the [20] prieſt of Bethel ſent to Jeroboam king of Iſrael, ſaying, Amos hath [21] conſpired againſt thee in the midſt of the houſe of Iſrael: [22] the land is not able to bear all his words.

* 2King.12.32 3210.

[19] *Viz.* After that *Amos* had declar'd theſe Viſions to the People. ¶. [20] Chief idolatrous Prieſt. ¶ [21] *Ezra* 4.15. *Neh.*6.6. *Luke* 23.2. *Acts* 24.5. Hath endeavour'd to raiſe ſedition and rebellion againſt thee openly: (Corrupt Churchmen commonly accuſe the faithful Prophets of God, and ſeek to ſet the Civil Magiſtrate againſt 'em.) ¶ [22] The People will never be quiet till he be puniſh'd for it.

11 For thus Amos ſaith, [23] Jeroboam ſhall die by the ſword, and Iſrael ſhall ſurely be led away captive out of their own land.

[23] (He miſrepreſents his words; for he ſpake not of his Perſon, but of his Houſe, *v.*9.)

12 [24] Alſo Amaziah ſaid unto Amos, [25] O thou ſeer, go, [26] flee thee away into the land [27] of Judah, and there [28] eat bread, and propheſie there.

[24] Finding his former plot to fail, he tries another trick to get rid of him. ¶ [25] 1 *Sam.*9.9. So *Matth.* 22.16. *q. d.* Hark you Sir Seer, you had better be packing hence, and go to *Judah* your own Country; for here's no place for ſuch as you are: We had rather have your room than your company. ¶ [26] *Luke* 13.31. ¶ [27] Where they'l give better entertainment both to thy Perſon and Doctrin. ¶ [28] There thou mayeſt get a good living: but here's nothing to be had for thee.

13 But propheſie not again any more at Bethel: for it *is* the kings ‖ chappel, and it *is* the † kings court.

‖ Or, *ſanctuary.* † Heb. *houſe of the kingdom.*

14 ¶ Then anſwered Amos, and ſaid to Amaziah, I *was* [29] no prophet, neither *was* I a [30] prophets ſon; but I *was* an [31] herdman, and a [32] gatherer of ‖ ſycomore-fruit.

‖ Or, *wild figs.*

[29] Not one that had withdrawn from worldly affairs, and given up my ſelf to a Prophetic Life. ¶ [30] One of thoſe that are train'd up in the Schools of the Prophets, in order to that calling, 2 *King.*2.3. and 4.38. and 6.1. ¶ [31] *ch.*1.1. ¶ [32] One that can live hardly, (and therefore need not propheſie for a Livelihood.)

15 And the LORD [33] took me † as I followed the flock, and the LORD [34] ſaid unto me, Go, propheſie unto my people Iſrael.

† Heb. *from behind.* [33] *Pſal.*78.70, 71.

16 ¶ Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: thou ſayeſt, Propheſie not againſt Iſrael, and [35] drop not *thy word* againſt the [36] houſe of Iſaac.

[34] *Acts* 4.19. [35] *Ezek* 20.46. and 21.2. *Deut.*32.2. ¶ [36] The Poſterity.

17 * Therefore thus ſaith the LORD, Thy wife ſhall be an harlot in the city, and thy ſons and thy daughters ſhall fall by the ſword, and [37] thy land ſhall be divided by line: and thou ſhalt die in a [38] polluted land, and Iſrael ſhall ſurely go into captivity forth of his land.

* See Jer.28. 12.& 29.2,25. Compl. 3283.

[37] Thy Eſtate ſhall be ſhared among the Soldiers or Courtiers of *Menahem.* ¶ [38] In *Aſſyria.* 2 *King.*15.29.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *By a basket of ſummer-fruit, is ſhewed Iſraels end.* 4 *Oppreſſion reproved* 11 *A famine of the word threatned.*

THus hath the Lord GOD [1] ſhewed unto me, and behold, a basket of [2] ſummer-fruit.

[1] *Viz.* In Viſion, (as *ch.*7.1.) for confirmation of that, *ch.*7.7,8. ¶ [2] To note, that they were ripe for Judgment; and therefore muſt ſpeedily be gathered or cut down, (*Joel* 3.13.) and eaten by the devouring enemy, *v.*-2.

2 And he ſaid, Amos, [3] what ſeeſt thou? and I ſaid, [2] A basket of ſummer-fruit. Then ſaid the

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the LORD unto me, [4] The end is come upon my people of Israel, [5] I will not again pass by them any more.

[3] Ch 7.8. ¶ [4] *Jer.*1.-12. *Lam.*4. 18. *Ezek.* 7. 6, 7. The time for their utter and final overthrow. ¶ [5] *ch.*7. 8. See there.

† Heb. *howl.*

3 And the songs of the temple shall † be [6] howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place, they shall [7] cast *them* forth † with silence.

[6] *v.* 10. ¶ [7] Throw 'em into the ground without lamentation, or any solemnity.

4 ¶ Hear this, O ye that [8] swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

[8] *Psal.*14.4. *Matth.* 23. 14. Devour all their substance, so that they cannot any longer subsist, but are ready to starve for hunger.

‖ Or, *meneth.*

5 Saying, When will the ‖ new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may † set forth wheat, making the [9] ephah small, and the [10] shekel great, and † [11] falsifying the balances by deceit?

† Heb. *open.*
† Heb. *perverting the balances of deceit.*

[9] The measure that they sold their Wheat by, containing about three Pecks, and almost two Quarts. ¶ [10] The mony they received for their Corn by weight. ¶ [11] *Mic.*6.10,11. Contrary to *Deut.*25.13.

6 That we may [12] buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea*, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

[12] *Ch.*2.6. Reduce 'em to poverty, and then make 'em our Bond-men for a small sum of mony.

7 The LORD hath [13] sworn by the [14] excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never [15] forget any of their works.

[13] *Ch.*4.2. See there. [14] ¶ *ch.*6.8. Himself, *Psal.* 47.4. *Luke* 2.32. ¶ [15] Omit to punish.

8 Shall not the [16] land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and [17] it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it [18] shall be cast out and drowned, [19] as *by* the flood of Egypt.

[16] *Psal.* 60.2. The Inhabitants. ¶ [17] *ch.*9.-5. As waters rise up and cover a Land, so shall your Land be overwhelmed with a deluge of Calamities. ¶ [18] As the Sea, and *Nile* are restless, and still casting out mire and dirt, (*Isa.*57.20) so the Land shall be disquieted, that the people can't dwell in it. ¶ [19] As *Egypt* is by the River *Nile* when it overflows.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will [20] cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day.

[20] *Jer.*15.9. *Mic.*3.-6. Surprize 'em with great extremities when they think themselves most secure, so that all their joy and comfort shall vanish on a sudden. 1 *Thess.*5.3.

10 And I will turn your feasts into [21] mourning, and all your songs into lamentation, and * I will bring up [22] sackcloth upon all loyns, and [22] baldness upon every head: and I will make it as the mourning of an [23] only *son*, and the [24] end thereof as a bitter day.

* Isa. 15.2. Ezek.7.18.

[21] *V.*3. *Hos.*2.11. ¶ [22] *Ezek.*27.30,31. ¶ [23] *Jer.* 6. 26. *Zech.*12.-10. ¶ [24] All their mirth and jollity shall end in great bitterness of woe and misery.

11 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of Bread, nor a thirst for water, but of [25] hearing the [26] words of the LORD.

[25] *Psal.*74.9. 1 *Sam.*3.1. ¶ [26] *viz.* Deliver'd unto 'em in the power and purity thereof, and also some good news from God, when their troubles should end.

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

13 In that day shall the [27] fair virgins and [27] young men faint for thirst.

[27] They who have attained to the greatest measure of Grace shall find a great decay, both in respect of the Beauty and Strength thereof through the want of Ordinances.

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14 [28] They that * swear by the * sin of Samaria, and say, thy God, O Dan, liveth, and the † [29] manner of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

* Hos.4.15. * Deut.9.21. † Heb. *way.* See Acts 9. 2. & 18.25. & 19.9,23.

[28] *q.d.* And all Idolaters, who swear by, and worship the Idols of *Samaria*. ¶ [29] That God who is served in, and by that way of worship used at *Beersheba*.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The certainty of the desolation.* 11 *The restoring of the tabernacle of David.*

I [1] Saw the [2] Lord [3] standing upon the [4] altar, and he said, [5] Smite the ‖ lintel of the door, that the posts may [5] shake: and ‖ [6] cut them in the head all of them; and I will slay the [7] last of them with the [8] sword: he that fleeth of them shall [9] not flee away; and he that [10] escapeth of them, shall not be delivered.

‖ Or, *chapiter*, or *knop.*
‖ Or, *wound them.*

[1] *Viz.* In Vision, (*ch.* 7. 1. and 8. 1.) This Vision chiefly concerns *Jerusalem* and the two Tribes. ¶ [2] Some glorious representation of him. ¶ [3] Ready to execute Judgment, and depart from 'em. ¶ [4] *viz.* Of Burnt-offerings, (as *Ezek.*9.-2.) as if he were departing and leaving the Temple by degrees, as *Ezek.*10.4. ¶ [5] To note the destruction of the Temple, and service there. ¶ [6] The chiefest of the People standing in the Court, shall have the first and greatest blow. ¶ [7] The meaner sort also. ¶ [8] *viz.* Of the *Assyrians* and *Babylonians*. ¶ [9] *ch.* 2.14, 15. and 5.19. Not secure themselves from Judgments. ¶ [10] *Viz.* For the present.

2 Though they [11] dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they [12] climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

[11] *Psal.*139.8. *&c. Jer.*23.24. ¶ [12] *Job* 20. 6. *Jer.*51.53. *Obad.*4.

3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid [13] from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

[13] *Viz.* In their own Atheistical apprehension, *Psal.*94.7.

4 And though they [14] go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and * I will [15] set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

* Lev.17.10. Jer.44.11.

[14] Fly into some Foreign Country to escape their Enemies, *Deut.*28.65. ¶ [15] *Deut.*28.6. *Lev.*17.10. *Jer.*44.-11. & 24.6.

5 And the Lord God of hosts *is* he that [16] toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn, and [17] it shall rise up wholly like a flood, and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

[16] If he do but put forth the least token of his power and wrath upon the Land, it shall come to ruine. ¶ [17] *ch.*8.-8. See there.

‖ Or, *spheres.*
† Heb. *ascensions.*
‖ Or, *bundle.*

6 *It is* he that [18] buildeth ‖ † his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his ‖ [19] troop in the earth, he that [20] calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: the LORD *is* his name.

[18] *Ch.*5.8. *Jer.*5.22. *Psal.*104.3. Has made the several Regions of the Air. ¶ [19] The several sorts and ranks of Creatures, (and therefore can make good his threatning, how unlikely soever.) ¶ [20] *ch.*5.-8 See there.

7 [21] *Are* ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the [22] Syrians from Kir?

[21] *q.d.* And however you may boast of your Pedigree, and the Priviledges I have bestowed on you, yet (since your behaviour is no better than theirs) I'll deal with you as with the worst of the Heathen, *Jer.*9.25,26. ¶ [22] *q.d.* And tho I have shewed great kindness to you in your redemption from

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from *Egypt*, yet I have done the like for other Nations alſo; and therefore you may be as obnoxious to my juſtice for all that, as they are. ¶ [23] (Not [*Aſſyrians*] as many Editions read it.)

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* upon the ſinful [24] kingdom, and * I will deſtroy it from off the face of the earth; ſaving that I will [25] not utterly deſtroy the houſe of Jacob, ſaith the LORD.

* Jer.31.35,36. Obad.16,17.

[24] *Viz.* For evil, *v.*4. ¶ [25] *V.*11. *Jer.*30.11. *Rom.*9.27. & 11.5.

9 For lo, I will command, and I will † [26] ſift the houſe of Iſrael among all nations, like [26] as *corn* is ſifted in a ſive, yet ſhall not [27] the leaſt † grain fall upon the earth.

† Heb. *cauſe to move.*

† Heb. *ſtone.*

[26] *Luke* 22.31. Diſperſe and toſs 'em about (thereby to try and cleanſe 'em) with all exactneſs imaginable, to ſeparate the corn from the chaff. ¶ [27] Not one of the Elect, ſincere ones among 'em ſhall be utterly loſt.

10 All the [28] ſinners of my people ſhall die by the ſword, which [29] ſay, The evil ſhall not overtake nor [30] prevent us.

[28] *Iſa.*33.14. Notorious impenitent ſinners. ¶ [29] *ch.*6.3. ¶ [30] Seize upon us before we are got out of its reach.

11 ¶ [31] In that day will I [32] raiſe up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and † cloſe up the [33] breaches thereof, and I will raiſe up his ruines, and I will build it [34] as in the days of old:

† Heb. *hedge*, or *wall.*

[31] *Acts* 15.16. See there. In God's appointed time: after the foreſaid deſtruction. ¶ [32] Repair and reſtore the Church of the Jews, much ſhatter'd and fallen into decay by the revolt of the ten Tribes, captivity of the whole, and other calamities that have befallen 'em. This began to be fulfill'd by the preaching of Chriſt and the Apoſtles, and converſion of the Gentiles, (*Acts* 15.16.) and will be fully accompliſh'd in the Jews general converſion. ¶ [33] All differences and diviſions that have been between the Tribes of *Judah* and *Iſrael*, *Ezek.*37.16. *&c. Hoſ.*1.11. ¶ [34] As it was in it's moſt flouriſhing condition; and more.

12 [35] That they may poſſeſs the [36] remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, † which [37] are called by my name, ſaith the LORD that [38] doeth this.

† Heb. *upon whom my name is called.*

[35] *Obad.* 19. *q. d.* And my Goſpel-Church ſhall become glorious by the acceſſion and converſion of the Gentiles, even thoſe that were her greateſt Enemies, *Acts* 15.17. (as *Num.* 24.17. *Iſa.*11.14.) ¶ [36] Such as have eſcap'd that deſtruction which has befall'n others of 'em, for their oppoſition to the Goſpel. ¶ [37] Make profeſſion of faith in me. ¶ [38] Is the principal Agent, (tho' he make uſe of Inſtruments herein.)

13 Behold, the [39] days come, ſaith the LORD, that the [40] plow-man ſhall overtake the reaper, and the [41] treader of grapes, him that † ſoweth ſeed; and the [42] mountains ſhall ‖ drop ſweet wine, and all the hills ſhall [43] melt.

† Heb. *draweth forth.*

‖ Or, *new wine.*

[39] In Goſpel-times. ¶ [40] *Lev.* 26. 5. See there. Before the Plow-man has done tilling, harveſt ſhall come on, through the extraordinary ſeaſonableneſs of the weather. ¶ [41] The Vintage ſhall be ſo great, that before they have diſpatch'd all their work about it, ſeed-time will come on againſt next harveſt. Hereby denoting the plenty and abundance of ſpiritual bleſſings that ſhall then be beſtowed. ¶ [42] *Joel* 3. 18. See there. ¶ [43] Flow with Wine, Oyl, Milk, *&c.*

14 And I will [44] bring again the captivity of my people of Iſrael, and * they ſhall [45] build the waſte cities, and inhabit *them*; and they ſhall [45] plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they ſhall alſo [46] make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

* Iſa.65.22.

[44] *Jer.*24.6. *Viz.* As a type and pledge of their deliverance from the bondage of Sin and Satan: But it's meant chiefly of their general converſion and reſtoration in the latter days. ¶ [45] *Iſa.*65.21. Found Churches, and ſettle the true Worſhip of God there. ¶ [46] Propagate the Goſpel, and true Service of God, whereby the pleaſant fruits of grace and holineſs ſhall be increaſt.

15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they ſhall [47] no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, ſaith the LORD thy God.

[47] *Iſa.* 35. 10. and 60. 21. *Joel* 3. 20.

OBADIAH.

The ARGUMENT.

THE Tribe, Parentage and Time of this Prophet are all uncertain; tho' probably it was about the time of the deſtruction of Jeruſalem *by the* Babylonians. *He foretels the deſtruction of* Edom *for their Pride and injurious dealing with their Brethren of* Judah; *and the deliverance and enlargement of the Church, and her Triumph over her Enemies.*

CHAP. I.

1 *The deſtruction of Edom.* 3 *for their pride,* 10 *and for their wrong unto Jacob.* 17 *Jacobs ſalvation and victory.*

THE [1] viſion of Obadiah. Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, * concerning Edom, [2] We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an [3] ambaſſadour is ſent among the heathen, Ariſe ye, and let us riſe up againſt her in battel.

* Iſa.21.11. & 34.5. Ezek. 25.12. Joel 3.19. Mal.1.3.

[1] See on *Gen.*15.1. ¶ [2] *q. d.* I my ſelf, and other Prophets, and the Church of God (by us) have had ſome intimation from God of the deſtruction of *Edom*. See on *Jer.* 49. 14–16. where are theſe four firſt Verſes with little variation. ¶ [3] The neighbour Princes ſend Ambaſſadours to one another to engage one another to war with *Edom*: or God by his ſecret Providence inclines 'em to it as effectually as if they ſent Ambaſſadours one to another about it.

2 Behold, I have made thee ſmall among the heathen: thou art greatly deſpiſed.

3 ¶ The [4] pride of thine heart hath [5] deceived thee: thou that dwelleſt in the [5] clefts of the rock, whoſe habitation *is* high, that ſaith in his heart, [6] Who ſhall bring me down to the ground?

[4] High conceit of thy own ſtrength and ſecurity, (by reaſon of thy ſituation in a hilly Country.) ¶ [5] *Jer.*49.16. See there. Thou ſhalt find that theſe things wherein thou truſteſt, and whereof thou boaſteſt, will do thee no good. ¶ [6] *Rev.*18.7.

4 * [7] Though thou exalt *thy ſelf* as the eagle, and though thou ſet thy neſt among the ſtars, thence will I bring thee down, ſaith the LORD.

* Job 20. 6. *Jer.*49.16. *Amos* 9.2.

5 [8] If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, [9] (how art thou cut off!) would they not have

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have ſtolen till they had [10] enough? if the grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave ‖ *ſome* [11] grapes?

‖ Or, *gleanings.*

[8] *Jer.*49.9. ¶ [9] *q. d.* I can't but ſtand amaz'd to conſider that total deſtruction and deſolation that will befal thee. ¶ [10] (And then left the reſt.) ¶ [11] *Deut.*24.21. (But thine Enemies ſhall ſweep all away, and make clean riddance, *v.*6.)

6 How are *the things* of [12] Eſau [13] ſearched out? *how* are his hid things [13] ſought up?

[12] The *Edomites*, his Poſterity. ¶ [13] All become a prey to the greedy Soldiers.

7 All the men of thy confederacy have [14] brought thee *even* to the border: the men † that were at peace with thee have [15] deceived thee, *and* prevailed againſt thee: † *they that eat* thy bread, have laid [16] a wound under thee: [17] *there is* none underſtanding ‖ in him.

† Heb. *of thy peace.*
†Heb. the men *of thy bread.*
‖ Or, *of it.*

[14] Sent their Auxiliaries to thee into thy own Country, but when they ſhould have aſſiſted thee at thy own borders againſt the Enemies Invaſions, they fairly left thee. ¶ [15] Prov'd treacherous, and inſtead of helping thee againſt thy Enemies, have help'd them to ſubdue thee. ¶ [16] A ſnare and ſtumbling-block to make thee fall, and wound thy ſelf upon it; *i. e.* by ſubtilty and fair pretences ſhall draw thee to do that which is for thy ruin. ¶ [17] *q. d.* And tho' thou truſteſt much to thy prudent and politick conduct of Affairs, (*Jer.*49.7.) yet I'll deprive thee of thy Underſtanding, (*v.*8.) ſo that all that ſee thy actings ſhall conclude thou haſt manag'd thy Affairs very imprudently.

* Iſa.29.14.

8 * Shall I not in that day, ſaith the LORD, even [18] deſtroy the wiſe *men* out of Edom, and underſtanding out of the mount of Eſau?

[18] *Job* 5.12,13. *Iſa.*29.14. Turn their wiſdom into fooliſhneſs.

9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, ſhall be [19] diſmayed, to the end that [20] every one of the mount of Eſau may be cut off by ſlaughter.

[19] *Pſal.*76.6.
[20] All the chief.

10 ¶ * For *thy* [21] violence againſt thy brother [22] Jacob, ſhame ſhall cover thee, and thou ſhalt be cut off for [23] ever.

* Gen.27.41.

[21] *Pſal.*137.7. *Ezek.*25.12. and 35.5. *Amos* 1.11. (A branch of the old enmity, *Gen.*27.41.) ¶ [22] His poſterity the Jews. ¶ [23] *Iſa.*34.5,10. *Ezek.*35.9. *Mal.*1.4.

11 In the day that thou ſtoodeſt [24] on the other ſide, in the day that the ſtrangers carried away ‖ captive his [25] forces, and foreiners entred into his gates, and [26] caſt lots upon Jeruſalem, even thou *waſt* as one of them.

‖ Or, *his ſubſtance.*

[24] At a diſtance, as unconcern'd, and diſdt not ſympathize with 'em, (as the word is uſed *Pſal.* 38. 11.) ¶ [25] The inhabitants, and their wealth and ſubſtance. ¶ [26] *Joel* 3. 3. *Nah.*3.10. Divided the ſpoil and captives by lot.

12 But ‖ thou ſhouldeſt not have [27] looked on the [28] day of thy brother, in the day that he became [29] a ſtranger; neither ſhouldeſt thou have [30] rejoyced over the children of Judah in the day of their deſtruction; neither ſhouldeſt thou have † [31] ſpoken proudly in the day of diſtreſs.

‖ Or, *do not behold*, &c.
† Heb. *magnified thy mouth.*

[27] *Viz.* With delight, *Micah* 7. 8. ¶ [28] The miſery that befel him at that time, *v.* 13. (as *Pſal.*37.13.) ¶ [29] Being carried out of his own, into a ſtrange land, where he was a ſtranger. ¶ [30] *Job* 31. 29. *Ezek.* 25. 3, 4, 6, 7. and 35. 15. ¶ [31] Triumph'd inſolently over 'em.

13 Thou ſhouldeſt not have [32] entred into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou ſhouldeſt not have [27] looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their ‖ ſubſtance in the day of their calamity.

[32] To help to plunder 'em.
‖ Or, *forces.*

14 Neither ſhouldeſt thou have ſtood in the [33] croſs-way, to cut off thoſe of his that did [34] eſcape; neither ſhouldeſt thou have ‖ delivered up thoſe of his that did [35] remain in the day of diſtreſs.

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‖ Or, *ſhut up.*

[33] Where many paths meet; that ſo they might the better light on 'em. ¶ [34] *Viz.* In the battel. ¶ [35] Had eſcap'd the *Chaldean* ſword and rage.

15 For the day of the [36] LORD *is* near upon all the [37] heathen: [38] as thou haſt done, it ſhall be done unto thee, thy reward ſhall return upon thine own head.

[36] *Joel* 1.15. Of his vengeance. ¶ [37] *Viz.* That have dealt ſo cruelly with the Jews. ¶ [38] *Ezek.* 35.15. *Pſal.* 137. 8. *Joel* 3.7,8. *James* 2.13.

16 For * [39] as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, *ſo* ſhall all the [40] heathen [41] drink continually, yea, they ſhall drink, and they ſhall ‖ [42] ſwallow down, and they ſhall be [43] as though they had not been.

* Jer.25.29. & 49.12.
‖ Or, *ſhut up.*

[39] As you *Edomites* have feaſted and revell'd it, in ſign of joy and triumph over my people. ¶ [40] *v.* 15. *Jer.* 25. 15. (And you among the reſt.) ¶ [41] *q.d.* But it ſhall be another gets draught than the former, *viz.* a draught of wrath, and miſery. ¶ [42] Drink up the very dregs thereof, *Pſal.*75. 9. *Iſa.*51.22,23. ¶ [43] Utterly deſtroy'd.

17 ¶ [44] But upon [45] mount Zion * ſhall be ‖ [46] deliverance, and ‖ there ſhall be [47] holineſs, and the houſe of Jacob ſhall poſſeſs [48] their poſſeſſions.

* Amos 9.8.
‖ Or, *they that eſcape.*
‖ Or, *it ſhall be holy.*

[44] *Jer.*46.28. ¶ [45] The Church of the Jews and Gentiles in Goſpel-times. ¶ [46] Chiefly ſpiritual; and alſo temporal in due time. ¶ [47] *Joel* 3.17. See there. ¶ [48] Their own ancient Inheritance.

18 [49] And the houſe of Jacob ſhall be a [49] fire, and the houſe of Joſeph a flame, and the houſe of Eſau for ſtubble, and they ſhall kindle in them, and devour them, and there ſhall not be *any* [50] remaining of the houſe of Eſau; for the LORD hath ſpoken *it.*

[49] *Zech.*12.6. And then the Church ſhall ſubdue all her Enemies, (*Ezek.*25.14.) and make 'em ſtoop to the yoke of Chriſt, (as *Numb.*24.17. *Iſa.* 11.14.) ¶ [50] *Viz.* That ſhall have any power to moleſt the Church.

19 And [51] *they of* the ſouth ſhall poſſeſs the mount of Eſau; and *they of* the plain, the Philiſtines: and they ſhall poſſeſs the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria, and Benjamin *ſhall poſſeſs* Gilead.

[51] *Amos* 9. 12. See there. This place may note the enlargement of the Church by the converſion of the Gentiles, but in the full extent and latitude of it, it ſeems to point at the Reſtitution of the Jews to their own Land, and inlargement of their Borders there.

20 And the captivity of this [52] hoſt of the children of Iſrael *ſhall poſſeſs* that of the Canaanites, *even* unto Zarephath; and the captivity of [53] Jeruſalem ‖ which *is* in Sepharad, ſhall poſſeſs the cities of the ſouth.

‖ Or, ſhall poſſeſs *that which* is *in Sepharad.*

[52] The Ten Tribes. ¶ [53] The Two Tribes.

21 And * [54] ſaviours ſhall come upon mount Zion [55] to judge the mount of Eſau, and [56] the kingdom ſhall be the LORDs.

* 1 Tim.4.16. James 5. 20.

[54] Such Inſtruments as God ſhall raiſe up from time to time to deliver his people, not only temporally, but ſpiritually, ſuch as the Apoſtles and Miniſters of the Goſpel. ¶ [55] To reprove, condemn, and puniſh the Churches Enemies. ¶ [56] *Rev.*11.15. *Dan.* 7. 14. *Pſal.* 72. 8. *Luke* 1.33. The kingdom of Chriſt ſhall then be ſet up and appear in its glory.

JONAH.

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The ARGUMENT.

JOnah *was a Prophet of the Ten Tribes, about the days of* Jeroboam *the second,* (2 Kings 14.25.) *but they continuing obstinate, he is sent by God to preach to the* Ninevites, *thereby to shame the* Israelites: *which employment he at first withstood, for fear, if they repented and God spared 'em, he should be counted a false Prophet,* (ch.4.2.) *For this disobedience he is corrected, by being cast into the Sea and swallowed of a Whale, and there lay in his belly three days and three nights; but upon his Repentance and Prayer, is vomited out upon the shore: wherein he was a Type of Christ,* Mat. 12.37,40. *After which he delivers his Message, and they repent at present, and so are spar'd: whereat he repining, is reprov'd of God.*

CHAP. I.

1 *Jonah sent to Nineveh, fleeth to Tarshish.* 11 *He is thrown into the sea, and swallowed by a fish.*

NOw the word of the LORD came unto
‖ * Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
2 Arise, go to Nineveh that * [1] great
city, and [2] cry against it; for * their wickedness
is [3] come up before me.

‖ Mat.12.39. *Jonas.*
* 2 Kin.14.25.
* Gen.10.11, 12.
* Ezra 9.6. Rev.18.5.

[1] *Ch.*3.-3 and 4.11. Nineteen miles long, and eleven broad. ¶ [2] *Isa.*58.1. ¶ [3] *Gen.*18.20,21. *James* 5.-4.

3 But Jonah rose up to [4] flee unto Tarshish
[5] from the presence of the LORD, and went
down to * Joppa; and he found a ship going to
Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went
down into it to go with them unto Tarshish, [6] from
the presence of the LORD.

* Josh.19.46. 2 Chron.2.16. Acts 9.36.

[4] *Neh.*6.11. *James.* 5.17. So *Exod.*4.13. Lest if they should repent, and God should spare 'em, he should be accounted a false Prophet, *ch.*4.2. ¶ [5] From that country and place where God had made known his Will to him, and from that work God had set him about, and which he ought to have perform'd as in God's Presence.

4 ¶ But the LORD † [6] sent out a great wind
into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in
the sea, so that the ship † was like to be bro-
ken.

† Heb. *cast forth.* [6] *Amos* 4.13. *Prov.*10.9. † Heb. *thought to be broken.*

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and [7] cried
every man unto his god, and [8] cast forth the
wares that *were* in the ship, into the sea, to
lighten ‖ of them: but Jonah was gone down
into the sides of the ship, and he lay, and was
[9] fast asleep.

‖ Or, *of upon them.*

[7] *Psal.*107.25,28. and 78.34. *Matth.*8.25. ¶ *Acts* 27.18. *Jon.* 2.4. ¶ [8] *Judg.*16.29. An inlightned, sanctified Conscience may yet for a while fall into great Security and Stupidity.

6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said
unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise,
call upon thy God, [10] if so be that God will
think upon us, that we perish not.

[10] *ch.*3.9. *Joel* 2.14. See there.

7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come,
and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose
cause this evil *is* upon us. So they [11] cast lots, and
the lot [12] fell upon Jonah.

[11] 1 *Sam.*14.41,42. This they do by a secret impulse, and Providence, for the discovery and conviction of *Jonah.* ¶ [12] *Prov.*16.33. and 18.18. *Amos* 3.2.

8 Then said they unto him, [13] Tell us, we pray
thee, [14] for whose cause this evil *is* upon us:
what *is* thine occupation? and whence comest
thou? what *is* thy country? and of what peo-
ple *art* thou?

[13] *Josh.*7.19. ¶ [14] Is it thy self, or any other thou knowest of, is guilty of any horrid sin, that is thus pursued by Divine Vengeance?

9 And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew,
and I [15] fear the LORD the God of heaven, which
hath [16] made the sea and the dry land.

[15] *Acts* 27.-23. I worship and serve. (He also confest his sin, and told 'em he fled from the Presence of God, *v.*-10.) ¶ [16] (And sent this storm and tempest upon it.)

10 Then were the men † exceedingly [17] afraid, † Heb. *with great fear.*
and said unto him, [18] Why hast thou done this?
(for the men knew that he fled from the presence
of the LORD, because he had told them.)

[17] As fearing they might all suffer for his sake. ¶ [18] Wast thou not asham'd and afraid to do so? What could move thee to expose thy self to such danger?

11 ¶ Then said they unto him, [19] What shall
we do unto thee, that the sea may be † calm unto
us? (for the sea ‖ † wrought, and was tempe-
stuous)

† Heb. *silent from us.* ‖ Or, *grew more and more tempestuous.*

[19] 1 *Sam.*6.2. They'd do nothing to him without his own consent and direction.

12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and
[20] cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be
calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this
great tempest *is* upon you.

† Heb. *went.*

[20] *John* 11.50. This direction and command he gives 'em from God, and readily submits to it as the punishment of his Disobedience.

13 Nevertheless the men [21] † rowed hard to
bring *it* to the land, but they [22] could not; for
the sea wrought and was tempestuous against
them.

† Heb. *digged.*

[21] His readiness to die for 'em melted the hearts of the rude Mariners. ¶ [22] *Prov.*21.30.

14 Wherefore they cried unto the [23] LORD,
and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we be-
seech thee, let us not perish for this mans life,
and lay not upon us [24] innocent blood: for thou, O
LORD, hast done as it [25] pleased thee.

[23] By this strange Providence and *Jonah's* instruction, they are brought to the knowledge of the true God, *v.* 16. ¶ [24] As to any thing he has done against us. ¶ [25] Appointed this punishment to be inflicted on him. ¶ [26] *Psal.* 115.3.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth
into the sea, and the sea † [27] ceased from her ra-
ging.

† Heb. *stood.*

[27] *Psal.* 89.-9. and 106. 30. *Esther* 7. 10.

16 Then the men [28] feared the LORD exceed-
ingly, and † [29] offered a sacrifice unto the LORD,
and † made [30] vows.

† Heb. *sacrificed.* [28] *Acts* 5. 11. *Job* 28 28. See there. ¶ [29] *Gen.* 8. 20. † Heb. *vowed.* ¶ [30] *Gen.*28.20. See there.

17 ¶ Now the LORD had [31] prepared a
great

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great fiſh to ſwallow up Jonah, and * Jonah was in the † belly of the fiſh [31] three days and three nights.

* Luke 11.30.
† Heb. *bowels.*

[31] *Gen.*22.13,14. ¶ [12] Therein a Type of Chriſt, *Matth.* 12.40. and 16.4.

CHAP. II.

1 *The prayer of Jonah.* 10 *He is delivered from the fiſh.*

THen Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God [1] out of the fiſhes belly,

[1] *Pſal.*130.1.

2 And [2] ſaid, [3] I cried ‖ by reaſon of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he [4] heard me; out of the belly of [5] hell cried I, *and* thou heardeſt my voice.

‖ Or, *out of mine affliction.*

[2] Here he delivers the ſubſtance of what his thoughts and deſires were, and how his heart wrought, and his ſpirit was affected in that condition; which afterwards he drew up thus, with an addition of Praiſe. ¶ [3] *Pſal.* 120. 11. ¶ [4] 2 *Chron.* 33.13. *Pſal.* 65. 2. In vouchſafing ſupport and deliverance. ¶ [5] Or, the *grave, i. e.* of the fiſh, (wherein he was ſhut up as in the grave.)

3 For thou hadſt caſt me into the deep, in the † midſt of the ſeas, and the flouds compaſſed me about, [6] all thy billows and thy waves paſſed over me.

† Heb. *heart.*
[6] Pſal. 42.-7.

4 Then I ſaid, I am [7] caſt out of thy ſight; yet I will [8] look again toward thy holy temple.

[7] *Pſal.*31.22. Rejected and diſown'd by thee. Thus unbelief ſometimes gets the upper hand in the beſt. ¶ [8] 2 *Cor.* 4.-8. *Pſal.*42.5,11. Hope for mercy (for Chriſt's ſake.)

* Lam. 3.54.

5 * [9] The waters compaſſed me about *even* [10] to the ſoul: the depth cloſed me round about, the weeds were wrapt about my head.

[9] *Pſal.*69.1. Of the Sea; of Affliction, and Temptation. ¶ [10] To the hazard of my life.

† Heb. *cuttings off.*

6 I went down to the † bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet haſt thou [11] brought up my life from ‖ corruption, O LORD my God.

‖ Or, *the pit.*

[11] Brought me out of the fiſhes belly, where elſe I muſt have periſht, as in a pit.

7 When my ſoul [12] fainted within me, [13] I remembred the LORD, and my prayer [14] came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

[12] Ready to fall into deſpair. ¶ [13] *Pſal.* 20.7. Conſider'd his goodneſs, and was encouraged to hope in him, and ſeek to him. ¶ [14] Found acceptance with thee in heaven.

* Pſal. 31.6.

8 They that * [15] obſerve lying vanities, [16] forſake their own mercy.

[15] Seek for happineſs and content in any ſinful courſe (as I did;) or in any Creature-enjoyment (as all ungodly men do) which will certainly deceive and diſappoint 'em. ¶ [16] *Jer.*2.13. Deprive themſelves of happineſs, flowing from God's Love, and run themſelves into Miſery (as I have done.)

9 But I will ſacrifice unto thee with the voice of * [17] thankſgiving, I will pay *that* that I have vowed: [18] ſalvation *is* of the LORD.

* Hoſ. 14.2. Hebr. 13.15.

[17] *Pſal.*50.14. and 116.17. That thou haſt ſhew'd mercy to me, and not ſuffered me to periſh in my folly. ¶ [18] *Pſal.* 3.8. and 68.20.

[19] By his Providence ſo order'd it.

10 ¶ And the LORD [19] ſpake unto the fiſh, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

CHAP. III.

1 *Jonah ſent again, preacheth to the Ninevites.* 5 *Upon their repentance,* 10 *God repenteth.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the [1] ſecond time, ſaying,

[1] *ch.* 1. 1,2.

2 Ariſe, go unto Nineveh that [2] great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I [3] bid thee.

[2] *Ch.* 1. 2. See there. ¶ [3] *Jer.*1.17. Formerly commanded thee.

3 So Jonah aroſe and [4] went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD: (now Nineveh was an † exceeding great city of [5] three days journey)

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† Heb. *of God.* So Gen. 30.8. Pſal.36.7. & 80.11.

[4] *Pſal.*119.67,71. ¶ [5] *Viz.* After the rate of his leaſurely walking, preaching, and diſcourſing with the Inhabitants.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a days journey, and * he cried, and ſaid, [6] Yet forty days and Nineveh ſhall [7] be overthrown.

* See Deut. 18.22.

[6] This was the ſum of his preaching, and the reſult of all he deliver'd. ¶ [7] *Viz.* Except they repent, (for why elſe were they forewarn'd?)

5 ¶ So the people of Nineveh [8] believed God, and [9] proclaimed a faſt, and put on ſackcloth from the greateſt of them even to the leaſt of them.

[8] *Matth.*12.41. *Exod.*14.31. Were fully perſwaded of the truth of what *Jonah* deliver'd to 'em from God, 1 *Theſſ.* 2. -13. ¶ [9] *Viz.* By the King's Authority, *v.*7.

6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he roſe from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with ſackcloth, and * ſat in aſhes.

* Job 2.8.

7 And he cauſed *it* to be proclaimed, and † publiſhed through Nineveh (by the decree of the king and his † nobles) ſaying, Let neither man nor beaſt, herd nor flock taſte any thing; let them not feed, nor drink water.

† Heb. *ſaid.*
† Heb. *great men.*

8 But let man and beaſt be covered with ſackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them [10] turn every one from his evil way, and from * the violence that *is* in their hands.

[10] *Joel* 2.12,13.
* Iſa. 59.6.

9 [11] Who can tell *if* God will turn and [12] repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we periſh not?

[11] *Ch.*1.-6. See on *Joel* 2.14. ¶ [12] See on *Gen.* 6.6.

10 ¶ And God ſaw their works, that they turned from their evil way, and * God repented of the evil that he had ſaid that he would do unto them, and [13] he did *it* not.

* Jer. 18.8. Amos 7.3,6.
[13] 1 *Kin.*21.29.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Jonah repining at God's mercy,* 4 *is reproved by the type of a gourd.*

BUt it [1] diſpleaſed Jonah exceedingly, and he was [1] very angry.

[1] Leſt his own reputation ſhould ſuffer thereby (which he was more concern'd for, than the lives of ſo many thouſand perſons,) Corruption may ſtill remain unmortified in thoſe that have ſmarted for it.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and ſaid, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this [2] my ſaying, when I was yet in my countrey? Therefore [3] I *fled before unto Tarſhiſh: for I knew that thou *art* [4] a gracious God and merciful, [5] ſlow to anger and of great kindneſs, and [6] repenteſt thee of the evil.

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[2] *Jer.*20.7,8. ¶ [3] (He excuſes his former Diſobedience, tho' ſo ſharply puniſh'd for it.) ¶ [4] *Exod.* 34. 6, 7. *Pſal.* 86. 5. *Joel* 2. 13. ¶ [5] *Pſal.*78. 38. *Hoſ.* 11. 9. ¶ [6] *Jer.* 18.8. and 26. 3,13,19.

3 Therefore now, O LORD, [7] take, I beſeech thee, my life from me; for *it is* [8] better for me to die then [9] to live.

[7] 1 *Kings* 19.-4. ¶ [8] *P.*-8. 1 *Cor.* 9.-15. *Job* 10. 1. More agreeable to my inclination. [9] To ſee my ſelf diſgrac'd and reproach'd for a falſe Prophet, *Eccl.*7.1.

4 ¶ Then ſaid the LORD, ‖ Doeſt thou well to be angry?

‖ Or, *Art thou greatly angry?*

5 So Jonah [10] went out of the city, and ſat on the eaſt-ſide of the city, and there made him a booth, and ſat under it in the ſhadow, till he might ſee what would become of the city.

[10] Still expecting its deſtruction, *Iſa.* 57.-17.

6 And

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6 And the LORD God prepared a ‖† gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a ſhadow over his head,[11] to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah † was [12] exceeding glad of the gourd.

‖ Or, *palmeriſt.* † Heb. *Kikajon.* † Heb. *rejoyced with great joy.*

[11] By this ſurprizing refreſhment to allay and qualifie his diſcontent. ¶ [12] He looks only at his own outward convenience, and not at God's Providence, or deſign in it.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning roſe the next day, and it ſmote the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to paſs when the ſun did ariſe, that God prepared a ‖ vehement eaſt-wind; and the ſun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wiſhed in himſelf to die, and ſaid, *It is* [8] better for me to die then to live.

‖ Or, *ſilent.*

9 And God ſaid to Jonah, ‖ Doeſt thou well to be angry for the gourd? and he ſaid, ‖ I do well to be angry *even* [13] unto death.

‖ Or, *Art thou greatly angry?* ‖ Or, *I am greatly angry.*

10 Then ſaid the LORD, Thou haſt ‖ had pity on the gourd, for the which thou haſt not laboured, neither madeſt it grow, which † came up in a night, and periſhed in a night.

[13] So far as to deſire death. ‖ Or, *ſpared.* † Heb. *was the ſon of the night.*

11 And [14] ſhould not I ſpare Nineveh that great city, wherein are more than ſixcore thouſand perſons, that cannot diſcern between their right hand and their left hand, and *alſo* much cattel?

[14] Here's the Leſſon God would have *Jonah* learn by his dealing with the Gourd, *viz.* That he had more right and reaſon to ſpare the *Ninevites*, than *Jonah* had to deſire the preſervation of the Gourd. And it ſhould ſeem that *Jonah* was herewith convinc'd and ſatisfied, in that he makes no reply; and in teſtimony of his repentance, leaves this paſſage upon Record for the glory of God, and edification of the Church.

MICAH.

The ARGUMENT.

MIcah *propheſied much about the ſame time with* Eſay, *and much to the ſame purpoſe*, viz. *Reproving the* Jews *for their Sins. Threatning Judgments by the* Babylonians *and* Aſſyrians, *with Promiſes of Deliverance; chiefly by Chriſt, of whoſe Coming, Place of Birth, Kingdom, and manifold Benefits to the Church, he treats very particularly. He is noted by* Jeremy *as a faithful Perſon in declining times*, Jer. 26. 18, 19.

CHAP. I.

1 *Micah ſheweth the wrath of God againſt Jacob, for idolatry.* 10 *He exhorteth to mourning.*

3200. 3300. THe word of the LORD that came to Micah the Moraſthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he ſaw concerning [1] Samaria and [1] Jeruſalem.

[1] By whoſe example the two Kingdoms of *Judah* and *Iſrael* were drawn into many grievous ſins and diſorders, *v.* 5. *Am.* 6. 1.

† Heb. *Hear ye people all of them.* † Heb. *the fulneſs thereof.*

2 † Hear [2] all ye people, hearken, O [3] earth, and † all that therein is, and let the Lord GOD be [4] witneſs againſt you, the Lord [5] from his holy temple.

[2] *Jer.* 6. 18, 19. All Nations; but eſpecially you my People the Jews. ¶ [3] *Deut.* 32. 1. *Pſal.* 50. 1. *Iſa.* 1. 2. *Jer.* 22. 29. (As if the ſenſeleſs earth were more like to be affected with theſe threatnings, than theſe hard-hearted Jews.) ¶ [4] *Pſal.* 50. 7. Manifeſt his diſpleaſure againſt you for your ſtubbornneſs and diſobedience, if you will not hearken to my meſſage. ¶ [5] From Heaven, *Pſal.* 11. 4.

3 For behold, the LORD [6] cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and [7] tread upon the high places of the earth.

[6] Will manifeſt himſelf in a way of Judgment againſt you for your ſins, *Iſa.* 26. 21. ¶ [7] *Mic.* 7. 13. *Am.* 4. 13. Subdue and overthrow the ſtrongeſt Cities, and ſtouteſt Spirits, *Deut.* 33. 29.

4 And the [8] mountains ſhall be molten under him, and the valleys ſhall be cleft: as wax before the fire, *and* as the waters *that are* poured down † a ſteep place.

† Heb. *a deſcent*

[8] *Pſal.* 97. 5. *Iſa.* 64. 1, 2. *Am.* 9. 5. *Hab.* 3. 6. *Nah.* 1. 5. Nothing ſhall be able to reſiſt his Almighty Power, when he ſhall manifeſt his wrath.

5 For the tranſgreſſion of Jacob *is* [9] all this, and for the ſins of the houſe of Iſrael. [10] What *is* the tranſgreſſion of Jacob? *is it* not [11] Samaria? and [10] what *are* the high places of Judah? *are they* not [11] Jeruſalem?

[9] Theſe tokens of God's anger, *v.* 3, 4. ¶ [10] What was it that cauſed ſuch overſpreading Idolatry? ¶ [11] *q. d.* The evil examples of the great ones in theſe Head-Cities, infected the reſt of the Nation with Idolatry and other ſins.

6 Therefore I will make Samaria as [12] an heap of the field, *and* [13] as plantings of a vineyard; and I will pour down the ſtones thereof into the [14] valley, and I will [15] diſcover the foundations thereof.

[12] *Ch.* 3. 12. *Iſa.* 25. 2. Utterly ruin'd by the *Aſſyrians.* ¶ [13] Places digg'd and turn'd up, in order to their being planted. ¶ [14] *viz.* That lay below the Hill upon which *Samaria* was built. ¶ [15] *Ezek.* 13. 14. *Matth.* 24. 2.

7 And all the graven images thereof ſhall be beaten to pieces, and all the [16] hires thereof ſhall be burnt with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay deſolate: for ſhe [17] gathered *it* of the hire of an harlot, and they [18] ſhall return to the hire of an harlot.

[16] Rich Gifts and Ornaments beſtowed upon their Idols. ¶ [17] Accounted it the reward of her Idolatry, *Hoſ.* 2. 5, 12. *Jer.* 44. 17, 18. ¶ [18] Be look'd upon by the *Aſſyrians* as the reward of their Idolatry, beſtow'd upon 'em by their Idols.

8 Therefore I will [19] wail and howl, * I will go ſtript and [20] naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the † owls.

* Iſa. 20. 2, 3. † Heb. *daughters of the owl.*

[19] *Iſa.* 21. 3. and 22. 4. *Jer.* 4. 19. Out of compaſſion and fellow-feeling of their miſeries. ¶ [20] Without my beſt and upper garments.

9 For [21] ‖ her wound *is* incurable, for it is come [22] unto Judah: he is come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jeruſalem.

‖ Or, ſhe is *grievouſly ſick of her wounds.*

[21] The

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[21] The deſtruction of *Iſrael* is inevitable. ¶ [22] *Iſa.*8.7, 8. 2 *King.*18.13.

10 ¶ [23] Declare ye *it* not at Gath, [24] weep ye not at all: [25] in the houſe of || Aphrah roll thy ſelf in the duſt.

|| Or, *duſt.*

[23] 2 *Sam.*1.20. *q. d.* Let us conceal our miſery from our inſulting Enemies the *Philiſtines* as much as may be. ¶ [24] *viz.* In publick, ſo as that it ſhould be taken notice of by our Enemies. ¶ [25] *q. d.* O thou *Ephraim*, (*i.e.* Kingdom of the ten Tribes) who ſhalt be turn'd into duſt and aſhes by God's Judgments, roll thy ſelf in duſt, (*Jer.*6.26.) *i. e.* Mourn deeply for thy ſins, thereby to prevent, if it may be, thy ſufferings.

11 [26] Paſs ye away, || thou † inhabitant of [27] Saphir, having [28] thy ſhame naked; [29] the inhabitant of || Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of || Beth-ezel, [30] he ſhall receive of you his ſtanding.

|| Or, *thou that dwelleſt fairly* † Heb. *inhabitreſs.* ¶ Or, *the country of flocks.* || Or, *a place near.*

[26] *Iſa.* 20. 4. You ſhall paſs along, and be carried into Captivity, loaden with reproaches. ¶ [27] Of a beautiful and pleaſant place, (as *Samaria* was, and other Cities.) ¶ [28] *Iſa.*43.3. ¶ [29] *i. e.* Thy Siſter that dwells in *Zion* will not ſtir a foot from her quiet Hill to come to your help. ¶ [30] The Inhabitants of other places ſhall learn by your example to ſtay at home.

12 For the [31] inhabitant of Maroth || waited carefully for good; but evil came down from the [32] LORD unto the gate of Jeruſalem.

|| Or, *was grieved.*

[31] The People of all Cities and places deſtin'd to ſorrow and bitterneſs, earneſtly long'd for ſome good news of freedom from theſe dangers and fears. ¶ [32] *Am.*3.6. See there.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachiſh, [33] bind the chariot to the ſwift beaſt: ſhe *is* the [34] beginning of the ſin to the daughter of Zion: for the [35] tranſgreſſions of Iſrael were found in thee.

[33] Make all the haſt you can to get away before you are beſieged by *Sennacherib*'s Army, 2 *King.*18.14,17. ¶ [34] The firſt occaſion of Idolatry to *Judah*, (for they of *Lachiſh* firſt received the idolatry of the ten Tribes, and then from them it ſpread to *Jeruſalem.*) ¶ [35] The Idolatry and other ſins of the ten Tribes.

14 [36] Therefore ſhalt thou [37] give preſents || to Moreſheth-gath: [38] the houſes of || Achzib ſhall be a lie to the kings of Iſrael.

|| Or, *for.* || That is, *a lie.*

[36] Becauſe the *Aſſyrians* are coming againſt thee. ¶ [37] Hire Auxiliaries from the *Philiſtines.* ¶ [38] But all the People thereof ſhall prove people of *Achzib*, *i. e.* Lying and deceitful to all that truſt in 'em.

15 Yet will I [39] bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareſhath: || [40] he ſhall come unto Adullam the glory of Iſrael.

|| Or, *the glory of Iſrael ſhall come*, &c.

[39] Cauſe the *Aſſyrians* to poſſeſs thy goods: (an alluſion in the *Hebrew*, between [*Heir*] and [*Mareſhath.*] ¶ [40] The *Aſſyrian*; when he has gotten *Mareſhath* ſhall paſs on to *Adullam.*

16 [41] Make thee bald, and [41] poll thee for thy delicate children, enlarge thy baldneſs [42] as the eagle, for they are gone into captivity from thee.

[41] O *Judea*, uſe the higheſt expreſſions of ſorrow and lamentations, *Jer.*16.6. *Iſa.*22,12. ¶ [42] When ſhe molts her Feathers.

CHAP. II.

1 *Againſt oppreſſion.* 4 *A lamentation.* 7 *A reproof of injuſtice and idolatry.* 12 *A promiſe of reſtoring Jacob.*

WO to them that deviſe iniquity, and [1] work evil upon their [2] beds: when the morning is light, they practiſe it, becauſe it is [3] in the power of their hand.

[1] Are ſo filled with the thoughts of evil, that they ſeem to themſelves as if they were really acting it. ¶ [2] *Pſal.*36.4. *Hoſ.*7.6. ¶ [3] *Prov.*3.27.

2 And they [4] covet fields, and take *them* by violence; and houſes, and take *them* away: ſo they || oppreſs a man and his [5] houſe, even a man and his [6] heritage.

|| Or, *defraud.*

[4] *Iſa.*5.8. 1 *Kings* 21.2. ¶ [5] His Family. ¶ [6] (Which might not be alienated, *Lev.*25.25.)

3 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, againſt [7] this family do I [8] deviſe [9] an evil, from which ye ſhall not remove your necks, [10] neither ſhall ye go haughtily: for this time *is* [11] evil.

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[7] *Viz.* Of *Jacob*, *i.e.* The whole Nation of the Jews, *Am.*3.1. ¶ [8] *v.*1. *Jer.*18.11. ¶ [9] The Invaſion by the *Aſſyrians.* ¶ [10] Carry your ſelves ſo inſolently and proudly then, as now you do. ¶ [11] *Am.*5.13. See there.

4 ¶ In that day ſhall [12] *one* take up a parable againſt you, and [13] lament with a † doleful lamentation, *and* ſay, We be utterly ſpoiled: [14] he hath changed the portion of my people: [15] how hath he removed *it* from me? || [16] turning away he hath divided our fields.

† Heb. *lamentation, of lamentations.* || Or, *inſtead of reſtoring.*

[12] Every one will be ſcoffing at your miſeries, and making a By-word of you for 'em, *Deut.* 28. 37. 1 *King.* 9. 7. *Pſal.*44.14. *Jer.*24.9. ¶ [13] And you ſhall alſo lament your ſelves, *Jer.*9 17,18. *Am.*5.16. ¶ [14] God has taken away our Land from us, and given it to the *Aſſyrian.* ¶ [15] How ſeverely does he deal with us, to remove us out of our own Land? ¶ [16] Or, inſtead of reſtoring our Fields, as we hop'd, the Enemy divides 'em, and allots 'em to others.

5 Therefore thou [17] ſhalt have none that ſhall caſt a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

[17] Thou people of the Jews, (*v.* 3.) and eſpecially you Oppreſſors, (*v.*2.) ſhall be removed out of your own Land, ſo that you ſhall be no more in a capacity to poſſeſs your Inheritances and ſhare them out, as it hath been done formerly, before the Lord, *Joſh.*18. 4,6,11.

6 || † [18] Propheſie ye not, *ſay they to them that* propheſie: [19] they ſhall not propheſie to them, *that* they ſhall not take ſhame.

|| Or, *Propheſie not as they propheſie.* † Heb. *drop*, &c.

[18] *Am.*2.12. See there. ¶ [19] *Matth.*7.6. *Iſa.*8.16. *Ezek.*3.26. *q. d.* Well; you ſhall have your deſire: My faithful Prophets ſhall ceaſe from giving you any further trouble, but ſhall ſave themſelves that labour, and ſo free themſelves from thoſe affronts and diſgraces you put upon 'em: Or, My faithful Prophets ſhall not ſooth them up in their ſins, and never bring 'em to ſhame for 'em, (as the Falſe Prophets do) but ſhall deal faithfully, and reprove 'em plainly for the ſame.

7 ¶ O *thou that art* named the houſe of Jacob, [20] is the ſpirit of the LORD || ſtraitned? [21] *are* theſe his doings? [22] do not my words do good to him that walketh † uprightly?

|| Or, *ſhortned.* † Heb. *upright.*

[20] *q. d* Tho the true Prophets of God denounce his Judgments againſt you, yet he is as merciful as ever; and as ready to beſtow mercies, if you were fit for 'em. ¶ [21] This way of threatning is not that which he delights in, (*Iſa.*28.21.) but that which you force him to by your provocations. ¶ [22] *Iſa.*39.8. All my Words in the Mouths of my Prophets, and my dealings with my ſincere Servants are deſign'd for their good, and accordingly ſhall prove beneficial to 'em. (*Pſal.*25.10. *Rom.*8.28.) and ſo you ſhould have found it, had you been ſuch as you pretend.

8 [23] Even † of late my people is riſen up as an enemy: [24] ye pull off the robe † with the garment, from them that paſs by ſecurely, as men averſe from war.

† Heb. *yeſterday* † Heb. *over againſt the garment.*

[23] *Iſa.*9.21. *q. d.* And that is not without cauſe that I have ſo threatned 'em appears, not only by their former tranſgreſſions, but by their latter mutual diſſentions and hoſtilities among themſelves, 2 *King.* 12. 20. & 14. 13. *&c.* ¶ [24] You deal moſt cruelly one with another, plundering and taking away all you can lay hands on.

9 The || women of my people have ye caſt out from their pleaſant houſes, from their children have ye taken away [25] my glory for ever.

|| Or, *wives.*

[25] That liberty, wealth, honor, and other enjoyments I had beſtow'd on 'em; and that without ever repenting of it, or forbearing thoſe your wicked practices.

10 [26] Ariſe ye and depart, for this *is* not [27] *your* reſt: becauſe it is [28] polluted, it ſhall [29] deſtroy *you* even with a ſore deſtruction.

[26] *q. d.* And ſince it's thus, prepare your ſelves, and be packing; for you ſhall not continue here in this Land. ¶ [27] *Heb.*4.5. ¶ [28] *Jer.*3.2. ¶ [29] Spue you out, *Lev.* 18.25,28. *Jer.*9.19. and 10.18.

11 If a man || [30] walking in the ſpirit and falſhood, do lie, *ſaying*, I will propheſie unto thee [31] of wine and of ſtrong drink; he ſhall even be the prophet of this people.

|| Or, *walk with the wind, and lie falſly.*

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[30] Pretending to be endued with the ſpirit of Prophecy, ſhall feed 'em with lying fancies and imaginations, agreeable to their humours. ¶ [31] Such things as may gratifie the fleſh, and encourage ſenſual Livers in their pernicious courſes.

12 ¶ [32] I will ſurely aſſemble, O Jacob, all of thee: I will ſurely gather the remnant of Iſrael, [33] I will put them together as the ſheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midſt of their fold: they ſhall make great noiſe by reaſon of *the multitude of* men.

[32] God here ſweetens the former Threatnings with Promiſes of the reſtitution of his true *Iſrael* under Chriſt. ¶ [33] *q.d.* And though they are but a remnant at preſent, yet they ſhall become a great multitude by the acceſſion of many Converts to 'em, *Iſa.*49.20,21.

13 [34] The breaker is come up before them: [35] they have broken up, and have paſſed through the gate, and are gone out by it, and [36] their king ſhall paſs before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

[34] Such as ſhall make way for 'em, (like Pioneers for an Army) who ſhall remove all rubs and hindrances out of their way, *Iſa.* 57. 14. and 62.10. ¶ [35] And now they march on freely, (without any Let) either backward or forward whitherſoever they pleaſe. ¶ [36] *Iſa.* 52. 12. Chriſt as their General, to fight their battels for 'em, *Hoſ.*1.-11.

CHAP. III.

1 *The cruelty of the princes.* 5 *The falſhood of the prophets.* 8 *The ſecurity of them both.*

AND I ſaid, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the houſe of Iſrael; *Is it* not for you to [1] know judgment?

[1] *Jer.*5.5. 2 *Chron.* 19. 10. To underſtand what belongs to your Office, and to act accordingly.

2 Who [2] hate the good, and love the evil, who [3] pluck off their skin from off them, and their fleſh from off their bones:

[2] Contrary to *Pſal.*15. 4. *Rom.*12.-9. ¶ [3] *Ezek.* 22. 27. *Zeph.*3.3. Cruelly oppreſs your Subjects, and ſcrape all you can from 'em.

3 Who alſo [4] eat the fleſh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as fleſh within the caldron.

[4] *Pſal.*14.4. Devour all their ſubſtance, and grind 'em to pieces in a moſt barbarous manner.

* Pſal.18.41. Ezek. 8.18. Zech.7.13.

4 [5] Then * ſhall they [6] cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, [7] as they have behaved themſelves ill in their doings.

[5] When the Judgments threatned, (*ch.* 1. 6–8. and 2. 3.) come upon 'em. ¶ [6] *Prov.*1.28. See there. ¶ [7] *Jam.*2.13.

* Ezek.22.25.

5 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD * concerning the prophets that make my people [8] err, that [9] bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace: and he that [10] putteth not into their mouths, they even [11] prepare war againſt him.

[8] *Iſa.* 9. 16. *Jer.* 14. 14. and 29. 8. and 50. 6. *Mal.* 2. 8. ¶ [9] *ch.* 2. 11. Theſe Trencher-Chaplains, when they are well fed and pamper'd with the choiceſt Bits, then they frame their mouths to propheſie of Peace and Plenty. ¶ [10] *Iſa.*56.11. *Ezek.*13.19. ¶ [11] Denounce all manner of evil againſt him, and do him all the miſchief they can.

† Heb. *from a viſion.*

†Heb. *from divining.*

6 Therefore [12] night *ſhall be* unto you † that ye ſhall not have a viſion, and it ſhall be [13] dark unto you, † that ye ſhall not divine, and the [13] ſun ſhall go down over the prophets, and the [13] day ſhall be dark over them.

[12] *Ezek.* 13. 23. Such miſeries ſhall come upon you, that you ſhall be diſabled from feigning ſuch Prophecies of Peace, and ſhall not dare to pretend any more to ſuch Viſions and Revelations, *Zech.*13.4. ¶ [13] They ſhall be able to foreſee nothing that is good, either for themſelves or you.

7 Then ſhall the ſeers be [14] aſhamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they ſhall all [15] cover their † lips, for *there is* [16] no anſwer of God.

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† Heb. *upper lip.*

[14] *Zech.*13. 4. *Mal.* 2. 9. ¶ [15] In token of ſhame and mourning, *Lev.*13.45. *Ezek.*24.17,22.

8 ¶ [16] But truly I am full of power by the ſpirit of the LORD, and of [17] judgment and of [18] might, to declare unto Jacob his tranſgreſſion, and to Iſrael his ſin.

[16] *q. d.* But I am none of that ſtamp, for I am endued by the Spirit of God with thoſe abilities that become my calling, *Matth.*7.29. ¶ [17] Ability to diſcern between truth and falſhood. ¶ [18] Courage and reſolution to diſcharge my Office faithfully, whatever come of it, *Jer.*1.18. *Iſa.*58.1.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the houſe of Jacob, and princes of the houſe of Iſrael, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

19 They build up [19] Zion with † [20] bloud, and Jeruſalem with [20] iniquity.

† Heb. *bloods.*

[19] Their Houſes in *Zion*, and other parts of *Jeruſalem.* ¶ [20] *Jer.*22.13. *Hab.*2.9, 12. With Money gotten by taking away the Lives of the innocent, and then ſeizing upon their Eſtates: Or, What they gain by Bribes and unjuſt Judgment, *v.* 11.

11 The heads thereof judge for [21] reward, and the prieſts thereof teach for [22] hire, and the prophets thereof divine for [22] money: * yet will they [23] lean upon the LORD, † and ſay, *Is* not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

* Iſa.48.2. Rom.2.17.

† Heb. *ſaying.*

[21] *Ch.*7.4. *Exod.*23.8. *Iſa.*1.23. *Hoſ.* 4.-18. ¶ [22] *Jude* 11. *Tit.*1.11. ¶ [23] Preſume upon impunity by reaſon of their external Priviledges, as *Jer.*7.8–11. *Matth.*3.9.

12 Therefore ſhall Zion for your ſake be [24] plowed *as* a field, and Jeruſalem ſhall become [25] heaps, and the mountain of the houſe, [26] as the high places of the foreſt.

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[24] *Jer.*26.18. ¶ [25] *ch.*1.6. *Matth.*24.3. ¶ [26] Over-run with Wood.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The glory,* 3 *peace,* 8 *kingdom,* 11 *and victory of the church.*

1 BUT * in the laſt days it ſhall come to paſs, *that* the mountain of the houſe of the LORD ſhall be eſtabliſhed in the top of the mountains, and it ſhall be exalted above the hills, and people ſhall flow unto it.

* Ezek.17.22, 23.

[1] See on *Iſa.*2. 2,3,4.

2 [1] And many nations ſhall come and ſay, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the houſe of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law ſhall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jeruſalem.

3 ¶ [1] And he ſhall judge among many people, and rebuke ſtrong nations afar off, and they ſhall beat their ſwords into plowſhares, and their ſpears into ‖ pruning-hooks: nation ſhall not lift up a ſword againſt nation, neither ſhall they learn war any more.

‖ Or, *ſithes.*

4 But they ſhall [2] ſit every man under his vine, and under his fig-tree, and none ſhall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hoſts hath ſpoken *it.*

[2] 1 *King.*4.25. Enjoy great peace and ſafety, *Pſal.* 72. 10. *Jer.*30.-10. *Zech.*3.10.

5 [3] For [4] all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will [4] walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

[3] *q.d.* God will bleſs us with ſuch mercies as a reward of our obedience. ¶ [4] *q.d.* Tho others follow their ſuperſtitious and idolatrous courſes, which they have been train'd up in, (as its natural for men ſo to do, *Jer.* 2. 11.) yet we'll keep cloſe to the true God, (*Joſh.* 24. 15.) perſevere in the profeſſion of his name, and conſtantly adhere to the Rule of his Word, *Zech.*10.-12.

6 In [5] that day, ſaith the LORD, will I [6] aſſemble

Chap. 5. semble her that halteth, and I will gather her *that is* driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

[5] The latter days, *v.* 1. ¶ [6] *Zeph.* 3.19. *Ezek.* 34. 16. and 28.25. *Jer.* 3.18. Restore my People of the Jews, tho now in a weak, banish'd, afflicted condition, to their former priviledges, and graft 'em into their own Olive-tree again, *Rom.* 11.-24.

7 And I will make her that halted, [7] a remnant, and her *that was* cast far off, [8] a strong nation; and the Lord shall [9] reign over them in mount Zion, from henceforth even for ever.

[7] Preserve a remnant of 'em, as a Seed. See on *Isa.* 1. 9. ¶ [8] Which shall in time become a great multitude. ¶ [9] *Dan.*7.14. *Luke* 1.33.

8 ¶ And thou, [10] O tower of the flock, [10] the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the [10] first dominion, the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

[10] *q. d.* And as for you, O my People of the Jews, who are the true Owners and Possessors of *Jerusalem*, and all the places belonging to it, the Kingdom of Christ shall first begin among you, (*Luke* 24. 47. *Acts* 13. 46.) thence be propagated to all Nations, yea, and at last be restored to thee in its ancient splendor, as it flourish'd under *David* and *Solomon*.

* Jer.8.19. 9 Now why dost thou [11] cry out aloud? * *is* there [12] no king in thee? is thy [13] counseller perished? for [13] pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

[11] So lament the miseries coming upon thee, as if there were no hope of relief. ¶ [12] *Lam.* 4. 20. *Isa.* 3. 1-3. *Hos.*10.3. *q.d.* True indeed, they are all removed and destroyed at present, yet all is not lost. ¶ [13] *Psal.*48.6. *Isa.*13. 8. Thou art in great distress and anguish, but it will have a good issue, *John* 16.21.

10 [14] Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou [15] go forth out of the city, and thou shalt [16] dwell in the field, and thou shalt go *even* to Babylon, [17] there shalt thou be delivered: there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

[14] *q. d.* It must indeed be so: thou must endure many a bitter pang, and sharp throe for a while. ¶ [15] Be feign to fly for your lives, 2 *King.*25.4. ¶ [16] Be dispers'd abroad and wander about. ¶ [17] I'll find out a way of deliverance for thee from thence, yea, from all thy enemies.

11 ¶ Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be [18] defiled, and let our eye [19] look upon Zion.

[18] 2 *King.* 23.8. Polluted with blood and slaughter, (*Numb.*35.33.) and treated as a profane place. ¶ [19] *Psal.* 35.-21. *Obad.*-12. Delight its self with beholding their calamities.

12 But they [20] know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as [21] the sheaves into the floor.

[20] Understand not God's design in all this. ¶ [21] *Joel* 3.13. To be thresh'd and beaten to pieces by his people, *v.* 13.

13 Arise, and [22] thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I [23] will make thine horn iron, and I [23] will make thy hoofs brass, and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I [24] will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the [25] LORD of the whole earth.

[22] *Isa.*41.15. *Jer.*51.33. Trample them under foot (which was the way of threshing them.) ¶ [23] *Deut.*33.17. Thou shalt have power and strength enough to destroy all thy enemies. ¶ [24] Every one of God's People shall dedicate whatsoever they gain from these Enemies, to the service of God. ¶ [25] *Zech.*4.-14. and 6.-5.

CHAP. V.

The birth and kingdom of Christ.

NOw [1] gather thy self in troops, [2] O daughter of troops: [3] he hath laid siege against us: they shall [4] smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. Chap. 5.

[1] O ye *Babylonians*, muster up all the Forces you can to besiege *Jerusalem*, and sack it, (for so God has determin'd:) yet know that God has determin'd to recompense us for all our sufferings by you; for out of *Bethlehem* shall come forth, *&c. v.*-2. ¶ [2] O *Babylon*, the Daughter of an arrant Spoiler, *Nimrod*; who was the first that began that sport over Men and Beasts, *Gen.*10. 9. ¶ [3] And so it will come to pass; the *Babylonians* will besiege us. ¶ [4] 1 *King.* 22.24. *Job.*16.10. *Lam.*3.30. They'l treat our Kings and Rulers in a most disgraceful manner.

2 [5] But thou Beth-lehem Ephratah, *though* thou be [6] little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth [7] unto me, *that is* to be [8] ruler in Israel: [9] whose goings forth *have been* from old, from † everlasting. Compl. 4000. † Heb. *the days of eternity.*

[5] *q.d.* Tho this be the portion of my People at present, yet a Deliverer will come. ¶ [6] *Matth.*2.6. See there. ¶ [7] By my appointment, and to do the great work for which I send him. ¶ [8] *ch.* 4.-7. *Isa.* 32. 1. *Jer.* 23. 5, 6. *Luke* 1. 33. ¶ 9 Whose Original, as God, is from eternity, by eternal generation from the Father.

3 [10] Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: [11] then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

[10] For the accomplishment of the Prophecies aforesaid of their destruction, God will expose 'em to many miseries, (*Hos.*3.3,4.) till the Church of the Jews, (which has been in such great trouble and distress) shall bring forth the Messiah, the Deliverer, into the World. ¶ [11] And then shall the Gentiles, (Christ's Brethren, *Heb.* 2.-11, 12.) be converted, and become Members of the Church, *Joh.* 10.16.

4 ¶ And [12] he shall stand and ‖ feed [13] in the strength of the LORD, [13] in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God, and [14] they shall abide: for now shall he be [15] great unto the ends of the earth. ‖ Or, *rule.*

[12] The Messiah shall be setled in his Government, and be diligent in the execution of his Office. ¶ [13] A Divine Power shall manifest its self in his gathering, feeding, and preserving his People against all opposition, *John* 10. 28, 29. *Psal.*45.3,4. ¶ [14] His Flock shall be safe and secure under his protection, *Matth.*6.-18. ¶ [15] *Psal.*72.8. His Power acknowledged, his Dominion enlarged, and his Honour advanc'd all the World over.

5 And this *man* shall be [16] the peace when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him [17] seven shepherds, and [17] eight † principal men. † Heb. *princes of men.*

[16] *Eph.*2.14,15,17. *Isa.*9.-6. Shall drive the *Assyrian* out of our Land, and so restore outward Peace to us, (*Isa.*37. 35-37. and 8.7.-10.) and deliver his Church from all other enemies in due time; and in the mean while give inward Peace with God, (*Rom.*5.1.) and our selves. ¶ [17] A sufficient number of Leaders and Deliverers for his People.

6 And they shall † [18] waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the [19] land of Nimrod ‖ in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver *us* from the Assyrian when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. † Heb. *eat up.* ‖ Or, *with her own naked swords.*

[18] Not only deliver his Church, but destroy her enemies, *Isa.*10. 12. and 30. 31. ¶ [19] *Babylon*, (where *Nimrod* did reign.)

7 And the [20] remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people, [21] as a dew from the LORD, [21] as the showers upon the grass, that [22] tarrieth not for man, nor [23] waiteth for the sons of men.

[20] That small remainder of Jews that God shall miraculously preserve in those calamitous times; and particularly the Apostles shall be scattered into many parts of the world. ¶ [21] A blessing to those they live among, and a means of their conversion. ¶ [22] Is not directed and disposed by any humane power, but by the immediate Providence of God, so the People of God are dispersed, and the Gospel dispens'd to this or that place, according to the special providence and direction of God, *Acts* 16.6,7,10. *Isa.*30.21.

8 ¶ And the [20] remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people,

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[30] Pretending to be endued with the ſpirit of Prophecy, ſhall feed 'em with lying fancies and imaginations, agreeable to their humours. ¶ [31] Such things as may gratifie the fleſh, and encourage ſenſual Livers in their pernicious courſes.

12 ¶ [32] I will ſurely aſſemble, O Jacob, all of thee: I will ſurely gather the remnant of Iſrael, [33] I will put them together as the ſheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midſt of their fold: they ſhall make great noiſe by reaſon of *the multitude of* men.

[32] God here ſweetens the former Threatnings with Promiſes of the reſtitution of his true *Iſrael* under Chriſt. ¶ [33] *q.d.* And though they are but a remnant at preſent, yet they ſhall become a great multitude by the acceſſion of many Converts to 'em, *Iſa.*49.20,21.

13 [34] The breaker is come up before them: [35] they have broken up, and have paſſed through the gate, and are gone out by it, and [36] their king ſhall paſs before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

[34] Such as ſhall make way for 'em, (like Pioneers for an Army) who ſhall remove all rubs and hindrances out of their way, *Iſa.* 57. 14. and 62.10. ¶ [35] And now they march on freely, (without any Let) either backward or forward whitherſoever they pleaſe. ¶ [36] *Iſa.* 52. 12. Chriſt as their General, to fight their battels for 'em, *Hoſ.*1.-11.

CHAP. III.

1 *The cruelty of the princes.* 5 *The falſhood of the prophets.* 8 *The ſecurity of them both.*

AND I ſaid, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the houſe of Iſrael; *Is it* not for you to [1] know judgment?

[1] *Jer.*5.5. 2 *Chron.* 19. 10. To underſtand what belongs to your Office, and to act accordingly.

2 Who [2] hate the good, and love the evil, who [3] pluck off their skin from off them, and their fleſh from off their bones:

[2] Contrary to *Pſal.*15. 4. *Rom.*12.-9. ¶ [3] *Ezek.* 22. 27. *Zeph.*3.3. Cruelly oppreſs your Subjects, and ſcrape all you can from 'em.

3 Who alſo [4] eat the fleſh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as fleſh within the caldron.

[4] *Pſal.*14.4. Devour all their ſubſtance, and grind 'em to pieces in a moſt barbarous manner.

* Pſal.18.41. Ezek.8.18. Zech.7.13.

4 [5] Then * ſhall they [6] cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, [7] as they have behaved themſelves ill in their doings.

[5] When the Judgments threatned, (*ch.*1.6–8. and 2. 3.) come upon 'em. ¶ [6] *Prov.*1.28. See there. ¶ [7] *Jam.*2.13.

* Ezek.22.25.

5 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD * concerning the prophets that make my people [8] err, that [9] bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace: and he that [10] putteth not into their mouths, they even [11] prepare war againſt him.

[8] *Iſa.* 9.16. *Jer.* 14. 14. and 29. 8. and 50. 6. *Mal.* 2. 8. ¶ [9] *ch.* 2. 11. Theſe Trencher-Chaplains, when they are well fed and pamper'd with the choiceſt Bits, then they frame their mouths to propheſie of Peace and Plenty. ¶ [10] *Iſa.*56.11. *Ezek.*13.19. ¶ [11] Denounce all manner of evil againſt him, and do him all the miſchief they can.

† Heb. *from a viſion.*

†Heb. *from divining.*

6 Therefore [12] night *ſhall be* unto you † that ye ſhall not have a viſion, and it ſhall be [13] dark unto you, † that ye ſhall not divine, and the [13] ſun ſhall go down over the prophets, and the [13] day ſhall be dark over them.

[12] *Ezek.* 13. 23. Such miſeries ſhall come upon you, that you ſhall be diſabled from feigning ſuch Prophecies of Peace, and ſhall not dare to pretend any more to ſuch Viſions and Revelations, *Zech.*13.4. ¶ [13] They ſhall be able to foreſee nothing that is good, either for themſelves or you.

7 Then ſhall the ſeers be [14] aſhamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they ſhall all [15] cover their † lips, for *there is* [6] no anſwer of God.

[14] *Zech.*13. 4. *Mal.* 2. 9. ¶ [15] In token of ſhame and mourning, *Lev.*13.45. *Ezek.*24.17,22.

† Heb. *upper lip.*

8 ¶ [16] But truly I am full of power by the ſpirit of the LORD, and of [17] judgment and of [18] might, to declare unto Jacob his tranſgreſſion, and to Iſrael his ſin.

[16] *q. d.* But I am none of that ſtamp, for I am endued by the Spirit of God with thoſe abilities that become my calling, *Matth.*3.29. ¶ [17] Ability to diſcern between truth and falſhood. ¶ [18] Courage and reſolution to diſcharge my Office faithfully, whatever come of it, *Jer.*1.18. *Iſa.*58.1.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the houſe of Jacob, and princes of the houſe of Iſrael, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

19 They build up [19] Zion with † [20] bloud, and Jeruſalem with [20] iniquity.

† Heb. *bloods.*

[19] Their Houſes in *Zion*, and other parts of *Jeruſalem.* ¶ [20] *Jer.*22.13. *Hab.*2.9, 12. With Money gotten by taking away the Lives of the innocent, and then ſeizing upon their Eſtates: Or, What they gain by Bribes and unjuſt Judgment, *v.* 11.

11 The heads thereof judge for [21] reward, and the prieſts thereof teach for [22] hire, and the prophets thereof divine for [22] money: * yet will they [23] lean upon the LORD, † and ſay, *Is* not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

* Iſa.48.2. Rom.2.17.

† Heb. *ſaying.*

[21] *Ch.*7.4. *Exod.*23.8. *Iſa.*1.23. *Hoſ.* 4.-18. ¶ [22] *Jude* 11. *Tit.*1.11. ¶ [23] Preſume upon impunity by reaſon of their external Priviledges, as *Jer.*7.8--11. *Matth.*3.9.

12 Therefore ſhall Zion for your ſake be [24] plowed *as* a field, and Jeruſalem ſhall become [25] heaps, and the mountain of the houſe, [26] as the high places of the foreſt. 3291. Compl. 3418.

[24] *Jer.*26.18. ¶ [25] *ch.*1.6. *Matth.*24.3. ¶ [26] Over-run with Wood.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The glory,* 3 *peace,* 8 *kingdom,* 11 *and victory of the church.*

BUT * in the laſt days it ſhall come to paſs, *that* the mountain of the houſe of the LORD ſhall be eſtabliſhed in the top of the mountains, and it ſhall be exalted above the hills, and people ſhall flow unto it.

* Ezek.17.22, 23.

[1] See on *Iſa.*2. 2,3,4.

2 [1] And many nations ſhall come and ſay, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the houſe of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law ſhall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jeruſalem.

3 ¶ [1] And he ſhall judge among many people, and rebuke ſtrong nations afar off, and they ſhall beat their ſwords into plowſhares, and their ſpears into ‖ pruning-hooks: nation ſhall not lift up a ſword againſt nation, neither ſhall they learn war any more.

‖ Or, *ſithes.*

4 But they ſhall [2] ſit every man under his vine, and under his fig-tree, and none ſhall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hoſts hath ſpoken *it.*

[2] 1 *King.*4.25. Enjoy great peace and ſafety, *Pſal.* 72. 10. *Jer.*30.-10. *Zech.*3.10.

5 [3] For [4] all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will [4] walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

[3] *q.d.* God will bleſs us with ſuch mercies as a reward of our obedience. ¶ [4] *q.d.* Tho others follow their ſuperſtitious and idolatrous courſes, which they have been train'd up in, (as its natural for men ſo to do, *Jer.* 2. 11.) yet we'll keep cloſe to the true God, (*Joſh.* 24. 15.) perſevere in the profeſſion of his name, and conſtantly adhere to the Rule of his Word, *Zech.*10.-12.

6 In [5] that day, ſaith the LORD, will I [6] aſſemble

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semble her that halteth, and I will gather her *that is* driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

[5] The latter days, *v.* 1. ¶ [6] *Zeph.* 3.19. *Ezek.* 34. 16. and 28.25. *Jer.* 3.18. Restore my People of the Jews, tho now in a weak, banish'd, afflicted condition, to their former priviledges, and graft 'em into their own Olive-tree again, *Rom.* 11.-24.

7 And I will make her that halted, [7] a remnant, and her *that was* cast far off, [8] a strong nation; and the Lord shall [9] reign over them in mount Zion, from henceforth even for ever.

[7] Preserve a remnant of 'em, as a Seed. See on *Isa.* 1. 9. ¶ [8] Which shall in time become a great multitude. ¶ [9] *Dan.*7.14. *Luke* 1.33.

8 ¶ And thou, [10] O tower of the flock, [10] the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the [10] first dominion, the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

[10] *q. d.* And as for you, O my People of the Jews, who are the true Owners and Possessors of *Jerusalem*, and all the places belonging to it, the Kingdom of Christ shall first begin among you, (*Luke* 24. 47. *Acts* 13. 46.) thence be propagated to all Nations, yea, and at last be restored to thee in its ancient splendor, as it flourish'd under *David* and *Solomon*.

* Jer.8.19. 9 Now why dost thou [11] cry out aloud? * *is there* [12] no king in thee? is thy [12] counseller perished? for [13] pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

[11] So lament the miseries coming upon thee, as if there were no hope of relief. ¶ [12] *Lam.* 4. 20. *Isa.* 3. 1-3. *Hos.*10.3. *q.d.* True indeed, they are all removed and destroyed at present, yet all is not lost. ¶ [13] *Psal.*48.6. *Isa.*13. 8. Thou art in great distress and anguish, but it will have a good issue, *John* 16.21.

10 [14] Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou [15] go forth out of the city, and thou shalt [16] dwell in the field, and thou shalt go *even* to Babylon, [17] there shalt thou be delivered: there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

[14] *q. d.* It must indeed be so: thou must endure many a bitter pang, and sharp throe for a while. ¶ [15] Be feign to fly for your lives, 2 *King.*25.4. ¶ [16] Be dispers'd abroad and wander about. ¶ [17] I'll find out a way of deliverance for thee from thence, yea, from all thy enemies.

11 ¶ Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be [18] defiled, and let our eye [19] look upon Zion.

[18] 2 *King.* 23. 8. Polluted with blood and slaughter, (*Numb.*35.33.) and treated as a profane place. ¶ [19] *Psal.* 35.-21. *Obad.*-12. Delight its self with beholding their calamities.

12 But they [20] know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as [21] the sheaves into the floor.

[20] Understand not God's design in all this. ¶ [21] *Joel* 3.13. To be thresh'd and beaten to pieces by his people, *v.* 13.

13 Arise, and [22] thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I [23] will make thine horn iron, and I [23] will make thy hoofs brass, and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I [24] will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the [25] LORD of the whole earth.

[22] *Isa.*41.15. *Jer.*51.33. Trample them under foot (which was the way of threshing them.) ¶ [23] *Deut.*33.17. Thou shalt have power and strength enough to destroy all thy enemies. ¶ [24] Every one of God's People shall dedicate whatsoever they gain from these Enemies, to the service of God. ¶ [25] *Zech.*4.-14. and 6.-5.

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The birth and kingdom of Christ.

NOw [1] gather thy self in troops, [2] O daughter of troops: [3] he hath laid siege against us: they shall [4] smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. Chap. 5.

[1] O ye *Babylonians*, muster up all the Forces you can to besiege *Jerusalem*, and sack it, (for so God has determin'd:) yet know that God has determin'd to recompense us for all our sufferings by you; for out of *Bethlehem* shall come forth, *&c. v.*-2. ¶ [2] O *Babylon*, the Daughter of an arrant Spoiler, *Nimrod*; who was the first that began that sport over Men and Beasts, *Gen.*10. 9. ¶ [3] And so it will come to pass; the *Babylonians* will besiege us. ¶ [4] 1 *King.* 22.24. *Job.*16.10. *Lam.*3.30. They'l treat our Kings and Rulers in a most disgraceful manner.

2 [5] But thou Beth-lehem Ephratah, *though* thou be [6] little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth [7] unto me, *that is* to be [8] ruler in Israel: [9] whose goings forth *have been* from old, from † everlasting. Compl. 4000. † Heb. *the days of eternity.*

[5] *q.d.* Tho this be the portion of my People at present, yet a Deliverer will come. ¶ [6] *Matth.*2.6. See there. ¶ [7] By my appointment, and to do the great work for which I send him. ¶ [8] *ch.* 4.-7. *Isa.* 32. 1. *Jer.* 23. 5, 6. *Luke* 1. 33. ¶ 9 Whose Original, as God, is from eternity, by eternal generation from the Father.

3 [10] Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: [11] then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

[10] For the accomplishment of the Prophecies aforesaid of their destruction, God will expose 'em to many miseries, (*Hos.*3.3,4.) till the Church of the Jews, (which has been in such great trouble and distress) shall bring forth the Messiah, the Deliverer, into the World. ¶ [11] And then shall the Gentiles, (Christ's Brethren, *Heb.* 2.-11, 12.) be converted, and become Members of the Church, *Joh.* 10.16.

4 ¶ And [12] he shall stand and ‖ feed [13] in the strength of the LORD, [13] in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God, and [14] they shall abide: for now shall he be [15] great unto the ends of the earth. ‖ Or, *rule.*

[12] The Messiah shall be setled in his Government, and be diligent in the execution of his Office. ¶ [13] A Divine Power shall manifest its self in his gathering, feeding, and preserving his People against all opposition, *John* 10. 28, 29. *Psal.*45.3,4. ¶ [14] His Flock shall be safe and secure under his protection, *Matth.*6.-18. ¶ [15] *Psal.*72.8. His Power acknowledged, his Dominion enlarged, and his Honour advanc'd all the World over.

5 And this *man* shall be [16] the peace when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him [17] seven shepherds, and [17] eight † principal men. † Heb. *princes of men.*

[16] *Eph.*2.14,15,17. *Isa.*9.-6. Shall drive the *Assyrian* out of our Land, and so restore outward Peace to us, (*Isa.*37. 35-37. and 8.7.-10.) and deliver his Church from all other enemies in due time; and in the mean while give inward Peace with God, (*Rom.*5.1.) and our selves. ¶ [17] A sufficient number of Leaders and Deliverers for his People.

6 And they shall † [18] waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the [19] land of Nimrod ‖ in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver *us* from the Assyrian when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. † Heb. *eat up.* ‖ Or, *with her own naked swords.*

[18] Not only deliver his Church, but destroy her enemies, *Isa.*10. 12. and 30. 31. ¶ [19] *Babylon*, (where *Nimrod* did reign.)

7 And the [20] remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people, [21] as a dew from the LORD, [21] as the showers upon the grass, that [22] tarrieth not for man, nor [23] waiteth for the sons of men.

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8 ¶ And the [20] remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people,

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‖ Or, *goats.*

[23] as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of ‖ sheep: who if he go through, both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

[23] To devour and destroy 'em, *v.*9. Tho' they are a blessing to the penitent, (*v.*7.) yet they are a curse to their impenitent and implacable enemies, *Rev.*11.5,6. Spiritually it relates to the conquering power of the Gospel.

[24] *Psal.* 45.5.

9 [24] Thine hand shall be lift up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will [25] cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:

[25] *Zech.*9.10. *Hos.*14.3. Purge 'em from all their former corruptions; particularly, from carnal security, and trusting in all carnal helps and unlawful shifts.

11 And I will [25] cut off the cities of thy land, and [25] throw down all thy strong holds:

[26] *Rev.*18.23.

12 And I will cut off [26] witchcrafts out of thine hand, and thou shalt have no *more* [26] soothsayers.

13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy ‖ standing images out of the midst of thee, and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

‖ Or, *statues.*

14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy ‖ cities.

‖ Or, *enemies.*

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the [27] heathen, such as they have not heard.

[27] All the Enemies of my Church, where God has throughly purg'd his people, (*v.* 11--14.) then he'll destroy their Enemies.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Gods controversie for unkindness,* 6 *for ignorance,* 10 *for injustice,* 16 *and for idolatry.*

HEar ye now what the LORD saith, Arise, [1] contend thou ‖ [2] before the mountains, and let the [2] hills hear thy voice.

‖ Or, *with.*

[1] Plead my cause, O *Micah*, against my people. ¶ [2] *Deut.* 32.1. *Isa.*1.2. In their sight and hearing; that they may be Witnesses of what I say, *v.*2.

[4] Psal.50.1,4.

2 * Hear ye, O mountains, the LORDs controversie, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath [3] a controversie with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

[5] *Hos.*4.1. *Isa.*5.3,4.

3 O my people, [4] what have I done unto thee, and wherein have I [5] wearied thee? testifie against me.

[4] *Jer.*2.5,31. *Viz.* To provoke thee so to sin against me. ¶ [5] Disturb'd or displeas'd thee with burdensom Impositions.

[6] Exod.12.51. & 14.30. & 20.2.

4 For * I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the [6] house of servants, and I sent before thee [7] Moses, [7] Aaron, and [8] Miriam.

[6] *Deut.*4.20. *Egypt*; where you were made Bondmen, *Deut.*5.6. ¶ [7] *Josh.*24.5. *Psal.*77.20. ¶ [8] *Exod* 15.20.

[9] Josh.24.9,10. Rev.2.14.

5 O my people, remember now [9] what * Balak king of Moab consulted, and [10] what Balaam the son of Beor answered him [11] from Shittim unto Gilgal, that ye may [12] know the righteousness of the LORD.

[9] What mischief he plotted against thee, *Numb.* 22. and 23. and 24. and 25. ¶ [10] What answer I put into his mouth, so that he blessed thee, instead of cursing thee. ¶ [11] And what wonderful things I did for thee, all the way from *Shittim* to *Gilgal*, on either side of *Jordan*. ¶ [12] Acknowledge and take notice of my just and merciful dealings with you.

6 ¶ [13] Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, *and* bowe my self before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves † of a year old?

† Heb. *sons of a year.*

[13] *John* 6:28. *q. d.* Well then; since, it seems, we have offended God, what course must we take to pacifie him?

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7 [14] Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of rivers of oyl? [15] shall I give my first-born *for* my transgression, the fruit of my † body *for* the sin of my soul?

† Heb. *belly.*

[14] *Psal* 50.9. and 51. 16. *Isa.* 1 11. *q. d.* If these things will serve turn, we'll do our utmost to please him. ¶ [15] We are ready to part with any thing that he requires, (but not their lusts and beloved sins.)

8 [16] He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and [17] what doth the LORD require of thee, but * to do justly, and to love mercy, and to † walk humbly with thy God?

* Isa.1.17.

† Heb. *humble thy self to walk.*

[16] *q.d.* You need not be ignorant of your duty, since God has sufficiently and plainly enough declared it by his Law. ¶ [17] *Deut.*10.12,13,20. *Eccl.*12.13.

9 [18] The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and ‖ *the* [19] *man of* wisdom shall see thy name: [20] hear ye the rod, and [21] who hath appointed it.

‖ Or, *thy name shall see that which is.*

[18] *q. d.* But since those other more gentle ways of instruction have not been regarded, God will now go another, more severe way to work with you. ¶ [19] *Hos.* 14. 9. *q. d.* And such as are truly godly will discern, and own thee in these dispensations, whether by way of Instruction or Correction. ¶ [20] *Prov.* 29.15. Learn to amend your ways by those Judgments God sends upon you. ¶ [21] Take notice of God's hand and end in it.

10 ¶ ‖ [22] Are there [23] yet the treasures of [24] wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the † [25] scant measure *that is* abominable?

‖ Or, Is there *yet unto every man an house of the wicked,* &c.

† Heb. *measure of leanness.*

[22] *q. d.* And if you know not the cause wherefore I send the Rod, I'll tell you again. ¶ [23] Notwithstanding all my Threatnings and Judgments. ¶ [24] *Jer.* 5. 27. *Amos* 8. 5. Gotten by unjust courses. ¶ [25] *Amos* 8.5.

11 ‖ Shall I count *them* pure with the [26] wicked balances, and with the bag of [26] deceitful weights?

‖ Or, *Shall I be pure, with,* &c.

[26] *Prov.*11.1. & 20.10,23. *Hos.*12.7.

12 For the rich men thereof are [27] full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken [28] lies, and their tongue *is* deceitful in their mouth.

[27] Both in their disposition and practice. ¶ [28] *Jer.* 9.3.

13 Therefore also will I make *thee* [29] sick in smiting thee, in making *thee* desolate because of thy sins.

[29] *Isa.* 1. 5. *Psal.* 107. 17, 18. Faint and uneasie.

14 Thou shalt eat, but [30] not be satisfied, and thy [31] casting down *shall be* in the midst of thee, and thou shalt [32] take hold, but shalt not deliver: and *that* which thou [33] deliverest will I give up to the sword.

[30] *Lev.*26.26. *Hos.*4.10. *Hag.*1.6. For want of my blessing upon thy food, *Matth.*4.4. ¶ [31] Thou shalt be brought low, either by intestine dissensions, or enemies invasions, or both. ¶ [32] Try all means to save something, but all in vain. ¶ [33] Sav'st at present.

15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt [34] not reap: thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt [34] not anoint thee with oyl; and sweet wine, but shalt [34] not drink wine.

[34] *Deut.* 28. 38,39. *Jer.* 12. 13. *Zeph.*1.-13. *Amos* 5.8. Be disappointed of thy expectation, (all being devour'd by the greedy enemy.)

16 ¶ For ‖ the [35] statutes of Omri are kept, and all the [35] works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels, [35] that I should make thee a ‖ desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an [37] hissing: therefore ye shall bear the [38] reproch of my people.

‖ Or, *he doth much keep the,* &c.

‖ Or, *astonishment.*

[35] The idolatrous inventions of those Kings, 1 *Kings* 16. 25,26,30,32, 33. *Hos* 5.-11. No commands of Authority can excuse or acquit in case of disobedience to God's Laws. ¶ [36] As if you intended that I should, *&c.* ¶ [37] Matter of scorn and derision, 1 *Kings* 9. 8. 2 *Chron.* 29.-8. *Jer.* 18. 16. and 19.8. ¶ [38] That punishment which belongs to my people peculiarly above others, *Ezek*, 36.20,23. or that contempt that is usually poured upon them. See on *Isa.*25.-8.

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CHAP. VII.

1 *The church complaining of her ſmall number,* 3 *and the general corruption,* 5 *putteth her confidence not in man, but in God.*

† Heb. *the gatherings of ſummer.*

1 WO is me, for [2] I am as † when they have gathered the ſummer-fruits, as the grape-gleanings of the vintage: *there is* no cluſter to eat: [3] my ſoul deſired the firſt-ripe fruit.

[1] *q. d.* I and every good man have great cauſe to bewail the univerſal corruption that is in the Land. ¶ [2] I am fallen upon ſo unhappy an Age, wherein there are few or none to be found that love or fear God: I am in a time like that wherein men have gather'd, *&c.* ¶ [3] *Hoſ.* 9. 10. *q. d.* I'd fain have met with ſome early diſcoveries of goodneſs among 'em, but alas, there's none to be found.

‖ Or, *godly*, or *merciful.*

2 The ‖ good *man* is [4] periſhed out of the earth: and *there is* [5] none upright among men: they all [6] lie in wait for bloud: they hunt every man his brother with a net.

[4] *Pſal.*12.1. *Iſa.*57.1. ¶ [5] *Rom.*3.12. ¶ [6] *Pſal.*10.8–10. *Prov.*1.11. and 12.6. *Jer.* 5 26.

¶ Heb. *the miſchief of his ſoul.*

3 ¶ [7] That they may do evil with both hands earneſtly, the prince [8] asketh, and the judge [8] *asketh* for a reward: and the great *man* he uttereth † his miſchievous deſire: ſo they † wrap it up.

[7] *q. d.* The Miniſters of Juſtice do baſely ſue for Bribes, to engage 'em to do all the Injuſtice that poſſibly they can. ¶ [8] *ch.*3.11. *Iſa.* 1. 23. *Hoſ.* 4.–18. ¶ † Agree together to carry it on and diſpatch it.

4 [9] The beſt of them *is* as a [10] brier: [9] the moſt upright *is ſharper* then a [10] thorn-hedge: [11] the day of thy watchmen, *and* thy [11] viſitation cometh; [12] now ſhall be their perplexity.

[9] They that ſeem to be any thing better than others. ¶ [10] *2 Sam.*23.6,7. *Ezek.*2.6. Catching, ſcratching, pricking, to thoſe that come near 'em. ¶ [11] That time of Viſitation and Judgment which your Prophets have from God foretold. ¶ [12] And at that time they that have been guilty of the foremention'd ſins, (*v.*3.) ſhall be in ſuch ſtraits that they ſhall not know which way to turn themſelves.

[13] *Jer.*9.4. *Matth.* 10.16.

5 ¶ [13] Truſt ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy boſom.

* Ezek.22.7.

6 For * the ſon [14] diſhonoureth the father, the daughter riſeth up againſt her mother, the daughter in law againſt her mother in law; [15] a mans enemies *are* the men of his own houſe.

[14] *Luke* 21. 16. *Matth.* 10. 21. Betrays and ſeeks to ruin. ¶ [15] *Matth.*10.36.

7 Therefore I will [16] look unto the LORD: I will wait for the God of my ſalvation: my God [17] will hear me.

[16] *Pſal.*5.–3. Pray for patience and perſeverance in well-doing, and deliverance in due time from the perils of a diſorder'd State. ¶ [17] *Pſal.*5.3. and 4.3. and 38.15. and 145.19.

8 ¶ [18] Rejoyce not againſt me, O mine enemy: when I [19] fall, I ſhall [20] ariſe; when I [21] ſit in darkneſs, the LORD *ſhall be* a [22] light unto me.

[18] *Prov.*24.17. ¶ [19] *Viz.* Into trouble. ¶ [20] *Prov.*24.16. *Pſal.*37.24. ¶ [21] Am brought into a ſtate of affliction and miſery. ¶ [22] *Pſal.*27.1. and 112. 4. Support, comfort and deliverance.

9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, becauſe I have [23] ſinned againſt him, [24] until he plead my cauſe, and execute judgment for me: he will [25] bring me forth to the light, *and* I ſhall behold his [26] righteouſneſs.

[23] *Lam.*1.18. *Pſ.*39.9. ¶ [24] *q. d.* I'll wait upon him (*Iſa.*26.8.) till he revenge the Injuries I have ſuſtain'd from my enemies. ¶ [25] Publickly own and honour me. ¶ [26] Faithfulneſs and Mercy.

‖ Or, *And thou wilt ſee her that* is *mine enemy, and cover her with ſhame.*

10 ‖ Then [27] *ſhe that is* mine enemy ſhall ſee *it*, and ſhame ſhall cover her, which ſaid unto me, [28] Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes ſhall [29] behold her: now ſhall ſhe be † troden down as the mire of the ſtreets.

† Heb. *for a treading down.*

[27] The Nation of the *Chaldeans.* ¶ [28] *Pſal.* 42.–3, 10. and 79. 10. and 115. 2. *Joel* 2.–17. ¶ [29] *Pſal.*58.10. *Mal.*1.5. *Viz.* Brought down, and laid low.

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11 [30] *In* the day that thy walls are to be built, *in* that day ſhall the [31] decree be far removed.

[30] *Amos* 9.11,12. When the time comes for the repairing of *Jeruſalem*, (*Neh.* 3.) and for the erecting and eſtabliſhing my Church under the Meſſiah. ¶ [31] All reſtraints (*Ezra* 4. 5,6,21, &c.) ſhall be taken off, and the Goſpel ſhall be publiſh'd all the world over.

12 *In* that day *alſo* [32] he ſhall come even to thee from Aſſyria, ‖ and *from* the fortified cities, and from the fortreſs even to the river, and from ſea to ſea, and *from* mountain to mountain.

‖ Or, *even to.*

[32] Not only ſhall the Jews return from all parts where they have been diſpers'd, (*Iſa.*27.12,13.) but many of the Gentiles ſhall be converted, and joyn themſelves to the Church from all parts of the world.

‖ Or, *after that it hath been.*

13 ‖ [33] Notwithſtanding the land ſhall be deſolate becauſe of them that dwell therein, [34] for the fruit of their doings.

[33] Tho' he hath a purpoſe to enlarge his Church, *verſe* 12. ¶ [34] *Jer.*21.14. As a puniſhment for their ſins.

‖ Or, *Rule.*

14 ¶ ‖ [35] Feed thy people with thy [36] rod, the flock of thine heritage, which [37] dwell ſolitarily *in* the wood, [38] in the midſt of Carmel: let them feed *in* Baſhan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

[35] *q. d.* Since thy people muſt be deſolate (*v.*13.) therefore do thou, O God, their Shepherd take care of 'em. The Prophets words to God or Chriſt. ¶ [36] *Pſal.* 23.–4. Thy Word and ſpecial Providence, ordering all things for their advantage. ¶ [37] Are a people ſeparated from the World, both in Affection and Converſation, *Numb.*23.–9. *Deut.* 33.28. *John* 17.6,16. ¶ [38] Let 'em inhabit the moſt pleaſant places in their own Country again, *Jer.* 50.19.

15 [39] According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I ſhew unto him marvellous things.

[39] God here anſwers, I'll do as great things for my people as ever formerly.

16 ¶ The nations ſhall [40] ſee and be confounded [41] at all their might: they ſhall [42] lay their hand upon *their* mouth; their ear ſhall be [43] deaf.

[40] *Iſa.*26.11. ¶ [41] Where they behold the power, dignity and proſperity of the Church. ¶ [42] *ch.* 3. 7. Be ſilent. ¶ [43] Filled and even ſtunned with the loud fame of theſe wondrous things.

‖ Or, *creeping things.*

17 They ſhall [44] lick the duſt like a ſerpent, they ſhall [45] move out of their holes like ‖ worms of the earth: they ſhall be afraid of the [46] LORD our God, and ſhall fear becauſe of thee.

[44] *Pſal.*72.–9. *Iſa.*49.–23. Profeſs and pretend the greateſt ſubjection and ſubmiſſion to thee. ¶ [45] *Pſal.* 18. 45. Creep out of their ſtrong holds and ſecret refuges where they had hid themſelves, and leave 'em to be poſſeſt by my people. ¶ [46] Thoſe ſignal diſcoveries of his power in ſubduing and deſtroying 'em.

18 [47] Who *is* a God like unto thee, that [48] pardoneth iniquity, and paſſeth by the tranſgreſſion of the remnant of his heritage? he [49] retaineth not his anger for ever, becauſe he [50] delighteth *in* mercy.

[47] *Exod.*15.11. See there. ¶ [48] *Exod.*34.6,7. *Pſal.* 130. 4. ¶ [49] *Pſal.*78.–38. and 103.9. *Iſa.*57.16. *Jer.*3.5. ¶ [50] *Pſal.* 86.5. and 145.8.

19 He will turn again, he will have compaſſion upon us: he will [51] ſubdue our iniquities: and thou wilt [52] caſt all their ſins into the depths of the ſea.

[51] Deſtroy the power of ſin in us, *Rom.* 6.14. ¶ [52] *Iſa.* 38.17. *Jer.*50.20. *Pſal.* 103.12.

20 Thou wilt perform the [53] truth to Jacob, *and* the [54] mercy to Abraham, which thou haſt ſworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

[53] Thoſe Promiſes which thou art engaged by thy Faithfulneſs and Truth to perform. ¶ [54] Thoſe Promiſes which were made to *Abram* out of meer mercy and free grace.

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The ARGUMENT.

NINEVEH being spar'd upon their Repentance at the preaching of Jonah, *it seems afterwards return to the practice of their former sins; adding also the Oppression of the people of God; whereupon God for the comfort of his people* (ch. 1.-12, 13, 15.) *sends* Nahum *to foretel her ruin, and the ruin of the* Assyrian *Monarchy, and consequently the Jews deliverance, who were captivated by 'em: so comforting them in their present miseries, according to his Name, which signifies, a Comforter.*

CHAP. I.

The majesty of God in goodness to his people, and severity against his enemies.

3246. Compl. 3378. THE [1] burden of [2] Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

[1] See on *Isa.*13.1. The heavy doom. ¶ [2] *Zeph.* 2.13. And of the whole *Assyrian* Empire.

‖ Or, *The LORD is a jealous God and a revenger*, &c. * Exod.20.5. † Heb. *that hath fury.*

2 ‖ God *is* * [3] jealous, and the LORD [4] revengeth, the LORD revengeth and † *is* furious, the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries; and he [5] reserveth *wrath* for his enemies.

[3] Highly concern'd for his own honour, and his peoples welfare, (and therefore will not suffer you to be too long or too much oppress, *Isa.*42.13. *Ezek.*39.25. *Zech.*1.-14. and 8. 2. *Joel* 2.18.) ¶ [4] *Deut.*32.43. *Psal.*94.1. *Rom.*12.-19. Will punish his Enemies for the wrongs they have done his people. ¶ [5] *James* 5.-3. *Jer.*3.5. Tho' he forbear for a while, yet he'll execute his wrath upon 'em in due time.

3 The LORD *is* [6] slow to anger, and [7] great in power, and will not at all [8] acquit *the wicked*: * the LORD [9] *hath* his way in the whirlwind, and in the storm, and [10] the clouds *are* the dust of his feet.

* Hab.3.5,11, 12.

[6] *Exod.*34.6. *Jon.* 4.-2. *Psal.* 145.-8. 2 *Pet.*3.9. Forbears long before he punish. ¶ [7] His Power is as great to punish, as his Patience to spare. ¶ [8] *Exod.* 34.7. Suffer the impenitent to escape unpunish'd. ¶ [9] *Psal.*18.7.&c. His Providence guides and governs all the Wars, Commotions and Hurly-burlies in the World. ¶ [10] *Psal.* 104.3. Disposes of 'em as he pleases.

4 He [11] rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.

[11] *Exod.*14.22. *Josh.* 3. 15,16. *Psal.* 106. 9. and 114. 3, 5. *Matth.*8.26. *Isa.*50.-2.

5 The mountains [12] quake at him, and [13] the hills melt, and the earth is burnt at his presence, yea the [14] world, and all that [14] dwell therein.

[12] *Mich.*1.4. See there. 2 *Sam.*22.8. ¶ [13] *Psal.* 97.5. and 29.6. ¶ [14] Quake and tremble at the tokens of his wrath, *v.*6.

† Heb. *stand up.*

6 [15] Who can stand before his indignation? and who can † abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

[15] *Mal.*3.2. *Psal.*90.11. What Kingdom, State, or City? Not thou *Nineveh*, or the *Assyrian* Empire.

‖ Or, *strength.*

7 The LORD [16] *is* good, [17] a ‖ strong hold in the day of trouble, and he [18] knoweth them that [19] trust in him.

[16] *Matth.*19.17. *Viz.* To his people, *Psal.*73.1. and 119.68. (tho' so terrible to his enemies, *v.* 5, 6.) ¶ [17] *Prov.* 18. 10. See there. ¶ [18] *Psal.*1.6. 2 *Tim.* 2.19. Owns and preserves. ¶ [19] 2 *Kings* 18.5. 2 *Chron.*32.8.

8 But with an [20] overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the [21] place thereof, and [22] darkness shall pursue his enemies.

[20] Overwhelming Judgments. ¶ [21] *Nineveh* and the *Assyrian* Empire. ¶ [22] Confusion and desolation.

9 What do ye [23] imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: [24] affliction shall not rise up the second time.

[23] *Psal.*2.1. *Prov.*21.30. *q. d.* Tho' you contrive and combine (*v.*10.) to defeat God's purposes against you, and secure your selves, yet all in vain. ¶ [24] *v.*-12. 1 *Sam.* 26.-8. God will at once and for ever destroy your Empire and City.

10 [25] For while *they be* folden together *as* thorns, and [26] while they are drunken *as* drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

[25] *Isa.* 8. 9. *q. d.* Tho' they combine, and make leagues for their own defence; ¶ [26] and tho' they are drunk with Pride, and senselesness of danger, *Prov.*23.35.

11 There is [27] *one* come out of [28] thee, that [29] imagineth evil against the LORD: † [30] a wicked counseller.

† Heb. *a counseller of Belial.*

[27] *Sennacherib*, or *Rabshakeh*, or one such wicked person or other. ¶ [28] *Nineveh*, or *Assyria*. ¶ [29] *Isa.*36.7, 18, 20. and 37.10,24,29. Breaths forth nothing but fire and flame against the people of God. ¶ [30] Whose counsels and projects tend only to mischief, *Isa.*36.14 &c.

‖ Or, *If* they would have been *at peace, so* should they have been *many, and so should they have been shorn, and he should have passed away.* † Heb. *shorn.*

12 Thus saith the LORD, ‖ Though *they be* [31] quiet, and likewise many, yet [32] thus shall they be † [33] cut down, when [34] he shall pass through: though I have [35] afflicted thee, I will afflict thee [36] no more.

[31] *Rev.*18.7. Free from trouble at present, and in a flourishing condition, and secure in their own apprehensions, *Zeph.*2.15. ¶ [32] Easily and irresistibly, *v.* 10. ¶ [33] *Isa.* 37.36,38. ¶ [34] God himself by an Angel, (*Isa.*37.36.) or, the *Chaldeans.* ¶ [35] Punish'd thee, O *Israel*, by the *Assyrians.* ¶ [36] *Viz.* By them, (because they shall be destroy'd.)

13 For now will I break [37] his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

[37] The Tyranny and Oppression of the *Assyrian* Empire, *Isa.*10.5.-27.

14 And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning [38] thee, *that* [39] no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image, and the molten image, [40] I will make thy grave, for thou [41] art vile.

[38] O *Assyrian* Empire. ¶ [39] Thou shalt be so utterly ruin'd, that thou shalt never be able to recover thy self again. ¶ [40] Utterly destroy thee, O *Assyrian* Empire. ¶ [41] Hast been a vile Persecutor of my people, and Oppressour of all.

* Isa. 52.7. † Heb. *feasts.* † Heb. *Belial.*

15 * [42] Behold upon the [43] mountains the feet of him that bringeth [44] good tidings, that publisheth [44] peace: O Judah, † [45] keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for † [46] the wicked shall no more pass through thee, he is utterly cut off.

[42] A Description of the Churches joy at the news of the *Assyrians.*

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Assyrians ruin, so that she might attend upon God's Service in peace and safety. ¶ [43] *Isa.*52.7. *Rom.*10.15.(Over which he must pass that brings this news to *Judea.*) ¶ [44] Freedom from the *Assyrian* bondage, (by the destruction of that Empire) and all happiness following thereon. ¶ [45] Now you may freely without disturbance, and publickly attend the solemn Worship of God. ¶ [46] The *Assyrian* oppressor, *Isa.*36.37. and *ch.*10.

CHAP. II.

Gods fearful armies against Nineveh.

‖ Or, *The disperser*, or *hammer.*

1 [1] HE that dasheth in pieces is [2] come up before thy face: * [3] keep the munition, [3] watch the way, make *thy* loyns strong, [3] fortifie *thy* power mightily.

* Jer.51.11,12.

[1] *Nebuchadnezzar*, or whoever else God made use of to destroy the *Assyrians*, *Isa.*14.16,17. *Jer.* 50.23. ¶ [2] Ready to assault thee. ¶ [3] O *Assyrian*, use all the means thou canst possibly, to secure thy self. (Spoken in scorn.)

‖ Or, *pride.*

2 [4] For the LORD hath [5] turned away the ‖ excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for * the [6] emptiers have emptied them out, and [7] marred their vine-branches.

* Hos.10.1.

[4] *q. d.* For it's high time to punish thee, since God has by thee sufficiently corrected his own people already, *Isa.*10.12. *Jer.*25.29. ¶ [5] Depriv'd *Judah* of all that whereof they might boast, (See on *Amos* 6. 8.) as he had dealt with the *Israelites* before. ¶ [6] *Psal.*80.13. The *Assyrians* have plunder'd 'em of all, and depopulated their Cities. ¶ [7] Sack'd their Towns and Villages, and pillag'd the Inhabitants.

‖ Or, *died scarlet.*
‖ Or, *fiery.*

3 [8] The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men *are* ‖ in scarlet: the chariots [9] *shall be* with ‖ flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the [10] fir-trees shall be terribly shaken.

[8] All the Armour and Furniture of the *Chaldeans* is died red, and the Commanders and Soldiers are clad in red; (thereby to terrifie their Enemies, and hide their own wounds.) Here he describes the Preparations and Atchievements of the *Chaldeans* against *Nineveh* and the *Assyrians*. ¶ [9] Shall run so fast upon the Stones that they shall strike fire, like Lightning. ¶ [10] Spears made of that Wood.

† Heb. *their show.*

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall [11] justle one against another in the broad ways: † they shall [9] seem like torches, they shall run like the [9] lightnings.

[11] By reason of their multitude, haste, and fury.

‖ Or, *gallants.*

5 [12] He shall recount his ‖ worthies: they shall [13] stumble in their walk: they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and [14] the †defence shall be prepared.

† Heb. *covering*, or *coverer.*

[12] The *Chaldean* Monarch shall muster up and pick out his choicest Commanders and Soldiers for this Enterprize. ¶ [13] By reason of haste. ¶ [14] Both sides shall be ready to defend themselves against each other.

‖ Or, *molten.*

6 [15] The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the [16] palace shall be ‖ dissolved.

[15] Those Banks which were made to keep in the River *Tygris*, shall be broken down, so that it shall overflow, and make a breach in the Walls of *Nineveh*, through which the Besiegers made their entrance. ¶ [16] All their stately Temples and Palaces shall be ruin'd.

‖ Or, *that which was established*, or *there was a stand made.*
‖ Or, *discovered.*

7 And ‖ [17] Huzzab shall be ‖ led away captive, she shall be [18] brought up, and her maids shall lead *her* [19] as with the voice of doves, [20] tabring upon their breasts.

[17] The Queen and great Ladies, who liv'd before in a quiet and setled condition, (as the word signifies.) ¶ [18] *Viz.* In Triumph, to the Conquerour. ¶ [19] Sighing out their sorrows in a mournful tone. ¶ [20] Smiting upon their Breasts for sorrow.

‖ Or, *from the days* that *she* hath been.
‖ Or, *cause* them *to turn.*

8 But Nineveh *is* ‖ of old [21] like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, [22] *shall they cry*; but none shall ‖ look back.

[21] As full of people as a standing Pool is of water, *Jon.* 4. 11. ¶ [22] The Officers and Commanders shall call upon the Soldiers and Inhabitants.

‖ Or, *and* their *infinite store*, &c.
† Heb. *vessels of desire.*

9 [23] Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: ‖ for *there is* none end of the store, *and* [24] glory out of all the †pleasant furniture.

[23] *q. d.* God by his Providence shall so order it that the *Chaldeans* shall take *Nineveh* and all the booty thereof. ¶ [24] Rich Furniture which they had stor'd up in all places.

10 [25] She is empty, and void, and waste, and the [26] heart melteth, and the knees [27] smite together, and much pain *is* in all loyns, *and* the faces of them all [28] gather blackness.

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[25] And then *Nineveh* shall be quite plunder'd of all. ¶ [26] *Isa.* 13.7. And this spoil breaks their very hearts. ¶ [27] *Dan.*5.6. Grow feeble and weak. ¶ [28] *Joel* 2. 6.

11 [29] Where *is* the dwelling of the [30] lions, and the feeding-place of the young lions? where the lion, *even* the old lion walked, *and* the lions whelp, and none made *them* afraid.

[29] *q. d.* This Den of Lions shall now be destroy'd. ¶ [30] Tyrants and Oppressours of others, *Ezek.* 19.2.

12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravine.

13 Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour the young lions, and I will cut off [31] thy prey from the earth, and the [32] voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

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[31] All that Wealth and Treasure thou hast gotten by thy Rapine and Extortion. ¶ [32] Those proud, blasphemous speeches utter'd by thy Messengers, 2 *Kings* 18.17,19.

CHAP. III.

The miserable ruin of Nineveh.

† Heb. *city of bloods.*
* Hab.2.12.

WO to the † * [1] bloody city, it *is* all full [2] of lies *and* robbery, [3] the prey departeth not.

[1] *Ezek.*24.9. *Nineveh*, that has rais'd it self by cruelty and bloodshed, and still continues therein. ¶ [2] Falshood and deceit in Judging, Trading, and all their Dealings. ¶ [3] They give not over their Oppression and Rapine.

2 [4] The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

[4] *q. d.* And hence it comes to pass that Judgments are ready to seize upon 'em, and I hear the noise of the Coachman's whip driving on his horses amain.

† Heb. *the flame of the sword and the lightning of the spear.*

3 The horseman lifteth up both † the bright sword, and the glittering spear, and *there is* a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and *there is* none end of *their* corpses: they stumble upon their corpses:

4 Because of the multitude of the [5] whoredoms of the [6] well-favoured harlot, [7] the mistress of * witchcrafts, that [8] selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

* Isa.47.9,12.

[5] Politick devices, to draw in other Nations to submit to her Government, and put themselves under her protection, as being their interest so to do. ¶ [6] That did abound in Wealth, Policy, Grandeur, and whatsoever might make other Nations in love with her, or engage themselves to her. ¶ [7] *Rev.*17.5. Well skill'd in all wicked Arts to allure others, and also in the devillish Arts of Witchcraft and Sorcery. So *Isa.*23.17. ¶ [8] And when she has by these means brought 'em into subjection, she uses 'em only for her own advantage.

* Isa.47.2,3. Ezek.16.37. [9] See on *Jer.* 13.26.

5 Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I * will [9] discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee [10] vile, and will set thee as a [11] gazing-stock.

[10] *Mal.*2.9. As thou hast made thy self vile by Sin, (*ch.* 1. 14.) so I'll make thee vile and contemptible by Punishment. ¶ [11] *Jude* 7.

7 And it shall come to pass, *that* all they that look upon thee, shall [12] flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste, [13] who will bemoan her? [14] Whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

[12] *Rev.*18.10. Refusing to help thee. ¶ [13] *Jer.* 15. 5. ¶ [14] None of all her Neighbours will afford any relief to her.

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8 Art thou [15] better then ‖ † populous No, that was ſituate among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about it, whoſe rampart *was* the ſea, *and* her wall *was* from the ſea?

‖ Or, *nouriſhing* † Heb. *No, Amon.*

[15] *Am.*6.-2. More deſerving, that thou ſhouldſt be ſpared; or more able to ſecure thy ſelf than ſhe was?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were* [16] her ſtrength, and *it was* infinite, Put and Lubim were thy † helpers.

† Heb. *in thy help.*

[16] Her Allies ready to aſſiſt her, and the ſupplies they afforded her were numberleſs.

3292. 10 Yet *was* ſhe [17] carried away, ſhe went into captivity: her young children alſo were [18] daſhed in pieces at the top of all the ſtreets: and they [19] caſt lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were [20] bound in chains.

[17] *Jer.*46.25,26. ¶ [18] *Iſa.*13.16. *Pſal.* 137.4. *Hoſ.* 13.-6. ¶ [19] See on *Obad.*-11. ¶ [20] *Pſal.*149.8.

11 [21] Thou alſo ſhalt be [22] drunken: thou ſhalt be [23] hid, thou alſo ſhalt [24] ſeek ſtrength becauſe of the enemy.

[21] O *Nineveh.* ¶ [22] *ch.*1.10. *Iſa.*29.9. and 63.6. *Jer.* 51. 17. and 25. 16. Overwhelm'd with Judgments, ſo as to be depriv'd of thy Underſtanding, Counſel and Prudence, and no more able to help thy ſelf than a drunken man. ¶ [23] Buried in obſcurity, as if thou hadſt never been. ¶ [24] Intreat aſſiſtance and protection from ſome body or other.

12 All thy ſtrong holds *ſhall be* [25] *like* fig-trees with the firſt ripe figs: if they be ſhaken they ſhall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

[25] Eaſily fall into the power of the Enemy.

13 Behold, thy people in the midſt of thee *are* [26] women: the gates of thy land ſhall be [27] ſet wide open unto thine enemies, the fire ſhall devour thy bars.

[26] *Iſa.*19.16. *Jer.*50.37. and 51.30. ¶ [27] By reaſon of the cowardiſe of thy Inhabitants, not daring to ſtand out.

14 [28] Draw thee waters for the ſiege, fortifie thy ſtrong holds: go into clay and tread the mortar, make ſtrong the brick-kiln.

[28] Make all the proviſion that poſſibly thou canſt to hold out the ſiege, and repair thy walls with bricks, O *Nineveh*: yet all will be to no purpoſe, (ſpoken by way of ſcorn, as *ch.*2.-1.)

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15 [29] There ſhall the fire devour thee: the ſword ſhall cut thee off: it ſhall eat thee up like the canker-worm: [30] make thy ſelf many as the canker-worm, make thy ſelf many as the locuſts.

[29] In the very Fortreſſes. ¶ [30] Get as many to help thee as thou canſt.

16 Thou haſt multiplied thy merchants above the ſtars of heaven: [31] the canker-worm ‖ ſpoileth and flieth away.

‖ Or, *ſpreadeth himſelf.*

[31] Notwithſtanding all theſe endeavours to ſecure thy ſelf, the greedy Soldiers, like ſwarms of Caterpillars, devour all, and then are gone, *v.*17.

17 [32] Thy crowned *are* as the locuſts, and [32] thy captains as the great graſhoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, [32] *but* when the ſun ariſeth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are.*

[32] Thy Tributary Kings, and Mercenary Commanders are very numerous, and promiſe help, but when danger comes, they ſlink away.

18 * Thy [33] ſhepherds ſlumber, O king of Aſſyria: thy ‖ nobles ſhall [34] dwell *in the duſt*: thy people is ſcattered upon the mountains, and [35] no man gathereth *them.*

* Exod.15.16. Pſal.76.6.

‖ Or, *Valiant ones.*

[33] Inferiour Officers and Magiſtrates are ſecure and careleſs. ¶ [34] Reduc'd to a mean condition. ¶ [35] No Governour takes care to protect or relieve 'em.

19 *There is* [36] no † healing of thy bruiſe: thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee ſhall clap the hands over thee; for [37] upon whom hath not thy wickedneſs paſſed continually?

† Heb. *wrinkling.*

[36] No remedy for theſe evils, but thou muſt periſh by 'em. ¶ [37] Thou haſt been injurious to all thy neighbour Kingdoms round about thee; none of 'em have been free from thy tyranny and oppreſſion.

HABAKKUK.

The ARGUMENT.

HAbakkuk *propheſied ſome while before the deſtruction of* Jeruſalem *by the* Chaldeans, *(* ch. 1. 5.*) probably in the Reign of* Manaſſeh. *He comforts the Godly againſt the* Chaldeans, *as* Nahum *did againſt the* Aſſyrians, *and by the ſame Argument*, viz. *The ruine of their Enemies the* Chaldeans. *He is much ſtumbled at the proſperity of ſuch wicked perſons, and expoſtulates with God about it,* ch. 1. *Whereupon God anſwers, That they alſo ſhall be deſtroyed, and the Jews delivered; and in the mean while they muſt live by Faith in the belief and expectation thereof,* ch. 2. *Whereupon he falls into a deep Admiration and elegant Celebration of God's mighty Power in ancient Deliverances, and terrible executions on Enemies; and by Faith triumphs over the moſt deplorable calamities that could befal 'em,* ch. 3.

CHAP. I.

1 *Unto Habakkuk, complaining of the iniquity of the land,* 5 *is ſhewed the fearful vengeance by the Chaldeans.*

3195. THe [1] burden which Habakkuk the prophet did ſee.

[1] See on *Iſa.* 13. 1. The heavy doom which was to befal the Jews for their ſins.

2 O LORD, how long ſhall I [2] cry, and thou wilt not [3] hear! *even* cry unto thee *of* [4] violence, and thou wilt not ſave.

[2] 2 *Pet.*2.8. *Pſal.*119.136. Complain to thee of, and bewail that great oppreſſion, and thoſe other ſins which reign every where among us. ¶ [3] *Pſal.*50.21. Take ſome courſe to abate this deluge of ſin, and deliver the oppreſſed. ¶ [4] *Jer.* 20.8. *Job* 19.7.

3 Why doſt thou [5] ſhew me iniquity, and cauſe *me* to behold grievance? for ſpoiling and violence *are* [6] before me: and there are *that* raiſe up [7] ſtrife and contention.

[5] Haſt caſt my lot in ſuch times and places where I am forc'd to behold ſuch injurious, violent dealings. ¶ [6] Which way ſoever I turn my ſelf, I can't look off 'em. ¶ [7] Quarrelling with all about 'em upon every trifling occaſion.

4 [8] Therefore the [9] law is ſlacked, and [10] judgment

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ment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth [12] compaſs about the righteous: therefore ‖ wrong judgment proceedeth.

‖ Or, *wreſted.*

[8] Becauſe they eſcape puniſhment, therefore they ſtill continue in their ſins, and grow worſe and worſe, *Eccl.*8.11. ¶ [9] They grow remiſs in the execution of Juſtice; and God's Law is ſlighted and diſobeyed. ¶ [10] Juſtice is ſuppreſs'd, and never executed among 'em, *Iſa.* 59.4, 9, 14. ¶ [11] *Pſal.*12.8. *Iſa.*59.15. Oppreſs and overpower by their multitude, intereſt, *&c.* ſo that they can't ſhew themſelves.

5 ¶ [13] Behold ye [13] among the heathen, and regard, and [14] wonder marvellouſly: for I will work a [15] work in your days, *which* ye will not [16] believe, tho it be told *you.*

[12] *Acts* 13.41. *q. d.* But tho you have gone on a great while ſecurely in your ſins, yet now I'll reckon with you for all together. And hereby God anſwers the Prophets expoſtulation, *v.*2. ¶ [13] *q. d.* See if you can find an inſtance of ſuch Judgments inflicted upon the Heathen, as I'll bring upon you, *Dan.*9.12. ¶ [14] At this matchleſs Judgment. ¶ [15] *viz.* Of Judgment. ¶ [16] For the ſtrangeneſs of it.

6 For lo, I raiſe up the Chaldeans, *that* [17] bitter and [18] haſty nation, which ſhall march through the † breadth of the land, to poſſeſs the dwelling-places *that are* not theirs.

† Heb. *breadths.*

[17] Cruel and fierce, *Jer.*6.23. ¶ [18] Active and nimble in the diſpatch of their affairs, *v.*-8. *Iſa.*5.-26, 27.

7 They *are* terrible and dreadful: ‖ [19] their judgment and their [19] dignity ſhall proceed of themſelves.

‖ Or, *from them ſhall proceed the judgment of theſe, and the captivity of theſe.*

[19] Thoſe Decrees and Sentences which they paſs, and that authority that they exerciſe over you, is all according to their own will and pleaſure, and not regulated by any other Law either divine or humane.

8 Their horſes alſo are ſwifter then the leopards, and are more † fierce then [20] the evening wolves: and their horſemen ſhall ſpread themſelves, and their horſemen ſhall come from far, they ſhall flie [21] as the eagle *that* haſteth to eat.

† Heb. *ſharp.*
[20] *Jer.* 5.6. *Zeph.*3.3.
[21] *Jer.*4.-13.

9 They ſhall come all [22] for violence, ‖ † [23] their faces ſhall ſup up *as* the eaſt-wind, and they ſhall gather the [24] captivity as the ſand.

‖ Or, *the ſupping-up of their faces, &c* Or, *their faces ſhall look toward the eaſt.* † Heb. *the oppoſition of their faces toward the eaſt.*

[22] To plunder and ſpoil, and uſe all manner of violence. ¶ [23] Their very countenance and preſence ſhall be as miſchievous to you, as the Eaſt wind is to Plants. ¶ [24] Captives in great abundance.

10 And they ſhall ſcoff at the [25] kings, and the [25] princes *ſhall be* a ſcorn unto them: they ſhall deride every ſtrong hold, for they ſhall heap duſt and take it.

[25] At all the oppoſition that the Kings and Princes of *Judea*, or any of their Confederates can make againſt 'em.

11 [26] Then ſhall *his* mind change, and he ſhall [27] paſs over, and [28] offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

[26] *q.d.* Then the King of *Babylon* being drunk with theſe great ſucceſſes, ſhall grow more inſolent, preſumptuous and ſelf-confident than afore. ¶ [27] Exceed all bounds of ſobriety, modeſty, and humanity, which formerly he might ſeem to have had, 2 *Chron.*32.17-19. *Dan.*4.29,30. ¶ [28] Go on to a further degree of wickedneſs, *Iſa.*25.13,14.

12 ¶ *Art* thou not [29] from everlaſting, O LORD my God, mine holy One? [30] we ſhall not die: O LORD, * thou haſt [31] ordained them for judgment, and O † mighty God, thou haſt † eſtabliſhed them for correction.

*2 King. 19.25 Iſa.10.5,6,7. † Heb. *Rock.* Deut.32.4. † Heb. *founded.*

[29] Haſt been in covenant with us for many ages, and ſo wilt continue? and therefore—— ¶ [30] We ſhall not be utterly deſtroyed, (tho we be grievouſly afflicted.) ¶ [31] Appointed theſe *Chaldeans* to execute thy Judgments upon us, *Iſa.*10.5,6.

13 *Thou art* of purer eyes then to [32] behold evil, and canſt not [33] look on ‖ iniquity: [34] wherefore lookeſt thou upon them that deal treacherouſly, *and* holdeſt thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is* more righteous then he?

‖ Or, *grievance.*

[32] To approve of the wicked deſigns of our cruel and malicious enemies. ¶ [33] See the oppreſſion and grievance of thy people with pleaſure and delight. ¶ [34] *Jer.* 12. 1, 2. *Pſal.* 73. 2. *&c.* Why doſt thou ſuffer 'em to go on, ſeeing thou beholdeſt it.

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14 And makeſt men [35] as the fiſhes of the ſea, as the ‖ creeping things *that have* [36] no ruler over them?

‖ Or, *moving.*

[35] Where the greater is ever ready to devour the leſs. ¶ [36] *Judg.*21.25. To govern 'em, but every one does what he pleaſes.

15 [37] They take up all of them with the angle: they catch them in their net, and gather them in their ‖ drag; therefore they rejoyce and are glad.

‖ Or, *flue-net.*

[37] *Am.*4.-2. Theſe *Chaldeans* catch all they can, and make a prey of 'em.

16 Therefore they [38] ſacrifice unto their net, and burn incenſe unto their drag: becauſe [39] by them their portion *is* fat, and their meat ‖ † plenteous.

‖ Or, *dainty.* † Heb. *fat.*

[38] *Iſa.*10.13. Aſcribe all their victories and ſucceſs to their own power and policy. ¶ [39] Their net and drag, *i. e.* Their own skill and ability.

17 Shall they therefore [40] empty their net, and not ſpare continually to ſlay the nations?

[40] Hoard up what they have gotten already, and prepare for a new draught, and ſo go on? Surely thou wilt not ſuffer it to be thus always.

CHAP. II.

1 *Unto Habakkuk, waiting for an anſwer, is ſhewed that he muſt wait by faith.* 5 *Judgment on the Chaldeans.*

1 I will ſtand upon my watch, and ſet me upon the † tower, and will watch to ſee what he will ſay ‖ unto me, and what I ſhall anſwer † when I am ‖ [2] reproved.

† Heb. *fenced place.* ‖ Or, *in me.* † Heb. *upon my reproof,* or *arguing.* ‖ Or, *argued with.*

[1] *q.d.* I have waited a great while for an anſwer to my complaint, *ch.*1.-13, *&c.* ¶ [2] Quarrel'd with for my meſſage to my Countrimen concerning their captivity by the *Chaldeans*, as if it were inconſiſtent with the Juſtice of God.

2 And the LORD anſwered me, and ſaid, [3] Write the [4] viſion, and make *it* [5] plain upon [6] tables, that he may run that readeth it.

[3] *Rom.*15.4. ¶ [4] Now given thee, (*v.*5. *&c.*) concerning the deſtruction of the *Chaldeans*. ¶ [5] *Deut.* 27.-8. That the meaneſt capacity may underſtand it, and receive ſatisfaction and comfort thereby. ¶ [6] *Iſa.*30.8.

3 [7] For the viſion *is* [8] yet for an appointed time, but [9] at the end it ſhall [10] ſpeak, and not [11] lie: though it [12] tarry, wait for it, becauſe it will ſurely [13] come, it will not [14] tarry.

[7] *q. d.* It muſt be written, leſt it ſhould be forgotten, becauſe—— ¶ [8] *Pſal.* 102.-13. Not preſently to be accompliſh'd, but after a certain determinate time, at ſome diſtances off. ¶ [9] *viz.* Of the appointed time, *Exod.* 12.41. ¶ [10] Diſcover it ſelf to your ſatisfaction. ¶ [11] Diſappoint your expectation, (tho you may fear it will, *Pſal.* 116. 11.) ¶ [12] *viz.* Till the appointed time: Or, ſeem to Fleſh and Blood to be delayed beyond the due time. ¶ [13] *Heb.*10.37. *viz.* In Gods due, ſet time. ¶ [14] Beyond that time, *Exod.* 12. 41.

4 Behold, [15] his ſoul *which* is lifted up, is not upright in him: but [16] the juſt ſhall [17] live by his faith.

[15] *q.d.* Now under theſe delays, if any one ſhall proudly quarrel with the Juſtice or Wiſdom of God's Diſpenſations, diſbelieve the Promiſes of the Deliverance, caſt off his dependance upon God, and ſeek to ſhift out of trouble by any back-door of unlawful means, it's a ſign that his heart is not ſincere, but rotten and corrupt. ¶ [16] See on *Rom.*1.17. ¶ [17] Support himſelf, and quiet his heart by his firm dependance on God for the accompliſhment of his promiſes of deliverance to his Church by the deſtruction of their enemies in his own time.

5 ¶ ‖ [18] Yea alſo, becauſe [19] he tranſgreſſeth by wine, *he is* [20] a proud man, neither [21] keepeth at home, who [22] enlargeth his deſire [23] as hell, and *is* as [23] death, and cannot be ſatisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

‖ Or, *how much more.*

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[18] Here begins the Vision shewed to *Habakkuk*, (*v.* 2.) concerning the destruction of the *Chaldeans*. ¶ [19] The King of *Babylon* is given to Luxury and Sensuality, *Dan.*5.1. *&c.* ¶ [20] Insolent in his carriage to all. ¶ [21] Is not content with his own Dominions. ¶ [22] Is insatiably greedy to devour all; (therefore God will certainly bring him down.) ¶ [23] *Prov.*30.15,16.

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6 Shall not [24] all these take up a parable against him, and a [25] taunting proverb against him, and say, ‖ [26] Wo to him that increaseth *that which is* not his: [27] how long? and to him that ladeth himself with [28] thick clay.

‖ Or, *He, he.*

[24] His neighbour Nations, whom he oppresses, and makes a prey of. ¶ [25] *Isa.*14.9,10. ¶ [26] *q. d.* Mischief shall befal thee for these thy wicked practices; and all others that are guilty of the like. ¶ [27] Sure this will not last long. ¶ [28] 1 *Tim.*6.9,10. Heaps of gold and silver, which do but burden and defile.

[29] The *Medes* and *Persians*, *Jer.*50.9.

7 Shall [29] they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

8 Because thou hast spoiled [30] many nations, all the remnant of the people shall [31] spoil thee: because of [32] mens † blood, and *for* the violence [33] of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

† Heb. *bloods.*

[30] *Jer.*25.9. and 27.3. ¶ [31] *Isa.*33.1. ¶ [32] *v.*-17. Shed by thee. ¶ [33] Done by the *Chaldeans* to *Judea* and other Countries, and to *Jerusalem* and her Citizens.

‖ Or, *gaineth an evil gain.*

9 ¶ Wo to him that ‖ [34] coveteth [35] an evil covetousness to his house, that he may [36] set his nest on high, that he may be [37] delivered from the † power of evil.

† Heb. *palm of the hand.*

[34] *Jer.*22.13. That is greedy of unjust gain. ¶ [35] Or, *A covetousness evil to his house*; *i.e.* Which will prove the ruine and ruine of it; (tho' he designs the advancement and enriching of his Family thereby.) ¶ [36] *Obad.* 4. *Psal.*49.11. and 52.7. Advance his Family, that it may be out of the reach of danger. ¶ [37] Exempted from the common miseries of mankind.

10 [38] Thou hast [39] consulted shame to thy house, [40] by cutting off many people, and hast sinned *against* [41] thy soul.

[38] O *Chaldean*, or whoever thou art that dost so. ¶ [39] *Prov.* 22. 16. Done that which will end in the disgrace and ruin of thy Family. ¶ [40] By thy bloody cruelty and oppression. ¶ [41] Thy own life and welfare, and the welfare of thy Family.

‖ Or, *piece*, or *fastning.*

11 For the [42] stone shall cry out of the wall, and the ‖ beam out of the timber shall ‖ answer it.

‖ Or, *witness against it.*

[42] The materials of your stately Palaces shall cry to God for vengeance against you, as being procur'd by unjust, oppressive courses.

† Heb. *bloods.*

12 ¶ Wo to him that buildeth a town [43] with † blood, and [44] stablisheth a city by iniquity.

[43] *Jer.*22.13. *Mich.*3.10. See there. ¶ [44] Endeavours to fortifie it by Wealth gotten by any unjust courses.

‖ Or, *in vain.*

13 Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts, that the people shall [45] labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves ‖ for very vanity?

[45] Take a great deal of pains in building and establishing their Cities, but all to no purpose; (as the next words explain it; and as it is explained *Jer.*51.58.)

‖ Or, *by knowing the glory of the LORD.*

14 For the [46] earth shall be filled ‖ with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

[46] All nations shall take notice of, and acknowledg God's glorious Power and Justice in punishing these cruel, unjust *Babylonians*, (*Psal.* 9. 16.) and delivering his People; as a type and pledg of his Glory to be reveal'd in Christ, and knowledg of his Name then to be communicated, *Isa.*9.-11.

15 ¶ Wo unto him that giveth his neighbour [47] drink: that puttest thy bottle to *him*, and makest *him* drunken also, that thou mayest [48] look on their nakedness.

[47] *Viz.* To excess and beastliness, (usual in the *Babylonish* Court.) ¶ [48] *Gen.*9.22. Meerly to make sport with 'em, and expose 'em.

16 [49] Thou art filled ‖ with shame for glory: [50] drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup [51] of the LORDs right hand shall be turned unto thee, and [52] shameful spewing *shall be* on thy glory.

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‖ Or, *more with shame then with glory.*

[49] Ye *Babylonians* are brought into a contemptible condition, instead of that renown you did formerly enjoy. ¶ [50] *Jer.* 51.57. But you shall have another gets Liquor given you to drink, (*viz.* of God's Wrath) which shall expose you to the utmost disgrace. ¶ [51] Which God by his Providence shall bring to thee. ¶ [52] All thy honour shall be turn'd into the most loathsom contempt.

17 For the [53] violence of Lebanon shall cover thee: and the [54] spoil of beasts, *which* made them afraid because of [55] mens blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

[53] Such violence as you did exercise against the Land of *Judea* and its Inhabitants, and particularly against the Temple, (built with Cedar of *Lebanon*) shall be repayed into your own Bosoms, and shall overwhelm you. ¶ [54] And such spoil and havock shall be made among you, as you made among the Beasts there, by which they were terrified.

18 ¶ [55] What profiteth the graven image, that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a [56] teacher of lies, that † the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make *him* dumb idols?

† Heb. *the fashioner of his fashion.*

[55] *q. d.* And if in your trouble and distress you seek to your Idols for relief and trust in them, you'l find they can do you no good. ¶ [56] *Jer.*10.-8,14. *Zech.*10.2. Begetting false apprehensions of the Deity in the minds of men, *Rom.*1.25.

19 Wo unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall [57] teach: behold, it *is* laid over with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it.

[57] Counsel and direct us what to do.

† Heb. *be silent, all the earth, before him.*

20 But the LORD *is* [58] in his holy temple: † let all the earth [59] keep silence before him.

[58] *Psal.*11.4. In Heaven, and in his Church, by the tokens of his Presence. ¶ [59] *Zeph.* 1. 7. *Zech.* 2. 13. Silently own and adore his Power and Providence, and acknowledg the righteousness of his Judgments.

CHAP. III.

1 *Habakkuk in prayer trembleth at God's majesty.*
17 *The confidence of his faith.*

‖ Or, *according to variable songs*, or *tunes*, called in Hebrew *Shigionoth.*

A [1] Prayer of Habakkuk the prophet ‖ upon [2] Sigionoth.

[1] Penn'd for the direction and consolation of Gods People during the Captivity, wherein he sets forth Gods glorious greatness, and wonderful acts against his enemies, and for his Church. ¶ [2] Some various, doleful Tune; probably the same with *Shiggajon*, *Psal.*7. Title.

† Heb. *report*, or *hearing.*
‖ Or, *preserve alive.*

2 O LORD, I have heard [3] thy † speech *and* was [4] afraid: O LORD, ‖ [5] revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years [6] make known; [7] in wrath remember mercy.

[3] The Answer thou gavest me concerning thy fearful Judgments threatned against thy People, *ch.* 1. 5. *&c.* ¶ [4] *Psal.*119.120. *Isa.*19.16. *Am.*3.8. ¶ [5] *Psal.*90. 13, 17. and 85.6. Support and strengthen thy People, (the special work of thy hands, *Isa.*45.11. *Eph.* 2. 10.) and thy interest among 'em during the years of their captivity, and in the midst of the troubles they are like to meet with. ¶ [6] *viz.* That thou art mindful of, and wilt have mercy upon thy people. ¶ [7] *Exod.* 32. -12. *Numb.* 14. 17-20. *Isa.* 12. 1. *Jer.* 14. 7.

‖ Or, *the south.*

3 God [8] came from ‖ [9] Teman, and the holy One from mount [9] Paran. [10] Selah. [11] His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his [12] praise.

[8] Has manifested his glorious power and goodness formerly to his people, (and therefore we trust he'l do the like again, 2 *Cor.*1.10.) ¶ [9] *Deut.* 32. 2. *Judg.* 5. 4, 5. On Mount *Sinai*, at the giving the Law. ¶ [10] See on *Psal.*3.2. ¶ [11] The glorious tokens of his Presence in Thunder, Lightning, *&c.*

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&c. fill'd the air, *Exod.* 19. 16. *&c.* ¶ 12 His noble Acts, worthy to be praised.

4 And *his* brightness was as the light, he had ‖ 13 horns *coming* out of his hand, and there *was* the 14 hiding of his power.

‖ Or, *bright beams out of his side.*

13 Or, *Beams* and Raies of light, *i. e.* Glorious manifestations of his power in these his Acts. ¶ 14 *q.d.* Tho he did thereby in some measure discover himself, yet he concealed more than he discovered.

5 15 Before him went the 15 pestilence, and ‖ 15 burning coals went forth at his feet.

‖ Or, *burning diseases.*

15 *V.* 12, 13. *Deut.* 32. 24. He destroyed the enemies of his People with divers sorts of plagues; as pestilential Diseases, burning Fevers, and the like.

6 16 He stood and measured the earth: 17 he beheld, and 18 drove asunder the nations, and the 19 everlasting mountains were scattered, the 19 perpetual hills did bow: 20 his ways *are* everlasting.

16 He took up his abode in the Ark, (the pledg of his presence) in *Canaan*, he divided it by lot for their Inheritance, *Exod.* 15. 17. *Numb.* 3. 4. ¶ 17 *Exod.* 14. 24, 25. He manifested his displeasure against 'em. ¶ 18 Drove the Inhabitants of *Canaan* out of their Country, *Exod.* 15. 15. *Josh.* 2. 9. ¶ 19 The Inhabitants of that mountainous Country, who had dwelt there for a long time, were cast out of their ancient Seats. ¶ 20 The dispensations of his Providence to his People are always the same in all Ages, (*viz.* Gracious and merciful, *Psal.* 25. 10.) and therefore we may expect the like from him now, as he did then.

‖ Or, *Ethiopia.* ‖ Or, *under affliction*, or *vanity.*

7 I saw the 21 tents of ‖ Cushan ‖ in affliction: *and* the 21 curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

21 The *Ethiopians* and *Midianites*, (who dwell in Tents made of Curtains) in great distress, *Judg.* 6. and 7.

8 22 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? *was* thine anger against the rivers? *was* thy wrath against the sea, 23 that thou didst ride upon thine horses, *and* thy chariots ‖ of salvation?

‖ Or, were *salvation.*

22 *Nah.* 1. 4. *Exod.* 14. 21. *Josh.* 3. 16. *q.d.* And when God divided the Red Sea, and the River *Jordan*, and caused the Waters to change their natural course, it was not out of anger at the Waters, but love to his People. ¶ 23 When thou didst march before the *Israelites* in a pillar of Cloud and Fire, for their protection and direction.

9 24 Thy bow was made quite naked, 25 *according* to the oaths of the tribes, *even thy* word. 10 Selah. Thou didst 26 cleave ‖ the earth with rivers,

‖ Or, *the rivers of the earth.*

24 Thou didst draw forth thy Weapons, and manifest thy power in the behalf of thy People. ¶ 25 In pursuance of thy Oath and Promise frequently repeated and confirmed to our Forefathers. ¶ 26 *Exod.* 17. 6. *Numb.* 20. 11. *Psal.* 78. 15, 16.

10 27 The mountains saw thee, *and* they 28 trembled: the 29 overflowing of the water passed by: the 30 deep uttered his voice, *and* 30 lift up his hands on high.

27 *Sinai* and the neighbour hills. ¶ 28 *Exod.* 19. 18. *Psal.* 114. 4, 6. ¶ 29 The Waters which used to overflow the banks of *Jordan* at that season, pass'd away and left the Chanel dry, while they stood like a mountain on the other hand, *Josh.* 3. 15, 16. ¶ 30 The Waters of the Red Sea, parted with a great noise, and stood like high mountains on both sides of the *Israelites* (while they march'd through the bottom of the Sea) thereby, as with hands lift up, testifying their subjection to their Creator.

11 The sun *and* moon 32 stood still in their habitation: ‖ 33 at the light of thine arrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

‖ Or, *thine arrows walked in the light*, &c.

32 *Josh.* 10. 12, 13. ¶ 33 They, (the Sun and Moon) directed their course so, that they might give light to thy People to employ their Weapons against their Enemies.

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12 Thou didst 34 march through the land in indignation, thou didst 34 thresh the heathen in anger.

34 *Mic.* 4. 13. Destroy the *Canaanites.*

13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, *even* for salvation 35 with thine anointed; thou 36 woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, 37 by † discovering the foundation unto the neck. 10 Selah.

† Heb. *making naked.*

35 To help *Joshuah*, *David*, and other Leaders of thy People, and Types of Christ. ¶ 36 Didst destroy *Pharaoh*, and often didst discomfit other Kings and Rulers of those wicked Nations. ¶ 37 By exposing 'em to destruction from the greatest to the least, from the highest to the lowest.

14 38 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: 39 they † came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: 40 their rejoycing *was* as to devour the poor secretly.

† Heb. *were tempestuous.*

38 Thou hast weakned and ruin'd, by the Weapons of thy People, all the Towns and Villages of *Canaan*, (as well as the Cities.) ¶ 39 The Inhabitants of *Canaan* came with great violence and fury against thy people. ¶ 40 *Psal.* 10. 9. They made full account to have utterly devour'd us by their secret and cunning designs.

15 Thou didst walk through the sea 41 with thine horses, *through* the ‖ heap of great waters.

41 *v.* 8. See there.

‖ Or, *mud.*

16 When I 42 heard, my belly trembled: my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entred into my bones, and I trembled in my self, 43 that I might rest in the day of trouble: 44 when he cometh up unto the people, he will ‖ invade them with his troups.

‖ Or, *cut them in pieces.*

42 *V.* 2. *viz.* The denunciation of those dreadful Judgments against thy People, (so different from those forementioned deliverances vouchsaf 'd to 'em.) ¶ 43 *q.d.* I was thus deeply affected with the consideration of these things, that so I might betake my self to God for safety at that time, *Isa.* 26. 20. ¶ 44 When the King of *Babylon* is come up against us.

17 ¶ 45 Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines, the labour of the olive shall † fail, and the fields shall yield no meat, the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

† Heb. *lie.*

45 *q. d.* But though there be a total destruction and failure of all creature-comforts and enjoyments by this overflowing deluge of the Babylonish Troops, (*v.* 16.) yet saith the Church, and every true Believer, *I'll rejoyce*, &c.

18 Yet I will 46 rejoyce in the 47 LORD, I will joy in the 47 God of my salvation.

46 See on *Phil.* 3. 1. *Prov.* 31. 25. ¶ 47 In my interest in him, who will preserve his Church in general, that it can never be destroyed, (*Matth.* 16. 18.) and will save and deliver every true Believer in particular, if not temporally, yet eternally.

19 The LORD God *is* 48 my strength, and he will 49 make my feet like hinds *feet*, and he will 50 make me to walk upon mine high places. 51 To the chief singer on my † stringed instruments.

† Heb. *Neginoth.*

48 *Psal.* 18. 2. and 27. 1. Who gives me strength and ability to undergo all these troubles without fainting under 'em. ¶ 49 *Psal.* 18. 34. And will enable me also to escape all dangers, and happily to surmount all difficulties. ¶ 50 Bring me into my own Country again, where I may enjoy Communion with God in his Temple. ¶ 51 *Psal.* 4. Title. *q. d.* And as a testimony of my joy and solace in that respect, I'l appoint the chief Master of Musick to set this Prayer to a Tune fit for my stringed Instruments.

ZEPHANIAH.

The ARGUMENT.

ZEPHANY *was one of the last Prophets who propheſied before the Captivity: He foretels the utter Deſolation of* Jeruſalem *and* Judea *by the* Chaldeans, *thereby to ſtir 'em up, if it were poſſible, to Repentance, that they might prevent this Judgment,* ch. 1. *To which therefore he exhorts 'em; and the rather, in regard of the ſore Judgments that were to be inflicted upon their Neighbour Nations, for their ſins, which therefore ſhould be a warning to them,* ch. 2. *But finding 'em incorrigible he reproves 'em again; and then concludes with gracious Promiſes concerning their Converſion and Reſtoration to their own Land in the latter days.*

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God's ſevere judgment againſt Judah.

THE word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the ſon of Cuſhi, the ſon of Gedaliah, the ſon of Amariah, the ſon of Hizkiah, in the days of Joſiah, the ſon of Amon king of Judah.

† Heb. *By taking away I will make an end.*

2 † I will utterly [1] conſume all *things* from off † the land, ſaith the LORD.

[1] *Viz.* By the *Chaldeans* or *Babylonians.*

† Heb. *the face of the land.*

3 I will [1] conſume man and beaſt: I will conſume the [2] fowls of the heaven, and the [2] fiſhes of the ſea, and * the ‖[3] ſtumbling-blocks with the wicked, and I will cut off man from off the land, ſaith the LORD.

* Ezek. 14. 3, 7.
‖ Or, *idols.*

[2] *Hoſ.* 4. 3. *Jer.* 4. 23, 27. ¶ [3] *Matth.* 13. 41. Idols, and all other occaſions of ſin, and ſcandalous courſes, together with the perſons that are guilty of 'em.

4 I will alſo ſtretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, and I will cut off the [4] remnant of Baal from this place, *and* the name of the * [5] chemarims with the [6] prieſts;

* Hoſ. 10. 5.

[4] All the Relicks of Idolatry that were left after *Joſiah*'s Reformation, 2 *Kings* 23. 4, 5. ¶ [5] The profeſt Prieſts of *Baal.* ¶ [6] Other Prieſts that will now and then be tampering with the idolatrous Rites of *Baal.*

5 And them that worſhip the [7] hoſt of heaven upon the [8] houſe-tops, and them that worſhip, *and* * that [9] ſwear ‖ by the [9] LORD, and * that ſwear by [9] Malcham;

* Iſa. 48. 1. Hoſ. 4. 15.
‖ Or, *to.*
* Joſh. 23. 7.

[7] *Deut.* 4. 19. ¶ [8] *Jer.* 9. 13. 2 *Kings* 23. 12. ¶ [9] 1 *Kin.* 18. 21. *Neh.* 13. 24. *Rev.* 3. 16. Mingle the Worſhip of the true God and Idols together.

6 And them that are [10] turned back from the LORD, and *thoſe* that have [11] not ſought the LORD, nor enquired for him.

[10] *Iſa.* 1. 4. *Jer.* 15. 6. Turn'd Apoſtates. ¶ [11] Careleſly or ſlothfully neglected his Worſhip and Service.

7 [12] Hold thy peace at the preſence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD *is* at hand: for the LORD hath prepared [13] a ſacrifice, he hath † bid his [14] gueſts.

† Heb. *ſanctified, or prepared.*

[12] *Hab.* 2. 20. *Zech.* 2. 13. Don't quarrel with, nor murmur at the Judgments threatned, but ſilently adore, own and ſubmit to God's Juſtice therein. ¶ [13] *Iſa.* 34. 6. *Jer.* 46. 10. Of ſlaughter'd Jews. ¶ [14] *Ezek.* 39. 17. *Rev.* 19. 17. The *Chaldeans*, who were to ſlay this Sacrifice, and feed upon and devour their Wealth and Subſtance.

† Heb. *viſit upon.*

8 And it ſhall come to paſs in the day of the LORD's ſacrifice, that I will † puniſh the [15] princes, and the [15] kings children, and all *ſuch as are* clothed with [16] ſtrange apparel.

[15] *Iſa.* 39. 7. *Jer.* 39. 6. Great ones may tranſgreſs in their Apparel, as well as meaner. ¶ [16] Either fetch'd from foreign Countries, or new invented by themſelves.

9 In the ſame day alſo will I puniſh all thoſe that [17] leap on the threſhold, which fill their maſters houſes with [18] violence and [18] deceit.

[17] Inſolently enter into the houſes of pretended Malefactors to ſpoil and plunder 'em of all. ¶ [18] Goods gotten by Oppreſſion and falſe Accuſation.

10 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, ſaith the LORD, *that there ſhall be* [19] the noiſe of a cry from the fiſh-gate, and [19] an howling from the ſecond, and a great craſhing from the hills.

[19] Horrible Outcries by reaſon of the ſurprize of the City.

11 Howl ye inhabitants of [20] Makteſh, for all the merchant-people are cut down: all they that bear ſilver are cut off.

[20] A Street where the Merchants dwelt.

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12 And it ſhall come to paſs at that time, *that* I will [21] ſearch Jeruſalem with candles, and puniſh the men *that are* † [22] ſettled on their lees; that ſay in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

† Heb. *curded,* or *thickned.*

[21] Make a ſtrict enquiry after their ſins, to puniſh 'em for the ſame. ¶ [22] *Jer.* 48. 11. *Amos* 6. 1. That are ſecure and at eaſe, out of an Atheiſtical Principle that there's no Providence.

13 Therefore their goods ſhall become a booty, and their houſes a deſolation: they ſhall alſo build houſes, but [23] not inhabit *them*; and they ſhall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

[23] *Amos* 5. 11.

14 [24] The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and haſteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man ſhall cry there bitterly.

[24] *Jer.* 30. 7. *Joel* 2. 11, 30. *Mal.* 4. 5. *Rev.* 6. 17. A time of great vengeance, and diſtreſs, *v.* 15.

15 The day *is* a day of [25] wrath, a day of trouble and diſtreſs, a day of waſteneſs and deſolation, a day of darkneſs and gloominеſs, a day of clouds and thick darkneſs,

[25] *Jer.* 30. 7. *Joel* 2. 2. *Amos* 5. 18.

16 A day of the trumpet and alarm againſt the fenced cities and againſt the high towers.

17 And I will bring diſtreſs upon men, that they ſhall [26] walk like blind men, becauſe they have ſinned againſt the LORD: and their bloud ſhall be poured out as duſt, and their fleſh as the dung.

[26] *Deut.* 28. 29. Not know what courſe to take to help themſelves.

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18 Neither their ſilver nor their gold ſhall be able to [27] deliver them in the day of the LORDs wrath, but the whole land ſhall be * devoured by the fire of his jealouſie: for he ſhall make even [28] a ſpeedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

[27] *Ezek.*7.19. *Prov.*11.4.
* Chap.3.8.
[28] *Rev.* 18.17.

CHAP. II.

1 *An exhortation to repentance.* 4 *The judgment of the Philiſtines,* 8 *of Moab and Ammon,* 12 *of Ethiopia and Aſſyria.*

1 GAther your ſelves together, yea, gather together, O nation [2] not ‖ deſired:

‖ Or, *deſirous.*

[1] *Joel* 1.14. and 2.15. *Viz.* In ſolemn Aſſemblies for Humiliation, and Examination, to find out what is amiſs, (as the word alſo ſignifies.) ¶ [2] *Pſal.*119.119. Not worthy of any favour.

2 Before the [3] decree bring forth, *before* the day paſs [4] as the chaff, before the [5] fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORDs anger come upon you.

[3] The decreed Judgment be executed. ¶ [4] Scatter you, as the chaff is by the wind. ¶ [5] *Mal.* 4.1.

3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye [6] meek of the earth, which have [7] wrought his judgment, [8] ſeek righteouſneſs, [9] ſeek meekneſs: [10] it may be ye ſhall be hid in the day of the LORDs anger.

[6] *Pſal.*27.9. and 37.11. and 149.4. Who are humbled under the ſenſe of your ſins and God's wrath. ¶ [7] Obey'd his Precepts. ¶ [8] Follow after Holineſs, *Hebr.*12.14. ¶ [9] Perſiſt and go on in humbling your ſelves. ¶ [10] *Joel* 2.14. See there. *q. d.* Tho' it be difficult, yet its poſſible to eſcape puniſhment: and this is the only way for it.

4 ¶ [11] For [12] Gaza ſhall be forſaken, and [13] Aſhkelon a deſolation: [13] they ſhall drive out Aſhdod at the [14] noon-day, and Ekron ſhall be rooted up.

[11] *q. d.* And the rather, becauſe many of your Neighbour Nations ſhall be deſtroy'd for their ſins; therefore make your peace with God, leſt you fare as they do. ¶ [12] *Amos* 1.6. *Zech.*9.5. ¶ [13] The *Chaldeans, Ezek.*25.15–17. ¶ [14] *Jer.* 6.4. In the greateſt extremity of heat; when it would be moſt tireſom travelling.

5 Wo unto the [15] inhabitants of the ſea-coaſts, the nation of the [16] Cherethites: the word of the LORD *is* againſt you: [17] O Canaan, the land of the Philiſtines, I will even deſtroy thee, that there ſhall be no inhabitant.

[15] The *Philiſtines.* [16] *Ezek.* 25.16. ¶ [17] That part of it which of right belongs to the *Jews,* (*Joſh.*13.2,3.) tho' you keep it unjuſtly from 'em.

[18] The Land of the *Philiſtines, v.*5.

6 And the [18] ſea-coaſt ſhall be dwellings *and* cottages for ſhepherds, and folds for flocks.

7 And the [19] ſea-coaſt ſhall be for the remnant of the houſe of Judah, they ſhall feed thereupon, in the houſes of Aſhkelon ſhall they lie down in the evening: ‖ for the LORD their God ſhall viſit them, and turn away their captivity.

‖ Or, *when,* &c.

[19] *V.* 6. *q. d.* And when my people return from captivity they ſhall inhabit thoſe places, (as part of their inheritance) which you are now diſpoſſeſt of for your ſins.

8 ¶ I have heard the [20] reproch of Moab, and the [21] revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproched my people, and * [22] magnified *themſelves* againſt their border.

* Jer.49.1.

[20] *Jer.*48.27,29. ¶ [21] *Ezek.* 25.3,4. ¶ [22] Preſum'd in a moſt proud and inſolent manner, to incroach upon the Territories of my people.

9 Therefore *as* I live, ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, Surely * Moab ſhall be as Sodom, and * the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, *even* the [23] breeding of nettles, and [24] ſalt-pits, and a perpetual deſolation, [25] the reſidue of my people ſhall ſpoil them, and the remnant of my people ſhall poſſeſs them.

* Iſa.15. Ezek.25.8. Amos 2.1.
* Amos 1.13.

[23] *Pſal.*107.34. *Iſa.* 5.6. and 34.13. ¶ [24] *Ezek.* 47.11. ¶ [25] *v.*7. That ſhall return out of *Babylon.*

10 This ſhall they have for their [26] pride, becauſe they have reproched and magnified *themſelves* againſt the people of the LORD of hoſts.

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[26] *Iſa,*16.6. *Jer.*48.29.

11 The LORD *will be* terrible unto them: for he will † [27] famiſh all the gods of the earth, and *men* ſhall worſhip him, every one [28] from his place, *even* all the iſles of the heathen.

† Heb. *make lean.*

[27] Deprive 'em of their Sacrifices and Offerings, and Worſhip, and bring 'em into contempt. ¶ [28] Wherever they dwell, *John* 4.23. 1 *Tim.*2.8. *Mal.* 1.11.

12 ¶ * Ye Ethiopians alſo, ye ſhall be ſlain by my [29] ſword.

* Iſa.18.1. & 20.4. Ezek.30.9.

[29] In the hand of *Nebuchadnezzar, Jer.* 46.2.

13 And [30] he will ſtretch out his hand againſt the [31] north, and deſtroy [31] Aſſyria, and will make [31] Nineveh a deſolation, *and* dry like a wilderneſs.

[30] *Nebuchadnezzar,* or God by him. ¶ [31] *Iſa.* 10.5, 12. *Ezek.*31.3. *Nah.*2.10. and 3.15.

14 And flocks ſhall lie down in the midſt of her, all the [32] beaſts of the nations: both the ‖ [33] cormorant and the bittern ſhall lodge in the ‖ upper lintels of it: *their* voice ſhall ſing in the windows, deſolation *ſhall be* in the threſholds: ‖ for [34] he ſhall uncover the cedar-work.

‖ Or, *pelican.*
‖ Or, *knops,* or *chapiters.*
‖ Or, *when he hath uncovered.*

[32] *Iſa.*13.21,22. ¶ [33] *Iſa.*34.11, 14. ¶ [34] God by the Enemy ſhall ruin their houſes, and expoſe their curious carved work of Cedar to the injuries of the weather.

15 [35] This *is* the rejoycing city that dwelt careleſly, that ſaid in her heart, I *am,* and *there is* none beſide me: how is ſhe become a deſolation, a place for beaſts to lie down in! every one that paſſeth by her, * ſhall [36] hiſs *and* wag his hand.

* Job 27.23. Lam.2.15.

[35] *Nineveh* is a City full of mirth and jollity, and given to pleaſure, *Iſa.* 47.8. See there. ¶ [36] *Pſal.* 52.7. *Ezek.* 27.26.

CHAP. III.

1 *A ſharp reproof of Jeruſalem.* 8 *An exhortation to wait for their reſtauration.* 14 *Their ſalvation by God.*

1 WO to ‖ † her that is [1] filthy and polluted, to the [2] oppreſſing city.

‖ Or, *glutton-ous.*
† Heb. *craw.*

[1] *Lam.*1.8,9,17. *Jeruſalem,* become filthy and lothſom by her ſins, (who was formerly holy, *Iſa.* 1.21.) ¶ [2] *Mich.* 3. 2,3. *Jer.*5.26. and 6.-6.

2 She obeyed not the * [3] voice: ſhe [4] received not ‖ [4] correction: ſhe truſted not in the LORD: ſhe [6] drew not near to her God.

‖ Or, *inſtruction.*

[3] *Neh.* 9.26. The warnings of God by his Prophets. ¶ [4] *Jer.*2.30. and 5.3. and 7.28. Was not better'd by Judgments, or, *Inſtruction*; *i. e.* rejected all good counſel, and refus'd to learn her duty, *Pſal.* 50.17. *Prov.* 5.12. *Jer.* 32.-33. and 35.-13. ¶ [5] (But in her own Wiſdom, Wealth, Strength, Allies, *&c.*) ¶ [6] Neglected his Worſhip and Service.

3 [7] Her princes within her *are* roring lions; her judges *are* [8] evening wolves, they gnaw not the bones [9] till the morrow.

[7] *Ezek.* 22.27. *Mich.* 3.9–11. ¶ [8] *Jer.* 5.6. *Hab.* 1.8. ¶ [9] Or, *In the morning*; *i.e.* they devour all preſently in the evening, and leave nothing till the next day, *Prov.*28.15.

4 Her prophets *are* [10] light *and* [11] treacherous perſons: her prieſts have polluted the ſanctuary, they have [12] done violence to the law.

[10] *Lam.*2.14. *Jer.*23.11. Vain and frothy in their diſcourſe and behaviour; unſetled in their Judgments; inconſtant in their Doctrin, fitting it to the humours of their hearers. ¶ [11] Deceitful and betraying thoſe they converſe with. ¶ [12] *Ezek.* 22.26. *Mal.* 2.8. Wreſted and perverted it to a wrong ſenſe by their corrupt Gloſſes and Interpretations, *Matth.*5.21,27,33,38,43.

5 * The juſt LORD * *is* in the [13] midſt thereof: he will not do iniquity: † [14] every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not, but the unjuſt [15] knoweth no ſhame.

* Deut.32.4.
* V.15,17.
† Heb. *morning by morning.*

[13] To obſerve all theſe their Miſcarriages. ¶ [14] He is continually teaching 'em their Duty by his Prophets, and giving

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giving 'em Examples of his diſpleaſure againſt impenitent ſinners. ¶ [15] *Jer.*3.-3. and 6.15. Are grown impudent and obſtinate in ſin.

‖ Or, *corners.*

6 [16] I have cut off the nations: their ‖ towers are deſolate, I made their ſtreets waſte, that none paſſeth by: their cities are deſtroyed, ſo that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

[16] *Ch.*2.4. *&c* (That you might have taken warning thereby, *v.*7. 1 *Cor.*10.6.)

7 [17] I ſaid, Surely thou wilt fear me: thou wilt [4] receive inſtruction, [18] ſo their dwelling ſhould not be cut off, howſoever I puniſhed them: but they [19] roſe early, *and* corrupted all their doings.

[17] I made full account that you'd have learnt by theſe Examples to have been afraid of going on to provoke me more and more by your ſins. ¶ [18] *Pſal.* 81.13,14. *q. d.* Tho' I ſhould have puniſh'd 'em for their ſins, yet their Cities ſhould not have been utterly deſtroy'd, if they had repented. ¶ [19] Inſtead of repenting they grew worſe, and more eager in ſin, *Iſa.*1.5.

8 ¶ Therefore [20] wait ye upon me, ſaith the LORD, until the day that [21] I riſe up to the prey: for my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may aſſemble the kingdoms, to pour upon [22] them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for * [23] all the earth ſhall be devoured with the fire of my jealouſie.

* Chap.1.18.

[20] You godly ones among 'em, wait till I have accompliſh'd my fury upon the impenitent party; for afterwards I'll return in mercy to you, *v.*9,10. ¶ [21] Come to devour you by the *Chaldeans* and other Nations. ¶ [22] The incorrigible ſinners among you, (and then afterwards upon the *Chaldeans.*) ¶ [23] The whole Land of *Judea*, (*ch.* 1.-18.) with the neighbour Nations, *ch.*2.4. *&c.*

9 [24] For [25] then will I [26] turn to the people a * pure † language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, [26] to ſerve him with one † conſent.

* Iſa.19.18.
† Heb. *lip.*
‡ Heb *ſhoulder.*

[24] *q. d.* Wait upon me, (*v.*8.) becauſe—— ¶ [25] Or, *Afterwards*, in time to come. ¶ [26] Or, (by an Hypallage) *turn the people to a pure language*; *i. e.* I'll renew the Gentiles by my Spirit, both in heart and life, that they may worſhip me unanimouſly.

10 From [27] beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, [28] my ſuppliants, *even* the [28] daughter of my diſperſed ſhall bring mine offering.

[27] *Iſa.*60.4. *Acts* 8.27. ¶ [28] The praying remnant of the ſcatter'd Jews ſhall offer themſelves to me, and return thanks for my great mercy to 'em.

11 [29] In that day ſhalt thou not be aſhamed for all thy doings, wherein thou haſt tranſgreſſed againſt me: for then I will take away out of the midſt of thee them that rejoyce [30] in thy pride, and thou ſhalt no more be [31] haughty † becauſe of my holy mountain.

† Heb. *in my body.*

[29] When renewed and return'd to the Lord, thou ſhalt not continue under the reproach and puniſhment of thy former ſins, (they being all pardon'd, and thou receiv'd into favour again, *Iſa.*54.4,5.) ¶ [30] In that wherein they did excel others, *viz.* the Covenant of Peculiarity, *&c. Rom.* 3. 1, 2. and 9.4,5. ¶ [31] Value thy ſelf upon thoſe outward Priviledges you enjoy above others, *Jer.*7.4,9,10.

12 I will alſo [32] leave in the midſt of thee * an afflicted and poor people, and they ſhall truſt in the name of the LORD.

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[32] Inſtead of thoſe that are cut off, (*v.* 12.) I'll furniſh thee with a meek and humble Generation of men, who are broken with ſenſe of ſin, and poor in ſpirit. * Iſa.14.32. Zech.11.11.

13 [33] The remnant of Iſrael ſhall [34] not do iniquity, nor [35] ſpeak lies: neither ſhall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: [36] for they ſhall feed and lie down, and none ſhall make *them* afraid.

[33] This good remnant. ¶ [34] 1 *John* 3.9. See there. *Viz.* As formerly. ¶ [35] *Iſa.*63.8. ¶ [36] God's proviſion and protection is a ſtrong motive to engage 'em to walk uprightly.

14 ¶ [37] Sing, O daughter of Zion, ſhout, O Iſrael, be glad and rejoyce with all the heart, O daughter of Jeruſalem.

[37] *Iſa.*12.6. and 54.1. and 30. 29. and 35. 10. *Zech.* 9. 9. Rejoyce in the ſenſe and conſideration of theſe mercies.

15 The LORD hath [38] taken away thy judgments, he hath [39] caſt out thine enemy: the King of Iſrael, *even* the LORD * *is* in the [40] midſt of thee: thou ſhalt not ſee evil [41] any more.

* V.5,17.

[38] Put an end to thy ſufferings. ¶ [39] Pull'd down the *Babylonian.* ¶ [40] *Ezek.* 48.-35. ¶ [41] *Amos* 9.15. *Viz.* As formerly.

16 In that day it ſhall be ſaid to Jeruſalem, Fear thou not: *and to* Zion, [42] Let not thine hands be ‖ ſlack.

‖ Or, *faint.*

[42] Grow not remiſs and careleſs in the practice of Piety.

17 The LORD thy God in the midſt of thee *is* mighty; he will ſave, he will [43] rejoyce over thee with joy: he will † [44] reſt in his love, he will joy over thee with ſinging.

† Heb. *be ſilent.*

[43] *Iſa.*62.-5. *Jer.*32.41. ¶ [44] Take content and ſatisfaction in that affection he bears to thee.

18 I will [45] gather *them that are* ſorrowful for the ſolemn aſſembly, *who* are [46] of thee, *to whom* † the reproch [47] of it *was* a burden.

† Heb. *the burden upon it* was *reproach.*

[45] *Hoſ.*1.11. *Rom.* 11.25. Bring 'em back again into their own Land, (*v.*-20.) who mourn for the want of publick Ordinances. ¶ [46] *Joh.*1.47. Sincere Members of the Church. ¶ [47] Of the Ordinances and Worſhip of God perform'd by the Jews; which the Heathen ſcoff'd at, *Pſal.* 137. 3. *Lam.* 1.-7.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee, and I will ſave [48] her that halteth, and [48] gather her that was [49] driven out, and I will † get them [50] praiſe and fame in every land † where they have been put to ſhame.

† Heb. *ſet them for a praiſe.*
† Heb. *of their ſhame.*

[48] *Mich.*4.6. *Ezek.*34.16. The weakeſt and unableſt to help themſelves. ¶ [49] Into Captivity. ¶ [50] *Iſa.*62.-7.

20 At that time will [51] I bring you *again*, [52] even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praiſe among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, ſaith the LORD.

[51] *Zech.*10.8-10. *Mich.*4.6. ¶ [52] *q. d.* By that which I before called, Gathering you, I mean, Bringing you into your own Land again.

HAGGAI.

The ARGUMENT.

THese three last Prophets, Haggai, Zechary, and Malachi propheſied after their Return from Babylon.

When the Jews, after their Return, had laid the Foundation of the Temple with great rejoycing, (Ezra 3.10,11.) they met with much Oppoſition by the chief of the Samaritans, (who were planted in the room of the Ten Tribes when they were carried away by Eſarhaddon, Ezra 4.) whereupon the Work was hindred for many years; which it ſeems the Generality were well enough ſatisfied with, and fell to building their own Houſes in a ſplendid manner, neglecting the Temple, ch.1.4. for which they were puniſh'd with Scarcity, (ch.1.6,9,10,11. and 2.16,17.) whereupon God ſends Haggai firſt, and two months after him Zechary, (ch.1.1. with Zech.1.1. and Ezra 5.1.) to tax 'em for their neglect, and quicken 'em to go forward with the Temple, (having had leave and authority from Darius ſo to do, Ezra 6.7-12.) Thereupon they ſet upon it again, (ch.1.12-15. Ezra 5.2.) and are encourag'd to proceed by the promiſe of Chriſt's Preſence in that Temple, and his ſetting up a more pure ſpiritual way of Worſhip, ch.2. after which, in four years time, the Temple was finiſh'd; and they kept the Feaſt of Dedication, and alſo the Paſſover, Ezra 6.14. &c. And ſo the final iſſue anſwers the name of this Prophet, which comes from a word that ſignifies, a Feaſt. His whole Prophecy was within the compaſs of four months, ch.1.1,15. and 2.1,10,20.

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1 *Haggai reproving the peoples negligence, 7 inciteth them to build the houſe, 12 and promiſeth Gods aſſiſtance.*

3434. IN the [1] ſecond year of Darius the king, in the ſixth month, in the firſt day of the month, came the word of the LORD † by [2] Haggai the prophet unto * [3] Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel ‖ governour of Judah, and to [3] Joſhua the ſon of Joſedech the high prieſt, ſaying,

† Heb. *by the hand of.* * 1 Chron.3.17,19. ‖ Or, *captain.*

[1] *Ezra* 4.-24. ¶ [2] *Ezra* 5.1. ¶ [3] *Ezra* 5.2. *Zech.* 3.1. and 4.6,7,9,10.

2 Thus ſpeaketh the LORD of hoſts, ſaying, This people [4] ſay, The time is [5] not come, the time that the LORDs houſe ſhould be built.

[4] *Prov.*26.16. ¶ [5] (There being a Command for 'em to ceaſe building, (*Ezra* 4.21.) but none as yet to proceed: or if there were, they were negligent in it.)

[6] *Mark* 3.5.

3 [6] Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, ſaying,

* 2 Sam.7.2. Pſal.132.3.&c.

4 * [7] *Is it* time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houſes, and this houſe *lie* waſte?

[7] *q. d.* It ſeems you can find both Time and Mony enough to build and beautifie your own Houſes with curious and coſtly Wainſcot of *Cedar*, (*Zeph.* 2.-14.) tho' you pretend Excuſes, and think all Time and Coſt too much for mine, *Phil.*2.21.

† Heb. *ſet your heart on your ways.*

5 Now therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, † [8] Conſider [9] your ways.

[8] *V.* 7. *Lam.* 3.40. 2 *Cor.* 13.5. *Pſal.* 4.-4. and 77.-6. ¶ [9] The ſinfulneſs and miſchief of this courſe; how ill it has ſucceeded with you, *v.* 6,9. *ch.* 2.15,16.

† Heb. *pierced through.*

6 Ye have [10] ſown much, and bring in little: ye eat, but ye have [11] not enough: ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink: ye clothe you, but there is none warm: and [12] he that earneth wages, earneth wages *to put it* into a bag † with holes.

[10] *V.*9. *Deut.*28.38. *Mich.* 6.15. *Amos* 4.9. ¶ [11] *Mich.* 6.14. *Hoſ.*4.10. ¶ [12] *Zech.*8.10. What you get does you no good, but a ſecret Curſe conſumes it, *v.*9.

7 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, Conſider [9] your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the [13] houſe; and I will take pleaſure in it, and I will be [14] glorified, ſaith the LORD.

[13] 1 *Kings* 8.29,30. and 9.3. Vouchſafe my Preſence there, and accept your Services there perform'd. ¶ [14] Shew my glorious Power and Goodneſs in bleſſing you, for which you ſhall have cauſe to praiſe and glorifie me, *Pſal.* 50.23.

3484. ‖ Or, *blow it away.*

9 Ye looked for much, and lo *it came* to little; and when ye brought *it* home, I did ‖ [15] blow upon it: why? ſaith the LORD of hoſts. Becauſe of mine houſe that *is* waſte, and ye run every man unto his own houſe.

[15] *Mal.* 2.2. Blaſt it that it did you no good.

[16] *Lev.*26.-19. *Deut.*28.23.

10 Therefore the [16] heaven over you is ſtayed from dew, and the earth is ſtayed *from* her fruit.

[17] 2 *King.* 8.1.

11 And I called for [17] a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oyl, and upon *that* which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattel, and * upon all the labour of the hands.

* Chap. 2.17.

12 ¶ Then Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel, and Joſhua the ſon of Joſedech the high prieſt, with all the remnant of the people [18] obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, (as the LORD their God had ſent him) and the people [19] did fear before the LORD.

[18] Began to proceed in building the Temple, *v.*14. *Ezr.*5.2. ¶ [19] Were afraid of his diſpleaſure, and therefore took this courſe to remove it.

13 Then ſpake Haggai the LORDs meſſenger in the LORDs meſſage unto the people, ſaying, I *am* [20] with you, ſaith the LORD.

[20] *Ch.*2.-4. 2 *Chron.* 15.2. To pardon what is paſt, and proſper your labours in this Work.

14 And the LORD [21] ſtirred up the ſpirit of Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel governour of Judah, and the ſpirit of Joſhua the ſon of Joſedech the high prieſt, and the ſpirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came and did work in the houſe of the LORD of hoſts their God:

[21] *Ezra* 1.5. Inclin'd their hearts, and endued 'em with courage and reſolution in it.

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15 In the four and twentieth day of the ſixth month, in the ſecond year of Darius the king.

CHAP. II.

1 *Haggai encourageth the people to the work, by promiſe of greater glory to the ſecond temple, then was in the firſt.* 20 *God's promiſe to Zerubbabel.*

3485. IN the ſeventh *month*, in the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD † by the prophet Haggai, ſaying,

†Heb. *by the hand of.*

2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel governor of Judah, and to Joſhua the ſon of Joſedech the high prieſt, and to the reſidue of the people, ſaying,

3 Who *is* [1] left among you that [2] ſaw this houſe in her firſt glory? and how do ye ſee it [3] now? *is it* not in your eyes in compariſon of it, [4] as nothing.

[1] Being about ninety Years old. ¶ [2] *Ezr.* 3.12. ¶ [3] In the dimenſions and materials of that foundation which is laid, *Ezra* 3.12. ¶ [4] *Zech.*4.10.

4 Yet now be [5] ſtrong, O Zerubbabel, ſaith the LORD, and be ſtrong, O Joſhua, ſon of Joſedech the high prieſt, and be ſtrong all ye people of the land, ſaith the LORD, and [6] work: for I *am* [7] with you, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[5] *Zech.*4.9. 1 *Cor.*16.-13. Be not diſcouraged, but be courageous and chearful, and encourage each other againſt theſe diſcouragements. ¶ [6] 2 *Cor.*15.58. Set about the work that it may go on, and not ſtand at a ſtay, as it has done ſo long together. ¶ [7] See on *ch.*1.13.

5 *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, ſo [8] my ſpirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

[8] *Iſa.*63.-11. *Neh.*9.20. *viz.* Of Prophecy to direct, and of Power to aſſiſt you in this work.

*Verſ. 21. 6 [9] For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, * [10] Yet once, it *is* [11] a little while, and I will [12] ſhake the heavens and the earth, and the ſea, and the dry land.

[9] *q. d.* Ben't troubled at this mean outward appearance of things, for there ſhall a greater honour be conferr'd on this Temple, than any can ariſe from Gold or Silver, *viz.* The Preſence of the Meſſiah. ¶ [10] *Heb.* 12.26. See there. *q. d.* I ſhook Heaven and Earth at the giving of the Law, and confirmation of the Covenant between me and you then, and once more (and but once more) I'll renew and confirm it by the Meſſiah, (*Dan.*9.27.) and then it ſhall continue without any further alteration. ¶ [11] It's not long before I'll ſhake— (yet it was five hundred Years to Chriſt's Incarnation.) ¶ [12] *v.*21. *Joel* 3.16. Make great alterations both in the Jewiſh Church and State, and among all ranks and degrees of men there.

7 And I will [13] ſhake all nations, and [14] the deſire of all nations ſhall come, and I will fill this houſe [15] with glory, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[13] Cauſe great commotions among the Gentiles, (*v.* 22.) and alſo raiſe up in 'em an expectation of ſome great change. ¶ [14] *Gen.*49.-10. Chriſt, the Meſſiah, (who, as he is moſt deſirable in himſelf, ſo by the preaching of the Goſpel, he ſhall come to be deſired and embrac'd by all Nations) ſhall be incarnate, and come into the World. ¶ [15] *Pſal.* 24.-7. *Mal.*3.1. Not only with the glorious tokens of my Preſence, (as I did the former Temple) but with my perſonal Preſence, in the Perſon of the Meſſiah, in whom the fulneſs of the Godhead dwells bodily.

8 The ſilver *is* [16] mine, and the gold *is* [16] mine, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[16] *Iſa.*66.1. *Pſal.*50.10,12. (And therefore if I regarded ſuch outward Splendor, I could eaſily make this Houſe as magnificent as the former.)

9 The glory of this latter houſe ſhall be [17] greater then of the former, ſaith the LORD of hoſts: and [18] in this place will I give peace, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[17] *John* 1.14. In regard of the bodily Preſence of the Meſſiah, (See on *v.* 7.) and the more plentiful effuſion of the Spirit at that time. ¶ [18] *Eph.*2.14. *Luk.*2.14. *Iſa.*11.6. *Mic.*5.5. *Acts* 10.36. He ſhall come into this Houſe in whom I am well-pleaſed; for whoſe ſake I am reconciled to you, and accept all your ſervices.

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10 ¶ In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the ſecond year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, ſaying,

11 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, Ask now the [19] prieſts [20] *concerning* the law, ſaying,

[19] *Deut.*33.10. *Lev.*10.10. *Ezek.*44.23. *Mal.*2.7. ¶ [20] The Reſolution of a caſe in their own Law.

12 If one bear [21] holy fleſh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oyl, or any meat, ſhall it be holy? And the prieſts anſwered and ſaid, No.

[21] Fleſh of any Sacrifice, that being offer'd upon the Altar has been conſecrated thereby, *Matth.*23.-19.

13 Then ſaid Haggai, If *one that is* unclean by a dead body, touch any of theſe, ſhall it be unclean? And the prieſts anſwered and ſaid, It ſhall be [22] unclean.

[22] *Numb.*19.22. (Becauſe the Legal Holineſs is not ſo eaſily communicated, as the Legal Uncleanneſs is.)

14 Then anſwered Haggai, and ſaid, [23] So *is* this people, and ſo *is* this nation before me, ſaith the LORD; and ſo *is* [23] every work of their hands, and that which they offer there *is* unclean.

[23] *q. d.* So the Sacrifices which this People offer upon their late erected Altar, (*Ezra* 3.2,3.) cannot ſanctifie 'em, (*v.*12.) but their neglect of building my Temple does defile their Offerings, (*v.*13.) and bring a Curſe upon their Labours, *v.*16,17.

15 And now I pray you, conſider [24] from this day and upward, from before a ſtone was laid upon a ſtone in the temple of the LORD.

[24] *i. e.* How you have fared from this day and backwards, all the while you neglected the building of the Temple, how that God has curs'd all your Labours, *v.* 10.

16 [25] Since thoſe *days* were, * when *one* came to an heap [26] of twenty *meaſures*, there were *but* ten: when *one* came to the preſs-fat for to draw out fifty *veſſels* out of the preſs, there were *but* twenty.

* Chap. 1.9. Zech.8.10.

[25] During that time of your neglect. ¶ [26] Where he expected to have had twenty meaſures, according to the uſual encreaſe of other years.

17 ¶ * I ſmote you with blaſting, and with mildew, and with hail, in all the labours of your hands, yet ye [27] *turned* not to me, ſaith the LORD.

* Deut.28.22. 1 King.8.37.

[27] *Am.*4.-6. Repented not of your former neglect, and ſet upon the work.

18 [28] Conſider now [24] from this day, and upward from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month*, *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORDs temple was laid, conſider *it*.

[28] Mark how I'll bleſs you from this day that you begin to clear the Foundation, and carry on the building.

19 [29] *Is* the ſeed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine and the fig-tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive-tree hath not brought forth: from this day will I bleſs *you*.

[29] *q. d.* Your Seed is not yet ſown, and therefore no one can gueſs at the encreaſe of that, or any other Fruit; yet I foretel you that God will bleſs it, and you ſhall have a plentiful Harveſt.

20 ¶ And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth *day* of the month, ſaying,

21 Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah, ſaying, * I will [12] ſhake the heavens and the earth,

* Verſ. 6,7.

22 And

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22 And I will overthrow the [30] throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen, and * I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them, and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by [31] the sword of his brother.

* Mich. 5.10. Zech.4.6. & 9.10.

[30] The Empire of the *Medes* and *Persians* (consisting of many Kingdoms) and all other Powers that cross my designs for the welfare of my Church. ¶ [31] By Civil Wars and Dissentions among themselves.

23 [32] In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take [33] thee, O Zerubbabel my [34] servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will [35] make thee as a signet: for I have [36] chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

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[32] When there are such commotions and confusions abroad in the World. ¶ [33] As a Type of Christ, and out of whose Loyns Christ came, *Matth.*1.-12. (in which respect Christ is here called *Zerubbabel*; as for the same reason he is called *David*, *Ezek.*34.23.) ¶ [34] *Isa.*42.1. and 52.13. ¶ [35] *Cant.*8.6. *Jer.*22.24. See thee in a place of greatest safety, and keep thee secure. ¶ [36] *Isa.* 42. 1. and 43. 10. 1 *Pet.* 2. 4.

ZECHARIAH.

The ARGUMENT.

ZECHARY *began to Propheſie two months after* Haggai *began*, ch. 1.1. *with* Hag. 1. 1. *and his Meſſage was much to the ſame purpoſe and effect with that of* Haggai; *wherein he exhorts 'em to true Repentance, propounds divers Viſions to encourage 'em in their low condition, and to proceed in the Work they had begun*, ch. 1, 2, 3, 4. *Yet withal he threatens thoſe that were ſinful and impenitent*, ch. 5. *Foretels the Coming of Chriſt*, ch. 6. *Reſolves a Caſe of Conſcience concerning their Anniverſary Faſts*, ch. 7. *Promiſes Mercy upon their Obedience*, ch. 8. *Threatens their Enemies*, ch. 9. *Propheſies of the coming of the Meſſiah, his Death and Paſſion, Kingdom and Prieſthood, the pouring out of his Spirit, ſpreading of the Goſpel, Calling of the Gentiles, together with the Rejection of the Jews, till the time appointed for their general Converſion*, ch. 10--14.

CHAP. I.

1 *Zechariah exhorteth to repentance.* 7 *The viſion of the horſes.* 12 *Comfortable promiſes are made to Jeruſalem.*

IN the eighth month, in the ſecond year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto [1] Zechariah, the ſon of Berachiah, the ſon of Iddo the prophet, ſaying,

[1] *Ezra* 5.1. *Matth.*23.35.

2 The LORD hath been † [2] ſore diſpleaſed with your fathers.

† Heb. *with diſpleaſure.*

[2] *Lam.*1.15. *Dan.*9.12.

3 Therefore ſay thou unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, [3] Turn ye unto me, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, and [4] I will turn unto you, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[3] *Jer.*18.-11. and 25.5. *Mal.*3.7. ¶ [4] *Jam.*4.8.10. *Luke* 15.21,22. 2 *Chron.*15.2. and 30.-6. *Mic.*7.19.

4 Be ye not [5] as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, * Turn ye now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, ſaith the LORD.

[5] 2 *Chron.*36. 15, 16. *Acts* 7.-51.

* Iſa.31.6.Jer. 3.12.& 18.11. Ezek. 18.30. Hoſea 14. 1.

5 Your fathers, [6] where *are* they? and [7] the prophets, do they live for ever?

[6] *q.d.* They periſh'd in and for their ſins, according to the threatnings of my Prophets. ¶ [7] Your falſe Prophets, who ſooth'd you up in your ſins, and promis'd you peace, what's become of 'em? Are they not alſo deſtroyed by my Judgments, as well as your Fathers, for all their confidence to the contrary?

6 [8] But my [9] words and my [10] ſtatutes which I commanded my ſervants the prophets, did they not ‖ [11] take hold of your fathers? [12] and they returned and ſaid, Like as the LORD of hoſts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, [13] ſo hath he dealt with us.

‖ Or, *overtake.*

[8] *q.d.* But it was not ſo with the words of my faithful Prophets; for though themſelves died, yet their words died not with 'em, but took effect. ¶ [9] Threatnings. ¶ [10] Determin'd Judgments. ¶ [11] *Dan.* 9. 11. Overtake and ſeize upon. ¶ [12] *Pſal.*106.6. Whereupon many of 'em repented, or at leaſt were ſo far convinc'd that they acknowledged their ſins, and the truth of theſe threatnings. ¶ [13] *Lam.*1.18. and 2.17. *Iſa.*55.10,11.

7 ¶ Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which *is* the month Sebat, in the ſecond year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the ſon of Berachiah, the ſon of Iddo the prophet, ſaying,

8 [14] I ſaw by night, and behold, [15] a man, [16] riding upon a red horſe, and he [17] ſtood among the myrtle-trees that *were* in the [18] bottom, and [19] behind him *were there* [20] red horſes, ‖ ſpeckled and white.

‖ Or, *bay.*

[14] This Viſion repreſents Chriſt's care of his Church to order all events for her good, that ſhe may have a Time of peace and reſt for the better carrying on the Temple-work, (*v.*8--11.) and alſo, his interceſſion for mercy, with comfortable Anſwers, *v.* 12. *&c.* ¶ [15] Chriſt, appearing in a humane ſhape, as a prelude of his Incarnation, as *Joſh.*5.13. *Ezek.*1.-26. and 40.3. *Dan.*7.13. ¶ [16] *Pſal.*45. 4. Coming ſpeedily to execute vengeance on his Church's enemies, *Iſa.* 63.1--3. *Rev.*6.4. ¶ [17] Was preſent among his People, whoſe holy converſation was pleaſing and acceptable to him, *Cant.*6.2. ¶ [18] In a low, afflicted eſtate at that time, out of which there was no likelyhood of deliverance. ¶ [19] Attending upon him, ready to execute his commands. ¶ [20] *ch.* 6. 2. *Rev.*6. 4. By [*Horſes*] with their Riders; here are meant the Angels, who are the Miniſters, (*Heb.*1.14.) and Executioners of God's purpoſes, (*v.*-10. *ch.* 6.5. *Pſal.* 103. -20.) whether in a way of Judgment, (noted by [*Red*]) or Mercy, (noted by [*White*] or mixt, noted by [*ſpeckled.*])

9 Then ſaid I, O my lord, what *are* theſe? And the angel that talked with me, ſaid unto me, I will ſhew thee what theſe be.

10 And the man that ſtood among the myrtle-trees anſwered and ſaid, Theſe *are they* whom the LORD hath [21] ſent to walk to and fro through the earth.

[21] Imployed to inſpect and govern humane affairs, (*Dan.* 10.13,20,21. *Pſal.*91.11.) and give an account thereof to God, *v.* 11. (the management of affairs by the Providence

Chap. 1. of God, is thus repreſented for our better underſtanding of it.r)

11 And they anſwered th e angel of the LORD that ſtood among the myrtle-trees, and ſaid, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and behold, [22] all the earth ſitteth ſtill, and is at reſt.

[22] *V.* 15. All Nations round about us are in peace and quiet, (only we thy people are in trouble, *v.* 12.)

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12 ¶ Then the [23] angel of the LORD anſwered and ſaid, O LORD of hoſts, [24] how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jeruſalem, and on the cities of Judah, againſt which thou haſt had indignation theſe [25] threeſcore and ten years?

[23] Chriſt, who here intercedes for his Church, *Mal.* 3. 2. *Iſa.*63.9. ¶ [24] *Rev.*6.10. *Pſal.*13.1. *Dan.*12.-6. *Heb.*4. 15. ¶ [25] *Dan.*9.2.

13 And the [26] LORD anſwered the [23] angel that talked with me, *with* [27] good words, *and* [27] comfortable words.

[26] God the Father. ¶ [27] *v.*14,15. *Matth.*3.17. *John* 11. 42. Such promiſes as would afford relief, and tended to comfort his People.

14 So the angel that communed with me, ſaid unto me, [28] Cry thou, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, I am [29] jealous for Jeruſalem, and for Zion with a great jealouſie.

[28] Declare earneſtly and affectionately to my Church and People theſe good tidings for their comfort. ¶ [29] *ch.* 8. 2. See there. *Nah.*1.2. See there.

15 And I am very ſore diſpleaſed with [22] the heathen *that are* at eaſe: for I was but a [30] little diſpleaſed, and they [31] helped forward the affliction.

[30] *Viz.* With my People, and reſolved to puniſh 'em moderately. ¶ [31] *Pſal.*69.26. *Job* 31.13. Added their own rage and cruelty to that chaſtiſement of my People, I uſed them as Inſtruments in, *Iſa.*47.6. and 10.7. *Pſal.*69. 26. and 83.2-5. and ſo ſinn'd in the manner, tho not in the matter of what they did.

16 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD, I am [32] returned to Jeruſalem with mercies: my houſe ſhall be [33] built in it, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, and [34] a line ſhall be ſtretched forth upon Jeruſalem.

[32] *Iſa.*12.1. ¶ [33] *Hag.* 1.14. ¶ [34] Not only the Temple, but the City alſo ſhall be rebuilt.

† Heb. *good.*

17 [28] Cry yet, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, My cities through † [35] proſperity ſhall yet be ſpread abroad, and the LORD ſhall yet comfort Zion, and ſhall yet [36] chooſe Jeruſalem.

[35] A plentiful increaſe of Men, Cattel, and all other Bleſſings, whereby they ſhall be enlarged and multiplied. ¶ [36] *ch.*2.-12. and 3.2. *Iſa.* 14. 1. Set up his pure Worſhip again there, and confirm 'em in that priviledg of being his choſen People.

18 ¶ Then lift I up mine eyes, and ſaw, and behold, [37] four horns.

[37] The Enemies of the Church in all Quarters, *v.* 19.

19 And I ſaid unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* theſe? And he anſwered me, Theſe *are* the horns which have [38] ſcattered Judah, Iſrael, and Jeruſalem.

[38] *Dan.* 12.-7. Invaded, ſpoiled and captivated.

20 And the [39] LORD ſhewed me [40] four [41] carpenters.

[39] Troubles and difficulties are eaſie to be ſeen every where, (*v.*18. *I lift up mine eyes, and ſaw*) but help and relief is only diſcover'd and afforded by God, *Gen.* 21. 19. ¶ [40] As many as there were Horns. The Church's Protection is ever anſwerable to its danger. ¶ [41] *Obad.* 12. Inſtruments fitted with authority, ability and means to cut ſhort thoſe Horns, and relieve his Church.

21 Then ſaid I, What come theſe to do? And he ſpake, ſaying, Theſe *are* the horns which have ſcattered Judah, ſo that no man [42] did lift up his head: but theſe are come [43] to fray them, [44] to caſt out the horns of the Gentiles, which [45] lift up *their* horn over the land of Judah to ſcatter it.

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[42] Did dare to make head againſt 'em. ¶ [43] To diſpirit 'em, and ſtrike 'em with a pannick fear, (as *Joſh.* 2. 9, 24.) ¶ [44] To deſtroy their Power, Might and Kingdoms. ¶ [45] *Pſal.*75.-4. Imployed their power to ſpoil my People.

CHAP. II.

1 *God in the care of Jeruſalem, ſendeth to meaſure it.* 6 *The redemption of Zion.*

1 I Lift up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold, [2] a man with a [3] meaſuring-line in his hand.

[1] Another Viſion for confirmation of the former. ¶ [2] Chriſt, as *ch.*1.8. ¶ [3] *Ezek.*40.-3. and 47.3. *Rev.*11.1. and 21. 15, 16. To note that *Jeruſalem* ſhould be repair'd again, *ch.*1.-16.

2 Then ſaid I, Whither goeſt thou? And he ſaid unto me, [4] To meaſure Jeruſalem, [4] to ſee what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof.

[4] To appoint the bounds and dimenſions of it, according to which it ſhould be built.

3 And behold, the angel that [5] talked with me, went forth, and [6] another angel went out to meet him,

[5] *Ch.*1.9. Chriſt. ¶ [6] One of the created Angels that ſtood behind him, *ch.*1.-8.

4 [7] And ſaid unto him, Run, [8] ſpeak to this young man, ſaying, Jeruſalem ſhall [9] be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and [10] cattel therein.

[7] *And he, viz.* The great Angel that talk'd with me. ¶ [8] *ch.*1.13,14. ¶ [9] *ch.*1.17. Become ſo populous that no Walls can contain her Inhabitants; (whereby he encourages 'em to go on with the Building.) This is chiefly verified of the Goſpel-Church, (*Iſa.* 49. 19--22. and 54. 2, 3. and 60. 4, 11.) eſpecially in the latter days, *Iſa.* 31. 38, 39. ¶ [10] Brought for Sacrifices.

5 For I, ſaith the LORD, will be unto her a [11] wall of fire round about, and will be the [12] glory in the midſt of her.

[11] *Iſa.*4.5. and 60. 18, 19. ¶ [12] *Iſa.* 60.-19. See there. My Preſence and Power ſhall make her glorious.

* Iſa.48.20. & 52.11. Jer. 50.8. & 51.6,45.

6 ¶ [13] Ho, ho, *come forth*, and * flee from the land of the north, ſaith the LORD: [14] for I have ſpread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, ſaith the LORD.

[13] *Rev.* 18. 4. See there. *q. d.* And therefore ſince *Jeruſalem* ſhall be a place of ſuch ſafety and renown, (*v.*5.) all you Jews that yet remain in Foreign Countries, make all the ſpeed you can to come hither, that you may both partake of *Jeruſalem*'s Mercies, and eſcape *Babylon*'s Miſeries, *v.*7. (and ſo ſhould all true Chriſtians ſeparate themſelves from the ungodly, 1 *Cor.*6.17.) ¶ [14] *q.d.* True indeed, I have ſcattered you into all parts, but now I'll gather you again; (and therefore come away, *v.* 7.)

7 [15] Deliver thy ſelf, O Zion, that dwelleſt *with* the daughter of Babylon.

[15] Make uſe of the liberty you enjoy, and return to your own Country.

8 For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, After the [16] glory hath he [17] ſent me unto the nations which [18] ſpoiled you: for he that toucheth you, toucheth the [19] apple of his eye.

[16] His glorious apperance in beginning to reſtore his Church, *q.d.* You may be ſure he'll carry on this work, (*Pſal.*138.8.) and conſequently will put down all thoſe that obſtruct it; and therefore be encouraged.) ¶ [17] The Head of my Church, and Judg of her Enemies. ¶ [18] *viz.* To take care that they may no longer afflict you. ¶ [19] *Deut.* 32.-10. *Pſal.*17.8. *Acts* 9.4.

9 For behold, I will [20] ſhake mine hand upon them, and they ſhall be a ſpoil to their [21] ſervants: and ye ſhall [22] know that the LORD of hoſts hath ſent me.

[20] Plague your Enemies by my Power. ¶ [21] *Iſa.*14.-2.

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Chap. 3. To you Jews, who have been their Captives and Bondmen. ¶ [22] *v.*-11. *ch.*4.-9. and 6.-15. Find by experience that I am employed by the Father to declare these things to you, and do these things for you, as Prophet and King of the Church.

10 ¶ [23] Sing and rejoyce, O daughter of Zion: for lo, [24] I come, and I will [25] dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

[23] *Isa.*12.6. and 54.1. and 66.10. *Zeph.*3.14. ¶ [24] *viz.* In the flesh, (for Christ speaks here still.) ¶ [25] *John* 1. 14. *Ezek.*37.27. Visibly and personally conversing with you in the sacred Tabernacle of my flesh, and continuing with you by my Spirit to the end of the World, *Matth.*28.-20.

11 And [26] many nations shall be joyned to the LORD in [27] that day, and shall be my people: and I will [25] dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt [22] know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

[26] *Isa.*2.2,3. The Gentiles converted by the Preaching of the Gospel. ¶ [27] In Gospel-times; after my coming in the flesh.

12 [28] And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall [29] choose Jerusalem again.

[28] *q.d.* And tho for rejecting me their Messiah they shall be rejected by God, and scattered into all Countries, yet there will a time come when he shall take 'em for his perpetual Inheritance again, and bring 'em into their own Land, and choose *Jerusalem* again for the place of his Worship; (for they were now in possession of the Holy Land, and *Jerusalem* was now the place of his Worship, and therefore it must be meant of some time hereafter.) ¶ [29] *ch.* 1.-17. See there.

13 [30] Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is [31] raised up out of † his holy habitation.

† Heb. *the habitation of his holiness*, Deut. 26.15.

[30] *Hab.*2.-20. *Zeph.*1.7. Let neither weak ones doubt of nor wicked ones oppose these dispensations, and the accomplishment of these Promises, but silently own and adore his Power and Goodness therein. ¶ [31] *Psal.* 12.5. and 78.65. Has already begun to manifest his Divine Power in succouring his Church, and performing his Promises, which may assure 'em of a comfortable issue.

CHAP. III.

Under the type of Joshua, the restauration of the church is promised.

* Hag. 1. 1. And [1] he shewed me *[2] Joshua the high priest, [3] standing before the [4] angel of the LORD, and ‖ [5] Satan standing at his right hand [6] to † resist him.

‖ That is, *an adversary.* † Heb. *be his adversary.*

[1] Christ. The scope of this Vision is to encourage *Joshua*, (and in him all of 'em, *v.* 8.) to go on with the work of building the Temple, notwithstanding the endeavours of Satan to provoke God against 'em by reason of their sins; whom therefore Christ defends and intercedes for, *v.*2. ¶ [2] Representing the whole Church at that time, both Priests and People, *v.*8. ¶ [3] Ministring and worshiping God. ¶ [4] Christ, (whose Minister or Servant he was, as well as a Type of him.) ¶ [5] *Rev.* 12.-10. *Psal.* 109.-6. *Job* 1.-6. and 2.1. ¶ [6] To frustrate his Prayers and Intercessions, by interposing his most bitter accusation against him and the Jews.

2 And the [7] LORD said unto Satan, [8] The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan, even the LORD that hath [9] chosen Jerusalem, rebuke thee: *is* not [10] this a brand pluckt out of the fire?

[7] Christ, the Lord and Mediator of his Church. ¶ [8] *Jude* 9. God the Father restrain thee in this thy malicious design against him and my People. ¶ [9] See on *ch.*1.-17. ¶ [10] *Am.* 4.11. This Person *Joshua*, and the small company he represents, are preserved by my special Grace, and rescued out of those dangers, fiery Tryals and Afflictions that befel 'em during their Captivity, (*Exod.*3. 2.) and therefore I'll not suffer 'em to miscarry now.

3 Now Joshua was [11] clothed with filthy garments, and [3] stood before the angel.

[11] *Isa.*64.6. (1) Arrayed with mean Pontifical Robes, in comparison of what they were before the Captivity. (2) Guilty of many sins, (*v.*-4.) both his own, and the People's, whom he represented.

4 And [12] he answered and spake unto [13] those that stood before him, saying, [14] Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, [15] I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will [16] clothe thee with change of raiment. Chap. 3.

[12] Christ, (who pardons the guilt of his Peoples sins, and takes away the power and pollution of 'em.) [13] ¶ The Angels his Attendants; who in this Vision represent the Ministers of Christ as his ordinary instruments in this work, 2 *Cor.* 5.-19,20. and 6.1. ¶ [14] As a sign of the removal of their sins, and bringing 'em into a better condition than they were in at present. ¶ [15] *Matth.*1.-21. *Mark* 2. 7,10. *John* 1.29. *Psal.*32.1. *Isa.*6.7. 2 *Sam.*12.-13. ¶ [16] *Rev.* 19.8. *Luke* 12.22. Adorn thee with variety of Graces, (*Matth.* 22.11,12.) and qualifications to fit thee for thy Office; and will bring you all into a more flourishing condition.

5 And [17] I said, Let them set [18] a fair mitre upon his head: so they set a fair mitre upon his head, and [16] clothed him with garments, and the [4] angel of the LORD [19] stood by.

[17] I the Messiah willed that it should be so. ¶ [18] *Exod.* 28.4. *Lev.*8.9. In token that he did confirm him in his Office, notwithstanding all difficulties and discouragements. ¶ [19] To approve, encourage, assist and uphold 'em in the work.

6 And the angel of the LORD [20] protested unto Joshua, saying,

[20] *Gen.*43.3. Solemnly and earnestly affirm'd it, (as being a thing of more than ordinary weight and concernment.)

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep [21] my ‖ charge, then thou shalt also [22] judge my house, and shalt also [22] keep my courts, and I will give thee † [23] places to walk among these that stand by.

‖ Or, *ordinance* † Heb. *walks.*

[21] *Numb.*3.7. All things that I have committed to thy care and charge as High-priest, about my House and Worship. ¶ [22] Be continued in thy Office of Supream Governour for the regulating the inferiour Priests and Levites, and disposing of all things about the Temple and Courts thereof, and deciding all Controversies that may arise there. ¶ [23] *Joh.*14.2. A Title to, and in due time Possession of, the heavenly Mansions among the blessed Angels, *Hebr.*12.-22.

8 [24] Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou and thy [25] fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men † [26] wondred at: for behold, I will [27] bring forth [28] my servant the [29] BRANCH.

† Heb. *of wonder.*

[24] *q. d.* Now I'll shew you the Author and Purchaser of all these Blessings promis'd, and the Substance and Truth of all these Types exhibited. ¶ [25] (1) Inferiour Priests. (2) Members of the *Sanhedrim.* (3) All other Assistants in this Work. ¶ [26] *Psal.*71.7. *Isa.*8.18. 1 *Cor.*4.9. For your Piety and bold Undertaking of such an unlikely Work. ¶ [27] Cause the Root of *Jesse* to spring forth out of the Earth, and grow up into a Branch; *i. e.* I'll send my Son into the World in the Fulness of Time, who will faithfully serve me, and do all my Will, *Hebr.* 10.7. ¶ [28] *Isa.* 42. 1. See there. ¶ [29] *ch.*6.12. See on *Isa.*11.1.

9 For behold, [30] the stone that [31] I have laid before Joshua: [32] upon one stone *shall be* * seven eyes, behold, I will [33] engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will [34] remove the iniquity of that land in [35] one day.

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[30] *q. d.* And this Messiah is also the Foundation and Corner-stone of the Church, *Psal.*118.22. *Isa.*28.16. ¶ [31] (Not, that is laid by any Workman about the Temple, but) mine own immediate Work, (like that expression *Isa.*28.16. 1 *Pet.* 2.6.) *q. d.* This Angel of the Covenant whom I have appointed to stand by *Joshua* to be his Counseller and Instructer (*ch.*2.1.) his Comforter, (*v.*4,5. *ch.*2. 4, 5.) his Encourager. (*v.*7.) and Assistant in this work of Building the Temple, ¶ [32] *Rev.*5.6. This Messiah shall be endued with perfect Wisdom and Knowledge (*Isa.* 11. 2.) to order all things in the Church, and take care of all the Concerns thereof. ¶ [33] Furnish and adorn him in the highest degree with all Gifts, Graces and Qualifications to fit him for his Office, *John* 1. 14. and 3.-34. *Col.*1.15,19. and 2.9. *Hebr.* 1.3. ¶ [34] Take away the Sins of the World (both Guilt and Punishment thereof) by the Sacrifice of this Messiah, *John* 1.29. ¶ [35] By his once offering himself, *Hebr.*9.12,25. *&c.* and 10.12.

10 In [36] that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye [37] call every man his neighbour under the vine, and under the fig-tree.

[36] *Viz.* Of your deliverance from the bondage of sin. ¶ [37] *Mich.* 4. 4. *i. e.* You shall live in peace, plenty, safety, mutual amity and rejoycing one with another, (*Isa.* 2.4. *Hos.* 2. 18.)

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2.18.) but chiefly you shall enjoy inward peeace of Conscience from the sense of the pardon of your sins, and reconciliation with God through Christ, *Hag.*2.-9.

CHAP. IV.

1 *By the golden candlestick is foreshewed the good success of Zerubbabels foundation:* 11 *By the two olive-trees, the two anointed ones.*

AND the [1] angel that talked with me, came again and [2] waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep.

[1] *Ch.*2.3. Christ. ¶ [2] Stirr'd up my attention to the following Vision.

2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a [3] candlestick all *of* [4] gold, with †[5] a bowl upon the top of it, and his [6] seven lamps thereon, and ‖ seven [7] pipes to the seven lamps, which *were* upon the top thereof:

† Heb. *her bowl.*
‖ Or, *seven several pipes to the lamps*, &c.

[3] *Rev.*1.-12. Noting the Ministry; appointed by Christ for the Direction, Edification, and Comfort of the Church. ¶ [4] Noting the preciousness and worth of the Ministry, (*Rom.*10.15.) and that Purity that ought to be found in 'em. ¶ [5] Noting Christ the Head and Storehouse of the Church, to whom is intrusted all fulness of Gifts and Graces for the Churches behoof. ¶ [6] *Matth.* 25.-1. Noting variety and sufficiency of Gifts and Graces communicated by Christ to the Members of the Church; especially the Ministers. ¶ [7] *Rom.*10.17. Noting the several Means and Ordinances instituted by Christ for the conveyance of Grace.

3 And * [8] two olive-trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.

* Verse 11.
[8] *Rev.*11.4. See on *v.*14.

4 So I answered and spake to the Angel that talked with me, saying, [9] What *are* these, my lord?

[9] *ch.*1.9. *Matt.*16.-17. 2 *Cor.*3.5.

5 Then the angel that talked with me, answered and said unto me, [10] Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, [11] No, my lord.

[10] This is spoken only to stir up in him the greater desire to understand this Vision. ¶ [11] *Psal.*73.22. *Prov.* 30.2,3.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, [12] This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, [13] Not by ‖ might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

‖ Or, *army.*

[12] *q. d.* The intent and drift of this Vision is to encourage *Zerubbabel*, the Civil Governour of my people, (as that in the former Chapter was for *Joshua* the Ecclesiastical Governour) in the Work he is about. ¶ [13] *Hos.*1.-7. 1 *Cor.*1.27. 2 *Cor.*10.4. And the particular Scope of it is to inform him, That (as the Candlestick was supplied with Oyl, without any human help, so) tho' he has but slender human helps to assist him, yet I'll stand by him, and strengthen him to carry it on, and finish it in spite of all opposition, (*v.* 7.) as an Emblem of the Support and Preservation of my Church.

7 [14] Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain, and he shall [15] bring forth the head-stone thereof with shoutings, *crying*, [16] Grace, grace unto it.

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[14] *q. d.* All difficulties and oppositions shall be removed out of his way; whether by the *Samaritans*, Monarchs of *Persia*, or any other, *Luke* 3.5. ¶ [15] *Ezra* 5.5. Finish the building of the Temple, (*v.*9.) at which there shall be great rejoycing, (as there was when the Foundation was first laid, *Ezra* 3.11.) ¶ [16] *Psal.*134.-3. *q. d.* All happiness and prosperity attend this Temple and the Church, (whereof it is a Type) and let the favour of God (which began and carried it on) still attend and preserve it, *Psal.* 122. 6. *&c.* and 51. 18.

8 Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

[17] *Ezra* 3. 10.
[18] *ch.*2.-9. See there.
* Ezra 6.15.
* Isa.48. 16. Chap.2.8.
‖ Or, *sith the seven eyes of the LORD shall rejoyce.*

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have [17] laid the foundation of this house, his hands * shall also finish it; and thou shalt [18] know that * the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For [19] who hath despised the day of small things? ‖ for they shall rejoyce, [20] and shall see the † plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel [21] *with* those seven; they *are* the [22] eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole [23] earth.

† Heb. *stone of tin.*

[19] *q. d.* And tho' many among you have very low and mean thoughts of this work in regard of its small beginnings, and look upon it as very despisable and contemptible in comparison of the former Temple, (*Ezra* 3. 12. *Hag.* 2. 3.) yet they shall one day have occasion to rejoyce, seeing the work perfected. ¶ [20] *i. e.* When they shall see *Zerubbabel* directing and ordering all things in such a prosperous manner, and every thing succeeding under his hand. ¶ [21] Which yet comes not to pass by his own skill and conduct, but by the assistance of the Spirit of God, and his gracious Care and Providence, *ch.*3.9. [22] 2 *Chron.* 16.9. ¶ [23] To provide all necessaries, remove all hindrances, and dispose all things for the best to his Church and People.

11 ¶ Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these * two olive-trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick, and upon the left *side* thereof?

* Verse 3.

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be these* [24] two olive-branches, which † through the two golden pipes ‖ empty the † [25] golden *oyl* out of themselves?

† Heb. *by the hand of.*
‖ Or, *empty out of themselves* oyl into *the gold.*

[24] Two special, remarkable Branches, in each Tree one. ¶ [25] Pure and precious, and of a golden colour.

13 And he answered me and said, [26] Knowest thou not what these *be*? And I said, [27] No, my lord.

† Heb. *gold.*

14 Then said he, These *are* the [26] two † anointed ones, * that [27] stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

† Heb. *sons of oyl.*
* See Josh. 3. 11,13.

[26] *Rev.*11.4. Christ in his two Offices of King and Priest, as the Fountain of all Spiritual Gifts, furnishing all Instruments in this Work with needful supplies: and then under him, *Zerubbabel* and *Joshua*; the one as anointed Priest, the other the Successour of their anointed Kings, laying out themselves for the perfecting of the Temple, and the Worship of God there, and promoting the Affairs of the Church. ¶ [27] *ch.*6.-5. Are continually attending upon God to receive direction and assistance from him for their work.

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CHAP. V.

1 *The curse of thieves and swearers:* 5 *The final ruine of Babylon.*

THEN I turned, and lift up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, [1] a flying roll.

[1] A Book open'd to its full extent (*v.* 2.) flying in the Air all about the Land; (to note the speedy execution of judgment) wherein was written the Curses of the Law against sinners, *v.* 3.

2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see [1] a flying roll, [2] the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

[2] *Gen.*6.-11. *Rev.*18. 5. By the large extent thereof (above twelve yards long, and six broad) is noted the multitude of sins they were guilty of, together with the manifold Judgments that were ready to seize upon 'em.

3 Then said he unto me, [3] This *is* the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: [3] for ‖ every one that stealeth, shall be cut off [4] *as* on this side, according to it: and every one that [5] sweareth, shall be cut off *as* on that side, according to it.

‖ Or, *every one of this* people *that stealeth, holdeth* himself *guiltless, as it* doth.

[3] *Mal.*4.-6. *Rev.*14.10. *i. e.* This Roll contains the curses denounc'd by God in his Law against all sorts of sinners, which is ready to seize upon every particular sinner in the Land of *Judea* for the sins they are guilty of both against the first and second Table. ¶ [4] According as its written on this part of the Roll concerning sins against the second Table. ¶ [5] *Viz.* Falsly, *v.*4. *i. e.* Is guilty of any sin against the first Table.

4 I will [6] bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall [7] enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of * him that sweareth falsly by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and * shall consume it, with the timber thereof, and the stones thereof.

* Chap. 8.17.
* See Lev. 14. 45.

[6] Execute

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[6] Execute these Judgments in the sight of all. ¶ [7] *Job* 18.14, 15. and 20.23. *Luke* 19.44. Seize upon such Sinners, and destroy them and their Families, and all that they have gotten by Stealing, Perjury, and the like.

5 ¶ Then the angel that talked with me, went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what *is* this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* an [8] ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, [9] This *is* their resemblance through all the earth.

[8] A large measure, about three Pecks. ¶ [9] *q. d.* This may serve for a fit resemblance of those Sinners in all parts of the Land, who are daily filling up the measure of their sins; which when it is full, then God will bring his Judgments upon 'em for the same.

‖ Or, *weighty piece.*

7 And behold, there was [10] lift up ‖ a talent of lead: and this *is* [11] a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

[10] Noting heavy Judgments ready to seize upon 'em. ¶ [11] A representation of that People now become extremely wicked.

8 And he said, This *is* [11] wickedness; and he [12] cast it into the midst of the ephah, and he [13] cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

[12] To note, that their wickedness was now come to the full: they had filled up the measure of their sins. ¶ [13] To note, that they are left under the power of their sins, and should not be able to escape the Judgments of God for the same.

9 Then lift I up mine eyes and looked, and behold, there came out [14] two women, and the [15] wind *was* in their wings, (for they had wings like the wings of a stork) and they [16] lift up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

[14] The Executioners of God's wrath upon 'em, and the Instruments of their Captivity, (which were the *Romans*.) ¶ [15] To note the sudden execution of this Judgment on 'em. ¶ [16] To note the carrying away of this sinful Nation into Captivity again.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?

11 And he said unto me, [17] To build it an house in the land of Shinar; and it [18] shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

[17] *Jer.*29.28. *q.d.* And they shall (being driven out of their own Land) either fly, or be carried into *Babylon*, and other remote Countries, and that not for a short time only, but for long continuance. ¶ [18] To note that this Judgment shall be continued upon 'em, (being the result of their sins) and be setled upon that foundation that their sins have laid for it.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The vision of the four chariots.* 9 *By the crowns of Joshua, is shewed the temple and kingdom of Christ the Branch.*

AND [1] I turned, and lift up mine eyes and looked, and behold, there came [2] four chariots out [3] from between two mountains, and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.

[1] *Ch.*5.1. ¶ [2] (With their Riders and Guides in 'em.) Noting the Angelical Powers as principal, (*v.*5. *ch.*1.10. and 3.4. *Psal.*68.17.) and under them all other Instruments that God uses to serve his Providence in bringing about his purposes, in all the four parts of the World. ¶ [3] To note, that all Dispensations are the issue and result of his immutable Decrees (*Prov.*19.21.) which these Instruments execute, and of his steddy Providence whereby they are rul'd.

2 [4] In the first chariot *were* red horses, and in the second chariot [5] black horses.

[4] *Ch.*1.8. See there. *i. e.* Some Angels and Instruments are employ'd about bloody Dispensations, by Wars. ¶ [5] *Rev.* 6.5. Noting a time of Mortality, Sickness, and other grievous Calamities.

3 And in the third chariot [6] white horses, and
‖ Or. *strong.* in the fourth chariot [7] grisled and bay ‖ horses.

[6] Noting that they were employ'd about that which should be matter of rejoycing. ¶ [7] Noting changeable Providences, sometimes Judgment, sometimes Mercy; or mixt of Judgment and Mercy.

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4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These *are* the [2] four ‖ spirits of the heavens, which go forth from * [8] standing before the Lord of all the earth.

‖ Or, *winds.* Chap.4.14. Luke 1.19.
[8] 1 *Kin.*22.19. *Dan.*7.10. *Matth.*18.10.

6 [9] The black horses which *are* therein, go forth into the [9] north-country, and [9] the white go forth after them; and the [10] grisled go forth toward the south-country.

[9] *q. d.* God's dealings with *Babylon* (north of *Judea*) are in a way of Judgment, bringing destruction upon 'em (by the *Persians*) which yet shall be followed with matter of comfort to the Jews, in their deliverance from captivity. ¶ [10] *q. d.* As for the Jews that are gone into *Egypt* with *Johanan*, (*Jer.*43.) they shall be exercis'd with a mixt Dispensation.

7 And the bay [11] went forth, and sought to go, that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get ye hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

[11] Here's no particular business assign'd to these, but only a general Commission given 'em, which they readily execute; and perhaps it may note, That as some Angels have particular works assign'd to 'em, so others are imploy'd more generally, and have larger Walks and Circuits than the former.

8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north-country have [12] quieted my spirit in the north-country.

[12] *Ezek.*5.13. Fully executed my Judgments upon the *Babylonians*, and so appeas'd my Wrath, and satisfied my purpose concerning 'em; and also reliev'd my people, and brought 'em back from *Babylon*.

9 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

10 [13] Take of *them of* the [14] captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and [15] come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

[13] *Viz.* Their Offerings. The Scope and Design of this Vision is, by two Crowns set upon the head of *Joshua* (a Type of Christ) to represent Christ, the Builder of his Church, in his twofold Office of King and Priest, (*v.*12,13.) (See on *ch.*4.14.) under whom strangers should come and joyn with the Jews in building the Church of Christ, *v.*14, 15. ¶ [14] (Who are come to bring Offerings to the Temple.) ¶ [15] *Viz.* Along with 'em.

11 Then take [16] silver and [16] gold, and make [17] crowns, and [18] set *them* upon the head of [19] Joshua, the son of Josedech the high priest;

[16] Which they have brought with 'em to offer to the Lord. ¶ [17] *ch.*3.5. *Rev.*19.12. *Cant.* 3.11. Two Crowns; one of Silver, another of Gold. ¶ [18] *Viz.* One after another; to note the Union and Conjunction of both Offices of King and Priest in one Person, the Messiah. ¶ [19] Herein a Type and Representative of Christ, in whom both Kingdom and Priesthood should meet together and be really executed.

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, [20] Behold * the man whose name *is* the [21] BRANCH, and he shall ‖ [22] grow up out of his [23] place, and he shall [24] build the temple of the LORD.

* See Luke 1. 78. Joh.1.45.
‖ Or, *branch up from under him.*

[20] *q.d.* See in *Joshua* thus adorn'd with Priestly and Princely Ensigns a plain Representation of the Messiah, in whom shall be verified what is represented by this Action. ¶ [21] *ch.* 3.8. See there. ¶ [22] Become incarnate, and flourish in due time, (answerable to his Name of a Branch.) ¶ [23] *Nazareth* (which the word [*branch*] alludes to, *Matth.* 2.23.) ¶ [24] Be the chief Undertaker or Master-builder, not only in the building of this Material Temple, (*ch.* 4.6.) but especially his Spiritual Temple, the Gospel-Church, *Hebr.*3.3.

13 Even he shall [24] build the temple of the LORD, and he shall [25] bear the glory, and shall [26] sit and [26] rule upon his throne, and he shall be a [27] priest upon his throne, and the [28] counsel of peace shall be between them both.

[25] *Psal.*

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[25] *Pſal.*45.-3. *Iſa.*22.3. Reſtore the honour of the Kingdom and Prieſthood, (which are much fallen to decay ſince the Captivity.) ¶ [26] *Pſal.*110.3. *Rev.*3.21. ¶ [27] *Pſal.*110. 4. *Hebr.* 3, 1. To make Reconciliation and Interceſſion. ¶ [28] The Exerciſe of both theſe Offices by him ſhall ſweetly concur to produce Peace and Reconciliation with God; (as Prieſt) Deliverance from all our Spiritual Enemies; (as King) and to make Peace between Jews and Gentiles, *Eph.*2. 13. *&c.*

14 And the [29] crowns ſhall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the ſon of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.

[29] *Joſh.*22.27, 28. *Mark* 14. 9. Theſe Crowns being taken off the head of *Joſhua* ſhall be hung up in the Temple, both as Monuments of the Liberality and Piety of theſe perſons in offering gold and ſilver for the Temple; and to be Memorials and Pledges of the Meſſiah's certain and ſpeedy coming.

* Iſa.60.10. 15 And * they *that are* [30] far off ſhall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and [31] ye ſhall know that the LORD of hoſts hath ſent me unto you. And [32] *this* ſhall come to paſs, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

[30] *Iſa.*57.19. Many Jews in *Babylon*, and others in remote Countries ſhall come and help forward the building of the Material Temple, as Pledges of the Gentiles joyning themſelves to the Church of Chriſt, and helping to build up the Spiritual Temple. ¶ [31] See on *ch.*2.9. The accompliſhment of this ſhall be a clear Evidence to you that what I now deliver is from God. ¶ [32] This aſſiſtance and help from others in building the Temple.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The captives enquire of faſting.* 4 *Zechariah reproveth their faſting.* 8 *Sin the cauſe of their captivity.*

NOw it came to paſs in the fourth year of king Darius, *that* the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chiſleu;

[1] The Jews in *Babylon.*

2 When [1] they had ſent unto the houſe of God, Sherezer and Regem-melech, and their men to † pray before the LORD,

3 *And* to ſpeak unto the [2] prieſts which *were* in the houſe of the LORD of hoſts, and to the prophets, ſaying, Should I [3] weep in * the [4] fifth month, [5] ſeparating my ſelf as I have done theſe ſo many years?

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† Heb. *intreat the face of the LORD.*

* Chap.8.19.

[2] *Mal.*2.7. *Deut.*33.10. ¶ [3] *Joel* 2.17. Continue this Anniverſay Faſt, now that the Temple is in part built again. ¶ [4] In remembrance of the burning the City and Temple in that Month, 2 *Kings* 25. 8,9. *Jer.* 52. 12--14. ¶ [5] Abſtaining from ſenſual delights and enjoyments, (lawful upon another day.)

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD of hoſts unto me, ſaying,

* Iſa.58 5.
* Chap. 8.19.
* Chap.1.12.
* See Rom.14. 6.

5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the prieſts, ſaying, When ye * faſted and mourned in * the [4] fifth and [6] ſeventh *month*, even thoſe *ſeventy years, did ye at all faſt* [7] unto me, [7] *even* to me?

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[6] In remembrance of the treacherous death of *Gedaliah*, your noble Patron and Commander, *Jer.* 41.1,2. 2 *Kings* 25. 25. ¶ [7] Out of reſpect to my Command, (*Iſa.*1.12.) or for my Honour; (by true Repentance and Reformation.) No; it was only for your ſelves, *v.*6.

6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, ‖ did not ye eat [8] *for your ſelves*, and drink [8] *for your ſelves*?

‖ Or, be *not ye they that*, &c.

[8] *Rom.*14.-6,7. 1 *Cor.*10.31. Meerly for the ſatisfaction of your own Appetite, and to pleaſe your ſelves.

7 ‖ [9] *Should ye* not *hear* the words which the LORD hath cried † by the former prohets, when Jeruſalem was inhabited, and in proſperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when *men* inhabited the ſouth and the plain?

‖ Or, Are *not* theſe *the words.*

† Heb. *by the hand of*, &c.

[9] *q. d.* It more concerns you to obey the voice of the Prophets in practiſing duties enjoyn'd, and abſtaining from ſins forbidden, than to buſie your ſelves ſo much about theſe external performances; which are little worth (comparatively) 1 *Tim.*4.8.

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8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, ſaying,

9 Thus [10] ſpeaketh the LORD of hoſts, ſaying, † * [11] Execute true judgment, and ſhew mercy and compaſſions every man to his brother.

† Heb. *Judge judgment of truth.*

* Mich.6.8. Matth. 23.23.

[10] *Viz.* By the former Prophets, *v.* 7. ¶ [11] Let Judges judge uprightly and juſtly.

10 And oppreſs not the [12] widow, nor [12] the fatherleſs, the ſtranger, nor the poor, and [13] let none of you imagine evil againſt his brother in your heart.

[12] *Exod.* 22. 22. *Iſa.* 1. -17. ¶ [13] *chap.* 8. 17.

11 But they [14] refuſed to hearken, and † [15] pulled away the ſhoulder, and † ſtopped their ears, that they ſhould not hear.

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† Heb. *gave a backſliding ſhoulder.*

† Heb. *made heavy.*

[14] *Chap.* 1. -4. ¶ [15] *Neh.* 9. -29. *Acts* 7. 51.

12 Yea, they made their hearts *as* an [16] adamant-ſtone, [17] leſt they ſhould hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hoſts hath ſent [18] in his ſpirit, † by the former prophets: therefore came a [19] great wrath from the LORD of hoſts.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

[16] *Jer.* 5.-3. *Ezek.*3.9. ¶ [17] That there might be no admittance for the voice of the Law. ¶ [18] *Neh.* 9. 30. ¶ [19] *Dan.*9.12. *Mich.*3.12.

13 Therefore it is come to paſs, *that*, as he cried, and they would not hear; ſo they cried, and [20] I would not hear, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[20] *Prov.*1.28. See there.

14 But I ſcattered them with a whirl-wind among all the nations whom they knew not: thus the land was [21] deſolate after them: that no man paſſed through nor returned; for [22] they laid the † pleaſant land deſolate.

† Heb. *land of deſire.*

[21] 2 *Chron.*36.21. ¶ [22] By their diſobedience and obſtinacy they provok'd God to make it deſolate.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Jeruſalems reſtauration.* 9 *They are encouraged to the building by Gods favour to them.*

AGain the word of the LORD of hoſts came *to me*, ſaying,

2 [1] Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, I was [2] jealous for Zion with [2] great jealouſie, and I was [2] jealous for her with [3] great fury.

[1] Theſe words are repeated fourteen times in this Chapter the more to ſtrengthen their Faith. ¶ [2] *ch.* 1.-14, *Nah.* 1.2. See there. Loved my Church with a ſingular affection, and therefore could not endure that any ſhould wrong her. ¶ [3] Stirr'd up againſt her Enemies for the Injuries they have done her.

3 Thus ſaith the LORD, I am [4] returned unto Zion, and will [5] dwell in the midſt of Jeruſalem, and Jeruſalem * ſhall be called a city [6] of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hoſts, the holy mountain.

* Iſa.1.21,26.

[4] Reconcil'd, and will deal with her in a way of lovingkindneſs, as formerly. ¶ [5] See on *ch.* 2.-10. ¶ [6] *v.*-8. Where the true Religion and Worſhip of God is profeſs'd, and maintain'd in ſincerity and truth.

4 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, * There ſhall yet [7] old men and old women dwell in the ſtreets of Jeruſalem, and every man with his ſtaff in his hand for † very age.

* See 1 Sam.2. 31. Lam.2.20. &c.& 5.11,14.

† Heb. *multitude of days.*

[7] *Iſa.*65.20,22. They ſhall be bleſſed with long life, peace and a numerous iſſue; as pledges of ſpiritual bleſſings.

5 And the ſtreets of the city ſhall be full of boys and girls playing in the ſtreets thereof.

6 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, If it be ‖ marvellous in the eyes of the [8] remnant of this people in [9] theſe days, * ſhould it alſo be marvellous in mine eyes? ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

‖ Or, *hard*, or *difficult.*

* Gen. 18. 14. Luke 1.37. & 18.27. Rom 4.21.

[8] *i. e.*

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[8] *i.e.* Of this people, which are but a few, like a remnant. ¶ [9] (Wherein the face of affairs is so discouraging.)

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will [10] save my people from the east-country, and from the † west-country,

† Heb. *countrey of the going down of the sun.* See Psal. 50.1. & 113. 3. Mal. 1.11.

[10] Bring 'em safe from all parts of the World.

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the [11] midst of Jerusalem, and [12] they shall be my people, and I will be their God, [13] in truth and in righteousness.

[11] *Jer.* 3.18. *Am.* 9. 14. ¶ [12] I'll renew my Covenant with 'em. ¶ [13] *Hos.* 2. 19, 20. Faithfully performing it.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, [14] Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days [9] these words by the mouth of the prophets, which *were* in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

[14] *Hag.* 2.4. Go on chearfully and couragiously with your work, since you are encouraged thereunto by the Prophets *Haggai*, *Zechary*, and *Malachi*, whom God has raised up to strengthen you.

‖ Or, *the hire of man became nothing*, &c.

10 For [15] before these days ‖ there was [16] no hire for man, nor any hire for beast, neither *was there any* [17] peace to him that went out, or came in, because of the [18] affliction: for [19] I set all men, every one against his neighbour.

¶ [15] While the Temple lay neglected, and before you began to proceed in it. ¶ [16] No profit by the labor of Man or Beast, (by reason of my Curse upon the Earth, *Hag.* 1. 6,10. and 2. 16, 17.) ¶ [17] 2 *Chron.* 15. 5. ¶ [18] The distress they were in by reason of the Enemies Hostilities ¶ [19] *Isa.* 45.7.

3487. 11 But [20] now I *will* not *be* unto the residue of this people, [21] as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.

[20] *Viz.* That you go on chearfully in building my Temple. ¶ [21] *Isa.* 12. 1. *Psal.* 103. 9. When there was such scarcity and barrenness.

† Heb. *of peace:*

12 For the seed *shall be* † [22] prosperous, the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall [23] give her increase, and the heavens shall [24] give their dew, and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all [25] these *things*.

[22] *Hag.* 2.18.19. ¶ [23] *Psal.* 67.7. *Deut.* 28.8. ¶ [24] *Hag.* 1.10. *Hos.* 2.21,22. ¶ [25] *Matth.* 6.33. 1 *Tim.* 4.8.

13 And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were a [26] curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I [10] save you, and ye shall be a [27] blessing: fear not, *but* [14] let your hands be strong.

[26] *Jer.* 24.-9. and 29.-18,22. and 42. -18. (1) Lay under my Curse. (2) Were accounted an accursed People by reason of your miseries. (3) Were used as an example of execration; thus, God make thee like a Jew. ¶ [27] *Ruth* 4.11,12. Partakers of my blessing, (*Hag.* 2.-19.) and accounted a People that God has bless'd with extraordinary favors.

[23] *ch.* 1.-6. resolved.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, As I [28] thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not;

15 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.

16 ¶ These *are* the things that ye shall do, Speak ye every man the [29] truth to his neighbour: † execute the judgment of truth, and [30] peace in your gates.

† Heb. *judge truth and the judgment of peace.*

[29] *Psal.* 15.5. *Eph.* 4.25. *Prov.* 12. 19. ¶ [30] Which is the ready way to procure and preserve your peace and prosperity.

* Chap. 5. 3,4.

17 And let none of you [31] imagine evil in your [32] hearts against his neighbour, and * love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith the LORD.

[31] *Ch.* 7.-10. ¶ [32] The Law of God is spiritual, and reaches the heart, *Rom.* 7.14. *Matth.* 5.28.

18 ¶ And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,

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19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, The fast * of the [33] fourth *month*, and the fast of * the [34] fifth, and the fast of the * [34] seventh, and the fast of the * [35] tenth shall be to the house of Judah [36] joy and gladness, and chearful † feasts; therefore love the [37] truth and [38] peace.

* Jer. 52. 6,7.
* Jer. 52. 12,13
* Jer. 41. 1,2.
* Jer. 52. 4.
† Heb. *solemn*, or *set times.*

[33] In remembrance of the taking of *Jerusalem* on that day, 2 *King.* 25.3. ¶ [34] See on *ch.* 7.5. ¶ [35] In which the *Babylonians* began their siege against *Jerusalem*, 2 *King.* 25.1. ¶ [36] *Est.* 8.17. *Psal.* 30.11. ¶ [37] In all affairs wherein Religion is concern'd. ¶ [38] In your converse, and all your dealings with men.

20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, *It shall* [39] yet *come to pass*, that there shall [40] come people, and the inhabitants of many cities.

[39] Notwithstanding the poor, low and contemptible condition of my Church at present. ¶ [40] The Gentiles shall be converted and become Members of the Church.

21 And the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, [41] Let us go ‖ † speedily † to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.

[41] *Isa.* 2. 3. *Mic.* 4. 2.
‖ Or, *continually.*
† Heb. *going.*

22 Yea, [42] many people and [42] strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

† Heb. *to intreat the face of the LORD*

[42] *Isa.* 60.3,8,9. Multitudes of Gentiles of all Nations shall seek unto the Jews for direction and instruction in the true Religion.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, In those days *it shall come to pass*, that [42] ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will [43] go with you; for we have heard *that* God *is* with you.

[43] Joyn with you in the worship and service of the true God.

CHAP. IX.

1 God defendeth his church. 9 Zion is exhorted to rejoyce for the coming of Christ, and his peaceable kingdom.

1 THE burden [1] of the word of the LORD [2] in the land of Hadrach, and [3] Damascus *shall be* the rest thereof: [4] when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel *shall be* toward the LORD.

[1] *Jer.* 23.33. The heavy doom denounc'd by God's command. Here he comforts and encourages his People by foretelling the destruction of their Enemies, (*v.* 1.-8.) and the coming of Christ, *v.* 9. *&c.* ¶ [2] Concerning the Kingdom of *Syria*, (in which *Hadrach* was a principal City.) ¶ [3] This vengeance shall lie long upon *Damascus.* ¶ [4] When the eyes of all *Israel* as one man shall be lifted up to God for help against their Enemies, and their hearts turn'd to him by true repentance; (so that tho this Prophecy might in part be fulfilled shortly after, by the destruction of these Enemies, yet it seems chiefly to aim at the time of their general conversion in the latter days.)

2 And [5] Hamath also shall [6] border thereby; [7] Tyre and Zidon, though it be [8] very wise.

[5] *Am.* 6.2,3. Another principal Town of *Syria*. ¶ [6] Be next in misery to *Damascus*. ¶ [7] They shall have their share in this punishment. ¶ [8] *Ezek.* 28. 3. &c. Neither the Wisdom, nor Wealth, nor strength of *Tyre* shall secure it.

3 And Tyre did build her self a [9] strong hold, and [10] heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

[9] *Josh.* 19.29. 2 *Sam.* 24.7. ¶ [10] *Ezek.* 28.-4. *Job* 27. 16. 1 *King.* 10.27.

4 Behold, the LORD will cast her [11] out, and he will [12] smite her power in the sea, and she shall be devoured with [13] fire.

[11] *Isa.* 23. 1. Of her possessions, and bring her to poverty. ¶ [12] Destroy her Ships. ¶ [13] It was burnt by *Alexander* the great.

5 [14] Ash-

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5 [14] Aſhkelon ſhall ſee *it*, and [15] fear; [14] Gaza alſo *ſhall ſee it*, and be very ſorrowful, and Ekron: for [16] her expectation ſhall be aſhamed, and the king ſhall periſh from Gaza, and Aſhkelon ſhall not be inhabited.

[14] *Zeph.*2.4. ¶ [15] Leſt the like fate befall it, as has done to *Tyre*. ¶ [16] She ſhall be diſappointed of any help from *Tyre*, (who could not ſecure themſelves.)

6 And a [17] baſtard ſhall dwell in Aſhdod, and I will cut off the [18] pride of the Philiſtines.

[17] A Foreign Prince, with a rabble of mongrel People, that have no right to it. ¶ [18] Their Wealth, Strength, and whatſoever made 'em ſwell with pride and inſolence againſt the Jews.

†Heb. *blouds.*

7 And I will [19] take away his † bloud out of his mouth, and his [20] abominations from between his teeth: but [21] he that remaineth, even he *ſhall be* for our God, and he ſhall be [22] as a governor in Judah, and Ekron [23] as a Jebuſite.

[19] Deprive 'em of their prey, (which they were wont to devour with great delight and ſatisfaction) by overthrowing their power, ſo that they ſhall not be able to exerciſe their cruelty any more. ¶ [20] Abominable cruelties, and rapines, and their idolatrous Sacrifices. ¶ [21] *ch.* 8. 6. *Iſa.*4. 3. and 17.6. Thoſe few Jews whom God preſerved from the rage and cruelty of their bloody Enemies, ſhall be the Lord's peculiar ones, entirely devoted to him. ¶ [22] Of high eſteem and authority. ¶ [23] Devoted to deſtruction.

8 And I will [24] encamp about mine houſe, [25] becauſe of the army, becauſe of him that [25] paſſeth by, and becauſe of *him* that [25] returneth; and [26] no oppreſſour ſhall paſs through them any more: for now [27] have I ſeen with mine eyes.

[24] *Ch.*2.5. *Pſal.*34.7. ¶ [25] To preſerve it from all hoſtile attempts and ſudden incurſions of ſuch as may paſs backward or forward with their Armies that way, (as they frequently did.) ¶ [26] *Ezek.* 28. 24. *Iſa.* 54.14. and 60.18. (The full accompliſhment of this is to be look'd for in the latter days.) ¶ [27] *Pſal.* 10.14. I have taken notice of their Enemies carriage, and will redreſs it for the time to come.

9 ¶ [28] Rejoyce greatly, O daughter of Zion; ſhout, O daughter of Jeruſalem: [29] behold, thy king cometh unto thee: he *is* [30] juſt, and ‖ [31] having ſalvation, [29] lowly, and [29] riding upon an aſs, and upon a colt the foal of an aſs.

‖ Or, *ſaving himſelf.*

[28] *Ch.*2.10. *John* 12.15. ¶ [29] See on *Matth.*21.5. ¶ [30] *Pſ.* 45.7. *Matth.*3.–15. ¶ [31] *Matth.* 1.–21. Having purchas'd Salvation for you, and bringing Salvation to you, and deliverance from your ſpiritual Enemies.

10 And I will [32] cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horſe from Jeruſalem, and the battel-bow ſhall be cut off; and he ſhall [33] ſpeak peace unto the heathen: and [34] his dominion *ſhall be* from ſea *even* to ſea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

[32] *Hoſ.*1.–7. and 2.–18. *Hag.* 2. 22. Not make uſe of Weapons of War in ſetting up my Kingdom; they ſhall be of no uſe nor force there, 2 *Cor.*10.4. ¶ [33] *Pſal.*72.3. Publiſh the Goſpel, (the glad tidings of Reconciliation with God) by himſelf and his Apoſtles to the Heathen, whereby they ſhall be converted and reconciled to God, *Eph.*2.17. ¶ [34] *Pſ.* 72.8. His Spiritual Kingdom ſhall extend all the World over.

‖ Or, *whoſe covenant* is *by bloud*: Exod.24. 8. Neh.13.20.

11 As for [35] thee alſo ‖ [36] by the bloud of thy covenant, I have [37] ſent forth thy priſoners out of the pit, wherein *is* [38] no water.

[35] My Church of the Jews. ¶ [36] *Heb.*9.20. and 10.–29. and 13.–20. By vertue of the Covenant I made with thee, which was confirmed by the blood of Sacrifices, (as a Type of the Blood of Chriſt.) ¶ [37] *Iſa.*61.–1. Redeemed you out of *Babylon*; as a pledge of your deliverance from Hell and Deſtruction. ¶ [38] No refreſhing and comfort, *Luke* 16.24.

12 ¶ [39] Turn ye to the ſtrong hold, [40] ye priſoners of hope, even [41] to day do I declare *that* I will [42] render double unto thee:

[39] Repent, and apply your ſelves to Chriſt, your only help and refuge. ¶ [40] Who, tho Captives to Sin and Satan, yet have good grounds to hope for deliverance, if you come to Chriſt. ¶ [41] Tho your State ſeem very miſerable and deplorable. ¶ [42] *Iſa.*61.7. Beſtow far larger benefits than ever you enjoyed before, and which ſhall abundantly recompenſe you for all the Evils you have ſuffer'd.

13 [43] When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raiſed up thy ſons, O Zion, againſt thy ſons, [44] O Greece, and made thee [45] as the ſword of a mighty man:

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[43] *q. d.* And this I'll do, when I have fitted and prepared you, both of the two Tribes, and Ten Tribes, to encounter with your Enemies. ¶ [44] The Succeſſors of *Alexander* in the Grecian Monarchy, *viz.* the *Seleucidæ* and *Lagidæ*, (which was partly accompliſh'd in the Victories of the *Maccabees*, and perhaps may hereafter be more fully accompliſh'd againſt the *Turk*, whoſe Seat is in *Greece*, *Dan.* 11.–45.) ¶ [45] The Inſtrument of their deſtruction.

14 And the LORD ſhall be [46] ſeen over them, and [47] his arrows ſhall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD ſhall [48] blow the trumpet, and ſhall go with [49] whirlwinds of the ſouth.

[46] Manifeſtly appear in the behalf of his People, and againſt their Enemies. ¶ [47] *Pſal.*18.14. His Judgments ſhall deſtroy his Enemies ſuddenly and irreſiſtibly. ¶ [48] Gather his Inſtruments, and inſpire 'em with Courage for their work. ¶ [49] Irreſiſtible Judgments.

15 The LORD of hoſts ſhall defend them, and they ſhall [50] devour, and [52] ſubdue ‖ with ſling-ſtones, and they ſhall [53] drink, *and* [53] make a noiſe as through wine, and they ſhall ‖ be [54] filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.

‖ Or, *the ſtones of the ſling.*

‖ Or, *fill. both the bowls*, &c.

[50] *Rev.* 19. 18. Deſtroy their Enemies. ¶ [52] By weak and unlikely means overcome the moſt powerful that oppoſe 'em, (as *David* did *Goliah.*) ¶ [53] Shed the Blood of their Enemies, and thereupon ſhout and triumph, like thoſe that are fill'd with ſtrong drink. ¶ [54] Satisfied with this ſlaughter of their Enemies, as the Bowls of the Sanctuary, and Corners of the Altar were with Blood of Sacrifices.

16 And the LORD their God ſhall [55] ſave them in that day as the flock of his people, for *they ſhall be as* the [56] ſtones of a crown, lifted up [57] as an enſign upon his land.

[55] *V.*15. Take ſpecial care of 'em, as a Shepherd of his Flock, *Am.*3.12. *John* 10.3,4. ¶ [56] Precious in his account, *Iſa.*62.3. ¶ [57] *Iſa.*62.–10. Set forth to the view of all, for all People to gather themſelves to it, and joyn with it, *Iſa.*11.10,12.

17 For [58] how great *is* his goodneſs, and [59] how great *is* his beauty! [60] corn ſhall make the young men ‖ chearful, and new wine the maids.

‖ Or, *grow*, or *ſpeak.*

[58] *Pſal.*31.19. ¶ [59] How lovely does he appear in his dealings with his Church and People? ¶ [60] Plenty of all outward Bleſſings, as pledges of Spiritual and Eternal.

CHAP. X.

1 *God is to be ſought unto, and not idols.* 5 *As he viſited his flock for ſin, ſo he will ſave and reſtore them.*

1 ASk ye * of the [1] LORD rain in the time of the latter rain, *ſo* the LORD ſhall make ‖ bright clouds, and [3] give them ſhowers of rain, to every one graſs in the field.

* Jer.14. 22.

‖ Or, *lightnings.*

[1] *q. d.* And tho I have promis'd Plenty, (*ch.* 9. 17.) yet you muſt ſeek unto God for ſeaſonable weather in order thereto, *Ezek* 36.37. ¶ [2] Not of Idols, *v.* 2. ¶ [3] *Deut.* 28.12. *Job* 5.10. *Jer.*14.22.

2 For the † idols have [4] ſpoken vanity, and the diviners have [5] ſeen a lie, and have told [6] falſe dreams; they [7] comfort in vain: [8] therefore they went their way as a flock, they ‖ were [9] troubled, becauſe *there was* [10] no ſhepherd.

† Heb. *teraphims.*

‖ Or, *anſwered that*, &c.

[4] *Jer.*10.8. *Hab.* 2. 8. All their Oracles and Anſwers are falſe and deceitful. ¶ [5] Promis'd good, but it prov'd falſe. ¶ [6] The deluſions of their own Brains, inſtead of Divine Viſions and Revelations. ¶ [7] *Job* 13. 4. ¶ [8] Becauſe they truſted to theſe Vanities, they were carried Captive like ſilly ſheep that have no careful Shepherd to look after 'em, *Ezek.*34.2. ¶ [9] And found nothing but trouble and miſery in this condition. ¶ [10] *Matth.*9.–36.

3 Mine anger was kindled againſt [11] the ſhepherds, and I † [12] puniſhed the [13] goats: for the LORD of hoſts hath [14] viſited his flock the houſe of Judah, and hath [15] made them as his goodly horſe in the battel.

† Heb. *viſited upon.*

[11] *Iſa.*

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[11] *Isa.*56.10,11. Magistrates and Rulers for their supine carelesness and neglect of their duty to their People. ¶ [12] In a more especial manner, *Jer.* 29.22. and 39.6. ¶ [13] Wanton and unruly Governors, who do more hurt than good, *Ezek.*34. 16,17. ¶ [14] Shew'd mercy to 'em. ¶ [15] Furnish'd 'em with courage to resist and subdue their Enemies.

4 [16] Out of him came forth the corner, [16] out of him the nail, out of him the [17] battel-bow, [18] out of him every oppressor together.

[16] *Isa.* 22. 23, 25, *q. d.* And it is from God's favor unto 'em that there is any found among 'em fit to be Rulers to keep all in frame. ¶ [17] All warlike provision both of Men and Arms. ¶ [18] From him it is that they are enabled to subdue their Enemies, and make 'em become tributary, and appoint Officers to collect those taxes they lay upon 'em.

5 ¶ And they shall be as mighty men, which [19] tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battel, and they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them, and || the [20] riders on horses shall be confounded.

|| Or, *they shall make the riders on horses ashamed.*

[19] *Psal.*18.42. ¶ [20] The Forces of their Enemies.

6 And I will [21] strengthen the house of Judah, and I will [22] save the [23] house of Joseph, and I will [24] bring them again to [25] place them; for I [26] have mercy upon them: and they shall [27] be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the the LORD their God, and will hear them.

[21] *Nah.*1.7. *Isa.*41.10 and 42.13. *Psal.* 89. 21,22. ¶ [22] *ch.* 8.7. See there. ¶ [23] The Ten Tribes, *Am.*6.-6. See there. ¶ [24] *Jer.*3.18. and 23.8. ¶ [25] Settle 'em in their own land. ¶ [26] *Hos.*1.7. ¶ [27] Feel no relick nor mark of my displeasure remaining upon 'em.

7 And *they of* [28] Ephraim shall be [29] like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoyce, [30] as through wine: yea, [31] their children shall see *it*, and be glad, their heart shall rejoyce [32] in the LORD.

[28] The Ten Tribes. ¶ [29] *v.* 5. Eminently couragious and prosperous in asserting the cause of their Brethren. ¶ [30] *ch.*9.15. ¶ [31] Tho perhaps themselves may not live to reap the fruit of their labours, yet their Children shall take notice of their Fathers Valor, and find the benefit of it. ¶ [32] *Phil.*4.4. See there. In his wonderful appearing on your behalf.

8 I will [33] hiss for them, and gather them, for I have [34] redeemed them: and they shall [35] increase as they [36] have increased.

[33] *Isa.*5.26. and 7.18. Call 'em from all the places of their dispersion, with as much ease as a Shepherd does his Flock with a Whistle. ¶ [34] Paid the price of my Sons Blood for their Redemption, (and therefore will not lose it.) ¶ [35] *Jer.* 33.22. *Ezek.*36.10,11,38. ¶ [36] *Exod.*1.7.

9 And I will [37] sow them among the people: and they shall [38] remember me in far countries, and they shall [39] live with their children, and [39] turn again.

[37] *Jer.* 31.27. *Hos.* 2. 23. Scatter 'em among the Heathen, where they shall multiply like Seeed sown, *v.* -10. ¶ [38] Be converted while they remain in far Countries. ¶ [39] Be preserved from generation to generation, and at last turn to the Lord, and return to their own Land.

10 I will bring them again also out of the land of [40] Egypt, and gather them out of [40] Assyria, and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, and * [41] *place* shall not be found for them.

* Isa.49.20.

[40] *Ch.*8.7. *Isa.*11.11,12. *Jer.*16.-15. ¶ [41] *Isa.*49. 19,20, 21. and 54.2,3. There shall be scarce room enough to receive 'em.

11 And he shall [42] pass through the sea [43] with affliction, and shall [43] smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall [42] dry up: and the [44] pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the [44] sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

[42] Remove all obstacles out of their way in their return to their own Land, (*Rev.*16.-12.) as he did formerly, *Isa.* 11.15. *Psal.* 106.9. and 114. 3,4. *Nah.*1.4. ¶ [43] Afflicting, rebuking, smiting it. ¶ [44] All the power and strength of their most bitter Enemies shall be subdued before them.

12 And I will [21] strengthen them [45] in the LORD, and they shall [46] walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

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[45] *Ch.*12.-5. *Isa.*45.24. ¶ [46] *Mich.*4. 5. See there. Manage all their affairs according to God's direction, by his assistance, and for his Honour, and persevere therein.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The destruction of Jerusalem.* 15 *The type and curse of a foolish shepherd.*

1 OPen thy doors, O Lebanon, [2] that the fire may devour thy cedars.

[1] *q.d.* The Enemy (the *Romans*) shall as easily enter into the Land of *Judea*, and possess himself of all the strong holds thereof, as if all were set open to him. To the former Promises, (*ch.* 8. and 9. and 10.) the Lord here subjoyns a sad Prediction of the destruction of *Jerusalem*, the wasting of the Land, and rejection of the Body of that Nation for many generations; that they should be neither a Church nor Kingdom; all which was executed by the *Romans* for their rejecting of Christ and his Gospel. ¶ [2] That whatsoever is eminent and excellent, either among persons or things, may be destroyed by them.

2 Howl [3] fir-tree, for the cedar is fallen; [3] because the || mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan, for [4] the || forest of the vintage is come down.

|| Or, *gallants.* || Or, *defenced forest.*

[3] You of meaner rank and quality, who must expect to bear your share in these Calamities, since the rich and great ones are fallen, and Persons in place of Power and Authority are spoiled. ¶ [4] Those places which were kept with greatest care, and secured by greatest Art, are laid desolate.

3 ¶ *There is* a voice of the howling of the [5] shepherds; for [6] their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roring of [7] young lions; for the [8] pride of Jordan is spoiled.

[5] The Rulers and Governors. ¶ [6] Their Subjects, (*Prov.*14.28.) are destroyed, and their Wealth devoured. ¶ [7] Such Rulers as were cruel Oppressors; more like Lions than Shepherds, devouring instead of feeding the People. ¶ [8] The fruitful Land of *Canaan*, lying along *Jordan*.

4 Thus [9] saith the LORD [10] my God, [11] Feed the flock of the slaughter.

[9] *Viz.* To me the Messiah. ¶ [10] See on *Eph.*1.3. ¶ [11] *v.*7. Take the charge and care of this poor People of the Jews, who are thus appointed to destruction, (*v.*1,2.) yet instruct 'em, and labor to bring 'em to repentance, that if it be possible, they may escape this Judgment.

5 [12] Whose possessours slay them, and hold themselves [13] not guilty: and they that [14] sell them, * say, [15] Blessed *be* the LORD, for I am rich: and their [16] own shepherds pity them not.

* Deut.29.19. Hos.12.8.

[12] Whose Lords and Masters in the several Countries of their dispersion, use 'em with all manner of rigor and severity at their pleasure. ¶ [13] *John* 16.-2. ¶ [14] For Slaves. ¶ [15] *Hos.*12.8. God approves of what I do, and its his blessing that has given me this opportunity of enriching my self. ¶ [16] *Luke* 10.31,32. Their own Rulers take no care to relieve 'em.

6 [17] For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but lo, I will † [18] deliver the men every one into his neighbours hand, and into the hand of [19] his king, and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them.*

† Heb. *make to be found.*

[17] *q.d.* They shall be made a prey, because— ¶ [18] Give 'em up to destroy one another by their civil Dissentions, Seditions, and mutual slaughters. ¶ [19] The *Roman* Emperor, whom they chose for their King and rejected Christ, *John* 19.15.

7 And I [20] will feed the [11] flock of slaughter, || [21] *even* you, O poor of the flock: and I took unto me two [22] staves; the one I called [23] Beauty, and the other I called || [24] Bands, and I [25] fed the flock.

[Or, verily *the poor.* || Or, *Binders.*

[20] I'll instruct you in my own Person, and by my Apostles. Here Christ undertakes the charge committed to him, *v.* 4. ¶ [21] And among 'em I'll take special care of those that are poor in Spirit, (*Matth.* 11.-5.) mine elect ones among 'em. ¶ [22] Shepherds Crooks, (the badg of his Office.) ¶ [23] Noting the beautiful Order of his Covenant with 'em, (*v.*-10. 2 *Sam.* 23.5.) and the Doctrin thereof; whereby

Chap. 11. the Church is directed in Faith, Worſhip and Obedience. ¶ [24] Noting the Government of the Church and State, whereby they are kept in Unity, without Rents and Schiſms, *v.*-14. ¶ [25] I diſcharged my Office faithfully among 'em.

8 [26] Three ſhepherds alſo I cut off in one month, and my ſoul †lothed them, and their ſoul alſo [27] abhorred me.

†Heb. *was ſtraitned for them.*

[26] And in the diſcharge of my Office, I cut off within a very little time, (*Hoſ.*5.-7.) ſeveral evil Governors, who had oppreſs'd 'em, and I brought into contempt their corrupt Teachers, Scribes, Phariſes and Sadduces, (all which he did to reclaim 'em, but all in vain.) ¶ [27] *Matth.*27.-21.

9 [28] Then ſaid I, I will [29] not feed you: that that dieth, [30] let it die: and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the reſt [31] eat every one the fleſh of † another.

†Heb. *his fellow* or *neighbour.*

[28] After they had manifeſted ſo great hatred and diſaffection to me. ¶ [29] Take no further care of you, but leave you to your ſelves, and the rage of your Enemies, and take away the Goſpel from you, *Matth.*21.43. ¶ [30] *Jer.*15.2. *Rev.*22.11. ¶ [31] Kill one another by their Seditions and inteſtine quarrels.

10 ¶ And I took my ſtaff, *even* [23] Beauty, and cut it aſunder, [32] that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

[32] *Rom* 11.20. To note, the breaking of that Covenant I had made with 'em, and taking away the Dignities, Priviledges and Benefits promis'd therein.

‖ Or, *the poor of the flock*, &c. *certainly knew*

11 And [33] it was broken in that day: and ‖ ſo the [21] poor of the flock that [34] waited upon me, [35] knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.

[33] About that time was the Covenant as good as broken on both ſides. ¶ [34] *Mic.*7.7. Diligently obſerved my works, weighed my Judgments, conſider'd my Doctrin, Miracles and Life, thereupon acknowledged that all this came to paſs according to what was threatned by God againſt 'em.

†Heb. *If* it be *good in your eyes.*

12 And I [35] ſaid unto them, †[36] If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, [37] forbear: [38] ſo they weighed for my price [39] thirty *pieces* of ſilver.

[35] To manifeſt their horrid Ingratitude, and the reaſon of his breaking Covenant with 'em. ¶ [36] *q.d.* If you think I deſerve any thing from you, give me a meet recompenſe for all my care and pains with you, by your Obedience. ¶ [37] *Matth.* 15. 14. *Rev.* 22. 11. *Ezek.* 3. -11, 27. ¶ [38] *q.d.* All the recompenſe I had was this, to take away my Life, (*Matth.*21.37-39.) and in order thereto they gave *Judas* thirty Shekels to betray me to 'em, *Mat.*26.15. and 27.9. ¶ [39] About three pounds eight ſhillings ſix pence Sterling.

13 And the LORD [40] ſaid unto me, [41] Caſt it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was priſed at of them. And [42] I took the thirty *pieces* of ſilver, and caſt them to the potter [43] in the houſe of the LORD.

[40] God the Father, in deteſtation of their horrid ingratitude. ¶ [41] Give it to a Potter, or any other common workman, as a fitter reward for his ſervice, than as a Recompenſe for me. ¶ [42] *q.d.* And I order'd it ſo by my Providence, that this Mony ſhould be given to a Potter to buy a Field withal, to be a laſting Monument of their Contempt of me, and undervaluing my Service, and ſhedding my Blood. ¶ [43] *Matth.*27.5.

14 [44] Then I cut aſunder mine other ſtaff, *even* ‖ [24] Bands, that I might [45] break the brotherhood between Judah and Iſrael.

‖ Or, *Binders.*

[44] After that they had dealt thus with me. ¶ [45] *Hoſ.* 1. 7,9. *Rom.* 11. 20. Give 'em up to Rents and Schiſms in Church, and Seditions in State, and ſuffer 'em to be broken in pieces, and ſcattered all the World over, ſo that there was no more face of Church or Commonwealth, either among the Two Tribes, or the Ten, nor any communion between *Judah* and *Iſrael* for the future.

15 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto me, † Take unto thee yet the inſtruments of [46] a fooliſh ſhepherd.

† Perſonate a Shepherd once more, (tho another ſort of Shepherd than the former.) ¶ [46] *Ezek.*34.2. *Matth.* 23.17. *Mark* 7. 3,4. *Luke* 11.40. To note that their Governors both in Church and State, after Chriſts time, ſhould be ſuch as had neither Skill nor Will to manage their Office aright, but inſtead thereof ſhould devour 'em.

16 For lo, I will raiſe up [47] a ſhepherd in the land, *which* ſhall not [48] viſit *thoſe that be* ‖ cut off, neither ſhall ſeek the [49] young one, nor heal *that that is* broken, nor ‖ feed that that [50] ſtandeth ſtill: but he ſhall [51] eat the fleſh of the fat, and [52] tear their claws in pieces. Chap. 11.

[47] Such Governors both in Church and State. ¶ [48] Take care to reduce ſuch as ſtraggle from the Company, *Luke* 15.4. ¶ [49] Such as are weak and apt to go aſtray. ¶ [50] Not able to go forward, or make any progreſs in the way to Heaven. ¶ [51] *Ezek.* 34.-2. ¶ [52] Hurry 'em about till their very claws are worn to pieces.

17 Wo to the [53] idol ſhepherd that [54] leaveth the flock: [55] the ſword *ſhall be* upon his arm, [56] and upon his right eye: his arm ſhall be clean [55] dried up, and his right eye ſhall be utterly [56] darkened.

[53] *Jer.*23.1. and 25.34. Such Governors as bear only the Name, but do nothing of the work. ¶ [54] *John* 10.12,13. ¶ [55] The Judgment of God ſhall be upon the Civil Governors, to deprive 'em of power and authority. ¶ [56] *Ezek.* 13.23. *Mic.*3.6,7. And the Church-Officers ſhall be deprived of knowledge and underſtanding in the things of God.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Jeruſalem a cup of trembling,* 3 *and a burdenſom ſtone to her adverſary.* 6 *The victorious reſtoring of Judah.*

THE [1] burden of the word of the LORD [2] for Iſrael, ſaith the LORD which [3] ſtretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the [4] foundation of the earth, and [5] formeth the ſpirit of man within him.

[1] *Ch.*9.1. See there. ¶ [2] For the good and behoof of *Iſrael*, (as containing Threatnings againſt her Enemies, and promiſes of good to her ſelf.) ¶ [3] *Iſa.*42.5. ¶ [4] *Job* 26.-7. *Pſal.*24.2. ¶ [5] *Numb* 16.22. *Eccl.*12.-7. In a moſt exact, artificial manner, (as the word ſignifies.)

2 Behold, I will make [6] Jeruſalem a [7] cup of ‖ trembling unto all the people round about, [8] when they ſhall be in the ſiege both againſt Judah, *and* againſt Jeruſalem.

‖ Or, *ſlumber*, or *poiſon.*

‖ Or, *and alſo againſt Judah* ſhall he be *which ſhall be in ſiege againſt Jeruſalem.*

[6] That place, and my Church typified thereby. ¶ [7] *Iſa.* 51.-17. *i.e.* All that afflict her ſhall but procure miſchief to themſelves thereby, (as they do that drink poiſonous intoxicating Liquor:) ¶ [8] Whenſoever they ſhall attempt any thing againſt 'em.

3 ¶ And [9] in that day will I make Jeruſalem [10] a burdenſom ſtone for all people: all that [11] burden themſelves with it ſhall be [12] cut in pieces, though [13] all the people of the earth be gathered together againſt it.

[9] *V.*9. ¶ [10] Too heavy for any of 'em to remove, and which ſhall bring trouble to them that meddle with it. ¶ [11] Seek to overthrow and undermine the Church. ¶ [12] *Matth.*21.44. ¶ [13] *Rev.*16. 13,14. and 17. 14.

4 In that day, ſaith the LORD, I will ſmite every [14] horſe with aſtoniſhment, and [14] his rider with madneſs, and I will [15] open mine eyes upon the houſe of Judah, and will ſmite [14] every horſe of the people with blindneſs.

[14] *Pſal.*76.5,6. Blaſt all undertakings, and confound all undertakers of any miſchief againſt my People. ¶ [15] *Jer.* 24.6. Look upon 'em with favor.

5 And the [16] governors of Judah ſhall [17] ſay in their heart, ‖ [18] The inhabitants of Jeruſalem *ſhall be* my ſtrength in the LORD of hoſts their God.

‖ Or, There is *ſtrength to me* and *to the inhabitants*, &c.

[16] Thoſe Magiſtrates and Rulers that God ſhall place over 'em, ſhall be men of Piety. ¶ [17] Be fully perſwaded of the truth of this. ¶ [18] *q. d.* Whatſoever our Armies are, whether great or ſmall, and how many ſoever our Subjects be, whether many or few, yet we don't place our confidence in them as our ſtrength, but only upon the Lord of Hoſts, in whom alſo they truſt as their God.

6 ¶ In that day will I make the governours of Judah [19] like a hearth of fire among the wood, and

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and [19] like a torch of fire in a ſheaf; and they ſhall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jeruſalem ſhall be inhabited again, in her [20] own place, [20] *even* in Jeruſalem.

[19] Victorious over all their Enemies round about. ¶ [20] This Paſſage is ſo exceeding emphatical, that it ſeems to exclude all myſtical, figurative ſenſes, and (certainly) muſt be underſtood in a literal ſenſe, of the Jews repoſſeſſing their own Land and *Jeruſalem* again after their Calling, yet not any more as typical of the heavenly Inheritance, but only as their own proper ancient Inheritance.

7 The LORD alſo ſhall [21] ſave the tents of Judah firſt, that the [22] glory of the houſe of David, and the [22] glory of the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, do not magnifie *themſelves* againſt Judah.

[21] Begin to diſcover his glorious Power among the middle ſort of people living in a plain, but comly way; (ſuch as living in Tents of old was.) ¶ [22] 1 *Cor.* 1. 31. That ſo neither Court nor City may have cauſe to boaſt of their power, policy, wealth, or the like, as if the poor Country muſt have periſh'd had it not been for them.

8 In that day ſhall the LORD [23] defend the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, and * he that is ‖ †feeble among them at that day ſhall be [24] as David; and the [25] houſe of David *ſhall be* as God, [25] as the angel of the LORD before them.

* Joel 3.10.
‖ Or, *abject.*
† Heb. *fallen.*

[23] *Ch.* 2.5. ¶ [24] *Hebr.* 11.34. Endued with Heroick Courage to ſubdue their Enemies. ¶ [25] The Princes, Nobles and Grandees ſhall be raiſed to a Divine and Angelick pitch of Valour and Power in Chriſt their Head, who is true God, and that Angel that went before his people in their Deliverance out of *Egypt*, (*Exod.* 14.19.) and will be the ſame again to 'em, *Mich.* 2.13.

9 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, *that* I will [26] ſeek to deſtroy all the nations that come againſt Jeruſalem.

[26] Seriouſly and carefully ſet my ſelf about it.

† Joel 2.28.

10 And * I will [27] pour upon the houſe of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, [28] the ſpirit of grace and of [29] ſupplications, and they ſhall [30] look upon me whom they have [31] pierced, and they ſhall [32] mourn [33] for him, as one mourneth for *his* [34] only *ſon*, and ſhall be in bitterneſs for him, as one that is in bitterneſs for *his* firſt-born.

[27] Plentifully beſtow upon all ſorts, whether higher or lower. ¶ [28] A truly gracious frame of heart; by enriching 'em with the Graces of my Spirit, *Gal.* 5.22,23. ¶ [29] *Jer.* 31.9. The Spirit of Prayer and the Grace of Prayer to pour out their ſouls before me, *Rom.* 8.26. *Acts* 9.-11. ¶ [30] Bethink themſelves at laſt, and own me for the Meſſiah. ¶ [31] *Pſal.* 22.16. *John* 19.34. ¶ [32] *Jer.* 3. 21. ¶ [33] For the Indignity that was offer'd to him both by their Foreſathers, when they crucified him, and by their Poſterity ever ſince. ¶ [34] *Jer.* 6.26. *Amos* 8.-10.

* Acts 2. 37.
[35] 2 *Chron.* 35.-24,25.

11 In that day ſhall there be a great * mourning in Jeruſalem, as the mourning [35] of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

† Heb. *families, families.*

12 And [36] the land ſhall mourn, † every family apart, the family of the [37] houſe of David apart, and [38] their wives apart: the family of the houſe of Nathan apart, and their wives apart:

[36] The whole Nation of the Jews. ¶ [37] All Jews of what Tribe or Family ſoever, and in what Country ſoever they are ſcatter'd. ¶ [38] 1 *Cor.* 7. 5. This Prophecy remains yet to be accompliſh'd, at the general Converſion of the Jews.

13 The family of the houſe of Levi apart, and their wives apart: the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart:

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

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1 *The fountain of purgation for Jeruſalem,* 2 *from idolatry, and falſe prophecy.* 7 *The death of Chriſt, and the trial of a third part.*

1 IN that day there ſhall be [2] a fountain opened to the [3] houſe of David, and to [3] the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, [4] for ſin, and [4] for † uncleanneſs.

† Heb. *ſeparation for uncleanneſs.*

[1] When they ſhall mourn ſo bitterly, upon their return to Chriſt, *ch.* 12.10. *&c.* ¶ [2] The virtue and efficacy of Chriſt's blood now tender'd and apply'd to 'em. ¶ [3] *ch.* 12. 10. See there. ¶ [4] To take away the guilt of all their ſins, whether greater or ſmaller, 1 *John* 1.-7.

2 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, *that* I will [5] cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they ſhall no more be [6] remembred: and alſo I will cauſe the [7] prophets, and the [8] unclean ſpirit to paſs out of the land.

[5] *Hoſ.* 2.16,17. *Exod.* 23.13. *Pſal.* 16.-4. Remove all Idolatry, Superſtition and Corruption in Worſhip. ¶ [6] Worſhip'd. ¶ [7] 2 *Pet.* 2.1,2. Falſe Teachers that would perſwade 'em to retain their Jewiſh Principles ſtill. ¶ [8] Corrupt Doctrins ſuggeſted by the Devil; 1 *John* 4. 1, 2, 3. See there.

3 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* when any ſhall yet [9] propheſie, then his father and his mother, that begat him, ſhall ſay unto him, Thou ſhalt [10] not live; for thou ſpeakeſt lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother, that begat him, ſhall [10] thruſt him through when he propheſieth.

[9] Endeavour to hinder 'em from owning Chriſt. ¶ [10] Some Doctrins and Opinions openly vented, deſerve death, *Deut.* 13.6-10.

4 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, *that* * the prophets ſhall be [11] aſhamed every one of his viſion, when he hath propheſied; [12] neither ſhall they wear † a [13] rough garment † to deceive:

* Mich. 3.6,7.
† Heb. *a garment of hair.*
† Heb. *to lie.*

[11] By theſe means ſuch perſons ſhall be reclaim'd from thoſe ways. ¶ [12] Ceaſe from deceiving the people, and return to their former Calling, *v.* 5. ¶ [13] The habit of Prophets, ſometimes, 2 *Kings* 1. 8. *Matth.* 7.15.

5 But he ſhall ſay, I *am* no prophet, I *am* an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattel from my youth.

6 And *one* ſhall ſay unto him, What *are* theſe [14] wounds in thine hands? Then he ſhall anſwer, *Thoſe* with which I was wounded *in* the houſe of my [15] friends.

[14] Some ſkars or marks of his correction for his miſcarriages. ¶ [15] *Pſal.* 141.5. *Prov.* 27.5. Such who thereby ſought to reclaim me.

7 ¶ [16] Awake, O ſword, againſt [17] my ſhepherd, and againſt the man * *that is* [18] my fellow, ſaith the LORD of hoſts: [19] ſmite the ſhepherd, and the [20] ſheep ſhall be ſcattered: and [21] I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

* Job 10. 30. & 14.10,11.

[16] *q. d.* Be ready and come forth to do your work, O Sufferings and Death. Here follows a Prophecy of the ſufferings of Chriſt, afflictions of the godly, and purging of the viſible Church by Judgments, before thoſe glorious things foremention'd concerning the Jews were brought about. ¶ [17] *Hebr.* 13.20. The Meſſiah, appointed by me to feed my flock, *ch.* 11.4. ¶ [18] *Phil.* 2.6. ¶ [19] *Matth.* 26. 31. Afflict, torment, and at laſt crucifie him. ¶ [20] The Apoſtles then will all forſake him, (*Mark* 14.50. *Matth.* 26.-56.) and after his death the whole Nation of the Jews ſhall be ſcatter'd about. ¶ [21] In that critical juncture of time, I'll take care both of my ſcatter'd Diſciples, (who forſook me only through weakneſs and fear) to recover 'em again, and give 'em renewed proofs of my love; and alſo to ſecure my own ſmall remnant among the Jews in their diſperſion, *v.* 8,9.

8 And it ſhall come to paſs *that* in all the land, ſaith the LORD, [22] two parts therein ſhall be cut off, *and* die, but the [23] third ſhall be left therein.

[22] There ſhall be a general deſtruction and ſlaughter a-

among 'em; (which came to pass by *Titus.*) ¶ [23] A remnant, *Rom.*11.5.

9 And I will bring the third part [24] through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall [25] call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say,
* Psal.144.15. It *is* my people; and they shall say,* The LORD *is* my God.

[24] Under a fiery Trial, 1 *Pet.*1.7. ¶ [25] *Psal.*50.15. Own me for their God in Christ.

CHAP. XIV.

1 The destroyers of Jerusalem destroyed. 4 The coming of Christ, and the graces of his kingdom.

BEhold, the [1] day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

[1] *Joel* 2.-1,2. Wherein he'll destroy *Jerusalem* and the Jews for their killing of Christ.

2 For I will gather [2] all nations against Jerusalem to battel, and the city shall be taken, and the houses [3] rifled, and the women [3] ravished, and [4] half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the [5] residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

[2] The *Roman* Army consisting of divers Nations, which shall make war with the Jews, and besiege *Jerusalem*, and take it. ¶ [3] *Isa.* 13.16. Great Outrages committed. ¶ [4] *ch.* 13.8. A great number. ¶ [5] The godly among 'em shall be preserved (*Luke* 21.28.) and many others reserved for future Mercy, *ch.*13.-8,9.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and [6] fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battel.

[6] After he has made use of 'em in this work, he'll inflict many Calamities upon 'em, as he has done formerly upon many other Occasions.

4 ¶ And [7] his feet shall stand in that day
* See Ezek. 11.23. * upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall [8] cleave in the midst thereof toward the east, and toward the west, *and there shall be* [8] a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

[7] Christ shall appear most eminently and conspicously in behalf of his people to reveal the Doctrin of Salvation to the Gentiles, (as when he gave Commission to his Apostles to carry the Gospel into all parts of the World, *Acts* 1. 8, 12.) ¶ [8] He shall take away the Ceremonial Worship, and all other impediments, and make a plain way for the Gentiles to come unto the Church, and worship him according to his Will, from afar off.

‖ Or, *my mountains.* ‖ Or, *when he shall touch the valley of the mountains to the place he separated.* * Amos 1. 1. 5 And [9] ye shall flee *to* the valley ‖ [10] of the mountains: ‖ [11] for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee [12] like as ye fled from before the * earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God [13] shall come, *and* [14] all the saints with thee.

[9] You my chosen Ones among the Jews, who shall escape these Calamities, shall joyn your selves to the Christian Church; the way being now made clear and open to you. ¶ [10] Made by the division of the Mountains, *v.*4. ¶ [11] There shall be a large passage to the Church, so that every one, tho' separated at never so great a distance, shall have liberty to come to it, and free admission into it. ¶ [12] With all earnestness, from the wrath to come, and imbrace Christ with all readiness. ¶ [13] To bring all these things to pass; to destroy his Enemies, propagate his Church, and then at last to judge the World, and glorifie his people. ¶ [14] *Jude* 14. See there.

† Heb. *precious.* † Heb. *thickness.* 6 And it shall come to pass [15] in that day, *that* the light shall [16] not be † clear, [16] *nor* † dark.

[15] In Gospel-times. [16] Not altogether light, nor altogether dark, but sometimes one, sometimes another, sometimes comfort, sometimes sorrow.

‖ Or, *the day shall be one.* 7 But ‖ it shall be [17] one day which shall be known to the LORD, [18] not day, [18] nor night: but it shall come to pass *that* at [19] evening-time it shall be light.

[17] One continued course of Providence wherein there shall be always some light, tho' sometimes more, sometimes less, which shall be ordered by God as to the several changes and vicissitudes thereof. ¶ [18] Neither quite clear without any darkness, nor quite dark without any light, *v.*-6. ¶ [19] Towards the end of Gospel-times, when there's no likelyhood of any such thing as light, and nothing but darkness is expected, there shall be a greater time of comfort and prosperity to the Church than ever before, *Hos.*3.5. *Isa.*60.20. *Rev.* 22. 5.

8 And it shall be in that day, *that* [20] living waters shall go out from Jerusalem: half of them toward the ‖ [21] former sea, and half of them toward the [22] hinder sea: in [23] summer and in winter shall it be.

‖ Or, *eastern.*

[20] *Ezek.*47.1. *Rev.*22.1. *Joel* 3.18. The Doctrin of the Gospel, made effectual by the Spirit for the begetting of Grace and spiritual Life, (*John* 4. 14. and 7. 38, 39.) shall be derived by the Apostles from *Jerusalem* before it be destroy'd, to all parts of the World, *Acts* 1. 8. *Luke* 24.-47. ¶ [21] *Ezek.*47.8. The Lake of *Sodom*, Eastward. ¶ [22] The *Mediterranean*, Westward. ¶ [23] Neither shall the Gospel and Means of Grace, nor the Graces of the Spirit wrought in the hearts of Believers by those means, ever fail by reason either of the heat of Persecution, or storms of Temptation, or the blasts of any other Affliction.

9 And the [24] LORD shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be [25] one LORD, and his [25] name one.

[24] Christ shall be own'd both by Jews and Gentiles in all parts of the World, as their Lord and King; and more especially after the Calling of the Jews, *Rev.* 19.-6, 16. and 11.17. ¶ [25] All Idolatry, and all other false ways of Worship being destroy'd, the true God alone shall be owned and worshipt in his own way.

10 [26] All the land shall be ‖ turned as [27] a plain [27] from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem: and it shall be [28] lifted up, and ‖ [29] inhabited in her place: [30] from Benjamins gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner-gate, and *from* the tower of Hananiel unto the kings wine-presses.

‖ Or, *compassed.* ‖ Or, *shall abide.*

[26] *Viz.* Of *Canaan*; *i. e.* the Nation of the Jews shall have a special Interest in these Gospel-priviledges, and become part of this Universal Kingdom, *v.* 8, 9. ¶ [27] Fruitful, like a Champian Country in all parts of it, 1 *Kings* 15. 22. *Josh.*15.21. ¶ [28] Exalted now again to its former dignity and renown. ¶ [29] *ch.* 2. 4. and 12. -6. See there. ¶ [30] According to the old Precincts and Limits it had formerly, *Jer.*31.38,39.

11 And *men* shall [31] dwell in it, and there shall be [32] no more utter destruction, but Jerusalem shall be ‖ [33] safely inhabited.

‖ Or, *abide.*

[31] *Ch.*8.4,8. ¶ [32] *Jer.*31.-40. *Rev.*22.3. ¶ [33] *Jer.* 23. 6. *Ezek.*28,26.

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people, that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall consume away [34] while they stand upon their feet, and their [35] eyes shall consume away in their holes, and [35] their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

[34] Suddenly and without any evident cause, only by the immediate hand of God. ¶ [35] *Acts* 13. 11. Their Prudence and Eloquence, and all other means whereby they might help themselves, shall fail 'em.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* [36] a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them, and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and * his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

* Ezek. 18.21.

[36] *Judg.* 7. 22. Intestine Dissentions, as 1 *Sam.*14.-20.

‖ Or, *thou also, O Judah, shalt.* ‖ Or, *against.* 14 And ‖ [37] Judah also shall fight ‖ at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold and silver, and apparel in great [38] abundance.

[37] The Jews shall defend themselves in their own borders, and that with good success, so as to conquer their enemies. ¶ [38] (All which shall become a prey to the Jews.)

15 And

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15 And [39] so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

[39] God shall not only destroy the Enemies themselves, (*v.*12,13.) but all the Cattel and Instruments they made use of.

16 ¶ And it shall come to pass, *that* [40] every one *that is* left of all the Nations which came against Jerusalem, shall even go up from year to year to worship the King the LORD of hosts, and to keep * [41] the feast of tabernacles.

*Lev. 23.34, 43. Hos. 12.9. John 7.2.

[40] Many of those that beheld those Judgments of God on their Companions, and scap'd 'em themselves, shall be wrought upon thereby to joyn with the converted Jews in the spiritual, publick Worship of God, *Isa.*66.23. ¶ [41] To rejoyce and praise God for their preservation during the time of their Wilderness-condition, till by the Gospel they were brought into the Church.

17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will not [42] come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem, to worship the King the LORD of hosts, even [43] upon them shall be no rain.

[42] Joyn with the Church in the Worship of God. ¶ [43] They shall not partake of those Spiritual Blessings and Comforts which spiritual Worshippers do enjoy.

18 And if the family of [44] Egypt go not up, and come not, † [45] that have no *rain*: there shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

† Heb. *upon whom* there is *not*.

[44] The ancient Enemies of the Jews; among whom, yet some will be converted; but those that are not, shall be plagu'd for it. ¶ [45] *Deut.* 11.10. Tho' they may seem to be without the reach of this Judgment, yet they shall not escape.

19 This shall be the ‖ punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations, that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

‖ Or, *sin.*

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20 ¶ [46] In that day shall there be upon the ‖ [47] bells of the horses, [48] HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the [49] pots in the LORDs house shall be like the bowls before the Altar.

‖ Or, *bridles.*

[46] After the Calling of the Jews and Fulness of the Gentiles shall be come in. ¶ [47] The most common and ordinary things, yea, which perhaps were formerly imploy'd against God, shall be used for his Honour, and consecrated to his Service. A general Vein of Holiness shall run through men's Conversations, *Phil.* 3. 20. ¶ [48] *Exod.* 28.-38. *Isa.* 23. 18. ¶ [49] Used about the Kitchins of the Temple; *i. e.* The meanest parts of Gospel Worship shall be more excellent than what was most glorious under the Law: Or, The meanest Christians, who count themselves most unworthy, but like Earthen Pots, may have free access to Christ, the true Altar, *Hebr.* 13.10.

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be [50] Holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and [51] all they that sacrifice, shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the [52] Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

[50] *V.* 19. Holiness shall appear in all their ordinary employments: they shall devote themselves, and all their Services to God, by doing all to his glory. ¶ [51] All that worship God sincerely, shall worship him as they have opportunity, without those scrupulous observations of Time, Place, and other Ceremonies, as was necessary under the Law, *John* 4.23. ¶ [52] *Isa.*35.8. *Joel* 3.-17. *Rev.* 21.-27. No accursed person who is openly profane.

MALACHI.

The ARGUMENT.

MALACHI *is the last of the Prophets who clos'd up the Canon of the* Old Testament: *after whom the Spirit of Prophecy departed from the Jewish Church till the Coming of Christ; about whose time it was restor'd again,* Luke 2. 25, 36. *He lived after the second Temple and City were built up again, towards the latter end of* Ezra *and* Nehemiah, *when all things were grown worse; Zeal was decay'd, Worship corrupted, and many sins were rife both among Priests and People; as Ingratitude, Contempt of God and his Worship, Abuse of Marriage, Sacriledge,* &c. *for all which he reproves and threatens 'em: but encourages the godly who kept their Integrity in such declining Times. Then he speaks more distinctly of the Coming of Christ in the Flesh, and his Forerunner* John the Baptist: *directs the Church how to carry themselves in the mean while, and acquaints both wicked and godly what they might expect by Christ's Coming.*

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1 *Malachi complaineth of Israels unkindness, 6 of their irreligiousness, 12 and profaneness.*

THE [1] burden of the word of the LORD [2] to Israel † by Malachi.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

[1] *Zech.* 12. 1. and 9. 1. *Isa.* 13. 1. See there. ¶ [2] The two Tribes, and all of the other Tribes who joyn'd themselves to them in their return from *Babylon*; who were all that were now left of *Israel* in any visible Fellowship with God.

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2 I have [3] loved you, saith the LORD: yet ye [4] say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *was not* Esau Jacob's [5] brother? saith the LORD: yet I [6] loved Jacob,

[3] *Deut.* 7. 7. Manifested greater love to you than to others; (and therefore you ought to have made suitable returns.) ¶ [4] Carry your selves as if you were insensible of my love. ¶ [5] (And therefore equal to him in all outward respects; and if either of 'em could have pleaded any thing of Merit, one might have done it as well as the other.) ¶ [6] Shew'd a more tender and fatherly Affection to *Jacob* and his Posterity, in many Spiritual and Temporal Blessings, as Pledges of my Eternal Love, *Rom.* 9.13.

3 And * I [7] hated Esau, and laid his moun-

* Ezek. 35.7,9. Obad. 10. &c.

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tains and his heritage [8] waste, for the [9] dragons of the wilderness.

[7] Shew'd manifest signs of my hatred and disaffection to him; foretelling that he should be inferiour to his younger Brother, and placing him and his Posterity in the barren Mountains of *Seir*: (*Jer.*49. 17, 18.) An external Evidence of his Eternal Rejection. ¶ [8] Cast 'em out of their Country, and laid it waste, and so it continues; (whereas you are brought back again to your own Country.) ¶ [9] *Isa.* 13.22. and 34.-13.

4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverish-ed, but [10] we will return and build the desolate places: thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will [11] throw down; and [12] they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and the people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

[10] *Isa.*9.10. We hope to recover our selves and Land again, (as the Jews have done.) ¶ [11] Frustrate all their endeavours of that sort. ¶ [12] All that observe how God follows 'em with his Judgments, and how ill things succeed with 'em, shall look upon 'em as a Land full of wickedness from one end of it to the other.

‖ Or, *upon.* † Heb. *from upon.*

5 And [13] your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be [14] magnified ‖ † [15] from the border of Israel.

[13] You shall be forc'd to acknowledge God's goodness to you, seeing these evident Tokens of his Love to you, and hatred of *Esau*'s Posterity, you being restor'd to your Country, and theirs continuing desolate. ¶ [14] *Psal.*35.-27. ¶ [15] For his mercy to the Land of *Israel*, which he has restor'd, and continues to us, with the same Bounds and Limits that we had before.

6 ¶ [16] A son [17] honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: [18] if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour? and if I *be* [19] a master, where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, [20] O priests, that [21] despise my name: and [22] ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

[16] *q. d.* There are manifold Relations between me and you, which call for suitable deportment, (wherein yet you have been failing.) ¶ [17] *Exod.*20.12. It's his duty, and the usual practice so to do. ¶ [18] *q. d.* Therefore since I have shew'd my self to be such by my fatherly love and care over you above all other Nations—— ¶ [19] Have shew'd my self so by my peculiar Conduct, Protection and Provision. ¶ [20] *Hos.*5.1. ¶ [21] Have low thoughts of my Worship and Ordinances. ¶ [22] You'l not be convinc'd of this your sin, but justifie your selves in it.

‖ Or, *bring unto*, &c.

7 ‖ Ye offer [23] polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, [24] Wherein have we polluted thee? In that [25] ye say, The table of the LORD *is* contemptible.

[23] Such Offerings as were not agreeable to the Law, (which therefore God counts as common and prophane things.) ¶ [24] What dishonour does thence arise to thee? ¶ [25] You think so meanly of my service perform'd about this second Temple, (because it wants that outward splendor which the other had) that you think any thing good enough to offer to me there upon my Table the Altar.

† Heb. *to sacrifice.*

8 And if ye offer the blind † for sacrifice, [26] *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy governour, will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

[26] Don't your own Consciences tell you that it's a direct breach of my Law, *Lev.*22.22–24. *Deut.*15.21?

† Heb. *the face of God.* † Heb. *from your hand.*

9 [27] And now I pray you, beseech † God that he will be gracious unto us: [28] this hath been † by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

[27] *q. d.* And now you had best go try what your Priests and Sacrifices can do, whether you can thereby appease God's wrath, and obtain pardon for these sins in your selves and the people. ¶ [28] *q. d.* But there's little hope that God should hear you, since you your selves have been the Authors and Abettors of all these disorders and miscarriages.

10 [29] Who *is there* even among you that should shut the doors [30] *for nought?* neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar for nought. I have [31] no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

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[29] *q. d.* I have sufficiently rewarded you for every scrap of Service you have done for me, (and therefore you might have been more diligent therein.) ¶ [30] 1 *Cor.* 9. 13. ¶ [31] *Isa.*1.11-15. *Jer.*6.20. *Amos* 5.21. *q. d.* But since its so, you may keep your Offerings to your selves; I care not for 'em.

11 [32] For * from the rising of the Sun even unto the going down of the same, [33] my name *shall be* great among the [34] Gentiles, and [35] in every place [36] incense *shall be* offered unto my name, and [36] a pure offering: for [33] my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

* Psal.113.3. Isa.59.19.

[32] *q. d.* But tho I reject you and your Offerings, yet there are others enow in all parts of the World, who shall celebrate my Name, and perform acceptable Service to me. ¶ [33] My Honour shall be exalted, my Majesty ador'd, my Name worshipt and acknowledg'd to be great. ¶ [34] *Isa.* 60.-5. ¶ [35] 1 *Tim.* 2. 8. *Acts* 10. 34, 35. *Mark* 13. 10. ¶ [36] Inward, spiritual Worship, such as the Gospel requires, *viz.* Prayers, (*Rev.*5.8.) Praises, Thanksgivings, Alms-deeds and Works of Charity, (*Hebr.* 13. 15, 16.) and our whole selves, *Rom.*12.1.

12 ¶ But ye have [37] profaned, in that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* polluted, and the [38] fruit thereof, *even* his meat is contemptible.

[37] *V.*-6, 7. ¶ [38] The Offerings laid on it.

13 [39] Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it*, ‖ and ye have [40] snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hands? saith the LORD.

‖ Or, *whereas ye might have blown it away.*

[39] Both Priests and People have behav'd your selves as if you thought the Service of God a great toil and burden, and more than needs. ¶ [40] Taken it in great disdain, and been much displeas'd with it.

14 But cursed *be* the [41] deceiver, ‖ which hath in his flock a male, and [42] voweth and [42] sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I *am* [43] a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name *is* dreadful among the heathen.

‖ Or, *in whose flock is.*

[41] *Acts* 5. 1, 2, 3. Who keeps the best to himself, and offers worse to God, and so cheats God of his right. ¶ [42] When he comes to pay his Vows, he offers a Sacrifice that has such Blemishes and Defects as render it illegal. ¶ [43] *Psal.* 47. 2. 1 *Tim.*6.15. *Eccl.*5.2.

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1 *He sharply reproveth the priests for neglecting their covenant*; 11 *and the people for idolatry*, 14 *for adultery*, 17 *and for infidelity.*

AND now, [1] O ye priests, this commandment *is* for [2] you.

[1] *Chap.* 1. -6. ¶ [2] To whom it belongs chiefly to reform Abuses in the Worship of God.

2 * If ye will not [3] hear, and if ye will not [3] lay *it* to heart, [4] to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon [5] you, and I will curse [6] your blessings: yea, I [7] have cursed them already, because ye do not lay *it* [8] to heart.

* Lev.26.14. &c. Deut.28. 15.&c.

[3] So hear as to be affected with what I say, and to practise accordingly. ¶ [4] *Josh.* 7. 19. See there. Acknowledging your former Miscarriages, and giving me more Honour, in the discharge of your several Functions for the future. ¶ [5] Both Priests and People; the one for Bringing, the other for receiving such illegal Sacrifices. ¶ [6] All those good things which by my blessing you do enjoy. ¶ [7] *Hag.* 1. 9–11. ¶ [8] (But made light of all my Threats.)

3 Behold, I will ‖ [9] corrupt your seed, and † [10] spread dung upon your faces, *even* the dung [11] of your solemn feasts, and [12] *one* ‖ shall take you away with it.

‖ Or, *reprove.* † Heb. *scatter.* ‖ Or, *it shall take you away to it.*

[9] Cause your Seed in the ground to rot, or spoil it some other way. ¶ [10] 1 *Sam.*2.-30. *Numb.*12.14. Pour Disgrace and Contempt upon you, and reject your Persons and Sacrifices with as much Contempt, as if I took the Dung in the

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the Paunches of your Sacrifices and threw it in your faces. ¶ [11] Of Sacrifices slain at such times. ¶ [12] *i.e.* You shall be cast out as dung, and remov'd out of your own Land (by the *Romans*.)

4 And ye shall [13] know that I have sent [14] this commandment unto you, [15] that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

[13] *Isa.*26.11. Be convinc'd in your Consciences. ¶ [14] *v.*1. This warning, that you should repent and reform. ¶ [15] That that Covenant that I made with the Tribe of *Levi*, to assume 'em to the Priest-hood, (*Numb.* 3.5,12.) might remain firm and inviolable.

5 My covenant was with him [16] of life and peace, and [17] I gave them to him, *for* the fear wherewith he feared me, and was [18] afraid before my name.

[16] *Numb.* 25.12,13. To bestow upon 'em a long, prosperous and happy life, upon the discharge of the Priestly Office in a careful manner. ¶ [17] I made this Covenant to bestow these Blessings upon that Tribe for that religious Fear of me wherewith your pious Ancestors were possess'd. See on *Gen.* 20.11. ¶ [18] *Isa.* 66.-2. *Viz.* Of transgressing and misbehaving himself in any of his religious Administrations.

6 [19] The law of truth was in his mouth, and [20] iniquity was not found in his lips: he [21] walked with me in [22] peace and [22] equity, and did [23] turn many away from iniquity.

[19] *Psal.*37.30. Upon all occasions he declar'd to the people the Law of God, (which is Truth) and instructed 'em in the true meaning of it. This your pious Ancestors did perform with all faithfulness. ¶ [20] *Rev.*14.5. No false Doctrin, or unrighteous Judgment or Sentence. ¶ [21] *Gen.*5.24. ¶ [22] Maintaining peace with God and Man, and observing the Rules of Righteousness and Holiness. ¶ [23] *Jer.* 23.22. *Dan.*12.3. *James* 5.20.

7 [24] For the priests lips [25] should keep knowledge, and they should seek the [26] law at his mouth: for he *is* the [27] messenger of the LORD of hosts.

[24] *q. d.* And they, considering their duty, did perform it accordingly. ¶ [25] It's their office and duty so to do, and men expect it from 'em, *Lev.*10.11. 2 *Chron.* 17.9. *Ezra* 7.-10. *Neh.*8.3,4,7,8. ¶ [26] The resolution of any doubt about the Law, *Deut.*17.8,9. and 21.5. *Hag.*2.11. *Ezek.* 44.23,24. ¶ [27] 2 *Cor.*5.20. *Tit.* 1.7,9. 2 *Tim.* 2.24. Appointed by God to declare his Will and Commands to the People.

8 But [28] ye are [29] departed out of the [30] way: ye have [31] caused many to ‖ stumble at the law: * ye have [32] corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

‖ Or, *fall in the law.*

* Neh.13.29.

[28] Their degenerate Offspring. ¶ [29] *Zech.*7.11. *Dan.*9.5. *Ezek.*44.10. *Isa.*31.-6. ¶ [30] *viz.* Wherein your pious Ancestors walk'd. ¶ [31] Given occasion to them, by your wickedness, to abhor God's Service, (1 *Sam.* 2.17.) or led 'em aside by your Doctrine or Example, (instead of converting 'em, *v.*-6.) ¶ [32] Made it void on your parts, by not observing the conditions of it, (and therefore must not expect the benefit of it, *v.*5.)

9 Therefore have I also made you [33] contemptible and base [34] before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but ‖ † have been [35] partial in the law.

‖ Or, *lifted up the face against.*
† Heb. *accepted faces.*

[33] 1 *Sam.*2.30. ¶ [34] 1 *Sam.*15.30. ¶ [35] Not delivering the sense, or passing Sentence uprightly and faithfully, but warping to one side or another for favor and affection, (contrary to *Lev.*19.15.)

* Eph. 4.6.

10 * Have we not all [36] one father? hath not one God [37] created us? why do we [38] deal treacherously every man against his brother, by [39] profaning the covenant of our fathers?

[36] Descended all from *Abram* and *Jacob*, (and so are Brethren according to the flesh.) ¶ [37] Constituted us to be a peculiar People to himself, (as *Isa.* 43.1.) and so are Brethren by Religion too; and therefore should not violate all these Relations by unbrotherly Carriages; and particularly, by unfaithfulness to their Jewish Wives, of the same Religion with themselves, (whom yet they cast off, and took Heathen Wives in their stead.) ¶ [38] *Jer.* 9.4. 1 *Thess.* 4.6. Deceive one another in your dealings. ¶ [39] Violating that Covenant that God made with your Fathers, (by vertue whereof they were to be a People separated to him, and not to mingle with the Heathen, *Deut.* 7.3.)

11 ¶ Judah hath dealt [41] treacherously, and an abomination is committed in [40] Israel and in Jerusalem: For Judah hath [42] profaned the holiness of the LORD which he ‖ loved, and hath [43] married the [44] daughter of a strange god.

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‖ Or, *ought to love.*

[40] The Jews of any Tribe, returned out of *Babylon.* ¶ [41] *Hos.*11.12. Unfaithfully, both with God and their Yokefellows in respect of the Covenant between 'em, *v.*-14. ¶ [42] Profanely abus'd the holy Institution of Marriage, wherewith God was delighted, as conducing so much to the good of Mankind, *Gen.* 2.18. ¶ [43] *Neh.* 13.23. *Ezra* 9.2. and 10.2. ¶ [44] Such women as worship strange gods.

12 The LORD will [45] cut off the man that doeth this: ‖ the [46] master and the [46] scholar out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that [47] offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

‖ Or, *him that waketh, and him that answereth.*

[45] 1 *Sam.*2.31. ¶ [46] Priest and People. ¶ [47] Contents himself with some external ceremonial Worship, (thinking thereby to appease my wrath) without Reformation.

13 And this have ye done [48] again, [49] covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hands.

[48] 2 *Tim.*3.13. Committed another fault upon occasion of the former of marrying strange Wives. ¶ [49] Grieving and afflicting your true, lawful Wives, and thereby, giving 'em occasion, (instead of offering Sacrifices of praise) to make their complaints of you to God, when they bring their Sacrifices, (as 1 *Sam.*1.10.)

14 ¶ Yet ye say, [50] Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been [51] witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy [52] companion, and the wife [53] of thy covenant.

[50] Why is the Lord so angry, that he'l not accept our Offerings? ¶ [51] *viz.* Of the matrimonial Contract and Covenant you made in his Presence. ¶ [52] One flesh with thee, (and therefore thou must cleave to her, *Gen.* 2.23,24.) ¶ [53] With whom thou hast made a Covenant, (and therefore not to be neglected, rejected, or rival'd.)

15 And did not he make [54] one? yet had he the ‖ residue of the [55] spirit: and wherefore one? that he might [56] seek a † godly seed: therefore take heed to [57] your spirit, and let none deal ‖ [58] treacherously against the wife of his youth.

‖ Or, *excellency.*
† Heb. *seed of God.*
‖ Or, *unfaithfully.*

[54] *Matth.*19.-4. One Couple, which should become one flesh by Marriage, (against which Polygamy is an Offence.) ¶ [55] (And so could have made more Souls, and put 'em into more Women for *Adam*, if he had thought good to have allowed of Plurality of Wives.) ¶ [56] *Ezra* 9.2. Propagate a lawful Issue in lawful Wedlock, which might be holy to God, 1 *Cor.* 7.-14. ¶ [57] *v.* 16. Your Hearts and Affections, lest any unlawful Lust enter and dwell there. ¶ [58] By forsaking, neglecting or taking another to her.

16 For the LORD the God of Israel saith, ‖ that he hateth † [59] putting away: [60] for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to [57] your spirit, that you deal not [61] treacherously.

‖ Or, *if he hate* her, *put* her *away.*
† Heb. *to put away.*

[59] Divorcing their former Wives, (when they could not keep both together) which is as hateful to God as taking the latter, *Matth.*5.31. ¶ [60] *q. d.* And this course they use, because for this they have a pretence of Law, and so thereby cover their injurious dealings with their lawful Wives. ¶ [61] Byeputting away your lawful Wives.

17 ¶ Ye have [62] wearied the LORD with your words: yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him?* When ye say, Every one that doeth evil, [64] *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; [65] or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

[62] *Isa.* 33.-24. *Am.* 2 13. Grieved, displeased him, that he could not endure to hear your discontented, murmuring Speeches at his Providence in governing the World. ¶ [64] Acceptable and pleasing to him. ¶ [65] Or else, either there is no God at all, or he is very slow and negligent in executing Judgment, and punishing such ungodly Wretches.

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CHAP. III.

1 *Of the messenger, majesty, and grace of Christ.* 7 *The rebellion,* 8 *sacriledge,* 13 *and infidelity of the people.* 16 *The promise of blessing to them that fear God.*

*Mark 1. 2. Luke 1. 76. & 7.27. BEhold, *[1] I will send [2] my messenger, and he shall [3] prepare the way before me: and the [4] LORD whom [5] ye seek, shall [6] suddenly [7] come to his temple: even the [8] messenger of the covenant, [9] whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

[1] I the Lord Christ. ¶ [2] *John* the Baptist my Forerunner, *Matth.*11.01. ¶ [3] See on *Matth.*11.11,19. ¶ [4] Christ, who is true God. ¶ [5] Many among you earnestly expect and wait for, *Mark* 15.43. *Luke* 2.-25,38. ¶ [6] Presently after *John*'s appearing. ¶ [7] *Gal.* 4.4. Come in the flesh, while this second Temple is yet standing, and honour it with his bodily Presence and Teaching. ¶ [8] Who, tho he be one with the Father, yet humbled himself for our sakes, to be as a Messenger from his Father to declare his Will to us, confirm the Covenant of Grace by his Death, make Offers thereof by his preaching, and enable his People to perform the conditions of it. ¶ [9] The thoughts and expectation of whose Incarnation is the rejoycing of the godly, (*John* 8.56.) and of the wicked too, as hoping to get some temporal advantage by him.

2 But [10] who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall [11] stand when he appeareth? for *[12] he *is* like a refiners fire, and like fullers [12] sope.

*See Isa.4.4. Matth.3. 10, 11, 12.

[10] *q.d.* Tho you seem to be so desirous of it, (*v.* 1.) yet it will not answer your expectation, and therefore most will be offended at him to their own destruction, (*ch.* 4. 1. *Luke* 2.34. 1 *Pet.*2.8.) and few will own him, and stick close to him, *John* 1.11. ¶ [11] *Psal.*1.5. and 36.12. *Nah.*1.6. ¶ [12] He shall consume the wicked by his Judgments, (*ch.* 4. 1.) and purifie those that are sincere, by his Doctrine, *v.* 3.)

3 And he shall sit *as* [13] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purifie the [14] sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, [15] that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

[13] *Isa.*1.25. and 4.4. *Matth.*3.12. *John* 2.14.-16. To purifie his Church from those Errors in Doctrin, corruptions in Worship, and loosness in Practice that had crept in upon 'em. ¶ [14] All true Christians; but especially the Ministers of the Gospel. ¶ [15] That their Services and Worship may be according to the Rule of the Word.

4 Then shall the [16] offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the ‖ days of old, and as in ‖ former years.

‖ Or, *ancient.*

[16] *Ch.*1.11. All the services which the people of God perform in this manner, be as acceptable as those of their pious Ancestors.

5 And I will [17] come near to you to judgment, and I will be [18] a swift witness against the [19] sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that ‖ oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and [20] fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

‖ Or, *defraud.*

[17] Shew that I take notice of your sins, and am ready to punish you for 'em, (and so make you feel the Answer to your Atheistical Question, *ch.* 2.-17.) ¶ [18] *Mich.*1.-2. To give speedy Evidence against you, and punish you. ¶ [19] See on *Gen.* 41.8. *n.6.* ¶ [20] *Psal.* 36. 1. *Rom.* 3. 18. (For want whereof they run into the sins foremention'd. See on *Gen.* 20.11.)

6 [21] For I *am* the LORD, I [22] change not: therefore ye sons of Jacob are [23] not consumed.

[21] *q.d.* I'll certainly come for the comfort of the godly and terrour of the wicked, according to my Promises and Threats, because —— ¶ [22] *Numb.* 23. 19. *Rom.* 11.29. *James* 1. 17. As I am a just Judge to punish the wicked, so a faithful Observer of the Covenant made with your Fathers. ¶ [23] *Lam.*3. 22,23. *Hos.* 11. 9. (According to your desert.)

7 ¶ Even [24] from the days of your Fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*: [25] return unto me, and [25] I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts: but ye said [26] Wherein shall we return?

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[24] *Acts* 7.51. *Psal.*78.8. *Ezek.*20.18. ¶ [25] *Zech.*1.3. See there. ¶ [26] What is there in us that needs to be reform'd?

8 ¶ Will a man rob God? yet ye have [27] robbed me: but ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

[27] *Neh.*13.10.

9 Ye *are* [28] cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.

[28] *ch.*2.-2. *Hag.*1.6.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the [29] storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and [30] prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the *[31] windows of heaven, and † pour you out a blessing, that *there shall* [32] not *be room* enough *to receive it.*

* Gen.7.11. † Heb. *empty out.*

[29] *Neh.* 10. 38. ¶ [30] *Psal.* 37. 3. ¶ [31] 2 *Kings* 7. 2. ¶ [32] 2 *Chron.*31.10. *Prov.*3.9,10. *Matth.*6.33.

11 And I will rebuke the [33] devourer for your sakes, and he shall not † destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

† Heb. *corrupt.*

[33] Whatsoever destroys the fruits of the Earth.

12 And all nations shall [34] call you blessed: for ye shall be a [35] delightsom land, saith the LORD of hosts.

[34] Own and account you so. ¶ [35] Worthy the love and admiration of all for your peace and plenty, but especially for the exercise of the true Religion among you.

13 ¶ Your words have been [36] stout against me, saith the LORD: yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee?

[36] *Ch.*2.17. *Job* 21.14. and 22.13. *Psal.*73.11. Quarrelsom and captious at my Service and Providences.

14 Ye have said, It *is* [37] vain to serve God: and what profit *is it*, that we have kept his † ordinance, and that we have walked † [38] mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

[37] *Job* 21. 14. [38] *Isa.*58.3. † Heb. *observation.* † Heb. *in black.*

15 [39] And now we call the proud happy: yea, they that [40] work wickedness are † [41] set up; yea, *they that* [42] tempt God are even delivered.

† Heb. *built.*

[39] *Psal.*73.12. *q. d.* But tho we get nothing by God's Service, (*v.*14.) yet we see presumptuous Sinners, and the proud contemners of God and his Service to flourish, and therefore we may well count them the only happy persons. ¶ [40] Make a trade of it, 1 *John* 3. 8. ¶ [41] *Job* 12. 6. ¶ [42] *Psal.* 95. 9. Set themselves so impudently to sin, as if they did it on purpose to try whether God could or would punish 'em for it.

16 ¶ [43] Then they that [44] feared the LORD, [45] spake often one to another, and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and a [46] book of remembrance was written before him [47] for them that feared the LORD, and that [48] thought upon his name.

[43] When God by the Prophet had so severely reproved them for their sins. ¶ [44] See on *Gen.*20.11. ¶ [45] To exhort, encourage, and quicken one another to Duty, 1 *Thess.* 5.14. *Heb.*3.13. ¶ [46] *i.e.* God kept it in perpetual remembrance. ¶ [47] For their advantage, that in due time he might reward them for it, *v.* 17,18. ¶ [48] Set themselves as in his Presence.

17 And they [49] shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, [50] in that day when I make up my ‖ Jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

‖ Or, *special treasure.*

[49] Shall find by experience that I'll deal with 'em as my choice peculiar ones, *Exod.* 19. 5. *Deut.* 7.6. and 14.2. and 26.18. *Psal.*135.4. *Isa.*62.3. *Tit.*2.14. ¶ [50] The day of visitation: When others are destroyed, they shall be spared.

18 Then shall ye [51] return and [52] discern between the righteous and the wicked; between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not.

[51] *q. d.* Tho

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[51] *q.d.* Tho you think now that the proud are happy, yet then you'l be of another mind. ¶ [52] *Pſal.* 58. 11. Plainly ſee that God puts a manifeſt difference between 'em.

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1 *Gods judgment on the wicked,* 2 *and his bleſſing on the good.* 4. *He exhorteth to the ſtudy of the Law,* 5 *and telleth of Elijah's coming and office.*

1 FOr behold, [2] the day cometh that ſhall [3] burn as an oven, and all the [4] proud, yea, and all that do wickedly ſhall be ſtubble, and the day that cometh ſhall burn them up, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, that it ſhall leave them [5] neither root nor branch.

[1] *q.d.* That a time is coming, wherein you may plainly diſcern the righteous from the wicked, (*ch.*3.18.) is evident, becauſe the wicked ſhall be deſtroyed, (*v.* 1.) but the godly comforted, *v.* 2. ¶ [2] *v.*-5. Of vengeance on the Jews, whereby their Church and Commonwealth ſhall be totally ruin'd, which is a figure or repreſentation of the laſt general Judgment on all Mankind, (as *Matth.* 24.) ¶ [3] Judgments ſhall then be very great and dreadful. ¶ [4] *ch.* 3. 15. Such as go on obſtinately in their ſins. See on *Pſal.* 119. 21. ¶ [5] *Job* 18.16. *Iſa.*5.24. *Am.* 2.9. Neither Fathers nor Children.

2 ¶ But unto you that [6] fear my name, ſhall the [7] ſon of [8] righteouſneſs [9] ariſe [10] with healing in his wings; and ye ſhall [11] go forth and [12] grow up as calves of the ſtall.

[6] *Ch.* 3.16. See on *Gen.*20.11. ¶ [7] Chriſt (*Luke* 1. 78.) who enlightens, quickens, and comforts his people. ¶ [8] *Jer.* 23.-6. *Dan.*9.24. 1 *Cor.* 1.30. 2 *Cor.* 5.-21. ¶ [9] Appear in the fleſh, and be made manifeſt in the preaching of the Gospel. ¶ [10] Bringing by his Doctrin, Merit and Spirit a Remedy and removal of all ſpiritual ſickneſſes and diſeaſes; and particularly ſhall heal the Jews (ſome of 'em) of their blindneſs and unbelief, and bring them to the ſaving knowledg of himſelf. ¶ [11] Be ſet at liberty from the bondage of ſin, 2 *Cor.*3.17. ¶ [12] *Pſal.*92.12-14. *Hoſ.*14.7. *John* 15.2. 2 *Pet.*3.18. Increaſe in grace and holineſs.

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3 And ye ſhall [13] tread down the wicked; for they ſhall be aſhes under the ſoles of your feet, in the day that I ſhall [14] do *this*, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[13] *Pſal.*49.14. *Rom.*16.20. Subdue and triumph over your Enemies. ¶ [14] Heal you, *v.*2. See there.

4 ¶ [15] Remember ye the law of Moſes [16] my ſervant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb, for all Iſrael, *with* the ſtatutes and judgments.

[15] *q.d.* The gift of Prophecy being now to ceaſe till the coming of Chriſt, and terrible Schiſms being to enſue; therefore you muſt be ſure to have recourſe to the written Word *Iſa.*8.20. ¶ [16] *Deut.*34.5. See there.

5 ¶ Behold, I will ſend you [17] Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the [18] great and [19] dreadful day of the LORD.

[17] *i.e. John* the *Baptiſt*, (*Matth.*11.14. & 17. 11,12.) who came in the ſpirit and power of *Elias*, *Luke* 1.17. ¶ [18] In reſpect of the great alterations that were to be made in the external Worſhip of God. ¶ [19] *Joel* 2.-31. Which ſhall prove a dreadful day to the Jews, who by their rejecting of the Meſſiah, when he was come, brought upon themſelves dreadful deſtruction.

6 And he ſhall [20] turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, leſt I come and ſmite the [21] earth with a curſe.

[20] See on *Luke* 1.17. Reconcile all difference among ſome of 'em, by converting 'em to Chriſt, and making 'em one in him; and directing all to their great Maſter and Prophet, the promis'd Meſſiah. ¶ [21] The whole Land of *Judea* with utter deſolation.